

Club members, Jr. Optimist leaders and District Officers are bcc'd this note.

Farmington/Farmington Hills Sunnyside Newsletter

Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club #17150

Celebrating 40 Years - May, 2023

Our Mission: *By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities, and ourselves.*

This Wednesday Get an Update from the FH City Manager

We will meet in-person at the **First Presbyterian Church of Farmington** at 11 Mile & Farmington Roads. (Enter on backside of building) Come meet and share breakfast starting at 7:30 am. We will chat with friends and discuss what we are doing to bring out the best in youth, our community and ourselves. Our speaker is **Gary Mekijian**. As the City Manager for Farmington Hills, he will update us on our beloved city. You have the option of joining by zoom at this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89926299765>

Did You Know...

One of our Leadership Award winners, Katie Rose from North Farmington High School, was featured on the front page of the **Farmington Press** this week. She was selected as a Youth Ambassador for the Tourette (Syndrome) Association of America. In her new position, Katie will help raise awareness among local community members about Tourette Syndrome. - *Editor*

The 3rd Quarter District Conference was Held this Weekend

- We had four members attending: Tom Neal, Roxanne Fitzpatrick, Don Munter, Lisa Bracher (Lisa was a first timer!)

- Theme was Cultivate Optimism, had a business meeting and featured the winners of the scholarship contests.
- Our club was recognized:
 - Banner Patches – Benefactor of OI Foundation + 365 Patch for donation 2021-2022
 - Received *Membership Incentive Award* – for adding 7 new members in 2nd Quarter which gave us a free Friend of Optimist member certificate.
- Scholarship Winners:
 - Essay – 3 winners read their essays on video
 - Oratorical
 - \$246,000 Nationally was awarded scholarships by OI Foundation for Oratorical winners.
 - 85 kids competed from 20 clubs
 - Topic: “*Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times*”
 - Competition included separate one for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (3 contestants)
 - Oratorical District (6 contestants)
 - Amazing and inspirational listening to them!
- District Optimist Jr. Golf has partnered with Top 50 Junior Golf Tour organization to run tournament. Tournament will be at Twin Lakes Golf Club June 13-14.

Childhood Health and Wellness

This is a District (State-wide) project which provides support for fighting childhood cancer or other diseases. Our member, Roxanne Fitzpatrick, has taken on the role of leading our District (State) in raising funds for this worthy cause. You can help by joining her to help with the walk **Saturday, May 21 in Farmington**. See the attached flyer for details or contact Roxanne (rfitz@kw.com). At the same time, we will host a table in the Farmington Farmers Market.

Optimist Table at Farmington Farmers Market May 21

We will have a table at the market to promote our optimism and welcome potential new members. We have two shifts: 8 am to 11 am and 11 am to 2 pm. Sign up with Tom Neal and let your optimism bloom.

New Fun Club Social July 20

Andrea Fields and Terry Tipton volunteered to work with Tom in the planning for our first Cornhole Bag Tossing social. We need to find a place to host this as an evening fun time. Share your ideas with Andrea and Terry.

Junior Optimist Report - Total Members 240

Current List of FFH JOI Clubs

Elementary Schools:

Beechview	57
Forest	20
Gill	80
Hillside	11
Lanigan	15
Longacre	17

Middle Schools:

East	5
Power	5
Warner	8

High Schools:

Farmington	11
North Farm.	11

May Birthdays:

23 – Lincoln Avery

June Birthdays:

02 – Jill O'Hara

Website: f2hoptimists.org

Facebook: Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club
(Thanks to Andrea Fields who continues posting positive notes to our Facebook page.)

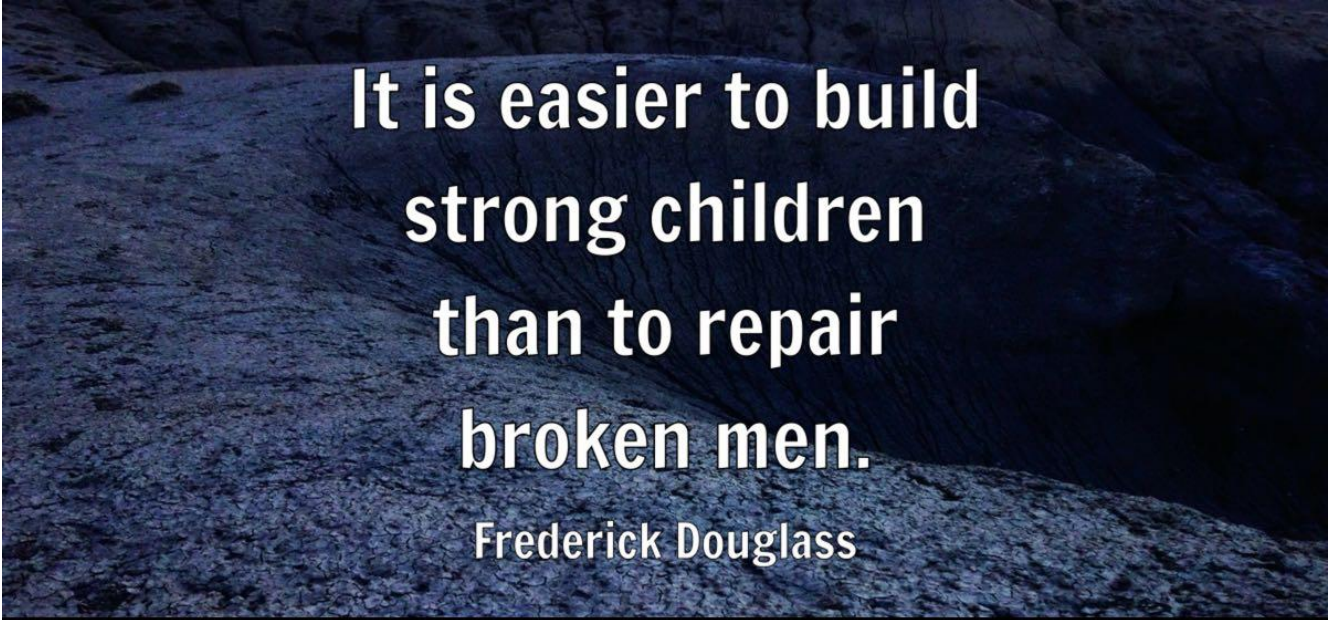
Calendar

May 18	Gary Mekjian, FH City Manager Presents City Update
May 21	Childhood Health & Wellness Walk + Farmers Market
May 25	No meeting
June 1	Board of Directors Meeting
June 8	Club Business Meeting
June 15	Club Meeting
June 22	Club Meeting
June 29	Club Meeting
July 16	Founders Day Parade

Attachments:

Newsletter PDF

CHW Walk 2022 PDF



**It is easier to build
strong children
than to repair
broken men.**

Frederick Douglass

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MICHIGAN OPTIMISTS

WALK FOR CHILDHOOD HEALTH & WELLNESS 1 MILE FAMILY FRIENDLY WALK

HOSTED BY THE FARMINGTON/ FARMINGTON HILLS OPTIMIST CLUB

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8:30 AM

WALK BEGINS AT 10:00 AM

Gather at parking lot behind Joe's Headquarters
23603 Farmington Rd, Farmington



Cost: \$25 per walker or \$50 per family of 4+

T-shirts available- \$10 (Order when registering online)

Click on links below or scan QR code

Registration: <https://michiganoptimists.org/events/2022-walk-for-childhood-health-wellness/>

Tee Shirt: <https://michiganoptimists.org/product/chw-walk-2022-t-shirt/>

Corporate, club and individual sponsorships, &
donations welcomed. **Advertising on signage!**

Sponsor/Donate: <https://michiganoptimists.org/product/chw-walk-2022-sponsorship/>

Scan QR code for registration, tee shirt purchase, sponsorships and all details.



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