

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

Farmington/Farmington Hills

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Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

"We provide hope and a positive vision, as we bring out the best in our youth, our communities, and ourselves."

"WE ARE SUCCEEDING WITH A HEART OF OPTIMISM"

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### **This Wednesday We Brainstorm on JOI Video Contest**

- Let's discuss how to have a successful video contest for our Jr. Optimist program in Farmington Public Schools this next school year. Join the fun in sharing ideas.
- At First Presbyterian Church of Farmington NW corner of 11 Mile & Farmington. Come early before meeting starts at 7:30am for social time before meeting starts. We adjourn with the Creed at 8:30am.

### **O.I. President's Incentive Growth Plan – 7/1 to 9/30**

*"As our numbers dwindle, so does our impact. Because, while our Clubs are shrinking, the needs of our communities certainly aren't. We must grow as well."*

\$1,000 to club nationally that adds the most new members. \$750 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$500 3<sup>rd</sup> place. We need to **Recruit** as many new members as you can between July 1 and September 30.

### **Golf Committee Update**

#### **32<sup>nd</sup> Orrie Donley Golf Outing - August 1<sup>st</sup>**

Registration Activity to date: 95 golfers, 19 sponsors for a total of \$5,000 (Goal = \$12,000)

Roxanne and Laura finalized the arrangements for food and beverage service for our annual fundraiser. Golfers and guests

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alike will partake in the after-golf festivities and awards announcements; and may even win a raffle prize or two!

Your golf committee asks you to please consider donating a gift card of \$25 or more. These gift cards will be placed on a tree to be raffled off at the event. The gift card tree is a major draw in our raffle and provides a multiple-win situation. It helps our local businesses. It brings in money for the club programs we love, allowing us to continue to "bring out the best in kids". And it's a lot of fun to win. Please give your gift card to Jill O'hara.

There are other ways members can help; just ask Roxanne 248-470-3584, Laura 248-346-2201, or any golf committee member. **Next golf committee meeting is** Thursday, 6/29 at 7:30 am via Zoom.

### **Kids Fishing Day Needs Your Help August 29th**

Here is your opportunity to help kids learn to fish at the Founders Park Fishing Pond on 8 Mile Road. This is a program we started with FH Special Services many years ago. FH Special Services sign up the kids, provide the organizing and we show up to help kids learn to cast, bait hooks and catch fish with their new fishing rods, reels and tackle box. You will be rewarded by the smiles and fun watching first timers and their parents catch fish! SignUp: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAA829A46-kids2>

### **12 Benefits for Having Our Club Website (by Jeff Denning)**

1. A website makes us look professional.
2. It can be an essential step in a potential member's/donor's journey.
3. Having a website increases our visibility.
4. It's essential for local businesses/clubs.
5. It offers social proof.
6. A website offers lasting value.
7. Creating a website is easier and cheaper than ever.
8. Websites let us collect money online.

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9. We have complete control.
10. Websites are easy to manage.
11. Improve member/donor/ customer service.
12. We can edge out our competition.

### Consider Optimist Foundation: Make Dime-A-Day Donation

We need to continue to support the O.I. Foundation by giving a \$36.50 donation to support the National programs for Oratorical, Essay and others that **only** get their funding from the foundation. Go to **optimist.org: select Foundations: select Optimist International Foundation (Not Canadian): Scroll down and click on red rectangle saying "Make a Difference, Donate now": select US and then proceed with payment information.** Thanks for your participation in this program.

**Website:** [f2hoptimists.org](http://f2hoptimists.org) [new members can join on front page of website.]

**Facebook:** Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

### Calendar

*Meetings at Farmington Presbyterian Church, unless otherwise noted.*

June 28\*

#### **Club Meeting**

We will brainstorm our planned video contest for next school year's Jr. Optimist Clubs

July 2-5

International Convention, Arlington, Virginia

July 12

Board of Officers & Directors Zoom meeting

July 15

Help at Heritage to rig fishing gear (See Terry)

July 19\*

**Club Meeting** (Only club meeting in July)

July 22

Founders Parade (Meet on route at 9:15am)

July 24

*Hotel room reservation deadline District Convention*

July 29

Kids Fishing Day

Aug 1

32nd Orrie Donley Golf Outing

Aug 9

Board of Officers & Directors Zoom Meeting

Aug 25-27

4th Quarter District Convention, Crowne Plaza, West Lansing

Aug 30

**Club Meeting** (Only meeting in August)

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\* Club meetings held at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

### **Birthdays**

#### **July**

17 – Bruce Fowler  
19 – Dan Mosher  
20 – Nancy Cook  
28 – Barrie Armstrong  
31 – Marcia Rodeheffer

#### **August**

06 – Rami Jamil  
08 – Danette Duron-Willner  
20 – Terry Tipton  
21 – Phyllis Pheaney  
24 – Chris Delgado

### **Attachments:**

Newsletter PDF  
Optimist Golf Outing Flyer PDF  
2023 Golf Solicitation letter Doc



Recognition  
Plaque  
At Farmington  
Library  
For Club  
Donation of  
\$2,500 over  
time.

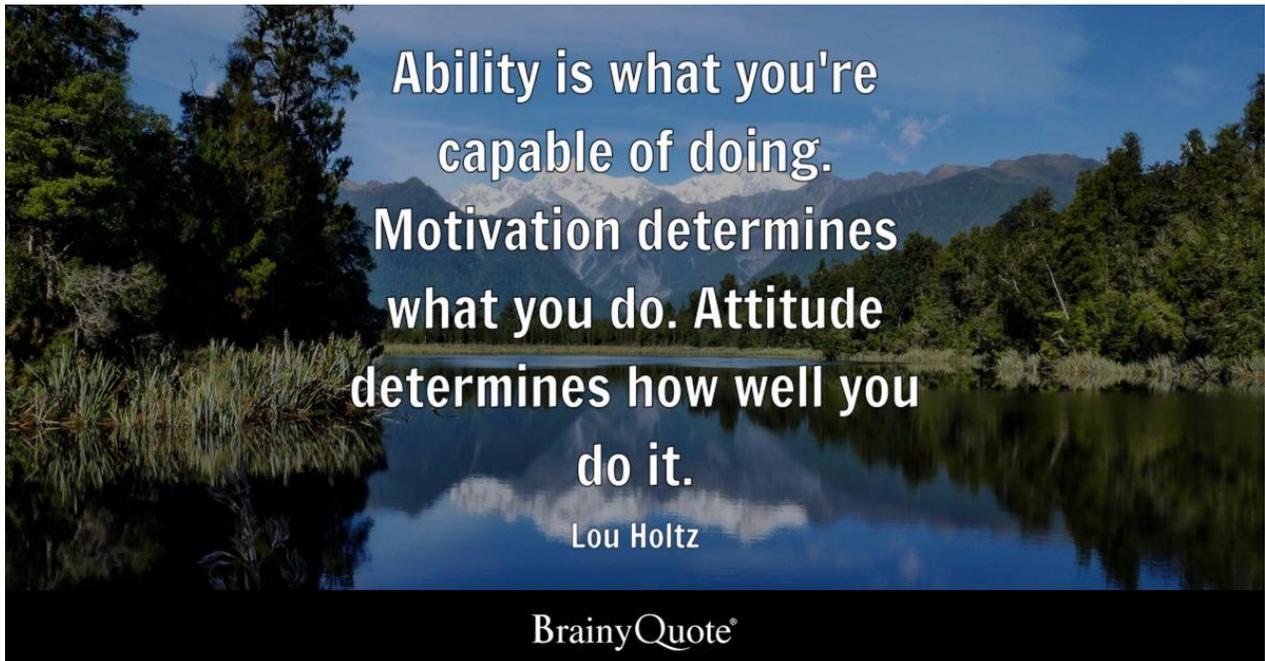
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July 29th, ages 2-18  
(NOT JULY 22 - NEW DATE)

Join the [Farmington Area Optimists Club](#) as they host the annual Kids Fishing Day! We provide each child with everything they need for a successful and safe fishing experience, their own high-quality rod and reel, stocked tackle box, informational & activity packet, fun how-to videos, and live bait. Families can choose which time they would like to arrive for the curbside pick-up of their fishing supplies at [Founders Park](#). Families can then head out to any local fishing spot (a list of suggestions will be provided) OR join our volunteers at the [Founders Fishing Pier](#) (west entrance) for in-person fishing practice.

From [Nature Center News](#) via eblast





**32<sup>nd</sup>**

**Orrie Donley Golf Outing**  
in support of  
**The Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club**

— celebrating **40** years of service —

**Tuesday, August 1, 2023**

Farmington Hills Golf Club

**18 Holes Of Golf With A Cart On A Championship Course**

**9:30 a.m. Shotgun Start**

Vegas Hole • Closest To The Pin • Lowest Score • Longest Drive

Other Fun Activities • Awards, Raffles & Prizes

Sponsorships Available

**Golf Package \$150**

**Dinner Only \$35**

Farmington Hills Golf Club  
37777 Eleven Mile Court  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335  
248-476-5910

The Orrie Donley Golf Outing is the largest single fundraising event each year for the Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club. It enables our organization to provide financial support to many worthwhile youth programs and events in our community.

**The Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club is a 501(c)(3).**  
**[www.f2hoptimists.org](http://www.f2hoptimists.org)**





**Golf Package \$150**  
**Dinner Only \$35**

**8:00 – 9:15 a.m.**  
Continental Breakfast & Registration

**9:30 a.m.**  
Shotgun Start

**Lunch & Beverage Cart on the Course**

**3:30 p.m. (approximately)**  
Early Dinner  
Followed by Awards, Raffles & Prizes

**Register, Sponsor, Donate**  
**[www.f2hoptimists.org](http://www.f2hoptimists.org)**

**Credit Cards Accepted**

Or send this form with check payable to:  
Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club  
P.O. Box 2203 Farmington Hills, MI 48333

**For more information contact:**

**Optimist Golf Committee Co-Chairpersons**

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**Sponsor Registration**  
Must Order By Tuesday, July 4

◆ **Diamond Level \$2,500**

Full page advertisement in program

◆ **Gold Level \$1,500**

½ page advertisement in program

◆ **Silver Level \$1,000**

¼ page advertisement in program

◆ **Bronze Level \$500**

⅛ page advertisement in program

◆ **Chrome Level \$200**

Listing in program

◆ **Each Sponsorship Level Includes:**

- Hole sponsor sign
- Place promo items (min 144) in give-away bags

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Optimist Member Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Promo Item: \_\_\_\_\_

**Golfer & Dinner Registration**  
Must Register By Tuesday, July 18

|               | # of People  | Total |
|---------------|--------------|-------|
| Golf & Dinner |              |       |
| Dinner Only   |              |       |
|               | <b>Total</b> |       |

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Since 1983, the **Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club** has supported youth in our communities. The main fundraiser for our programs is the Annual Golf Outing which depends on your generosity. This year our 32nd golf outing will be held **on August 1, 2023** and we are excited to invite you to participate in this event!

Please consider supporting our efforts as a sponsor, donor, or golfer.

**Sponsor** – See attached flyer.

**Donor** - A major part of our success is the Raffle held at the Outing. Items range from event tickets, autographed items, hotel or golf packages, themed baskets, etc. Donations can be mailed to the Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club, Post Office Box 2203, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-2203 or contact Roxanne Fitzpatrick (contact information below).

**Golf** – Regardless of your golfing skills, playing in a scramble is fun while also supporting the Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club. This includes golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch, beverage cart on the course, and cocktails and dinner at the club house. See attached flyer for golf registration. We continue to sell out so register early.

**Our Club is a 501(c)(3) public charity, your contributions are tax deductible. Please contact your tax professional.**

We hope you are as optimistic about the future of our youth as we are! Together we can make a difference.

Thank you for your support.

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