

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

## Sunnyside Newsletter June 3, 2024

### Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club

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

## Summer is Blooming

### Help Support Our 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Orrie Donley Golf Outing

**5/27 UPDATE:** One of our most successful fundraising items at our golf outing is the gift card tree. Who doesn't want to visit restaurants and stores in our cities and surrounding cities with gift cards in hand?! This year we hope to add a lottery scratch-off ticket tree. Your golf committee is asking each member to buy a \$25 gift card or \$25 in lottery scratch-off tickets; or provide \$25 and let us buy it for you. Please give them to Cathy Neal. If you want Cathy to pick them up from you, call her at 248-568-6203. Thank you in advance for helping us bring the funding into our Club! The attached flyer has more information about the outing.

<https://www.f2hoptimists.org/index.php/optimists/events-programs/golf-outing>

This is the main fundraiser for our programs which depends on your generosity, friends and hole sponsors. This year our 33<sup>rd</sup> golf outing will be held on **August 6<sup>th</sup>** and we are excited to invite you to participate in this event by playing golf, becoming a sponsor and helping recruit other contributors!

- *Co-chairs of Outing: Roxanne Fitzpatrick and Laura Stewart*

### We have JOI Members Running for National Office

Our (2) JOI District Co-Governors, Hamdaan Fysudeen & Sri Balaji (from North Farmington HS Jr. Optimist Club) have submitted their applications to run for National office at the July JOI Summit in St. Louis, MO. Voting will be done online with all JOI Clubs getting to vote which includes Elementary, Middle and High School Clubs. Hamdaan Fysdeem is running for International JOI President. Sri Balaji is running for Board

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Member so he can support Hamdaan's Presidency. Let's find a way to help them win! Online voting details will be released concerning the vote on July 20.

### **FPS Jr. Optimist Program**

#### **Registration through 2/9/24:**

**Total 219**

Farmington HS	35	North Farmington HS	23
Power MS	10	Beechview	47
STEAM Academy	11	Hillside	8
Gill ES	27	Forest	5
Warner	2	Longacre	26
Lanigan	21	East	4

### **Club Member and Friends Joys and Concerns**

- ❖ *Our condolences to Susan Walker on the passing of her 97-year-old mother, Evelyn Goff.*
- ❖ *If you have joys or concerns to share with the club, please let Editor Tom know.*

### **Optimist International Foundation**

Thank you to any members who have made a donation to the OI Foundation. This is the way O.I. pays for the Oratorical & Essay winners at District and National Contests as well as other programs. A great first step for each and every Optimist club member is to commit to the Dime-A-Day program – a simple **\$36.50 a year donation** to the Foundation provides great support in many ways. Surely you can afford a Dime A Day for the kids! See attached application. (We received a \$500 non-matching grant from this foundation for our Video contest.)

**Website:** [f2hoptimists.org](http://f2hoptimists.org) [new members can join on front page of website.] Contact Club President, Alvin Lynn: [lynnalvin256@gmail.com](mailto:lynnalvin256@gmail.com) with suggestions.

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

### **Calendar**

Jun 5	Board of Directors Zoom Meeting
Jun 12*	Club Business Meeting
Jun 19*	Oakland County Road Commission
Jun 25	Golf Committee Mtg. 7:30am via zoom
Jun 26*	Club meeting
Jul 3	Board of Directors Zoom Meeting
Jul 17*	Hybrid Club Meeting, In-person & zoom
Jul 18-21	JOI Summit in St. Louis, MO
Aug 6	Golf Outing Fundraiser at FH Golf Course

**Farmington/Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club**

Aug 14 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting

Aug 21\* Club Meeting

\* 7:30am-8:30am at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

**Birthdays**

**July**

08 – Brian Moore

12 – Richard Fuller

17 – Bruce Fowler

19 – Dan Mosher

28 – Barrie Armstrong

31 – Marcia Rodeheffer

**Attachments:**

Newsletter PDF

Golf Outing Flyer PDF

Dime-A-Day Application

Pictures for OI-JOI Conventions PDF

**“Tomorrow’s Leaders Will  
Be Those That Empower  
Others”**

Bill Gates



**Optimist**  
INTERNATIONAL



**33<sup>rd</sup>**

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

— celebrating over **40** years of service —

**Tuesday, August 6, 2024**

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  
248-473-1866

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 at the turn**  
**& 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**

Laura Stewart  
FFHOptimistsInfo@gmail.com

Roxanne Fitzpatrick  
roxfitzpatrick@gmail.com or 248-470-3584

**Sponsor Registration**  
Must Order By Tuesday, July 9

◆ **Diamond Level \$2,500**

Full page advertisement in program

◆ **Gold Level \$1,500**

1/2 page advertisement in program

◆ **Silver Level \$1,000**

1/4 page advertisement in program

◆ **Bronze Level \$500**

1/8 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 23

# of People \$ Total

Golf & Dinner		
Dinner Only		
	<b>Total</b>	

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



# Dime-A-Day

**O**ptimist International and Optimist International Foundation coexist as two separate organizations that support each other. Optimist International Foundation is the fundraising arm of Optimist International, and works to develop funds to support the endeavors of Optimist International and its mission.

When Members and Clubs make a contribution to support Optimist International Foundation, they are, with that gift, supporting Optimist International itself and themselves as a Club as well.

With just one dime a day, you can become part of the movement of "Helping Optimists Help Kids" and become part of a large group of Foundation supporters who realize what a difference they make every day in the lives of children.

Would you consider making a gift of just a dime a day to assist the charitable work of Optimist International?

The Dime-A-Day level is reached by a contribution of \$36.50 to the Foundation within one Optimist Year, and is recognized by the presentation of a pin.

Building a future where every kid counts  
Can you spare a **dime a day?**

Sign me up! Please accept my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ donation. *(Enclose check, payable to Optimist International Foundation, referencing "Dime-A-Day" in the memo section.)*

Sign me up! Please accept my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ donation. Charge my  MC  Visa  Discover  American Express

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Sign me up! Please deduct \$3.05 per month from my checking account.

Checking account number: \_\_\_\_\_ *(Please include a copy of a voided check)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Club Number \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_



**These are the pictures that  
will be made into posters for  
the O.I. Convention in  
Niagara Falls and JOI  
Convention in St. Louis**

The **Junior Optimist Club at Beechview Elementary** in Farmington Hills, Michigan, set a goal to collect 350 boxes of cereal to donate to a local organization called CARES. CARES operates a family pantry with food choices available to food insecure guests. Our Club made posters and announcements, and held a collection drive for two weeks. We not only met our goal, we exceeded it and collected a total of 450 boxes of cereal. We used all 450 boxes to make a domino-like track around our school before the boxes were picked up by the organization. Our JOC not only made a huge impact in our community, but also provided our school with a fun and memorable experience!



# Watch the video of the Cereal Box Dominos

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/V2MTFB541QTeK8qc/?mibextid=WC7FNe>



# Forest Elementary Jr. Optimist Club

## Farmington Public School District

We collected dog toys and treats to donate to  
**Paws With A Cause.**



AnLee and Vinci were bell ringers for  
**The Salvation Army.**



The **Hillside Elementary School Jr. Optimist Club** made pet blankets at their last meeting for **Almost Home Animal Rescue**. **Almost Home** is a foster-based, non-profit organization dedicated to finding loving, forever homes for homeless animals.

We had a representative from the shelter come and talk to the club members about the rescue's mission and different ways to help the homeless animals.

- Susan Riggs



At the Longacre Elementary School Jr. Optimist Club meeting, there were 20 attending.

They made bookmarks for Beechview Elementary School.



# Longacre Elementary School JOC meeting

10 April

They made bird  
feeders out of  
paper towel and  
toilet paper roll  
cores in observance  
of Earth Day.

*Farmington Public  
School District*



# Power Middle School Jr. Optimists



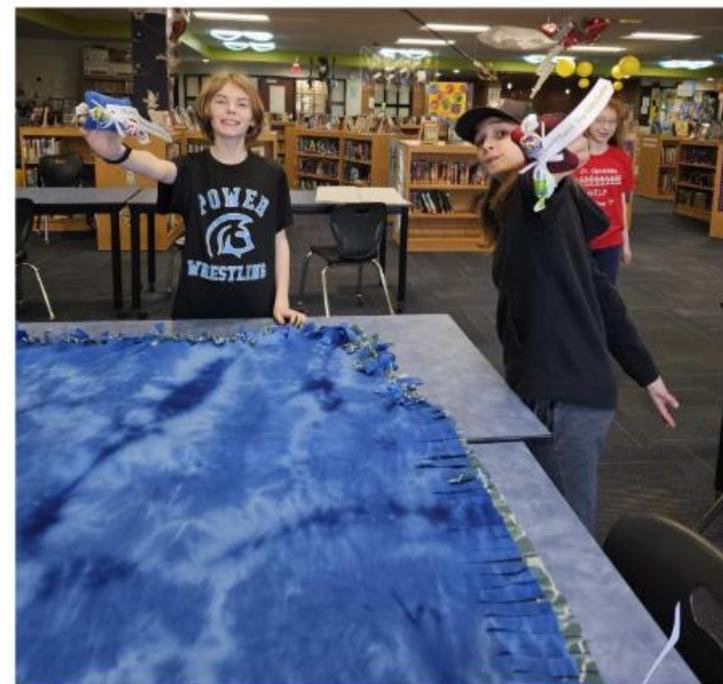
We had a great Jr. Optimist meeting today at Power Middle School. Students reviewed the agenda for the rest of the year. Started a project to help collect small toys for a carnival. Made buttons for a different project. Fun times and hard work!

- Betty Santo

Farmington Public School  
District, Michigan

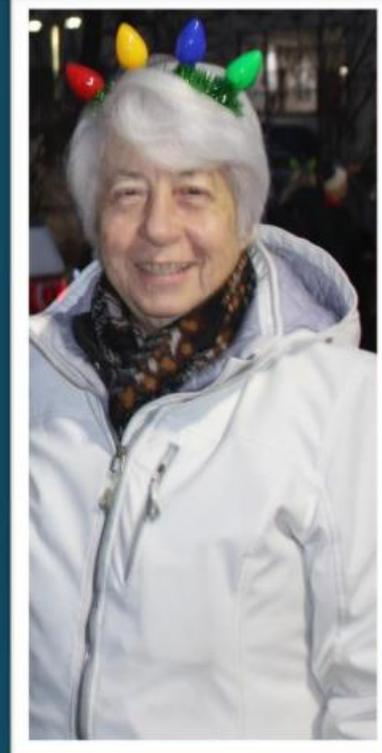


Power Middle School Jr. Optimist Students worked on Comfort Blankets. Families receive a comfort blanket when organs are donated from their loved one.





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Breakfast Optimist Club*



Parade goes down Grand River Ave. in Farmington, Michigan





# Milkshake Mike Leads the group



Rock, Paper, Scissors

Pass the bucket with  
out using arms.





How do we follow the leader's set pattern?

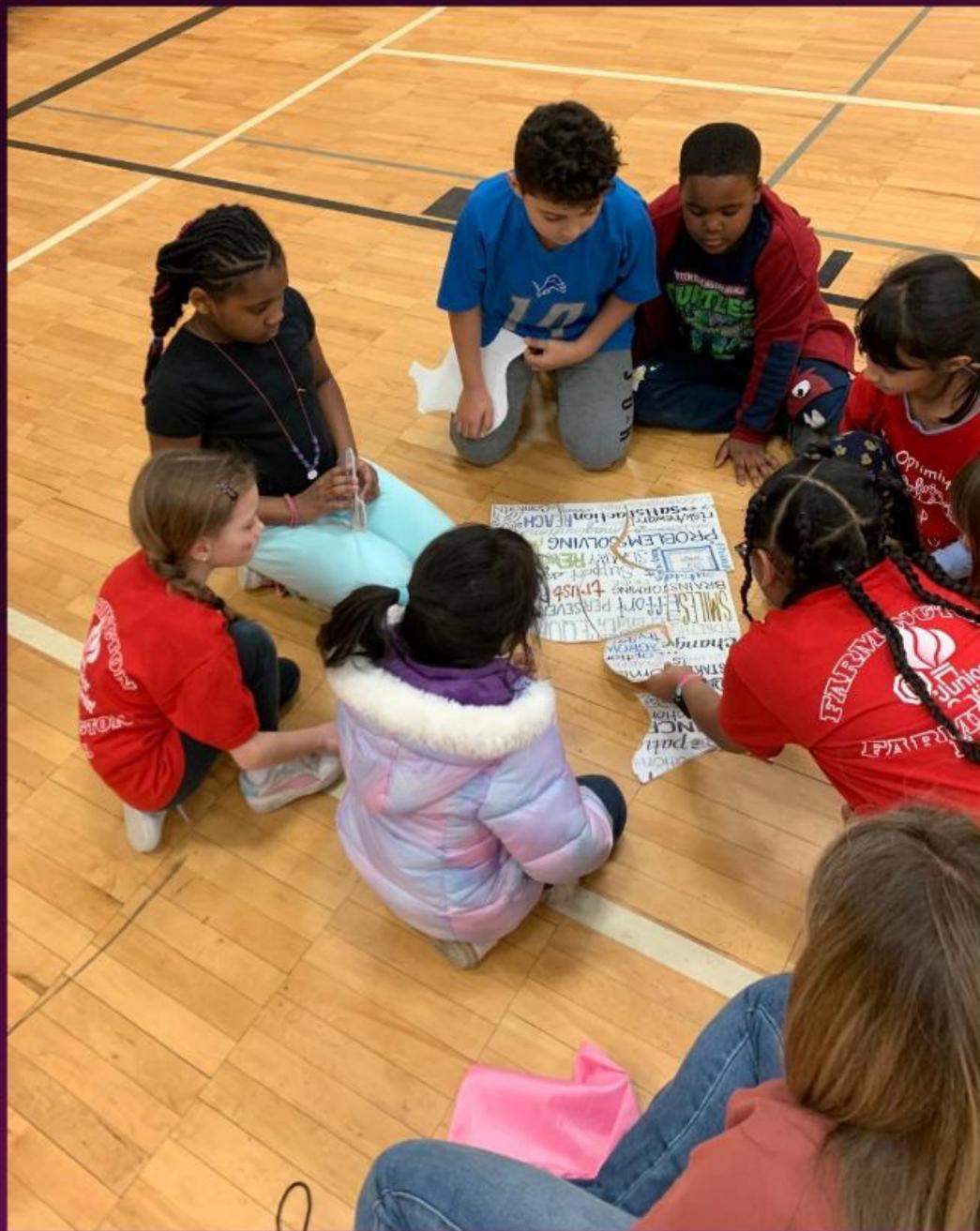
# Walking onto stage with eyes closed



Cathy prepares  
apple treat

Milkshake Mike looks on as they pass the rope without using their hands.





Fit the puzzle pieces together



Debriefing the activity

## Press Release: Junior Optimist 2024 Video Contest

Congratulations! FPS Junior Optimist Teams have been recognized in this year's Optimist Club Video Contest. The award honors the imagination, creativity, and interpretation of the theme: *"Phones: The Good, the Bad and The Ugly."*

**First Place:** Power Middle School \$1,000

**Second Place:** North Farmington High \$350

**Third Place:** STEAM Academy \$150

Awards will be presented at the FHBOC Breakfast meeting on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. Each winning team gets to decide how they will invest the money back into their community as a service benefit.

Award dollars were contributed by the Graham E. Smith Fund (\$1,000) and the O.I Foundation for Health and Wellness Matching Grant Program (\$500)

Congratulations to the winning teams. As our students so inventively put it, *"Please remember to use technology safely."*

See winning video using below QR code:



# Jr. Optimist Clubs

## Farmington Public Schools

### Video Contest Winners

theme: "Phones: The Good, the Bad and The Ugly"

**First Place: Power Middle School \$1,000**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Oi9sH1NSnAUVe4UQwGn6Ek6E0qM5O878/view?usp=sharing>

**Second Place: North Farmington High \$350**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LF6I0ysXEZjbbKlGa-Z3Dvzf1VvLnYcW/view?usp=sharing>

**Third Place: STEAM Academy \$150**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1U3DSqlbdh3W5fPe2sJl3quOASbF4b9z/view?usp=sharing>



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### Community Service Project

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