

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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### Club Meeting Last Week with Foster Closet Founder

**Michele Austin, Founder and President** made a short presentation about the Oakland County Foster Closet. They try to foster hope, love and community one child at a time. She shared several stories of how foster kids arrive at their foster home with minimal clothing and other personal items. Although her time with us was short, it was easy for us to understand what motivated her and others to make this chosen passion blossom in the Farmington Hills area. She even brought her high school-aged foster son whom she adopted at the age of 6. She has agreed to talk to our Jr. Optimist Clubs and help them come up with community projects for their club. You can check them out at [ocfostercloset.com](http://ocfostercloset.com).



### New Member Orientation - Weds, June 14, 7:00 PM

If you have any prospective new members, please send their name and email to Tom Neal so he can make sure they receive the zoom invite for this event. Share your optimism!

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

## Farmington/Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club

Registration Activity to date: 46 golfers, 13 sponsors for a total of \$3,500 (Goal = \$12,000)

This event is the way that our club raises funds to do the things we do for the youth in our community. Our club's members are key to the success of this event. Some examples of how you can help:

- We ask each club member to **donate a gift card** (\$25 or more) for the gift tree that will be raffled off at the event. Please give your card to Jill O'hara.
- **Obtain sponsorships** - see attached flyer and golf letter for details.
- **Obtain raffle donations.**
- **Assist with tasks** in preparation for the event (i.e., raffle basket prep, pick up and delivery of raffle donations or goody bag items).
- **Assist with tasks** on event day (i.e., sell raffle tickets, load golf carts).

Dave Clappison and Sally Kirsten have graciously agreed to assist in coordinating all golf matters prior to, and on the day of, the outing. We would welcome one more. Please contact Roxanne Fitzpatrick (248-470-3584) or Laura Stewart (248-346-2201) to let them know how you would like to help make this event a success. **Next golf committee meeting** is Thursday, 6/15 at 7:30 am via Zoom.

### **Michigan District Music Scholarship > Farmington Winners!**

This was the first year for an innovative scholarship contest offered by two Michigan District Optimists: Debra Berry and Michelle Kauffold. They combined their pocketbooks to provide scholarship money to high school musicians in Michigan. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners were from North Farmington High School and Farmington High School. Hopefully we can have more winners from our area high schools next year.

## Farmington/Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club

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

Here is your opportunity to help kids learn to fish at the Founders 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. Sign up at the meeting for a 2-hour shift. You will be rewarded by the smiles and fun watching first timers and their parents catch fish!

### **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 program for Oratorical, Essay and other programs 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 7   | Board of Officers & Directors Zoom Meeting                               |
| June 14  | <b>Business Meeting</b>                                                  |
| June 14  | New Member Orientation Zoom, 7:00pm                                      |
| June 21* | <b>Club Meeting</b><br>Karlynn Tucker, Metro Detroit Fair Housing Ctr.   |
| June 28* | <b>Club Meeting</b><br>Lama Hodroj, Michigan School Psychological Clinic |
| July 12  | Board of Officers & Directors Zoom meeting                               |
| July 15  | Help at Heritage to rig fishing gear (See Terry)                         |
| July 19* | <b>Club Meeting</b> (Only club meeting in July)                          |
| July 22  | Founders Parade                                                          |
| July 29  | Kids Fishing Day                                                         |

## Farmington/Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club

Aug 1 32nd Orrie Donley Golf Outing  
Aug 9 Board of Officers & Directors Zoom Meeting  
Aug 30 **Club Meeting** (Only one in August)

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

## Birthdays

### June

02 – Jill O'Hara

## Attachments:

Newsletter PDF

Optimist Golf Outing Flyer PDF

2023 Golf Solicitation letter Doc



The Berry & Kauffold Music Scholarship was designed to help students continue their musical pursuit in High School and ideally beyond. The scholarship is open to ninth through eleventh grade students in good standing with their High Schools Instrumental Music Department. The award is to be used by the student(s) for summer camp, private lessons or the purchase of an instrument or to purchase an upgraded instrument. This year we had three students complete all the necessary requirements; an application, a teacher's recommendation, and a video/audio performance to demonstrate their skill level. The winners are: Vincent Wang, horn, from Manistee HS, winning \$1000, Garrett Brockman, viola, from North Farmington HS, winning \$800. and Lillian Erickson, violinist, from Farmington HS, winning \$200.



Vincent Yang, MHS



Garrett Brockman, NFHS



Lillian Erickson, FHS

## Quotes from Winston Churchill

- Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.
- Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.
- Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

**Farmington/Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club**





**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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Roxanne Fitzpatrick  
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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.

Roxanne Fitzpatrick and Laura Stewart  
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