

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

Sunnyside Newsletter July 17, 2023

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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### Congrats to President Nicole Blackmon on Wedding Date

At this month's Board meeting, Nicole made a major announcement of her engagement to Pastor Ricky Hunt and planned marriage set for November 11<sup>th</sup>. He lives out of town but plans to relocate here to be with her.



## Farmington/Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club

### **Wednesday, July 19, Our July Club Meeting**

As usual, we start at 7:30am with social time and getting coffee and bagels. This meeting will be all about sharing what each member is doing this summer or has accomplished. Come **celebrate** Nicole's announced engagement and upcoming wedding! Should be fun time in this summer season. This is also a final time to turn in the proceeds from **Duck Ticket** sales. This has been a good fundraiser since we get \$1 for every ticket we sold. Duck race is August 2nd. See attachment.

### **Optimists & Jr. Optimists in Founders Parade**

**COME FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS  
OPTIMISTS MEMBER AND JOI MEMBERS**

**"ENCHANTMENT UNDER THE SEA" (THEME)**

COME WALK WITH US IN THE FARMINGTON  
FOUNDERS PARADE- SAT. JULY 22, 2023

MEET ON GRAND RIVER NEAR POWER RD

NO LATER THAN 9 AM. STARTS 9:40AM

PARADE ENDS IN DOWNTOWN  
FARMINGTON !!

WEAR YOUR OPTIMIST SHIRTS OR  
SOMETHING THAT GOES ALONG WITH THE  
THEME!! MERMAID, FISHES ETC.

PASS OUT CANDY!!-BRING A BASKET

CALL ROXANNE FOR ??-248-470-3584

### **F/FH Optimist Club Fundraiser to Support CARES**

Would you or your friends like the chance to win \$100 in groceries for every week of the year (total value \$5,200) from

## Farmington/Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club

Busch's Fresh Food Market? The F/FH club is selling CARES in Farmington Hills Duck Race tickets. For every \$5.00 ticket we sell we will earn a \$1.00 to put toward our clubs' activities/scholarships. If you have not picked up your tickets to sell to family and friends' email [mrodeheffer@caresfh.org](mailto:mrodeheffer@caresfh.org) and support our club and make a difference. "Buy a Duck Make a Difference" Everyone is invited to come to Shiawassee Park on Wednesday Aug. 2, for a The Duck Race and Family Fun Day. For more information go to [www.caresfh.org/duckrace](http://www.caresfh.org/duckrace).

### **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.

### **District Convention - Aug. 25-27, Crowne Plaza, West Lansing**

So far, Tom and Cathy Neal and Roxanne Fitzpatrick are attending. This is a great opportunity to meet Optimists from around our state and see what they are doing to bring out the best in youth and their community. Ask Cathy, Tom or Roxanne about it if you might what to attend Saturday, Aug. 26.

### **Golf Committee Update**

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

Our Club's major fundraising event is just around the corner!

So far, we have 127 golfers registered - only 9 spots left. And we have 32 sponsors registered for a total of \$10,100 - only \$1,900 more needed to achieve our \$12,000 goal.

Raffle basket assembly is scheduled for 7/27 & 28 at Phyllis' home. Please get any donated items to Phyllis - earlier is better, so that we can get the donor listed in the program. Call Laura

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(248-346-2201) if you need something picked up and delivered to Phyllis.

>>> Our Gift Card Tree needs your help to grow!

Please donate a \$25 gift card (restaurant, supermarket, car wash, department store, whatever). The cards are part of one of our favorite Major Prizes – a gift card tree, plus we also use them in the raffle baskets. Thanks to all members who have already committed to a donation. Please bring a card to this week's meeting or Cathy Neal will come to you and pick it up. Just contact her – cnealrd@sbcglobal.net or 248-568-6203.

Next golf committee meeting is Thursday, 7/20 at 7:30 am via Zoom.

### **Sign Up for Kids Fishing Day July 29<sup>th</sup> Now**

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! SignUpGenius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAA829A46-kids2>

### **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.]

## Farmington/Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club

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

### Calendar

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

#### 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 (Use [SignUpGenius](#) to volunteer)

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 NOW Meeting (Only meeting in August)**

\* 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 Pheeneey

24 – Chris Delgado

### Attachments:

Newsletter PDF

Optimist Golf Outing Flyer PDF

2023 Golf Solicitation letter Doc

5 pg Duck Race Flyer JPEG

## Farmington/Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club



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

## The Kindness Rocks Project® Workshop Facilitator Course

### The Art of Connecting™



#### Who is this course for?

Lifelong learners who want to deepen their understanding of The Kindness Rocks Project® People who are “Connectors” in their community Visionaries who want to make their community a kinder place Leaders who want to teach/instruct others People such as teachers, community advocates, coaches, troop leaders, librarians, or speakers who want to expand their network and credentials Changemakers. Founder: Megan Murphy.

If interested contact Tom Neal by email: [tneal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tneal@sbcglobal.net)



**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**

Laura Stewart

Roxanne Fitzpatrick

248-470-3584 [rftz@kw.com](mailto:rftz@kw.com)

[FFHOoptimistsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:FFHOoptimistsinfo@gmail.com)

**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

**Total**

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Name

Address

Phone

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Phone

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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  
Golf Outing Co-chairs  
248.470.3584 [roxfitzpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:roxfitzpatrick@gmail.com)  
[FFHOptimistsInfo@gmail.com](mailto:FFHOptimistsInfo@gmail.com)

Enclosures



FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS OPTIMIST CLUB  
P.O. BOX 2203 FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN 48333-2203 [www.f2hoptimists.org](http://www.f2hoptimists.org)

# BUY A DUCK, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## DUCK RACE & FAMILY FUN DAY

Wednesday, August 2<sup>ND</sup>  
Shiawassee Park, Farmington MI



**FIRST PRIZE**  
is a \$100.00  
a week /  
\$5200.00 for the  
year in groceries  
from any

**BUSCH'S**  
Fresh Food Market

**FAMILY FUN BEGINS AT 3 PM • DUCK RACE APPROXIMATELY 6 PM**

## EVERYONE WINS

Be a Fun Raiser & a Fundraiser for CARES -AND make \$\$ for your organization too! Help us feed over 550 Families every month in Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Redford Township, Southfield and West Bloomfield.

**YES! I want to adopt\*\* ducks:**

- One (1) Quack - \$5
- Six (6) Quack - \$25
- Lucky Ducky (13) Dozen - \$50
- Max (28) Quack - \$100

\*\*\*Adopt a duck\* refers to purchasing a chance to win in the Rubber Duck Race, one duck = one entry. Rubber ducks will not be distributed to adopters.

Does your organization, school, group, business or place of faith want to support CARES and feeding families, and make a little money for your group? Then come aboard and help sell duck tickets!

**YOUR GROUP WILL MAKE \$1.00 FOR EVERY TICKET SOLD.**

**Duck Tickets sold at the CARES Market, Farmington Public Library, and Farmington Hills Public Library. More Locations Coming Soon!**



**CARES**  
In Farmington Hills



27835 Shiawassee  
Farmington Hills, MI 48336  
248-882-7800  
501(C)(3), Federal # 82-2881774

**Our Mission is to offer comprehensive support services for individuals and their families in our service area that are in need or have limited access to everyday necessities due to insufficient financial resources or family instability .**

For more info, visit [caresfh.org/duckrace](http://caresfh.org/duckrace), email [duckrace@caresfh.org](mailto:duckrace@caresfh.org) or call the duck hotline (248) 765-7396

**Thank you for your Support**