

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

Celebrating 40 Years - May, 2023

Farmington/Farmington Hills Sunnyside Newsletter

Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club #17150

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

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Annual Dinner to Install Officers & Directors

On Wednesday evening, September 14th at Antonio's Cucina Italiana, we held our special banquet. The dinner was 3 courses, a King's Feast! Attached are slides of the event. It was great to greet and chat with everyone who made it.

New Member Orientation Zoom – Thursday, Sept. 22

Here is your chance to invite a friend or acquaintance to learn about our club, what we do and how they can participate. **Send an email to Tom Neal** (ttneal@sbcglobal.net) with their name and email address so he can send them a personal invitation.

Essay Contest Topic This Year

The annual OI Essay contest topic this year is ***"Who is an Everyday Hero that Brings Out the Optimism in You?"*** Students who win in our local contest receive awards as follows: 1st \$250, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$50. Winner at the District level receives a \$2,500 scholarship! This brings out the best writing skills.

Oratorical Contest Topic This Year

The annual OI Oratorical contest topic this year is ***"Discovering the Optimism within Me"***. Students who win in our local contest receive awards as follows: 1st \$250, 2nd \$150,

3rd \$50. We run a separate contest for Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers. Winners at the District level each receives 1st \$2,500 scholarship, 2nd \$1,500 scholarship, 3rd \$1,000 scholarship! This brings out the best speaking skills.

ICYMI [In Case You Missed It]

SOAR (Society of Active Retirees) Fall Semester starts October. Some interesting courses are being offered at The Hawk: 'China's Ties with the Gulf Nations: A New Superpower in a Crowded Neighborhood'; 'Additional Support for Michigan Children – The MI Kids Now Initiative'; 'Seven Secrets of the Happiest People in the World'; 'Love as a Force for Social Justice'. Courses are \$20 each or \$100 for all. Go to soarexplore.com to register.

Website: f2hoptimists.org

Facebook: Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

Calendar

	<i>Meetings at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington</i>
Sep 19	PTA Presentation at 7:00pm, Maxfield Center
Sep 21	Meeting at FPCF – Katie Rose speaker
Sep 22	Autumn Equinox
Sep 22	New Member Orientation via zoom, 7:00pm
Sep 28	Meeting at FPCF – Tiffani Moncrief, Oakland Cty.
Oct 5	Board meeting by zoom, 7:15am
Oct 12	Meeting at FPCF – Millage restoration
Oct 19	Meeting at FPCF – Respect of Law
Oct 26	Meeting at FPCF – Principals Breakfast
Nov 2	Board meeting by zoom, 7:15am
Nov 9	Meeting at FPCF – Veterans with Retired General Doug Slocum as speaker
Nov 16	NOW Mtg at Costick Center w/FHS singers
Nov 30	Meeting at FPCF
Dec 7	Board meeting by zoom, 7:15am
Dec 14	Final meeting of year

Birthdays:

Sep 21 – Andrea Fields
Sep 23 – Ellen Keyt
Sep 24 – Bill Wiegand
Sep 25 – Susan Arlin
Sep 27 – Marguerite Smith
Oct 9 – Bill Dwyer
Oct 10 – Andy Radze
Oct 25 – Cathy Neal
Oct 26 – Tom Neal
Oct 29 – Jeff Clatterbaugh

Attachments:

Newsletter PDF

Installation Slides PDF

New Member Orientation Invite PDF



Succeeding with
Optimism



Farmington/Farmington Hills
Optimist Club
Installation of 2022-2023
Officers & Directors

Wednesday, September 14, 2022
Antonio's Restaurant

Officers:

Nicole Blackmon,
President
Marcia Rodeheffer,
President-Elect
Michael Bridges, *Vice
President*
Phyllis Pheeny,
Secretary
Richard Burrour,
Treasurer
Terry Tipton,
Past President

Directors:

Terms expire 2024
Lisa Bracher
Dawn Klein
Ken Massey
Terms expire 2023
Jim Etzin
Andrea Fields
Triman Jagdev
Liaisons to Board
School Liaison:
Diane Bauman
District Liaison:
Roxanne Fitzpatrick
O.I. Foundation Rep.
Tom Neal





**President
Nicole Blackmon**



**Paul & Roxanne Fitzpatrick
With Marcia Rodeheffer**



Bruce Fowler
30 yrs. Certificate



Dave Clappison
35 yrs. Certificate





Laura Stewart, Optimist of Year



Diane Eklov, President's Citation



New 2022-2023 Board inducted by Pam Batcho, District Governor

New Optimists Welcome Orientation Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

*Welcome to bringing out the best in our youth,
our communities and our selves.*



You are invited to our orientation...

When: **Wednesday Evening** 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Thursday, Sept. 22

How: **Zoom call** hosted by Tom and Cathy Neal
Send email to Tom to register: ttneal@sbcglobal.net
Here is link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85251647625>

Who: New members and potential new members plus spouses are invited to join the zoom session and learn about our club.

Purpose: To socialize and learn about optimism and our club's activities here in the cities. How can you help make this a better world?

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

Did you know that people who are optimistic live a longer and healthier life?

Our website: f2hoptimists.org