

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

Sunnyside Newsletter *Sept. 25, 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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### **Club Meeting This Wednesday at 7:30am**

Our speaker is **MarySue Munter**, wife of our member, Don. She will talk about their personal experience that led to forming Project HD17. Learn how we might support this project.

We have many projects to plan for and committees you can join to help with love. Fill out a **Member Interest Finder** bring it to the meeting or email it to Editor. See you at the church.

### **Installation Dinner Scheduled for Weds. Oct. 4**

You can now "save the date" for our Installation Banquet where we wrap up the year and install the new officers and directors for the new Optimist year. It will be held at the **Longacre House** from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Guests are welcome. Alvin Lynn will be installed as the new Club President for the 2023-2024 year. (Nicole Hunt has graciously resigned from doing that position for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year.)

### **Club New One-year Director – Terry Tipton**

Terry has agreed to fill the one-year role as Director on our Board of Officers & Directors. The new Optimist year starts October 1.

### **Jr. Optimist District Convention at CARES**

We will host this event at CARES in Farmington Hills on **Saturday, September 23, 2023**. The purpose is to gather members from clubs in District to have fun, share and elect new officers for the next Optimist year. Your help gathering

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newspapers would be appreciated. (Why? One of the activities will be for the students to create a costume with newspaper and masking tape for a Fashion Show.) See Tom Neal to learn how you can help make this a good experience for all the kids and drop off newspaper at his home (29172 Leesburg Court). Need 3 greeters/helpers at Noon that day.

### **MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest – Optimists Oct. 7 & 8**

MSU is holding a Pumpkinfest for young kids and their families at the Tollgate facility (12 Mile and Meadowbrook). Optimists and Junior Optimists (***This is a NFHS Jr. Optimist project that needs our support. Pauline Kim is our Parent Leader for the JOC.***) are assigned to directing traffic in the parking lot. Each shift has 4 students and 2 adults. The adult volunteers also chaperone the student volunteers. If you can help with this, sign up below. (Still need Sunday slots filled!)  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4CAA628A20-msutollgate2#/>

### **Boo Bash at Heritage Park, October 29**

Volunteers needed 11-3 to hand out candy to trick or treaters at Heritage Park. Costumes strongly suggested. Contact Phyllis Pheeny: 248.770.7675.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. District Optimist Conference – Nov. 10th-11th**

It will be held in Bay City, MI at the Double Tree Riverfront Hotel. Rooms are \$119 per night (Call 989-891-6000 to make reservation by Oct. 20th. Code: Michigan District Optimist)

### **Choose Optimism Podcasts**

Here is the link to a number of podcasts:

RSS Feed <https://feeds.captivate.fm/chooseoptimism/>

- Conversation with OI Executive Director, Cheryl Brenn
- Scholarships Programs at Optimist International
- How conduct a world class Oratorical Contest
- Optimism Brings Out the Sunny Side in Life
- The JOI of Optimism

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

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

### Calendar

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| Sep 27* | Club Meeting - Project HD 17         |
| Oct 4   | Board Meeting via Zoom @ 7:15am      |
| Oct. 4  | Installation Banquet, Longacre House |
| Oct 7,8 | MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest             |
| Oct 11* | Club Business meeting                |
| Oct 18* | Club Meeting – speaker TBD           |
| Oct 25* | Principal’s Breakfast                |
| Oct 29  | Boo Bash @ Heritage Park, 11:00am    |

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

### Birthdays

#### September

21 – Andrea Fields  
23 – Ellen Keyt  
24 – Bill Wiegand  
25 – Susan Arlin  
27 – Marguerite Smith

#### October

05 – Dave Clappison  
14 – Nicole Blackmon Hunt  
21 – Susan Walker  
25 – Cathy Neal  
26 – Tom Neal

### Attachments:

Newsletter PDF  
Member Interest Finder PDF  
JOI Convention Highlights PDF

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"A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES BEGINS WITH A SINGLE STEP."



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# Optimist INTERNATIONAL

## MEMBER INTEREST FINDER

*Greater Satisfaction and benefit come from participation in club activities through committee membership. Assignments will be based upon your interest and committee openings.*

Indicate your degree of interest: **H** = high    **M** = moderate    **L** = low    **O** = none

- Community Service:** Determines, plans and supervises community serving projects. A special committee conducts each project.
  - Fellowship:** Stimulates attendance, greets members and guests, arranges for meeting facilities and menus, plans social functions. Promotes fellowship beyond club and community.
  - Finance:** Plans and supervises the budget. Researches and recommends fund raising projects.
  - Membership:** Plans and executes a year-round program for acquiring new members. Maintains a strong program of education and involvement for new members.
  - New Club Building:** Conducts all activities involved in sponsoring a new Optimist club.
  - Program:** Develops and executes plans to provide interesting programs for club meetings.
  - Publicity:** Creates a news program that will build favorable community response. Edits and publishes club bulletins. Compiles club scrapbook.
  - Youth Activities:** Determines, plans and supervises youth serving projects. A special committee conducts each project.
- Conventions**   
  **Social functions**   
  **Club bulletin**   
  **Fundraising**   
  **Scrapbook**

## A B O U T   Y O U

Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

What is your experience in community betterment, church work, sports and youth serving activities that could help our club?

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What projects or programs would you like the club to consider?

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# JOI! MICHIGAN SHOOTING STARS



**DISTRICT CONVENTION**  
*September 23, 2023 • 1:00 – 4:30 PM*

*CARES of Farmington*  
*27835 Shiawassee St.*  
*Farmington Hills, MI 48336*

*“Kids Helping Kids!”*





Having fun learning to Zumba



Fashion Show - turning newspapers into wearable attire



## Keynote speaker 17 year old Vendant Gupta

Vendant began his journey as an Optimist JOI Club member in fourth grade. He participated in several Oratorical contests and at one time was one of the three runners up to be an International Oratorical Contest winner. One of his most pivotal experiences he explained was learning and practicing the joy of compassion for other travelers through life - particularly those who are experiencing physical and or mental adversities.

Vendant ended his address by encouraging participants to remember that "YOU ARE A SPECIAL PERSON", "Young people have power in their voices". And, when interviewing and speaking with people the conversations are much more relevant and enjoyable if we seek to understand and convey the heart of the person being interviewed and not just report on answers to their questions. [Globalkidmedia.com](http://Globalkidmedia.com)

## Meet our 2023-2024 Optimist JOI Club District Officers.



Co-JOI Governors: Hamdaan Fysudeen, Sri Balaji, Past JOI Gov. Carolyn Phillips, Sec./Treas Skye Schlueter, Lt. Govs. Vaibhav Dhiman, Holly McCracken, Jaden Vinales