

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

Sunnyside Newsletter *September 5, 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"

NEW OPTIMIST WELCOME BREAKFAST – August 30

We had 6 prospective Optimists attend. Two have joined so far.

Board Meeting this Week, Sept. 6 @ 7:15am

Here is zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85628690975>

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 would be appreciated. See Tom Neal to learn how you can help make this a good experience for all the kids.

Jr. Optimist Action List

- Sept. 7 – Middle School Open Houses, 6pm to 8pm
- Sept. 13 – High School Open Houses, FHS 5:30pm, NFHS 6pm
- Plan to start 3 new clubs.
- Sept. 23 – Hosting District JOI Convention @ CARES

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

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parking lot. Each shift has 4 students and have 2 adults. The adult volunteers also chaperone the student volunteers. If you can help with this, sign up below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4CAA628A20-msutollgate2#/>

Installation Banquet Wednesday Sept. 13

Each year we hold this special dinner meeting to install Officers and Directors for the next Optimist year (2023-2024). You and your guest are encouraged to attend this fun affair. We are still searching for the right venue and catering. Save the date on your calendar. More information will be sent out as soon as we finalize the details.

Website: 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.

Sep 6	Board Meeting by Zoom (7:15am to 8:30am)
Sep 13	Installation Banquet (Venue TBD)
Sep 16	Officer & Director Training (Venue TBD)
Sep 20*	Club Meeting (7:30am to 8:30am) Hawk Makerspace
Sep 23	Jr. Optimist District Convention @ CARES
Sep 27*	Club Meeting (7:30am to 8:30am) Project HD 17

* Club meetings held at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

Birthdays

September

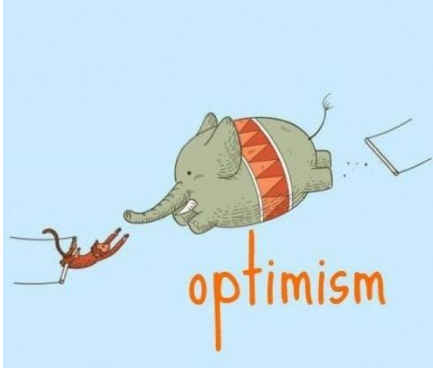
07 – Donald Munter
10 – Sally Kirsten
11 – Randy Bruce
12 – Kim Riley
21 – Andrea Fields
23 – Ellen Keyt
24 – Bill Wiegand
25 – Susan Arlin
27 – Marguerite Smith

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Attachments:

Newsletter PDF

JOI Middle School Flyer PDF



It's time to join a Junior Optimist Team Our Kick-off Meetings are scheduled.

**Parents: Get your child involved in one of Michigan's most active and well-known service-oriented groups!
Participation is a win-win for everyone!**

**Power Middle School- Tuesday, October 17 from
2:35-4:00**

**Warner Middle School- Tuesday, October 24 from 2:35-4:00
East Middle School – TBD**

Why join and what to expect:

- Optimism builds resilience. It allows individuals to create and achieve personal goals. Optimistic people feel more in control of situations and have higher self-esteem. Pessimism influences us to take disappointment and rejections personally. Optimism helps us move up and stay up...together.
- Meetings are FUN. Every agenda includes a game, ice breaker and/or team challenge component.
- We have three competitions each year: Oratorical, Essay and Video and the prize money and scholarship opportunities are awesome.
- We support leadership, (each group elects team officers) personal development.
- Each group completes at least one community service project.
- All meetings are accredited to count toward community service hours.
- The meetings are conveniently scheduled right after school- once per month.
- Optimists host and participate in many Farmington area events such as parades, leadership events and community wide service events.
- Students lead and run the meetings. It's a great way to be heard and make a difference in your school and community.
- Participation in the group looks great on college applications and resumes.

Learn more about our club at F2optimists.org.

Email questions to Diane Eklov at dceklov@gmail.com or

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