

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

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Sunnyside Newsletter

Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

OPTIMISM BRINGS OUT THE BEST

This week is Respect for Law

We get the honor of presenting a Law Officer of the Year Award. See you at the church. 7:30am for social with Pledge at 7:45am. Members donate \$5 for continental breakfast.

Other Club News Updates

- Jim Walker attended the District CFR zoom as our Optimist International Foundation Representative this week.
- Bruce Fowler and Susan Walker attended the Farmington Public Schools Recognition Breakfast staffing a table recognizing our Jr. Optimist program in the schools.
- Region Lt. Gov. Cathy Neal attended a zoom with her Region Vice President discussing club activities.

Michigan District Gathering at Crowne Plaza, Auburn Hills

If you haven't ever attended a state-wide gathering of Optimists from all the clubs in Michigan, here is your chance! Register and attend the **Saturday, Nov. 16** meeting in Auburn Hills. The gathering will run from 9:00am to 4:00pm. There will be two hours of brainstorming sessions so you can learn and share ideas on a variety of topics. (Choose two different breakouts so you can meet other Optimists and learn what they are doing.) Attend and bring back ideas we might benefit from implementing in our club.

You Can Mentor and Guide Junior Optimists

We teach **Leadership Development, Social Interaction and Community Engagement** in the **Farmington Public Schools (FPS)**. Each JOC operates

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independently electing their own officers and run their own community service projects. As a club member you can mentor and guide JOI members and help them develop their skills and potential. Contact our JOC Co-Chairs, Tom Neal (ttneal@sbcglobal.net) or Diane Eklov (dceklov@gmail.com) to learn how to connect with a school JOC in FPS.

Your Optimist Dues Can Be Reimbursed by Grouper

Grouper works with Medicare Advantage and Medicare Supplement plans to help cover membership dues, so you can focus on what you love... helping others to be positive and optimistic. Here is link to determine if you qualify:

app.hellogrouper.com/p/optimist (Just received my \$100 check TN)

Website: f2hoptimists.org

Facebook: Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

Oct 23*	Respect for Law
Oct 30*	Principals Breakfast
Nov 6	Board of Directors Zoom Meeting 7:15am
Nov 13	Veterans Recognition Breakfast @ The Pines
Nov 15,16	District Fall Gathering, Crowne Plaza Auburn Hills
Nov 20*	Business Meeting
Dec. 5	Board of Directors Zoom Meeting 7:15am
Dec. 12	FPS School Choir Get-together

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

Birthdays

October

25 – Cathy Neal

26 – Tom Neal

29 – Jeff Clatterbaugh

November

05 – Dave Clappison

14 – Nicole Hunt

21 – Susan Walker

Attachments:

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Michigan District 2024-25 Fall Gathering Crowne Plaza Auburn Hills



November 15 & 16
2024

Friday, November 15, 2024

6:30 – 7:00PM – Registration Check In

7:00 – 8:00PM – Executive Committee Meeting

7:00 – 10:00PM – Hospitality Room / Optimistic Hot Topics by the Pool

Saturday, November 16, 2024

7:00 – 8:45AM – Breakfast (included for all hotel guests)

8:00 – 9:00AM – Registration Check In

9:00 – 10:00AM – Morning Session

- Welcome
- Business Session
- Table Discussion Activity – Preferences, Traditions, and Requirements
- 10:00 – 10:15AM – Break
- 10:15 – 11:15AM – Brainstorming Sessions Part 1
- 11:15 – 11:30AM – Break
- 11:30 – 12:30PM – Brainstorming Sessions Part 2
- 12:30 – 1:30PM – Lunch
- 1:30 – 4:00PM – Afternoon Session



F/FH Optimist Benefit:
Club will reimburse
registration fee up to \$55

Sign up at:

<https://michiganoptimists.org/events/2024-25-fall-gathering/>

Here are the sessions:

Part 1:

- Junior Optimist International (JOI)
- Best Practices Around Youth Programming
- In With the Optimism!
- Optimists in Action
- Essay Contest Information
- Optimist International Foundation

Part 2:

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- Finding Members Nemo Style

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Club Meeting to Hear about Millages on our Ballot.



Billboard in Lansing, Michigan

