

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

November 10, 2024

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Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

WE HONOR OUR VETERANS WEDS.

We Honor Our Community Veterans at Breakfast Nov. 13

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★ The Farmington–Farmington Hills Optimist Club ★

is pleased to invite you to attend our
Annual Veterans Breakfast
Wednesday November 13, 2024
Doors to The Pines Restaurant open at 7:30am
37777 11 Mile Court
Farmington Hills, MI 48335

  

Our featured guests are an ORIGINAL
Rosie the Riveter – Delphine Klaput and Air
National Guard Veteran – Joan Merriweather.
**To attend, text your name and
of guest to 248.266.0749**

★ NOTE: the meal fee for non-veterans is ★
\$15.00 per person

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Board Meeting Highlights

- Current balance is \$33,625
- Created a new Liaison to Board position for JOI that will be filled by Tom Neal
- Essay contest will be February 26, 2025
- Oratorical contest will be March 12, 2025
- Starting in January, 2025, the club will instead of having a morning meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, we will have an evening meeting starting at 5:30pm each month. Membership committee will be in charge of the arrangements.
- We will add a new project of tree identification to our agreement FH Special Services Department to support Heritage Nature Center for the added cost of \$200.

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. Members registration fees will be reimbursed by the club after the Gathering.

Read Article About Advantage of Being an Optimist

Attached is an article from SWIMMER magazine. It spells out how optimism isn't the rose-tinted thing people often think it is. Read it and let me know what you think. – *Editor*

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 independently electing their own officers and run their own

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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
Nov 13 Veterans Recognition Breakfast @ The Pines
Nov 15,16 District Fall Gathering, Crowne Plaza Auburn Hills
Nov 20* Business Meeting
Dec. 4 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting 7:15am
Dec. 11 FPS School Choir Get-together
* 7:30am-8:30am at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

Birthdays

November

14 – Nicole Hunt
21 – Susan Walker

December

22 – Roxanne Fitzpatrick
25 – Richard Lerner
30 – TR Carr

Attachments:

Newsletter PDF
The Optimist Advantage Word Doc

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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:

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

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**NOT EVERY IDEA WILL WORK, BUT
WHEN IT DOES ITS BRILLIANT!**

