

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

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Sunnyside Newsletter

Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL

Holly Days Parade Downtown Farmington Dec. 7

Meet at Village Commons strip mall (Side Car Bar) at 4:30pm to gather and get parade instructions. Look for the Optimist Float designed by Roxanne and Paul Fitzgerald. The parade ends at Warner Mansion. We will be passing out candy and some bags along the parade route. Please bring candy and bags to pass out. Wear fun holiday attire and lights, it is a lighted parade!!! Thanks, Roxanne Fitzpatrick.

Michigan District Gathering in Auburn Hills



Panel discussion from a variety of perspectives



The Gathering



Our club members with Gov. Sean



MIJOI Gov. Nuha explains JOI Plans

**MICHIGAN
DISTRICT FIRST
QUARTER
GATHERING**

**NOVEMBER 2024
IN AUBURN
HILLS**

Foster Closet Hosted Chamber Networking Event

Farmington/Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club

This was held at their location on Sinacola Court in Farmington Hills last week. Michele Austin is Founding President. They offer support services, supplies and aid to children in the foster care system, adopted children, at-risk and low-income children for Oakland County. They have a strong connection to Farmington Public Schools. They welcome volunteers and donations of goods and financial contributions. You can contact them at 248-419-4487 by call/text or email at info@fostercloset.org. - Editor attended

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 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)

Order Your 4 Free At-home COVID-19 Tests

Every U.S. household is eligible to order 4 free at-home tests. Order at covidtests.gov or call 800-232-0233 (AARP News)

Website: f2hoptimists.org

Facebook: Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

Calendar

Dec. 4 Board of Directors Zoom Meeting 7:15am

Farmington/Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club

Dec. 7 Hollys Days Parade 4:30pm
Dec. 11 FPS Holiday Concert Gathering TBD
* 7:30am-8:30am at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

Birthdays December

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

Attachments:

Newsletter PDF
Holly Days Parade PDF

Greetings, Fellow Optimist Club members

I have helped several new and existing clients navigate the [Medicare.gov](https://www.Medicare.gov) website during the Medicare open enrollment season. I would be more than happy to give a presentation to our club members on navigating the website and using the tools to their advantage.

I can do this by Zoom in the evening for the member's convenience. **This is educational only.**

The major topics:

- How to do a plan search on [Medicare.gov](https://www.Medicare.gov) with or without an account
- How to compare coverage plans side by side
- How to compare pharmacies and manage drug cost

Please join me on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 7:00 pm. The link to join the Zoom gathering is below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81153846459?pwd=J20CElISM1DEXDGIQm9cRjs7JCONpy.1>



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Hillside JOC Meeting



Board Members



Brainstorming ideas



Reading the Creed

North Farmington High School Junior Optimist Club Officers

- From left to right:**
- Emily Kim (co-president)
 - Jack Weingarden (co-president)
 - Kaylee Pierce (secretary)
 - Mary Jo Takeuchi (treasurer)



Longacre Jr. Optimist Club

They presented dog mascot decorations to a first responder



They wrote
Thank You
notes to
Veterans



Teacher leader: Shelly Burkmyre

