

Club members, Jr. Optimist leaders and District Officers are bcc'd this note. Editor, Tom Neal December 1, 2024

Sunnyside Newsletter

Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

JOIN US AT THE PARADE

Light Up the Grand 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 Fitzpatrick. 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.

Club Officers & Directors Zoom Board Meeting Dec. 4

This Wednesday morning at 7:15am the club's Officers and Directors will meet via zoom to discuss club projects and calendar for 2025. Secretary Phyllis Pheeny will email agenda and information for the meeting.

Holiday Season Bell Ringing Invitation Dec. 14

This holiday season, we invite you to make a meaningful impact by helping us ring the Salvation Army bell in support of those in need. As the holiday spirit fills the air, we have an opportunity to spread kindness and generosity to our neighbor's facing hardship.

We are seeking volunteers to stand alongside us at Kroger's on Middlebelt to ring the iconic red kettle bell. Your time and effort will help raise funds to provide food, shelter, clothing, and support to individuals and families in our community who need it most during this special time of year.

When: Saturday, 14th December

Time: 10:30AM to 1:00PM (30-minute shifts)

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Where: Kroger's – 25780 Middlebelt Rd. Farmington Hills, Mi. 48336

How to Help: Sign up at the following link on signup genius.

[Click here to sign up -](#)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E49ADAB2AA31-53501723-joialvation>

Let's come together and create a season of giving that will resonate throughout our community.

Thank you for your generosity, and we hope to see you there!

Questions? Call Roxanne Fitzpatrick at 248-470-3584

Number of Jr. Optimists by School (Total all clubs: 230)

Beechview	70
Gill	34
Longacre	22
Hillside	25
Power	32
Forest	2
East	7
Warner	3
FHS	27
NFHS	8

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)

Oldest Man dies at age 112

The world's oldest man, John Tinniswood, has died aged 112.

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Tinniswood had three pieces of life advice for younger people. They were: have a broad outlook, do everything in moderation, and always try your best.

Website: f2hoptimists.org

Pay Membership Dues using this link:

<https://f2hoptimists.org/pay-membership-dues>

Facebook: Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

Calendar

Dec. 4	Board of Directors Zoom Meeting 7:15am
Dec. 7	Light Up the Grand Parade 4:30pm
Dec. 11	FPS Holiday Concert Gathering TBD
Dec. 14	Bell Ringing for Salvation Army (see flyer)
Jan. 8	Board of Directors Zoom Meeting 7:15am
Jan. 15*	Club Gathering 7:30am
Jan. 22*	Club Evening Gathering 6:00pm
Jan. 29*	Club Gathering 7:30am
Feb. 5	Board of Directors Zoom Meeting 7:15am
Feb. 12*	Club Gathering 7:30am
Feb. 19	Club Gathering 6:00pm
Feb. 26*	Club Gathering 7:30am

* Meeting location at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington

Birthdays

December

22 – Roxanne Fitzpatrick

25 – Richard Lerner

30 – TR Carr

Attachments:

Newsletter PDF

Holly Days Parade PDF

Holiday Bell Ringing Invitation 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

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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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Gill JOI Club Used Books Collection Fall 2024



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- Our used book collection to support children and libraries affected by hurricanes and severe weather was an incredible success! With your help we collected 25 boxes of gently used books! I know these books will help to brighten the days of many children.– Lloyd Weishap, Teacher Leader