

Club members, Jr. Optimist leaders and District Officers are bcc'd this note. Editor, Tom Neal December 8, 2024

Sunnyside Newsletter

Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

JOIN US AT EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR OUR HOLIDAY MEETING

Last Club Meeting of Year is at East this Wednesday!

Our holiday meeting with a youth choir will be from 8:00am to 9:00am in the Cafeteria at East Middle School (Park in north parking lot and enter door from lot.), Dec. 11. Come in your Christmas finest as we celebrate the end of 2024.

Club Officers & Directors Board Meeting Highlights

- Instead of sending checks to the organizations we support, we plan to invite their representatives to a membership meeting so we can present the checks to them in person.
- We changed awards for Essay & Oratorical contests to \$500 first, \$350 second & \$200 third. Also, we now require participants to either live in F/FH or go to school in F/FH.
- We have provided a \$100 bonus to the lead teacher at 6 of our schools so far this year for reaching 10 or more members in their school's JOI club!
- A partnership agreement with FH Special Services was approved. (See Secretary Phyllis for details.)
- Our NOW evening meetings are part of the Club meetings, with a budget of \$2,500 allocated for the 3rd Wednesday NOW/Club meetings. These meetings will welcome both current members and new members.
- This year's oratorical contest will be held at the church.

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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)

Where: Krogers – 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-joisalvation>

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

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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) [It took 4 weeks, but finally got my free tests from USPS delivery. TN]

Dad Jokes

I had a dream I was a **muffler**. I woke up **exhausted!**

I would tell you a **chemistry** joke, but I doubt it would get a **reaction**.

I couldn't figure out how to fasten my **seatbelt**. Then it **clicked**.

Website: f2hoptimists.org

Pay Membership Dues using this link:

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

Facebook: Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

Calendar

Dec. 7	Light Up the Grand Parade 4:30pm
Dec. 11	FPS Holiday Concert East Middle 8am to 9am
Dec. 14	Bell Ringing for Salvation Army (see flyer)
Jan. 8	Board of Directors Zoom Meeting 7:15am
Jan. 15*	Club Gathering 6:00pm
Jan. 22*	Club Meeting 7:30am
Jan. 29*	Club Meeting 7:30am. (Check presentations)
Feb. 5	Board of Directors Zoom Meeting 7:15am
Feb. 12*	Club Meeting 7:30am
Feb. 19	Club Gathering 6:00pm
Feb. 26*	Club Meeting 7:30am

* Meeting location at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington

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Birthdays December

22 – Roxanne Fitzpatrick

25 – Richard Lerner

30 – TR Carr

Attachments:

Newsletter PDF

Holly Days Parade PDF

Holiday Bell Ringing Invitation PDF



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NFHS JOI students worked Open House night at NFHS to promote JOI.



NFHS JOI students volunteered at the Forest Elementary Enchanted Forest decorating a booth to distribute candy.



NFHS JOI students volunteered to work the MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest helping with parking.

North Farmington JOC Year Activities

NFHS JOI meets the first Monday of each month from 7:15 am to 7:40 am. (Nov 4th, Dec 2nd, etc)