

Club members, Jr. Optimist leaders and District Officers are bcc'd this note. Editor, Tom Neal January 18, 2025

Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

SUNNYSIDE NEWSLETTER

CHECK OUT DISTRICT GATHERING ZOOM

Club Meeting Wednesday with Police Chief

Get to meet our new FH Acting Police Chief

Foster Closet Blanket Meeting Night a Success

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Optimist Essay Contest for 2024-2025

Students: Use your writing skills to express your views to the world around you and for a chance to win a college scholarship. First place - \$500, Second place - \$350, Third place - \$200, lower amount for grades 6th-8th. Topic: **"How Optimism Has Guided Me Through Trying Times"**. Submission due date: Tuesday, January 21, 2025. See attached application flyer and entry form. *Members, please share this information by email or printing flyer with parents who have students in Farmington Public Schools.*

Need Volunteer for our Little Free Library Program

Looking for a volunteer to check on a Little Free Library at the Neighborhood House (Middlebelt and Grand River) on a monthly frequency. This involves picking up fresh books at the Farmington Community Library at 12 Mile, going to Neighborhood House, removing old or unnecessary books, placing the new books in the Little Free Library and returning the old books to the

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library. If interested, please contact Jill O'Hara
(oharajill@yahoo.com)

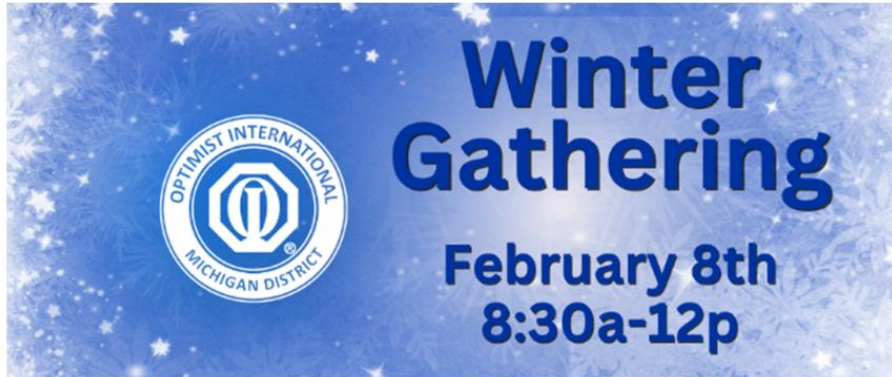
Bowlers: Royal Oak Optimist Club Bowlabration Fundraiser

They are looking for teams to participate. Here's how:

- Date: Feb. 2nd from 1:30pm to 4:00pm
- Astro Lanes in Madison Heights, 32388 John R
- \$35 per bowler on 4-member team (5 maximum)
- Sign up: Ilene Harmon (harmon@ssc-law.com) Phone 248-259-1035

Oratorical Contest in March

This year's contest will be held Wednesday, March 12 at our breakfast meeting. See attached flyer & application.



The Focus on District Zoom Gathering:

- Theme: “Optimists Bringing Out the Best in Our Communities.”
- Start the morning with music, coffee, and Optimist spirit
- Dive into engaging sessions including Virtual BINGO for the Foundation
- Brainstorming on Optimist initiatives
- Tutorials to support Essay and Oratorical contests
- Explore creative ways to empower our communities and strengthen our mission

Register using this link:

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

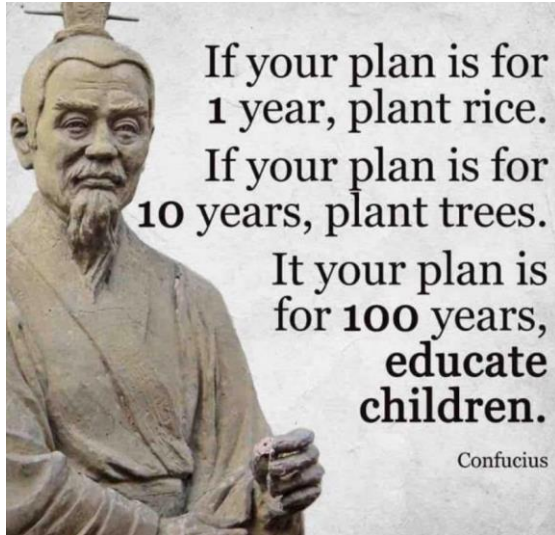


Number of Jr. Optimists by School (Total all clubs: 240)

Beechview	70
Gill	34
Longacre	22
Hillside	26
Power	32
Forest	2

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East **8**
Warner **6**
FHS **30**
NFHS **10**



Dad Jokes

I left my **PC** on all night, and when I woke up it was **freezing**.
Turns out I left the **Windows** open.

Website: **f2hoptimists.org**

Pay Membership Dues using this link:

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

Facebook: Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

Calendar

Jan. 21	Essay Submission Deadline
Jan. 22*	Club Meeting 7:30am, Acting FH Police Chief
Jan. 29*	Club Meeting 7:30am, Pam Good, Beyond Basics
Feb. 2	National Optimist Day, <i>Pass the good news!</i>
Feb. 5	Board of Directors Zoom Meeting 7:15am
Feb. 8	MI District Gathering on Zoom (2nd Qtr. Conference)
Feb. 12*	Club Meeting 7:30am, Freedom House
Feb. 19	Club Meeting 6:00pm, Game Night at Pines Restaurant
Feb. 26*	Club Meeting 7:30am, Essay Contest Awards

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* Meeting location at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington

Birthdays:

January

- 20 – Dan Fantore
- 20 – Ken Massey
- 20 – Anne Sebesta
- 24 – MarySue Munter
- 29 – Betty Santo

February

- 08 – Alvin Lynn
- 09 – Diane Bauman

Attachments:

- Newsletter PDF
- Oratorical Flyer
- Oratorical Application



GotSneakers A Million Thanks



Farmington High Jr. Optimist Club



Shoe drive which FHS students hope to hold January 27th-February 7th.

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Blanket Night to Support Foster Closet

January 15, 2025



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How We Support Our Community and Youth

- **Essay Contest**
- **Oratorical Contest**
- **Leadership Award**
- **Respect for Law**
- **Respect for Fire**
- **Memorial Day Parade**
- **Kids Fishing Day**
- **Golf Outing**
- **FPS Principals Breakfast**
- **Jr. Optimist clubs in FPS schools**
- **Bell Ringing for Salvation Army**
- **Guest speakers at meetings**
- **Light Up the Grand Parade**



★ 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 ★

