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Jr. Optimists Club News

Clubs in Farmington Public Schools

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Optimist Club

*May 18, 2025*** Editors: Tom Neal & Diane Eklov*

Join Us in the Parade

Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 26

All Jr. Optimists and parents are encouraged to join us for the Memorial Day Parade in Farmington. **Plan to be there by 9:45am** since Parade starts at 10:00am. **Wear your JOI shirt!**



JOIN THE FARMINGTON/
FARMINGTON HILLS OPTIMISTS
IN THE FARMINGTON

**MEMORIAL
DAY PARADE**

MONDAY MAY 26 - 9:30 AM

Wear your
Optimist
shirts

Meet near the intersection of Grand River and Orchard Lake
Parade step off at 10:00 am
(We gather in the parking lot off Mooney St.)

We have some flags and some red, white
and blue beads to pass out to the crowd

Questions:
Roxanne Fitzpatrick - 248-470-3584
or
Tom Neal - 248-586-6204

Tell us about this year's best Community Service Project

Cathy Neal, Parade Chair, would like each JOI Club to please submit to her a meaningful project you did this year so she can put it on a Poster/sign for the Memorial Parade. Email her at cnealrd@sbcglobal.net.

OI JOI Summit 2025, July 18-21

This international event, primarily for high school sophomores and juniors, is a **4-day event** that brings together Jr. Optimists from across the country, Canada and Caribbean countries. They will witness the **World Oratorical Championship**, participate in O.I.JOI Elections, participate in **Leadership Challenges & Team-Building Exercises**, attend a

Masked Ball and attend the final Banquet and Dance. The cost is a registration fee of \$450 per person. This covers four nights' accommodation in the dorms at Saint Louis University, 11 meals plus snacks, transportation to off-site activities, a Summit t-shirt and linen package for dorm. It will be one of those experiences of a lifetime! Our club has allocated 2 registration fees for students attending from our JOCs. We also will pay reimburse the registration fee which covers lodging and meals for a chaperone. Let Tom Neal know if you are interested by email at ttneal@sbcglobal.net.

Meeting monthly dates

Beechview Elementary > (All meetings take place on Wednesdays) June 4

Longacre Elementary > (All meetings take place on Wednesdays) June 4

Gill Elementary> (Meetings are 3:30 - 4:30 in Lloyd Weishap's classroom (*Club limited to 30 members because of room capacity.*)> May 20

Forest Elementary> *Meetings in room #22 after school from 3:30-4:30 on May 22*

Hillside Elementary> May 20 - Year end pizza party.

Farmington HS> meeting is the first Thursday of every month.

North Farmington HS> Meetings are on the first Monday of the month at 7:15am.

East Middle School> 8:30am in Mrs. Oatley's room- May 29

Warner Middle School> TBD

Just thinking:

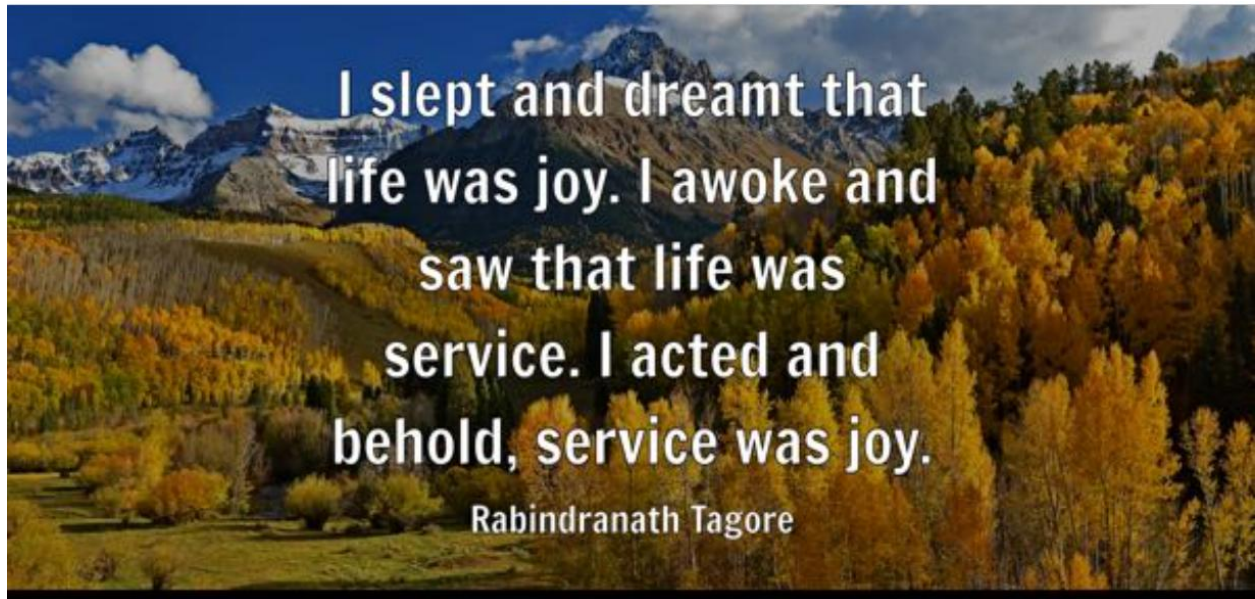
Parallel lines have so much in common. It's a shame they will never meet.

Calendar

May	31	Memorial Day Parade, Grand River
July	18-21	OI JOI Summit, St. Louis Univ.

Tom Neal (ttneal@sbcglobal.net) and **Diane Eklov**
(dceklov@gmail.com)
Junior Optimist International (JOI) Team Leaders
Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

Attachments
OI JOI Summit 2025 PDF



Jr. Optimist Clubs in a Nutshell

We promote **leadership development** and **social interaction** through **community service**.



1. Recruit Teacher to hold monthly meeting
2. Elect officers and follow meeting agenda
3. Brainstorm community service ideas
4. Get support of School Administration
5. Run and document service projects
6. Invite speakers from community
7. Recognize members with awards
8. Celebrate successes

Typical agenda:

- Welcome
- Icebreaker
- Meeting focus
- Wrap up
- Recite Creed

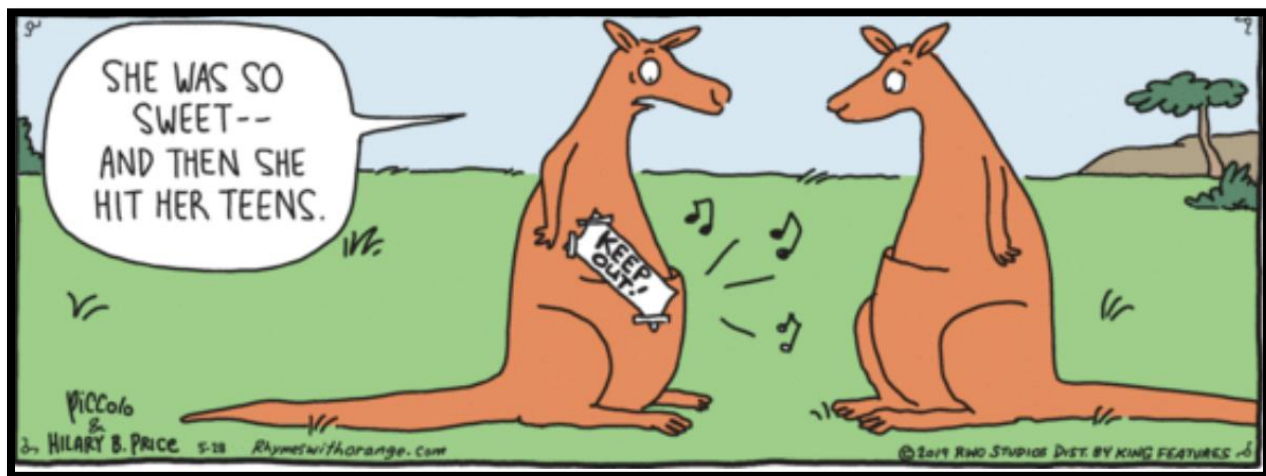
Leadership Team

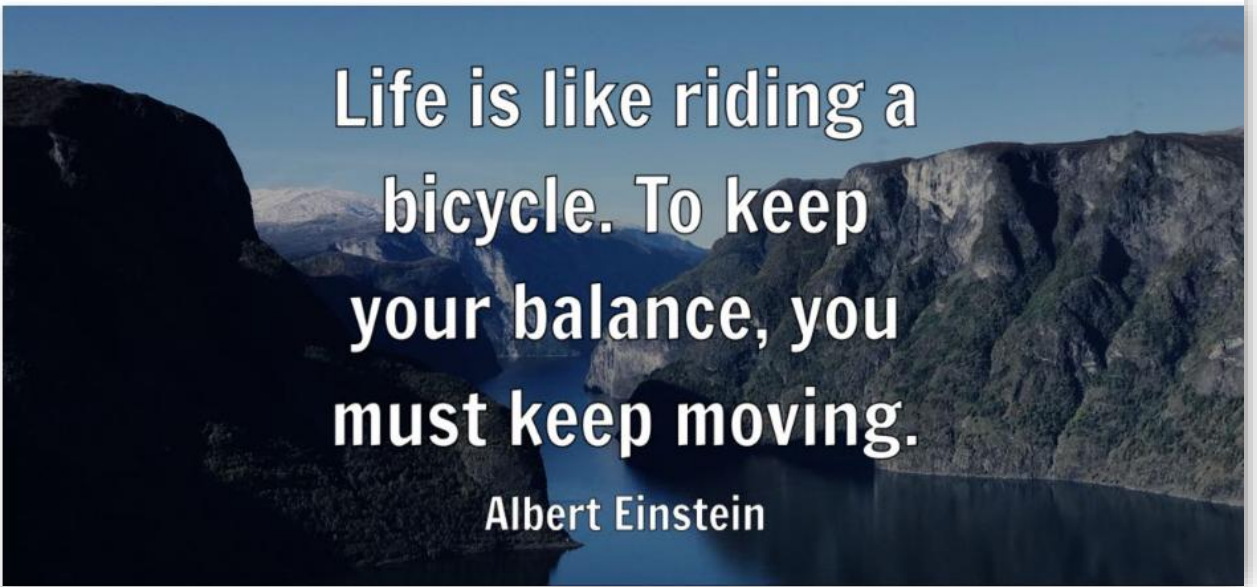
- Optimist Chair
- Optimist Advisor
- Teacher leader
- Parent leader

Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club #17150



"And over here you'll be sorting every single digital photo you've ever taken."





Life is like riding a
bicycle. To keep
your balance, you
must keep moving.

Albert Einstein