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SUNNYSIDE NEWSLETTER

Meet Our Two New Members



Marzel Hightower is a Registered Representative for NYL and NYLIFE Securities, deeply committed to empowering youth through financial literacy and sports. He coaches the 7th-grade basketball team at **Farmington Steam Academy** and youth football for the **Lakes Area Hawks**. Marzel serves as co-chair of the ambassador committee for the **Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce** and is on the board of trustees for the **Farmington/Farmington Hills Education Foundation**. A Farmington Hills resident since 1987, Marzel is committed to making a positive impact in his community by setting positive examples for his children and others.



Alan Osterdale is a dedicated insurance professional with over two decades of experience helping individuals, families, and businesses find the right coverage to protect what matters most. Based in Michigan, Alan works with Michigan Community Insurance Agency, where he provides expertise in home, auto, business, and life insurance.

A graduate of **Farmington Hills Harrison High School** and **Central Michigan University** (Business Finance), Alan has deep roots in the community and a long-standing commitment to service. He has been an active member of the **Farmington Area Jaycees**, where he served

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as **President** and was honored as a **Jaycee Senator** for his lasting contributions. He is also an active member of the **Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce**, supporting local business growth and community initiatives.

Alan brings not only a wealth of industry knowledge, but also a passion for building relationships and giving back. He believes in educating his clients, advocating for their needs, and serving the community with integrity.

He's proud to be part of this service club and looks forward to contributing his time, skills, and energy to support the club's mission.

Next Club Meeting Wednesday July 23

Our own member, Dan Fantore, will talk about his role on the Commission on Aging. The Farmington Area Commission on Aging (FACOA) is composed of Commissioners appointed by the Farmington and Farmington Hills City Councils. The purpose of the FACOA is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults in our Community, through advocacy and education. Dan Fantore is Chair of the FACOA and will present on its activities including its advocacy for the Costick Center and its future.

Marcia Rodehetter Requests Your Support

Optimist Friends - I have the privilege and honor to work with the team at NACoA (National Association for Children of Addiction) on this wonderful campaign. Will you please help me spread the word!



Learn more or donate today! Click Here <https://nacoa.org/brick-by-brick-building-hope> .

Popup Movie Review

The Clappisons and the Neals watched **Superman** at the Civic Theater during the **Optimist Popup Movie Event**. If you like an action-packed show with sadistic humor, this is your movie. The amazing power some have helped save the world... even a dog was a hero! Of course, the hour plus dinner conversation after at Cowleys was the best. Have fun this summer.

Our Junior Optimist Past School Year in Review

This year in **Farmington Public Schools** we had 2 High school clubs, 3 Middle school clubs and 5 Elementary school clubs with a total membership of 253 JOIs.

- The High school clubs were very active with service projects, particularly in the shoe drive and organizing many of the Jr. Optimists clubs to participate in the drive.
- Middle schools were active, particularly East and Power.
- Elementary schools as usual were very strong and active. Beechview and Gill were the largest ones.
- A Team building event was held at the YMCA and was a hit for those that attended.
- The winning schools of last year's video contest came up with creative ways to invest their winnings back into the community.
- We had a good turnout for the winter parade in December, and a fair turnout for the Memorial Day parade.
- Leaders from our high schools were the following:
 - Sri Balaji, JOI Board Member
 - Hamdaan Fysudeen, JOI International Marketing
 - Nuha Malik Abdul, Michigan JOI Governor
 - Vaivhav Dhiman, Michigan JOI Governor Elect
- All in all, it was a good year for the 253 students and the Teacher leaders and Optimist advisors.

Thanks for trying to bring out the best in our Farmington Public Schools youth!

Our 34th Annual Orrie Donley Golf Outing is less than 3 Weeks away!

We currently have room for 6 more foursomes at our event. If you haven't signed up, please do so soon. We don't want you to miss out on the fun! Please spread the word to your golfer friends. Sponsorships are still available and donations for the raffle are still welcome. Please see attached flyer for more information. Please contact Laura (248-346-2201) or Roxanne (248-470-3584) if you have any questions. Interested in helping

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out?! Please contact Laura (248-346-2201) or Roxanne (248-470-3584). Remember to donate a \$25 gift card or cash for the gift card tree and lotto scratch-off rake by giving it to Laura Stewart. Volunteers are needed for Golf Outing. Time slots available. Please contact Phyllis Pheeney at ppheeney@mi.rr.com or 248.770.7675 if you can volunteer.

Consider Going to Michigan District Summit

So far, Don Munter, the Walkers and the Neals are registered for the Michigan Summer Summit in Holland on the weekend of Aug. 22-23. On Saturday you will learn about the History of the Michigan District Optimists. Also, there will be brainstorming sessions about Annual Club Celebrations, Scholarship Offerings, Michigan Optimist Leadership Academy (MIOLA) or Crafting/Activity in the morning. Saturday afternoon there will be club & District Officer Training and a wrap up with Installation of the District Executive Committee. Sign up at <https://michiganoptimists.org/events/2024-25-summer-summit/>

Christmas in July Oakland Foster Closet

Remember we are supporting the July Oakland County Foster Closet Hygiene Drive. Collection box is FPCF Church for July 23rd

meeting. Drive runs to end of July.



The poster features a blue background with a light blue sky and white clouds. At the top left is a circular logo for 'Oakland County FOSTER CLOSET' showing two children playing on a grassy field. The title 'Christmas in July Hygiene Drive' is written in a large, red, cursive font. Below the title, the text reads: 'We are running low on the hygiene items we collected from our Christmas drives so, we thought we would celebrate *Christmas in July.* We typically purchase all of these items at Dollar Tree. They are great quality.' This is followed by 'We are in great need of:' in green, then a list of items: 'Kids 3 in 1 Shampoo/Conditioner/BodyWash', 'Kids Toothpaste • Girls Body Wash', 'Toothbrushes (baby and ages 1-4 - no multi-packs please)', and 'Baby Shampoo • Baby Lotion • Diaper Cream'. Below the list, it says: 'What is next? You will do a collection from July 1 - July 31 and then make arrangements to drop off the donations. Text or call us at 248-419-4487 and we will get you all set up for the Christmas in July hygiene drive!'. The bottom of the poster is decorated with a beach scene featuring a palm tree, a snowman wearing sunglasses and a top hat, a beach ball, and a large Santa Claus figure wearing sunglasses and a red floral shirt. The words 'Christmas in July' are written in a green, cursive font across the bottom.

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Duck Race for CARES Fundraiser August 6th

Optimist Club Fundraiser: Sell a "Duck make a Buck"... selling duck tickets for CARES duck race. Share and sell Duck race tickets to you friends and family. It's for a great cause. CARES supplies food to over 800 families per month.

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F/FH Optimist club will receive one dollar for every ticket we sell. Tickets are \$5 each. The Race is August. 6th in Shiawassee Park, Farmington. The top prize is \$100 a week for groceries to Busch's (\$5200 total). Contact Marcia Rodeheffer to get your tickets. 734- 218-1359 or email marciarodeheffer@gmail.com

Kids Fishing Day (Project Fish) July 26

Volunteers are needed, 2 for registration, 2 on dock and 2 on south shore of pond. Contact Dan Mosher if you want to help. Dan's email is mosher585@yahoo.com. Here is what the day looks like.

Kids Fishing Day

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Four Sessions:

9:00am - 20 kids

10:00am - 20 kids

11:00am - 20 kids

12:00am - 20 kids

Volunteers
arrive at 8:30am

2 fishing areas:

Fishing Pier - Dan Mosher

East shore - Terry Tipton

Sequence for kids & parents

- Check-in at Welcome table
- Knot tying area
- Casting on land
- Go fish
- Pick up tackle box when leaving at check-in table

Prep day – July 19 @ Heritage Park Office

- 10:00am to Noon
- Rig rods & reels with bobbers & hooks

Next School Year's JOI T-Shirt Design

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This winning design was done by Kate Lietz, 5th Grader, Beechview Elementary JOI Club.

We work better



2025-2026
JOI T-shirt

T ogether



Dad Jokes

Q: **Do robots** have sisters?

A: No, just trans**sistors**!

Q: What do you call an **alligator** that is a private eye?

A: An Investi**gator**.

Website:

f2hoptimists.org

Pay Membership Dues using this link:

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

Facebook:

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Calendar

July	23*	Dan Fantore. Commission on Aging
July	26	Kids Fishing Day, Founders Sport Park, 8 Mile Rd.
Aug	5	Orrie Donley Golf Outing, FHGC
Aug	6	Board Meeting via Zoom
Aug	20*	TBD

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Aug 22-23 Michigan District Summit, Holland
Sep 3 Board Meeting via Zoom
Sep 10 Installation Banquet

* Meeting location at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington

Birthdays:

JULY

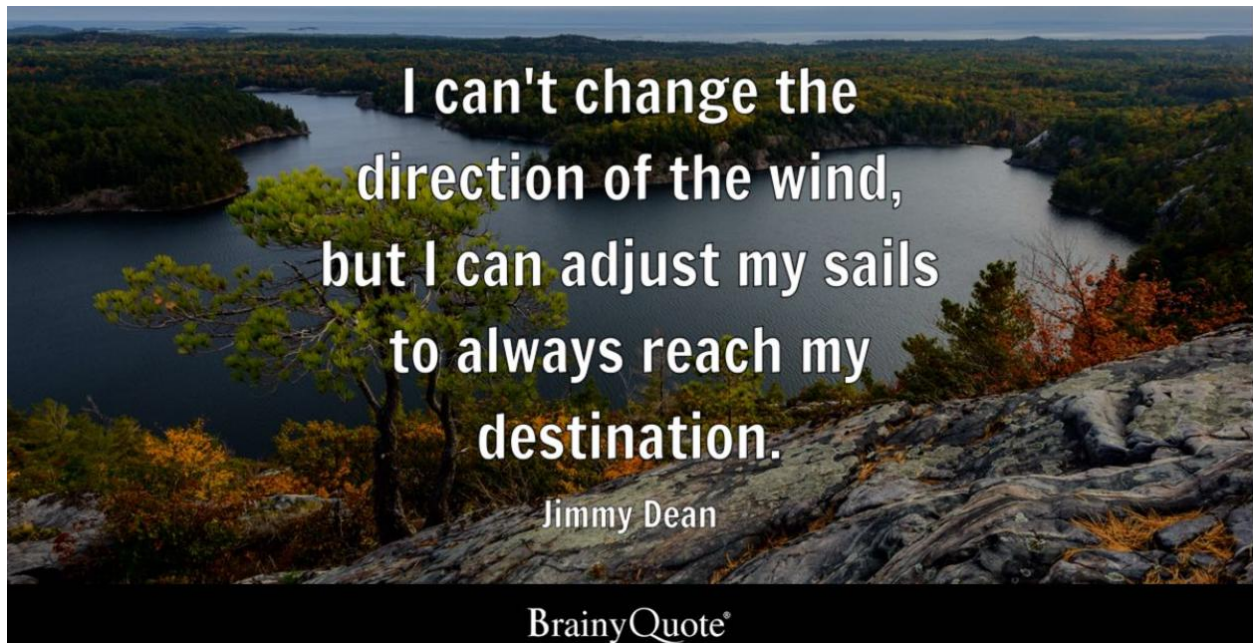
28 – Barrie Armstrong

31 – Marcia Rodeheffer

Attachments:

Newsletter PDF

Golf Outing Flyer PDF



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“ Success is not how many zeroes your bank account has. It's about making the most of the life you have. ”

— SUZE ORMAN

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STOP APOLOGIZING, START THANKING

I'M SORRY I'M
ALWAYS LATE



THANK YOU FOR
WAITING FOR ME

I'M SORRY FOR BEING
SO EMOTIONAL



THANK YOU FOR
LISTENING TO ME

I'M SORRY
I ALWAYS MESS UP



THANK YOU FOR BEING PATIENT
WHEN I MAKE A MISTAKE

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TALKING SO MUCH



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I'M SORRY I'VE
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THANK YOU FOR
BEING SUPPORTIVE

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THANK YOU FOR
THE INVITATION

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THANK YOU FOR
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