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SUNNYSIDE NEWSLETTER

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.

Our 34th Annual Orrie Donley Golf Outing is Tuesday, August 5th

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 the Oakland County Foster Closet, showing two children playing on a seesaw. 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 a green heading "We are in great need of:" and 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". The text continues: "What is next? You will do a collection from July 1 - July 31 and then make arrangements to drop off the donations." and "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 Santa Claus figure wearing sunglasses and a red Hawaiian 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

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tickets to you friends and family. It's for a great cause. CARES supplies food to over 800 families per month.

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

World Oratorical Contest July 18, 2025

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First Place: Naomi from St. Lawrence Region, Canada

Second Place: Rene Cruz, West Coast Region, Arizona

Third Place: Riya Naroor, Northern Region, Ohio

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Seven Region Finalists presented by Jan Oord Graves,
International Optimist President:



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Website:

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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
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:

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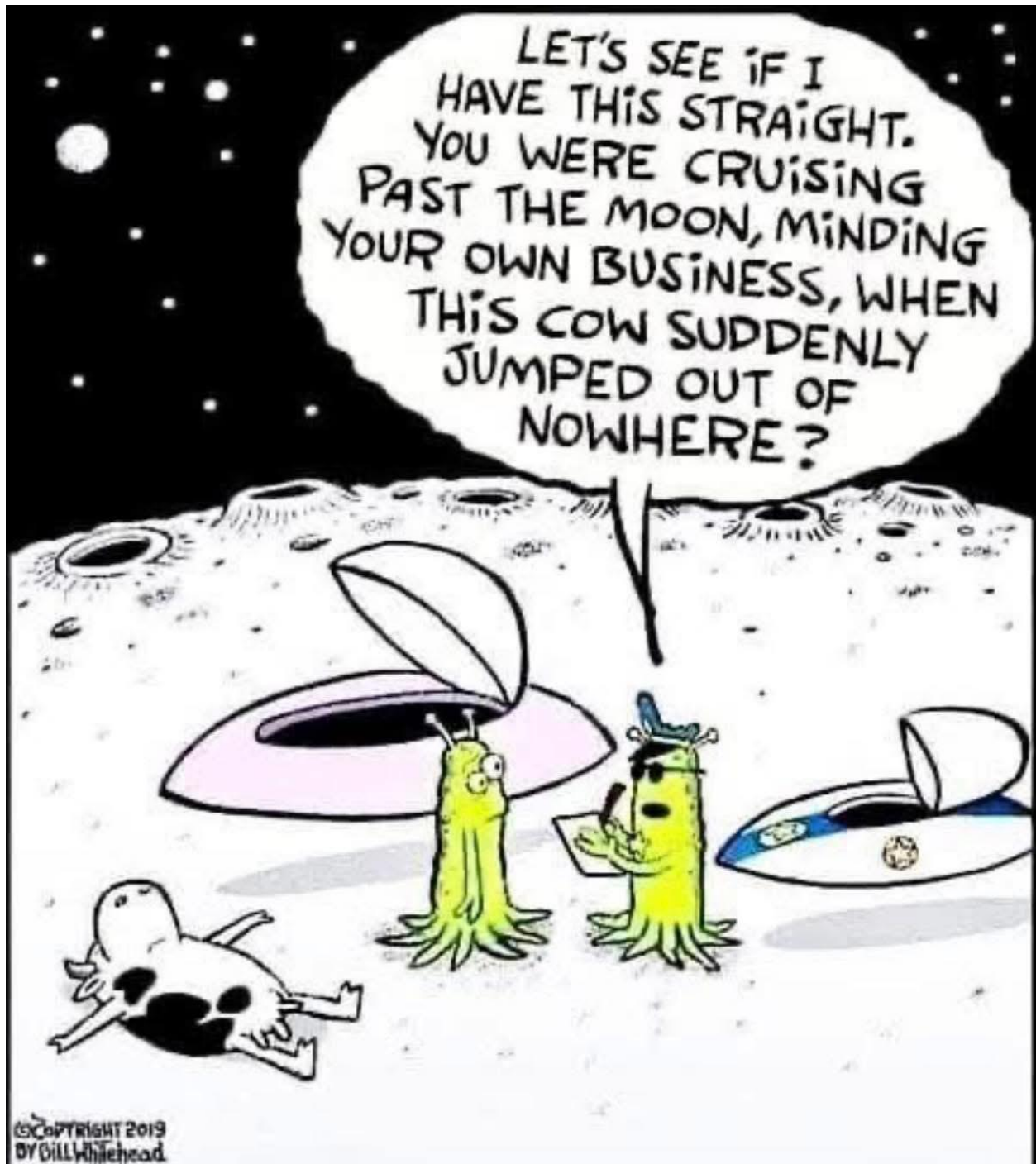
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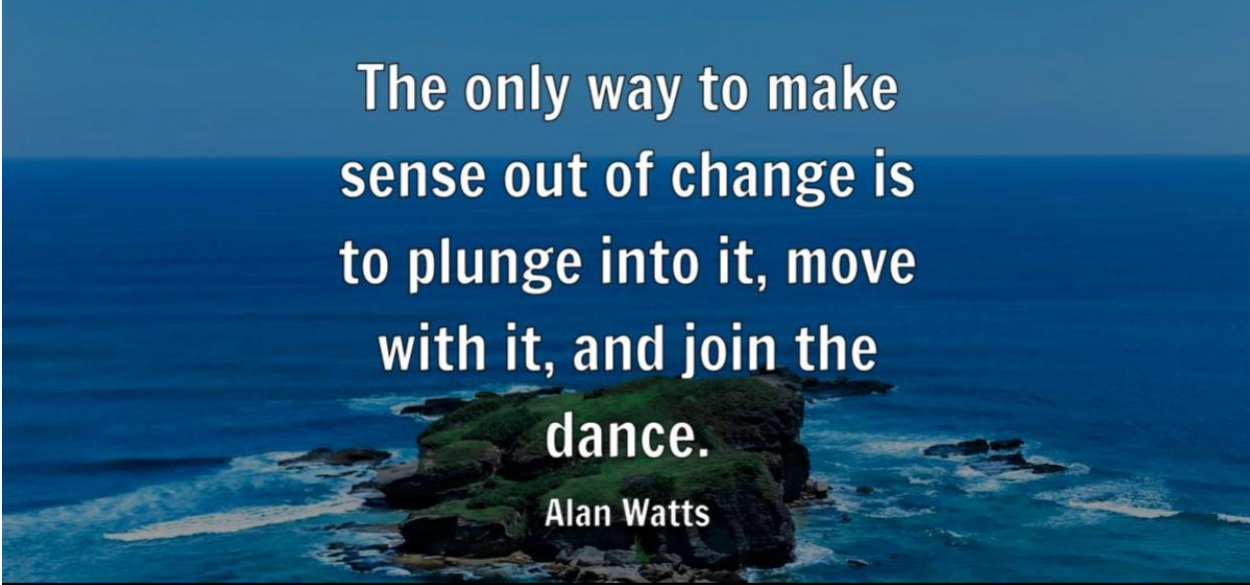
31 – Marcia Rodeheffer

Attachments:

Newsletter PDF

Golf Outing Flyer PDF



An aerial photograph of a rugged coastline. The ocean is a deep blue, with white foam from breaking waves visible along the shore. A small, rocky island or headland is covered in green vegetation and sits in the middle of the water. The sky is a clear, light blue.

The only way to make
sense out of change is
to plunge into it, move
with it, and join the
dance.

Alan Watts