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Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

We bring out the best in youth, our community and ourselves.

SUNNYSIDE NEWSLETTER

Back to School Celebration, Tues. August 19

Every year the Farmington Public School District hosts a picnic for their staff the week before school starts. Historically, as a non-profit, the administration lets us have a table in the vendor tent for free. Here is where we meet and greet staff like principals and teachers as well as secretaries, bus drivers, etc. This is an ideal time to recruit teachers as JOI leaders. We will have a sign-up sheet to catch their name and info. We need 4 volunteers. You also get a free chicken lunch for being a volunteer. See Cathy Neal (cnealrd@sbcglobal.net) to volunteer.

Club Meeting at 1st Presbyterian Church, Weds. August 20

Our speaker will be **Pam Good, Founder of Beyond Basics**. She will be talking about the poor literacy rates and how new legislation can help change a student's future life. They also help Dyslexic students with reading tutoring. See you at 7:30 am Weds., August 20 at the First Presbyterian Church (11 Mile & Farmington).

Consider Going to Michigan District Summit

So far, Don Munter, Susan Walker and the Neals is 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

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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/>

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

- Kudos to the Golf Committee on holding a successful outing. They sold 3400 raffle tickets vs. 2400 last year.
- The total profit has not been determined yet.
- Richard Burrous was elected as a Director replacing Mona Ahuja who had to resign.

JOI International Summit in St. Louis

Cathy and Tom Neal attended as Chaperone and District JOI Chair. Sri Balaji from North Farmington High School was our representative from Michigan as a member on the International JOI Board. Attached are the pictures with descriptions of the activities during the Summit.

F/FH Optimist Installation Banquet

"Save the date" It will be at Longacre House, September 10 at 6:00. Other info will be forthcoming.

Dad Jokes

I am not happy being a **glue** salesman, buy I **stick** to it!

Q: Why does an **actor** enjoy his work so much?

A: Because it's all **play**.

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f2hoptimists.org

Pay Membership Dues using this link:

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

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Calendar

Aug	13	Board Meeting via Zoom
Aug	19	FPS Back to School Staff Picnic
Aug	20*	Pam Good, Beyond Basics

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Aug	22-23	Michigan District Summit, Holland
Sep	3	Board Meeting via Zoom
Sep	10	Installation Banquet, Longacre House
Sep	17	Michigan Renaissance Festival @ Peterlins
Sep	24*	Mallory Kuhn, Book Author
Oct	1	Board Meeting via Zoom
Oct	8*	Peggy Castine, Farmington History
Oct	15	TBD
Oct	22*	Gary Mekjian, FH City Manager
Oct	29*	Principals Breakfast
Nov	5	Board Meeting via Zoom
Nov	12	Veterans Breakfast, Donald Schenk, The Pines
Nov	19*	TBD

* Meeting location at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington

Birthdays:

AUGUST

20 – Terry Tipton

21 – Phyllis Pheeneey

Club Membership YTD

Total 51

Adds = +6 Drops = -2 Net +4

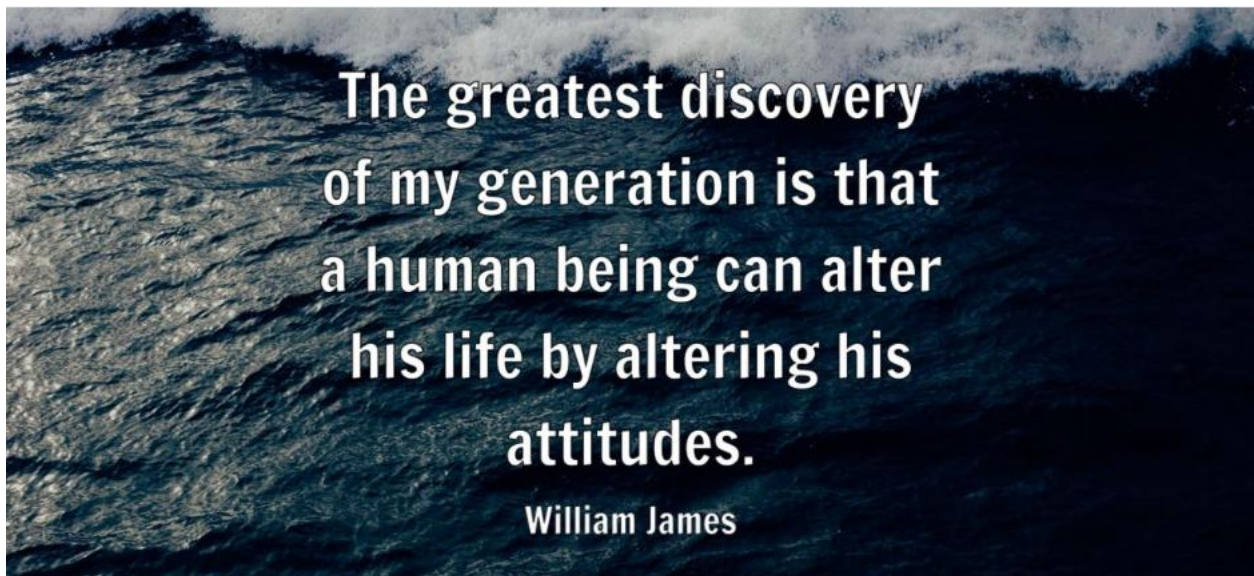
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