

Club members, Jr. Optimist leaders and District Officers are bcc'd this note. Editor, Tom Neal > August 31, 2025

Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

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

SUNNYSIDE NEWSLETTER

Board of Directors Meeting this Wed. Sept. 3

Board Meeting will be by Zoom on Wednesday, September 3rd. It will be the final Board meeting for Don Munter as our Club President. Starting October 1st, he will take on the role of Lt. Gov. for our Zone 12.

F/FH Optimist Installation Banquet Sept. 10

It will be at Longacre House, September 10 at 6:00. The cost for dinner to be \$40 per person. This is a great opportunity if you have a spouse, bring them so they can meet our members and hear what we have done and what plans are for our next exciting Optimist Year. See attached invite below.

Essay Contest For 2025-2026 School Year

The topic that contestants need to create an essay on is: **"How My Acts of Service Help Me Understand What My Community Means to Me."** Wow, can't wait to see the essays they write! We talk about bringing out the best in our community, this goes a long way. We have two contests:

Middle School 1st place - \$250, 2nd place - \$200, 3rd place - \$150
High School 1st place - \$500, 2nd place - \$350, 3rd place - \$200
All contestants at each level must show proof of age either with a copy of a birth certificate or passport.

The high school winner's essay will advance to the state-wide District level in the Spring, where the overall winner receives a \$2,500 scholarship.

ESSAY REQUIREMENT: 700-800 Words

WHEN: Submission Date - Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Essay Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

This Year's T-shirt for our JOI Clubs

The winning design for this year's FPS JOI Club T-shirt was submitted by Kate Lietz, 5th grade in the Beechview JOI Club. Here is the T-shirt proof:

ART PROOF APPROVAL	Front Center 2.5" down from collar, centered Front Center (YOUTH S) 1" down from collar, centered Front Center (YOUTH M-XL) 2" down from collar, centered 11"W x 9.8"H Underbase 1-6 / Reflex Blue 2-6 / Red 186 C 3-6 / Tan 7514 C 4-6 / Brown 4635 C 5-6 / Black C 6-6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCREEN PRINT <input type="checkbox"/> EMB <input type="checkbox"/> HEAT TRANSFER <input type="checkbox"/> PATCH	
DATE: 8/28/25	
CUSTOMER: Kaeser & Blair	
SO#: 78061	
JOB NAME: P103537 Work Better Together	
ARTIST: JS	
REVISION: 20 min \$0.00	
RECREATION:	
REORDER:	
special instructions / notes:	

PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY BEFORE APPROVAL:

<input type="checkbox"/> Spelling	<input type="checkbox"/> Design Accuracy
<input type="checkbox"/> Sizing	<input type="checkbox"/> Color Accuracy
<input type="checkbox"/> Decoration Details	

Artwork is not shown to exact proportions on garments
Refer to attached file for exact size

2% spoilage allowance applies to all orders using customer supplied goods.

Back Center | 4" down from collar, centered
Back Center (YOUTH) | 3" down from collar, centered
11"W x 9"H
Underbase 1-2 / Red 186 C 2-2

Dad Jokes

Q: What do you call it when a bunch of **chickens** play hide-and-seek?

A: **Fowl** play.

Website:

f2hoptimists.org

Pay Membership Dues using this link:

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

Facebook:

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Essay Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

Calendar

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	NOW @ Fired & Fused
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	NOW event in the planning stage
Dec	3	Board Meeting via Zoom
Dec	10	Holiday sing at school TBD

* Meeting location at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington

Birthdays:

SEPTEMBER

07 – Donald Munter
10 – Sally Kirsten
11 – Randy Bruce
12 – Kim Riley
21 – Andrea Fields
25 – Susan Arlin

Club Membership YTD

Total 51

Adds = +6 Drops = -2 Net +4

Attachments:

Newsletter PDF

Installation Invite PDF

You don't have to
be great to start,
but you have to
start to be great.

Zig Ziglar



