

Club members, Jr. Optimist leaders and District Officers are bcc'd this note. Editor, Tom Neal > October 26, 2025

Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

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

SUNNYSIDE NEWSLETTER

Our Meeting This Week at Church, 7:30am

This week we are honored to host all the **Principals and Superintendent** as our guests for breakfast. Come and meet who leads our schools and supports our Jr. Optimist Program, Leadership Award, Oratorical and Essay contests.

Michigan District Gathering, Sat., Nov. 8

Here is your opportunity to meet other Optimists from around our state. There will be two Brainstorming sessions, lunch and then a speaker about closing the illiteracy gap for youth in Michigan. Finally, there will be Group discussion about "Leave No Club Behind". See attached agenda. Register at **Michiganoptimists.org**.

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

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Complete contest rules and a fillable, printable application are available on the Club's website.

**Past President Don
Munter Presented Mona
Ahuja with Optimist of
the year plaque for
2025.**

Way to go Mona!



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THE FARMINGTON FARMINGTON HILLS
OPTIMIST CLUB INVITES YOU TO OUR

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ANNUAL VETERANS DAY *Breakfast*

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Featuring KeyNote Speaker
Donald F. Schenk; Retired Brigadier General
Topic : **Richie Boys of WWII**



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Date: **Wednesday, Nov. 12**
Place: **The Pines Restaurant**
37777 11 Mile Ct.
Farmington Hills, MI.
Time: **Doors open 7:30am**

RSVP

All are welcomed. Register at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4FA4A622ABFE3-59429368-optimist>

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YOU CAN ALSO TEXT OR CALL 248-909-2699 - LEAVE YOUR
NAME, PHONE # AND NUMBER OF GUEST ATTENDING.

RSVP for Vet. Breakfast

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4FA4A622ABFE3-59429368-optimist>



The Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club Invites you to our

HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Celebrate the season with laughter, good company, and holiday cheer! Enjoy live entertainment, vendors, soup and salad dinner & cash bar.

Bring a wrapped ornament to join in our fun ornament exchange, and don't miss our Holiday Raffles, with proceeds supporting a local charity.

DATE: Wed. Nov. 19th
TIME : 6:00 - 8:30pm
Club Members = \$15.00
Guests = FREE
RSVP @
SIGN UP GENIUS LINK

Cash Bar

Soup/ Salad Dinner

Entertainment

Ornament Exchange

THE PINES RESTAURANT AT THE FARMINGTON HILLS GOLF COURSE
37777 11 Mile Ct
Farmington Hills, MI
: 248- 957-6733

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
ROXANNE FITZPATRICK
📞 248-470-3584

RSVP for Holiday Extravaganza:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944ADA923A2FFC43-59713812-holiday>

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Dad Jokes

You have a ready **wit**. Let me know when it is ready.

He spends half his time being witty. You might say he's a **half-wit**.

Website:

f2hoptimists.org

Pay Membership Dues using this link:

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

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Facebook:

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Calendar

Oct	29*	Principals Breakfast
Nov	5	Board Meeting via Zoom
Nov	8	Michigan District Gathering, Crown Plaza, Auburn Hills, 8:30am – 4:00pm
Nov	12	Veterans Breakfast, Donald Schenk @ The Pines
Nov	19	NOW event in the planning stage @ The Pines
Dec	3	Board Meeting via Zoom
Dec	10	Holiday sing at school TBD

* Meeting location at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington

Birthdays:

OCTOBER

09 – Bill Dwyer
25 – Cathy Neal
26 – Tom Neal
29 – Jeff Clatterbaugh

Club Membership YTD

Total 51

Jr. Optimist Clubs in Farmington Public Schools

Number of students signed up by school as of 10/18:

Elementary:

Beechview	66
Gill	41
Hillside	27

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Lanigan	17
Longacre	20
Forest	1

Middle School:

Power	54
East	50
Steam	23
Warner	1

High Schools:

FHS	12
NFHS	1

Total 313

**** Some signups have kids in the wrong school. Please let me know of any issues. Tom*

Attachments:

Newsletter PDF

Fired and Fused PDF

MI District 2025-26 Q1 Agenda PDF

The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning.

[Mitch Albom](#)

**Help us teach
Leadership through
Social Interaction
And
Community Service**



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