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

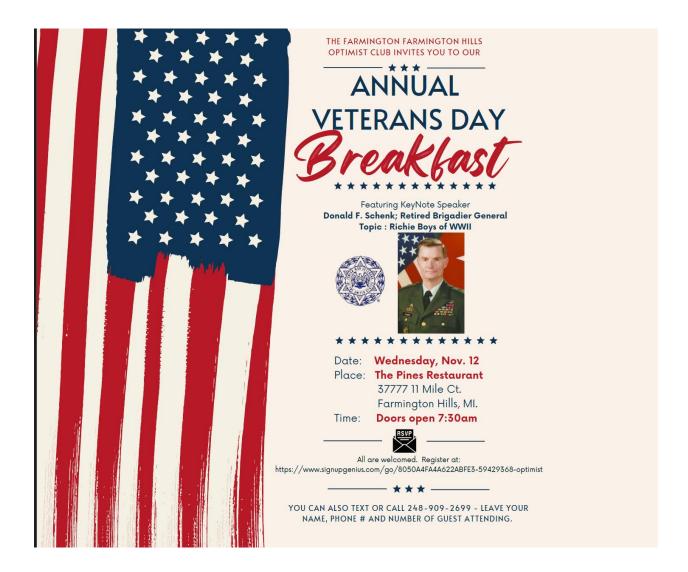
WHEN: Submission Date - Tuesday, January 20, 2026

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!





RSVP for Vet. Breakfast

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



RSVP for Holiday Extravaganza:

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

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

Facebook: Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

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^{*} 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

Lanigan	17
Longacre	20
Forest	1
Middle School:	
Power	54
East	50
Steam	23
Warner	1
High Schools:	
FHS	12
NFHS	1

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

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Attachments:

Total

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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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