

Club members, Jr. Optimist leaders and District Officers are bcc'd this note. Editor, Tom Neal > October 5, 2025

Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

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

SUNNYSIDE NEWSLETTER

Board Meeting Highlights

- Welcomed new Board President as well as new Board members for Club Year 10/01/2025-09/30/2026.
- **Boo Bash** Sunday, October 26, 2025 12N -4P at Heritage Park: volunteers are requested to arrive 30 minutes before. Need 6 - 8 volunteers. Costumes are encouraged. Contact Phyllis Pheeney: ppheeney@mi.rr.com: cell 248.770.7675.
- Treasurer reported checking balance at \$46,776 thanks to the proceeds of our successful golf outing. We also passed a budget for the new Optimist club year.
- **NOW** (New Optimists Welcome) Committee chair Roxanne Fitzpatrick said plans have been made for all the 3rd Wednesday meetings of the next year.
- **Oratorical** Contest will be on March 18, 2026.

Club Meeting Weds. October 8

Peggy Castine will be our guest speaker talking about Farmington history regarding the Underground Railroad connection in our community.

Special NOW Meeting Oct. 15 at 6:00pm

This is another evening meeting to bring a potential new member guest to a fun event! **Fire and Fused workshops** are "Pick Your Own Project" (PYOP) as they want you to be comfortable with the price and size of project you do, so they give you choices ranging from \$35 – \$105 based on size. You choose what you want to work on when you get there.

Your choices are:

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Nightlight = \$35

Sun Catcher = \$35

4"x4" dish, bowl, votive holder = \$35

4"x8" dish = \$50

6" dish, bowl, votive holder = \$50

8" dish, bowl, votive holder = \$70

4"x12" tray, wave or stand-up = \$70

5"x7" Framed Picture = \$70

8"x12" Charcuterie board = \$85

8"x12" dish = \$95

11"x11" dish, bowl, vase = \$105

 Make Friends & Get Connected
at
T&F
Fired & Fused

Come explore the uniqueness of fused glass with the Optimist Club. The workshop is designed for beginners or advanced fusers. All while you enjoy terrific appetizers & delicious drinks. Let's create together!

**Instructions,
Food & Drinks Included**

Participants will purchase their own pieces/
creations. Price Range from \$35 up

Wed. October 15th
6 pm to 8:30pm
32326 Grand River Avenue
Farmington, MI 48336

So F & F can be prepared
RSVP by Oct 8th
to:ffhoptimistsinfo@gmail.com

This Glass Art Won 1st Prize at ArtPrize

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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

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WHEN: Submission Date - Tuesday, January 20, 2026

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

Dad Jokes

Q: What is the **range** of a good tuba?

A: **Twenty yards** if you have a good arm!

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	8*	Peggy Castine, Farmington History
Oct	15	NOW @ Fired & Fused
Oct	18	District JOI Gathering, Costic Center
Oct	22*	Gary Mekjian, FH City Manager
Oct	26	Boo Bash, Heritage Park (Volunteers wanted)
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 @ 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

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Number of students signed up by school as of 9/27:

Elementary:

Beechview	51
Gill	38
Hillside	9
Lanigan	17
Longacre	7

Middle School:

Power	52
East	39
Steam	19
Warner	1

High Schools:

FHS	8
NFHS	1

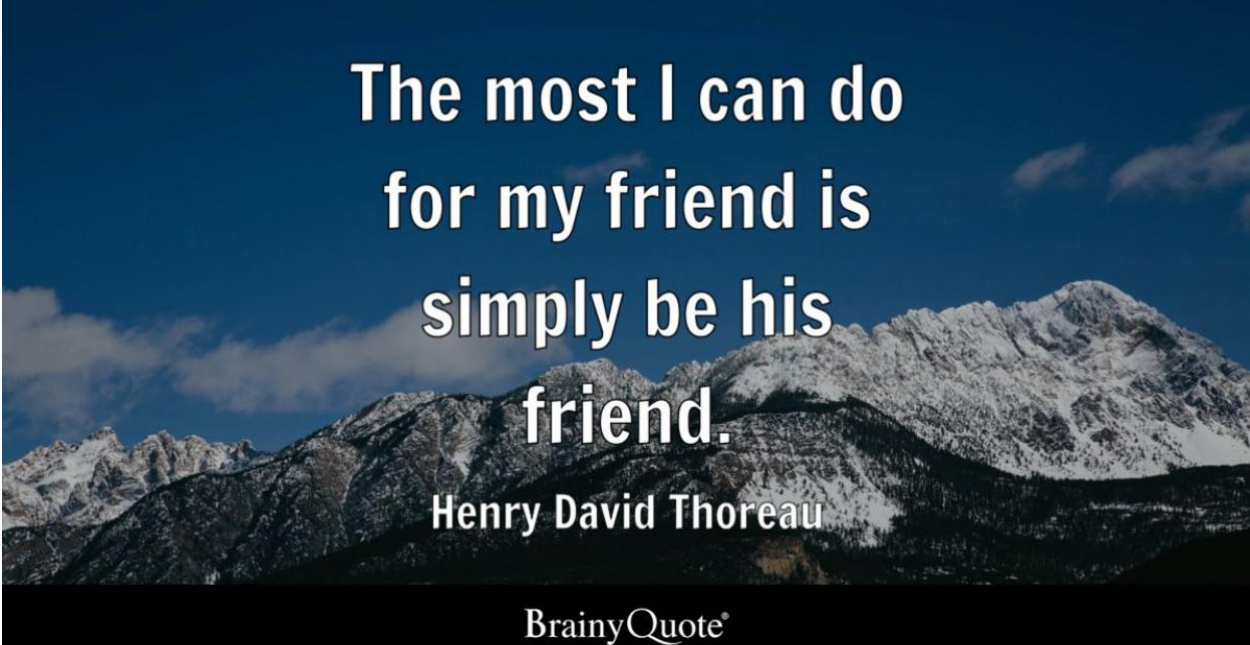
Total **242**

They are currently in the process of signing up for this new school year.

Attachments:

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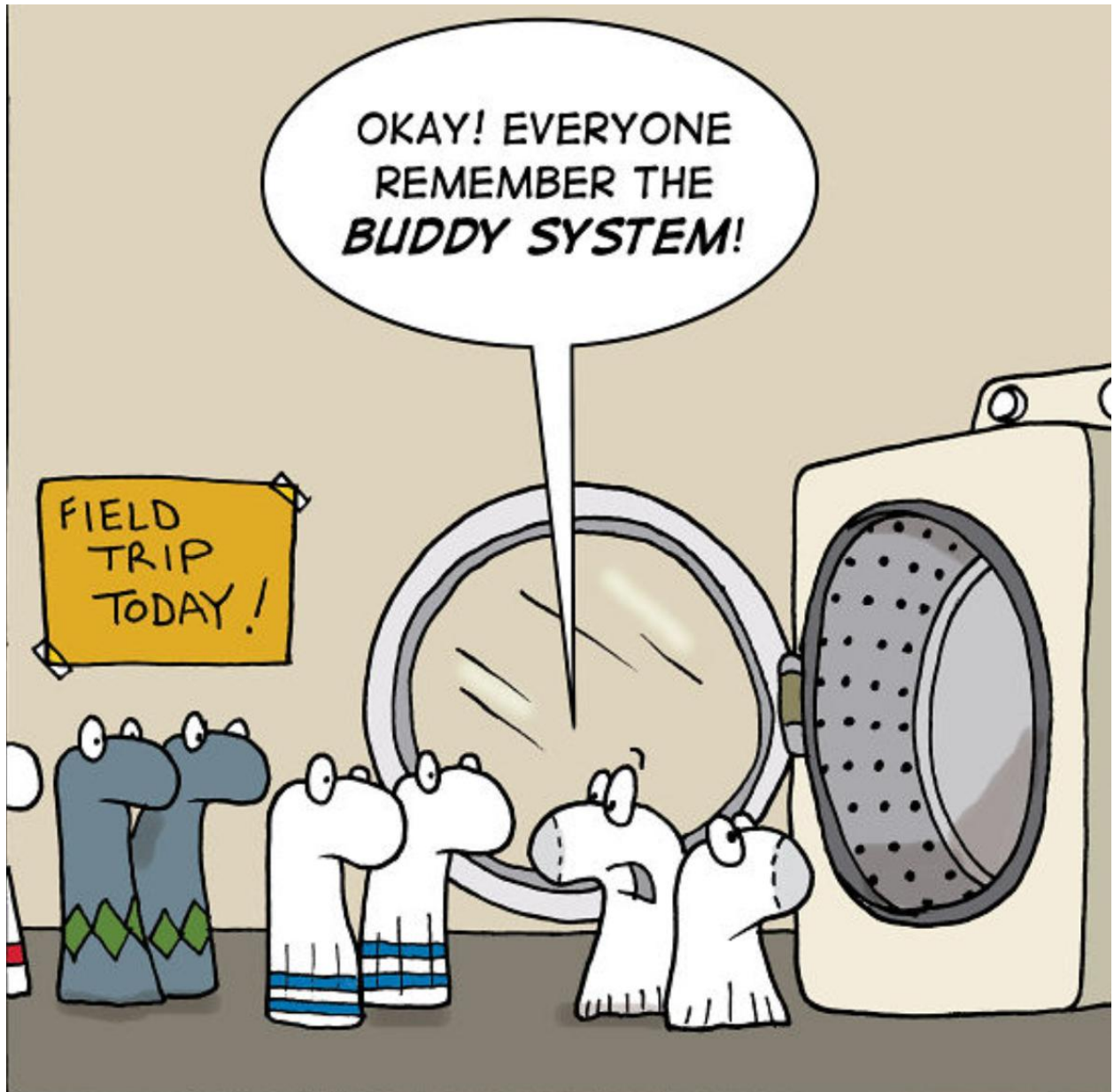
Board of Directors PDF



The most I can do
for my friend is
simply be his
friend.

Henry David Thoreau

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**“What you do makes a difference,
and you have to decide what kind
of difference you want to make.”**

-Jane Goodall