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## Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

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

# SUNNYSIDE NEWSLETTER

### **This Wednesday is Board Meeting Zoom**

This will be the first meeting chaired by President Ken Massey. We will discuss the upcoming projects and meeting events. Meeting will be at **7:15 am** on zoom.

### **Last Week's Speaker Was Dynamic**

If you missed the meeting, you did not get the opportunity to hear Mallory Kuhn talk about how she writes books and gets them published. Her bundle of energy helped us understand how she has become an internationally published author. She also volunteered to be a speaker for any of our JOI Clubs.

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## Club Meeting Weds. October 8

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

## Orientation Zoom for New Members October 1

This will be a short 30-minute orientation for our new members about our club and the ways we bring out the best in youth, our community and ourselves. It will be held at **7:00pm**.

## 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 we 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:

**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**



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The flyer features a light blue background with several Polaroid-style photos of fused glass art. In the top left is the Optimist International Farmington/Farmington Hills logo. The central text reads 'Make Friends & Get Connected at T&F Fired & Fused'. To the right, a text block describes the workshop, lists instructions, and provides the date and location. At the bottom right, there is a red RSVP notice and a download icon.

**OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL  
FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS**

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

Wednesday, 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: [tfhoptimistsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:tfhoptimistsinfo@gmail.com)



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$250, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$150

High School 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$350, 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$200

All contestants at each level must show proof of age either with a copy of a birth certificate or passport.

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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.

### Dad Jokes

Q: What do you call a **boring** dog?

A: A **dull**mation!

### Website:

**f2hoptimists.org**

Pay Membership Dues using this link:

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

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### Facebook:

**Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club**

### Calendar

Oct	1	Board Meeting via Zoom
Oct	8*	Peggy Castine, Farmington History
Oct	15	NOW @ <b>Fired &amp; Fused</b>
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 @ <b>The Pines</b>
Nov	19	NOW event in the planning stage @ <b>The Pines</b>
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

## Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

### Club Membership YTD Total 51

#### Jr. Optimist Clubs in Farmington Public Schools

Current number of students signed up by school:

##### **Elementary:**

Beechview	39
Gill	28
Hillside	6
Lanigan	12
Longacre	5

##### **Middle School:**

Power	48
East	31
Steam	4
Warner	1

##### **High Schools:**

FHS	6
NFHS	0

**Total 181**

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

#### **Attachments:**

Newsletter PDF

*"When I was young, my ambition was to be one of the people who made a difference in this world. My hope is to leave the world a little better for having been there."* [Jim Henson](#)

