

Club members, Jr. Optimist leaders and District Officers are bcc'd this note. Editor, Tom Neal > November 10, 2025

Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

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

SUNNYSIDE NEWSLETTER

Veterans Day Breakfast this Week

Meet at the Pines Restaurant Wednesday at 7:30am. We have a speaker on the Richie Boys of WWII.



THE FARMINGTON FARMINGTON HILLS
OPTIMIST CLUB INVITES YOU TO OUR

ANNUAL
VETERANS DAY
Breakfast

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



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>

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

Sign up by RSVP for Vet. Breakfast

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

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 Deadline - Tuesday, January 20, 2026

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



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

- **Nice food: 2 soups, salad and pasta**
- **Multiple raffle prizes – 10 tickets for \$10**

- **2 vendors: Metal signs and Scentsy candles**
- **Entertainment by Family Community Choir**



RSVP for Holiday Extravaganza:

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

2026 Oratorical Contest Announcement

Applications are being accepted for this year's Earl Friedman Oratorical Contest scheduled to take place on **March 18, 2026**. The topic for this year's contest is "***The Moment I Realized I Belonged – My Definition of Community.***" We expect a wide range of viewpoints and eagerly anticipate what this year's students have to say about community. The Oratorical Contest is the oldest of the scholarship competitions offered through Optimist International, starting in 1928, with nearly 2,000 clubs participating today. Our top 2 winners will advance to the Zone level of competition with additional chances to advance in the District, Regional and World levels. There's an overall potential college scholarship amount of \$22,500! To learn more, and to access the Application, please visit f2hoptimists.org.

Dad Jokes

"Dad, I'm **cold**."

"Go stand in a corner. It's **90 degrees**."

"Dad, **I'm hungry**."

"Hi, Hungry, **I'm Dad**"

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

Nov 12 Veterans Breakfast, Donald Schenk @ **The Pines**

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Nov 19 Holiday Extravaganza NOW event @ **The Pines**
Dec 3 Board Meeting via Zoom
Dec 6 Light Up the Grand Parade
Dec 10 Holiday sing at Power Middle School
Dec 13 Bell Ringing at Kroger 11 Mile & Middlebelt
* Meeting location at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington

Birthdays:

NOVEMBER

05 – Dave Clappison
14 – Nicole Hunt
21 – Susan Walker

Club Membership YTD +2
Total 53

Jr. Optimist Clubs in Farmington Public Schools

Number of students signed up by school as of 10/30:

Elementary:

Beechview	70
Gill	42
Hillside	36
Lanigan	17
Longacre	21
Forest	3
Kenbrook	1

Middle School:

Power	55
East	50
Steam	23
Warner	7

High Schools:

FHS	15
NFHS	1
Total	341

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

T-Shirt Central

This is a picture of
Cathy Neal, the
woman in charge of
folding and sending
out T-shirts to our
10 Jr. Optimist
Clubs.

Thank her next time
you see her.



Attachments: Newsletter PDF

MI District 2025-26 Q1 Gathering

- ❖ Installation of officers
- ❖ Brainstorming sessions
- ❖ Beyond Basics with Pam Good
- ❖ Leave No Club Behind Panel

Attending from F/FHOC:

- Don Munter
 - Cathy Neal
 - Tom Neal
 - Phyllis Pheeneey
- #### FPS JOI members:
- Vaibhav Dhiman
 - Safia Jallow
 - Mariam Dukhan



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Stickers (\$1 donation)
\$1.00 USD

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