

**Club members, Jr. Optimist leaders and District Officers are bcc'd this note.**

Celebrating 40 Years - May, 2023

## **Farmington/Farmington Hills**

### **Sunnyside Newsletter**

#### **Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club #17150**

**Our Mission:** *By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities, and our selves.*

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#### **Our Next Meeting is Wednesday, October 12, 7:30 am**

We meet at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington to visit socially first and then hear from our speaker. **Chris Delgado**, Superintendent of Farmington Public Schools, will talk about the importance of the *Restoration Millage* on the November ballot.

Online hybrid zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88266050171>

#### **Board Meeting is Wednesday, October 5 at 7:15 am**

All new Board members are to join us via zoom to discuss the business of our club and upcoming events. Here is the zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85628690975>

#### **Pumpkinfest at MSU Tollgate Farm**

*28115 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi, MI 48377*

The Pumpkinfest has a variety activities for families including: Wagon rides to the pumpkin patch, Farm animals, Music concerts, Harvest story times with local librarians and children's authors, Fishing, Inflatable archery, Target practice booth, Pumpkin painting, Pumpkin bowling, Pumpkinfest

trebuchet, Children's Strawland, Children's straw maze, Horse demos, Nature activities, Fun farm field games, Wacky Water Critters Pond-dipping (Saturday), Tollgate Farm 4-H Club, and much more!

This is a fund-raising event for Jr. Optimists. We are helping park cars for this 2-day event, **October 8 & 9**. We will have help from the National Honor Society students at North Farmington High School to cover the **10:30 am to 5:30 pm** time slots. We need 2 Optimist members per shift to sign up to be with the students to help with parking. If you want to help, please contact Tom Neal or sign up with link below. We are receiving \$300 for providing this service. SignUpGenius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAA829A46-pumpkinfest>

### **Farmington Community Library Would Like Your Help**

Our member, Danette Duron-Duron, has asked if we all could fill out the community survey for the library so they can get our input on what the library does and plans to do. (She is on the FCL Board.) Here is the link to the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FCLcommunity-survey>

### **Boo Bash at Heritage Park, Sunday, October 23**

This event is sponsored by FH Special Services. They have asked us to provide volunteers for the event that runs from 11:00am to 3pm. They need help with the Trick or Treat Trail, Hayrides and making of smores. Sign up at SignUpGenius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAA829A46-boobash>

### **New Optimists Welcome (NOW) Nov. 16, 6:30 pm**

This an opportunity to invite a friend to our social at the Costick Center on **Wednesday evening**, November 16. It starts at 6:30pm and goes to 8:30pm. The **Farmington High School Chorus** is going to perform for at least 30 -45 minutes. Admission is to *bring a non-perishable food item* that will be donated to CARES. We will have pizza and beverages. Use SignUpGenius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAA829A46-nowsocial>

### **Light Up the Grand Parade, Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

It's the most WONDERFUL EVENT of Holly Days! Our lighted parade is back and in full force. Light up the Grand with our community. All floats, vehicles, people and pets are full of lights and costumes.

### **Essay Contest Topic This Year**

The annual OI Essay contest topic this year is ***"Who is an Everyday Hero that Brings Out the Optimism in You?"***

Students who win in our local contest receive awards as follows: 1st \$250, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$50. Winners at the District level each receives scholarships of 1st \$2,500, 2nd \$1,500, 3rd \$1,000! World winners receive scholarships: 1st - \$15,000, 2nd - \$10,000, 3rd - \$5,000. This brings out the best writing skills.

### **Oratorical Contest Topic This Year**

The annual OI Oratorical contest topic this year is ***"Discovering the Optimism within Me"***. Students who win in our local contest receive awards as follows: 1st \$250, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$50. We run a separate contest for Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers. Winners at the District level each receives scholarships of 1st \$2,500, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$1,500, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$1,000! World winners receive: 1st - \$15,000, 2nd - \$10,000, 3rd - \$5,000. This brings out the best **speaking** skills.

### **ICYMI [In Case You Missed It]**

**SOAR** (Society of Active Retirees) Fall Semester starts October. Some interesting courses are being offered at The Hawk: 'China's Ties with the Gulf Nations: A New Superpower in a Crowded Neighborhood'; 'Additional Support for Michigan Children – The MI Kids Now Initiative'; 'Seven Secrets of the Happiest People in the World'; 'Love as a Force for Social Justice'. Courses are \$20 each or \$100 for all. Go to [soarexplore.com](http://soarexplore.com) to register.

**Website:**      **[f2hoptimists.org](http://f2hoptimists.org)**

**Facebook:** Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

**Calendar** *Meetings: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 7:30am*

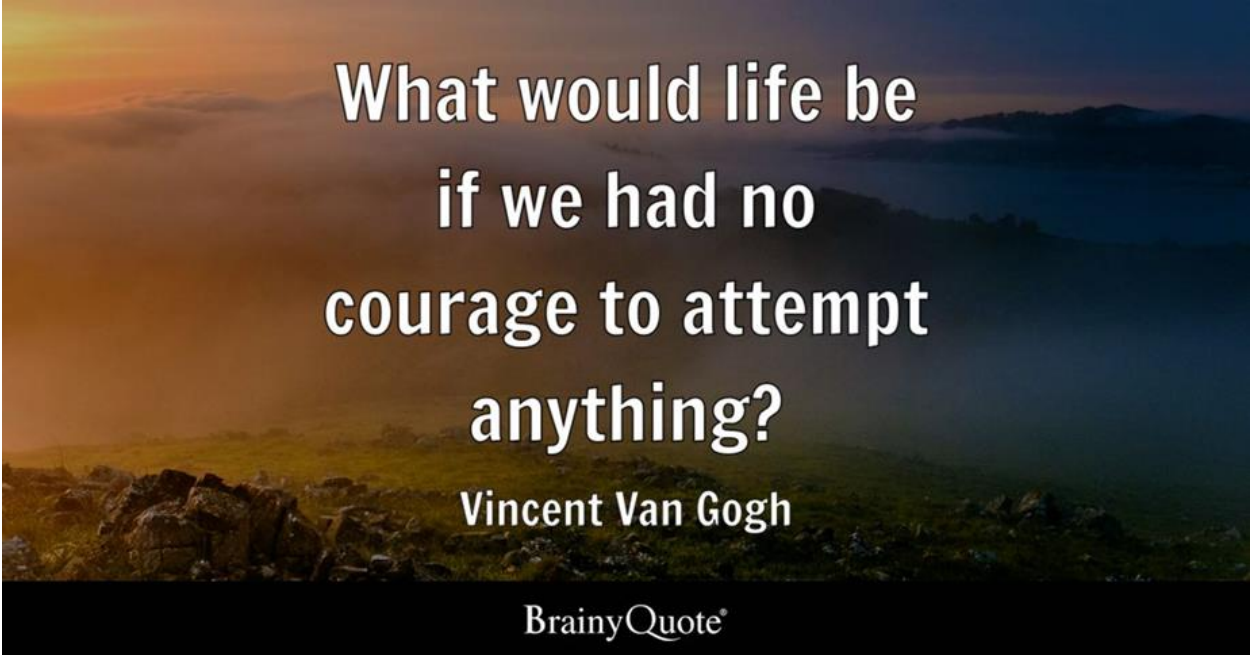
Oct 12 Meeting at FPCF – Millage restoration  
Oct 19 Meeting at FPCF – Respect of Law  
Oct 23 Boo Bash at Heritage Park  
Oct 26 Meeting at FPCF – Principals Breakfast  
Nov 2 Board meeting by zoom, 7:15am  
Nov 9 Meeting at FPCF – Veterans  
with Retired General Doug  
Slocum as speaker  
Nov 16 NOW Mtg at Costick Center w/FHS singers  
Nov 30 Meeting at FPCF  
Dec 3 Light Up the Grand Parade, 5:30pm  
Dec 7 Board meeting by zoom, 7:15am  
Dec 14 Final meeting of year

**Birthdays:**

Oct 9 – Bill Dwyer  
Oct 10 – Andy Radze  
Oct 25 – Cathy Neal  
Oct 26 – Tom Neal  
Oct 29 – Jeff Clatterbaugh  
Nov 5 – Dave Clappison  
Nov 14 – Nicole Blackmon  
Nov 21 – Susan Walker  
Dec 11 – Joyce Hagen  
Dec 12 – Sara Bowman  
Dec 18 – Triman Jagdev  
Dec 19 – James Etzen  
Dec 22 – Roxanne Fitzpatrick  
Dec 25 – Richard Lerner  
Dec 30 – TR Carr

**Attachments:**

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**What would life be  
if we had no  
courage to attempt  
anything?**

**Vincent Van Gogh**

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