

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

Farmington/Farmington Hills

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Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

"We provide hope and a positive vision, as we bring out the best in our youth, our communities, and ourselves."

46 Days till 40th Anniversary!

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### **"WE ARE SUCCEEDING WITH HEART OF OPTIMISM"**

#### **Meeting this Week is about a State-wide Program OK2Say**

At this meeting Wednesday morning we will hear from Mary Gager Drew, **OK2Say** Director and founder. This program is aimed at helping kids to speak up in a confidential manner. Mary will tell you more about how it works to save lives. Join us at 7:15am to socialize. Meeting is at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

#### **Golf Fundraising Committee Report**

- This year's Goal for raising funds from sponsors: **\$12,000.** (Last year we raised a little over \$10,000.)
- Help get sponsorships: Sponsorship levels are Diamond = \$2500; Gold = \$1500; Silver = \$1000; Bronze = \$500; Chrome = \$200. Perks associated with each level are listed on the flyer.
- We need a Club member who is a golfer and willing to work with the Club Golf Pro on the day of the Golf Outing. Laura may have more detailed information to share. (Contact Laura Stewart)

#### **40<sup>th</sup> Club Anniversary Celebration**

We will be inviting all the past Club Presidents to join us at The Pines Restaurant on Thursday, May 11 at 6:00pm. One of the guests of honor will be the current President of the West Bloomfield Club that gave us life back in **May 11, 1983.** Cost of

the dinner is \$40. You will receive an Evite email to make reservations for the event at the end of this month.

### **Building New Optimist Club – Rochester Area**

Our club is helping build a new Optimist club in Rochester. The old club that was there folded but there is renewed interest to start a new one! Tom & Cathy and Roxanne will go over there on **April 5 from 6-7pm** to talk about what our club has done. Any members are welcome to join us at the Rochester Hills Public Library, 500 Old Towne Road, Rochester.

### **District 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference in Livonia, May 12 & 13**

**Friday night** – Fun and games with Optimists from throughout the state. This is a great chance to show someone new just how cool, fun, and exciting you are when you are with your Optimist pals.

**Saturday** - Morning begins the conference with the Oratorical and CCDHH competitions taking place before lunch. Business meeting after lunch.

Registration for the conference weekend will be open on the MI District website beginning on March 30th.

[michiganoptimists.org](http://michiganoptimists.org)

### **ST. PATRICKS DAY CHILDHOOD HEALTH AND WELLNESS FUNDRAISER Report**

The Irish buffet was excellent with corn beef and Shepard's pie. Fun was had singing Irish tunes led by an Irish guitar man. Good news was that \$1,200+ was raised for CHW!

### **32<sup>nd</sup> Orrie Donley Golf Outing August 1st**

Your Golf Committee has already started preparations for our Club's main fundraiser. This year's outing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>! Outing details can be found on the attached flyer.

The flyer has also been posted on the Club's website ([www.fhoptimists.org](http://www.fhoptimists.org)) for viewing and printing. **The website is now ready for golf and sponsor registration online.** So, get

your foursomes together now! The outing has sold out the past 2 years, so you will want to register early.

The Golf Committee is also looking for a few more committee members. If you are interested in helping out with this event as a committee member, please let Roxanne Fitzpatrick (248-470-3584) or Laura Stewart (248-346-2201) know.

### **Consider Optimist Foundation: Make Dime-A-Day Donation**

We need to continue to support the O.I. Foundation by giving a \$36.50 donation to support the National program for Oratorical, Essay and other programs that only get their funding from the foundation. Go to **optimist.org: select Foundations: select Optimist International Foundation (Not Canadian): Scroll down and click on red rectangle saying "Make a Difference, Donate now": select US and then proceed with payment information.** Thanks for your participation in this program.

**Website:** [f2hoptimists.org](http://f2hoptimists.org) [new members can join on front page of website.]

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

### **Calendar**

*Meetings at Farmington Presbyterian Church, unless otherwise noted.*

|             |                                                                            |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mar. 29     | Mary Gager Drew, OK2Say Director, 7:30am                                   |
| Apr. 5      | Board Meeting via zoom 7:15am                                              |
| Apr. 12     | Chair Yoga + Business Mtg. + <b>Elections</b> 7:30am                       |
| Apr. 13     | Golf Committee Meeting, 7:30am zoom                                        |
| Apr. 19     | Amy Mullins, A Courageous Voice.org, 7:30am                                |
| Apr. 23     | Miss Farmington Cities Scholarship Program<br>Chili Cookoff, Cowleys 1-4pm |
| Apr. 26     | Leadership Awards, 7:30am                                                  |
| Apr. 30     | Jr. Optimist Team Building at Costick Ctr., 2:30pm                         |
| May 11      | 40 <sup>th</sup> Club Anniversary Dinner, The Pines, 6:00pm                |
| May 12 & 13 | District 3Q Conference in Livonia                                          |

**Inclement Weather Policy:** If schools close, then no in-person meeting but will switch to a zoom link instead.

### **Birthdays**

**March**

29 – Doug Edwards

**April** *(Could use some new members with April birthdays.)*

17 – Ruth Platt

29 – Michael Bridges

**Attachments:**

Newsletter PDF

Optimist Golf Outing Flyer PDF

**Farmington/Farmington Hills  
Optimist Club  
Oratorical Competition 2023**



**Nicole Blackmon, Chairperson  
with contestants**



**Mahika Srivastava  
1st Place Winner**

**Jhanavi Bharathwaj  
2nd Place Winner**

**Yeshoda Bharathwaj  
3rd Place Winner**



**32<sup>nd</sup>**

## **Orrie Donley Golf Outing**

in support of

**The Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club**

— celebrating **40** years of service —

### **Tuesday, August 1, 2023**

Farmington Hills Golf Club

**18 Holes Of Golf With A Cart On A Championship Course**

**9:30 a.m. Shotgun Start**

Vegas Hole • Closest To The Pin • Lowest Score • Longest Drive

Other Fun Activities • Awards, Raffles & Prizes

Sponsorships Available

**Golf Package \$150**

**Dinner Only \$35**

Farmington Hills Golf Club  
37777 Eleven Mile Court  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335  
248-476-5910

The Orrie Donley Golf Outing is the largest single fundraising event each year for the Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club. It enables our organization to provide financial support to many worthwhile youth programs and events in our community.

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club is a 501(c)(3).  
[www.f2hoptimists.org](http://www.f2hoptimists.org)





**Golf Package \$150**  
**Dinner Only \$35**

**8:00 – 9:15 a.m.**  
 Continental Breakfast & Registration

**9:30 a.m.**  
 Shotgun Start

**Lunch & Beverage Cart on the Course**

**3:30 p.m. (approximately)**  
 Early Dinner  
 Followed by Awards, Raffles & Prizes

**Register, Sponsor, Donate**  
**[www.f2hoptimists.org](http://www.f2hoptimists.org)**

**Credit Cards Accepted**

Or send this form with check payable to:  
 Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club  
 P.O. Box 2203 Farmington Hills, MI 48333

**For more information contact:**  
**Optimist Golf Committee Co-Chairpersons**

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**Sponsor Registration**  
 Must Order By Tuesday, July 4

◆ **Diamond Level \$2,500**  
 Full page advertisement in program

◆ **Gold Level \$1,500**  
 ½ page advertisement in program

◆ **Silver Level \$1,000**  
 ¼ page advertisement in program

◆ **Bronze Level \$500**  
 ⅙ page advertisement in program

◆ **Chrome Level \$200**  
 Listing in program

◆ **Each Sponsorship Level Includes:**  
 Hole sponsor sign  
 Place promo items (min 144) in give-away bags

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Optimist Member Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Promo Item: \_\_\_\_\_

**Golfer & Dinner Registration**  
 Must Register By Tuesday, July 18

|               | # of People | Total |
|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Golf & Dinner |             |       |
| Dinner Only   |             |       |
| <b>Total</b>  |             |       |

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