

Press Release

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Downtown Flint Optimist Club Celebrates 80th Anniversary

Rooftop Party Held at Flint Farmer's Market will be a Fundraising Event

FLINT, MI - July 7, 2015 - The Downtown Flint Optimist Club is celebrating their 80th anniversary with a rooftop party at the Flint Farmer's Market from 6 pm until 11 pm on July 29th. Admission is \$30 per person and includes a dinner buffet and entry into the door prize drawings. There will be a cash bar with free pop, coffee and water. The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Flint Steel Drum Band will be making an appearance and a four piece jazz band will provide live entertainment. Flint Mayor Dayne Walling and Michigan District Optimist Governor Cherryl Thames will be in attendance.

A silent auction will be held during the evening's event. \$5,000 Raffle drawings will be held throughout the evening along with the door prizes. Tickets for the \$5,000 Raffle are available separately for \$20 each. A maximum of 1,000 tickets will be sold. If 500 tickets are not sold, a 50/50 drawing will be held with a minimum first prize of \$1,000. Unsold raffle tickets may be sold after 8:30 p.m. July 29th to any ticket holding guests already in attendance. All proceeds from the event benefit local non-profits including but not limited to: Boys and Girls Club of Greater Flint, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Shelter of Flint, YMCA Camp Copneconic and Whaley Children's Center. Contact President Bob Herron at (810) 658-9071 or visit <http://OptimistsInAction.com/club-dfoc/> for more information.

Over the past few years, membership of the Downtown Flint Optimist Club has been on the increase. Michigan District Zone 9 Lieutenant Governor Michael Murphy tells us, "We are actually experiencing increases in our membership, which is something we really like to see. Each club member we gain, helps us reach approximately 32 additional local children that really need our help." Michael encourages us all to come join the optimism that is spreading across Flint and Genesee County.

Optimist International is a worldwide volunteer organization made up of more than 2,500 local Clubs whose members work each day to make the future brighter by bringing out the best in children, in their communities, and in themselves. The Downtown Flint Optimist Club meets at noon each Tuesday at the Flint Golf Club. Optimists bring out the best in kids. Learn more about joining or helping the local Optimist's Clubs at <http://OptimistsInAction.com>.

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