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JULY



FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026 – NOON LUNCHEON Program: Lesley Irwin, A Wish with Wings

Sunday, July 12, 2026 - **CAR WASH & TACOS** - 2PM – 6PM

100 Dan Meyer Dr., Fort Worth, Tx 76140

Supporting our three baseball All-Star teams advancing to Louisiana – PONY ZONE



Wednesday, July 15-Saturday, July 18, 2026 – Optimist 10U and 12U PONY All-Stars play in Zone tournament in Scott, Louisiana

Wednesday, July 22-Saturday, July 26, 2026 – Optimist 14U PONY All-Stars play in Zone tournament in Youngsville, Louisiana

Wednesday, July 15, 2026 – Last day to notify Ron Gamill if you want to donate a Dime-A-Day (\$36.50) to the Optimist International Foundation. rgamill@hotmail.com

Friday, July 24, 2026 – NOON LUNCHOEN – Program: TBD

SAVE THE DATE

TEXHOMA OPTIMIST DISTRICT 4TH QUARTER CONVENTION

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

AUGUST 14-15, 2026

PRE-REGISTRATION at texhomaoptimist.org/event

PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

By President Steve McCoy

July Edition

Dear Fellow Optimists,

As we celebrate America's 250th birthday, let's remember what makes our nation special: hope, opportunity, and the belief that each generation can build a better future.

For 250 years, Americans have met challenges with courage and optimism. That's a spirit Optimist members know well. Every time we support a young person, serve our community, or spread positivity, we help strengthen the promise of America

With that said, by now I'm sure you've heard about the outstanding performance of our three Pony Baseball teams, all of which qualified for their Zone tournaments in Louisiana. You may also have seen the announcement for the "Car Wash & Tacos" fundraiser this Sunday at 100 Dan Meyer Dr. in Fort Worth from 2PM to 6PM

What many of you may not realize is that sending three teams to these tournaments was not included in our annual budget and doing so is a sizable expense. Our Baseball President, Anthony Munoz, has worked tirelessly to secure donations and organize this Tacos and Car Wash fundraiser.

Please make an extra effort to attend and support our baseball program. If you can't attend, please consider making a donation of \$25, \$50, or any amount you can contribute. You can either:

Zelle your donation to: rdgamill@sbcglobal.net - mark in the notes field "For Zone Tournaments"

or if using a check:

**Mail to Optimist Club of Fort Worth
P.O. Box 101163
Fort Worth, TX 76185
and note "For Zone Tournaments"**

For many of these baseball players this will be a once-in-a-lifetime event. Let's make it one of their most enjoyable experiences.

With appreciation,
Your President,

Steve McCoy

NEWS & NOTES



CHRISTMAS IN JULY? *There has been a lot of discussion lately among Optimists about the status of the location where we have sold Christmas trees for 73 consecutive years. Changes within FWISD and the possibility of selling property surrounding Farrington Field have caused concern. No need to worry this year...Steve McCoy has secured a written permit from FWISD in the form of a "Request to use facilities at Farrington Field parking lot to sell Christmas trees".*

Thank you, President Steve!

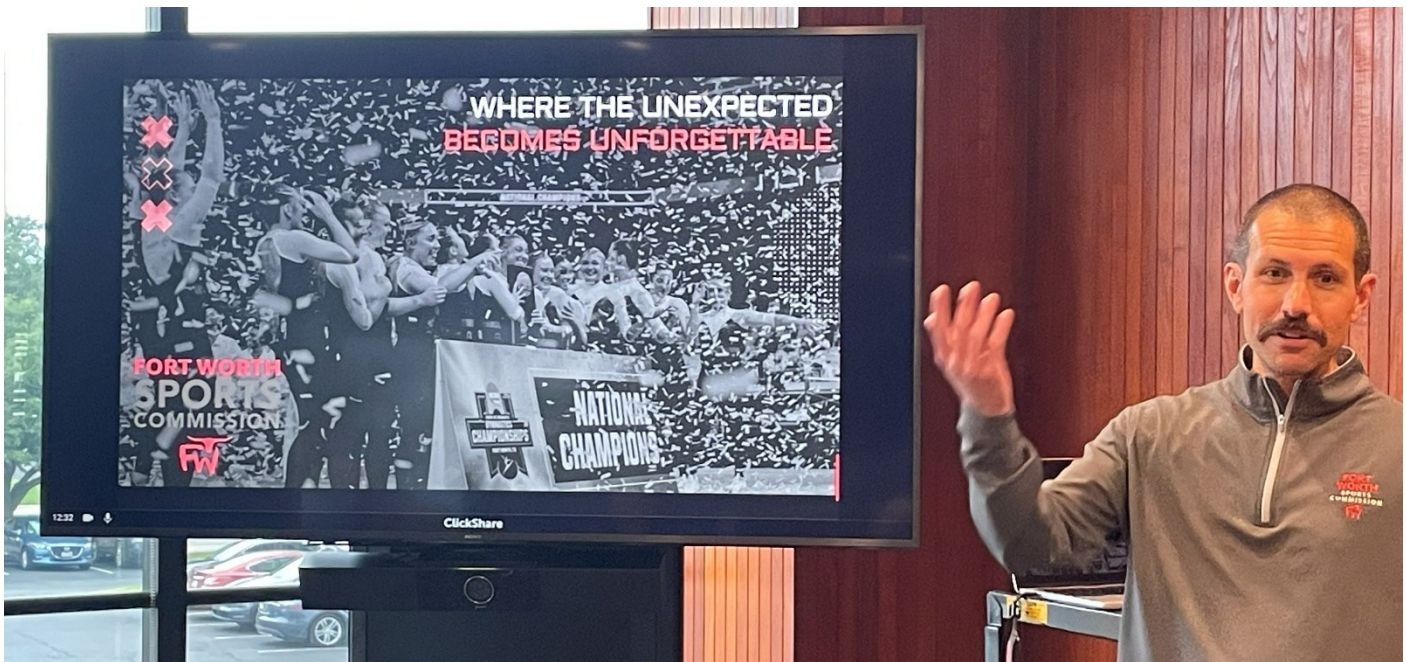
PLAY BALL! To: All OCFW members From: Tommy Janes

It is with great pride that we make this announcement: For the first time since 2006, when we began sending all three of our different age level All-Stars into tournament play, ALL THREE OCFW TEAMS have qualified to move on to the next level, which is the ZONE tournament in Louisiana. A win there will put three ALL-STAR teams in the PONY World Series for the three age levels: Mustangs – ages 10U, Bronco – ages 12U and the original Pony – ages 14U.

And with this announcement, we also want to give great thanks and appreciation to three people. To Anthony Munoz, our OCFW Baseball President, who has given untold hours and effort to make this league prosper and grow to seventeen teams this year, a near record number; to Steve McCoy, our leader and OCFW President who has given Anthony the support and resources to be successful and to Anthony's beautiful partner who helps behind the scenes, supports him and his continuing Optimist endeavors.

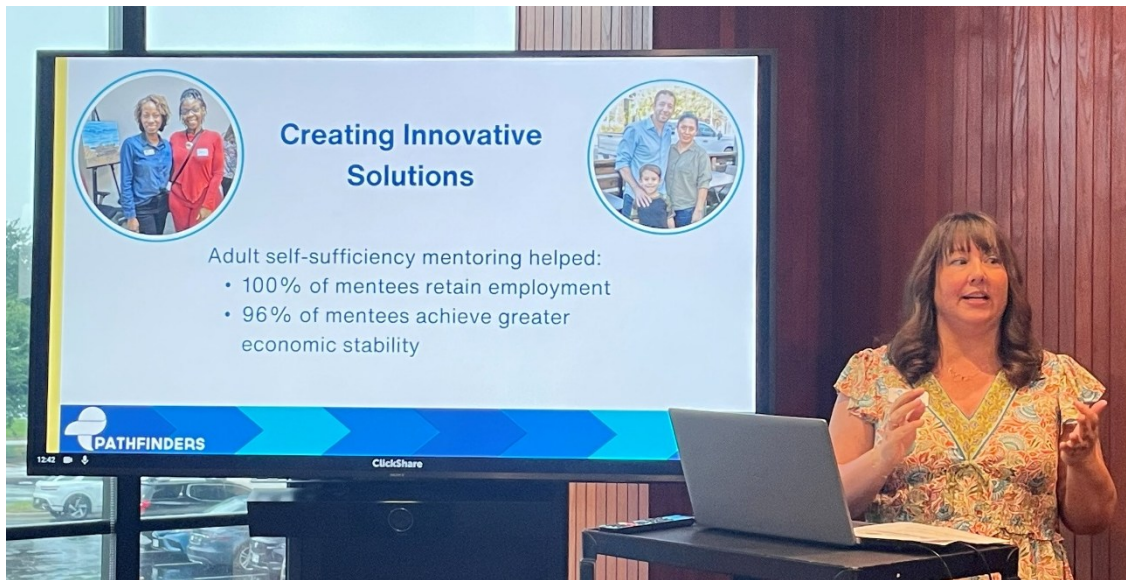
JUNE LUNCHEONS

Friday, June 5, 2026 – Program: Heath Aucoin, Fort Worth Sports Commission "Readers become Leaders"



Heath Aucoin presented a very informative program about the Fort Worth Sports Commission which promotes community development bringing all types of sporting events to Fort Worth, providing running shoes for public school running clubs, donating fishing poles and carrying out the NCAA initiative "Readers become Leaders" (a reading program for grades Pre-K through 5 in 69 schools).

Friday, June 19, 2026 – Program: Missi Cowart, Director of Development for Pathfinders



Pathfinders' mission is "to eliminate poverty from our community by empowering individuals and families to find their path to social and financial well-being". Pathfinders began in 1997. Their clients include single mothers transitioning off government assistance, veterans, justice-involved individuals and individuals in financial crisis. Volunteers work as mentors to assist clients learn how to manage barriers to their economic stability.

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Promise yourself...

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all of your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.



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