



BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

“Optimist International’s Club of The Year, 2013-2014”

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September 19 and September 26, 2023
Meetings Every Tuesday, DoubleTree Hotel 12:15 p.m.



September 19

MEETING NOTES

Our program today was the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition (BCFYE) with our presenter Kristy Engstrom, Treasurer of the BCFYE. The BCFYE has been around for over 158 years, since 1865.

Some interesting facts:

- BCNOC (Bay City Noon Optimist Club) was a major sponsor
- The fair is free, and is classified as a 501c3 for tax purposes
- They showcase(d) 93 exhibitors; youth and adult
- Auctioned 93 animals, raising \$74,054
- 12 youth exhibitors received 12 Gold Ribbon Award which allow them to participate in the Michigan State Fair
- 12 Youth exhibitors received Kiwanis Awards-Top Honors

Some of our members took advantage of exclusive free Grand Stand Admission because of our support

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sorry, the dog ate my notes on the Announcements Notes

BIRTHDAYS

None celebrated

50/50 and NAME DRAWING

Dana did not win the 50/50, and Cheryl Ratynski was not present to collect the ‘Quarter Cup’ Winnings

HAPPY BUCKS, FINES, JUST BECAUSE

Happy Bucks

Alicia: For the planning conference

Gail: Rain has stopped

Just Because

President Sandy

Karen

Kathy

Mark Your Calendar Now for our 6th Annual Camel Races!
Friday, November 3, 2023

VENMO

Venmo is an electronic means of transferring money via your phone from one individual to another and is very easy to use. Our Club now offers this payment option to our members and I've learned that many of you are already familiar with this service. There is no charge for the transfer for the sender or the receiver. You can use this method of payment instead of writing a check for any payment you would be making to our Club. On Venmo our Club name is **Bay City Optimists BOC**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Karen

Proceeds Benefit the Youth of Bay County!

For more information, contact Karen **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS** mail at noonoptimists@sbcgloal.net

September 03: Kim Offenbecker September 07: Branden Minuth September 09: Jordan Railling September 17: Jo Ellen Strieter

Remember to check out our social media sites:

Face Book: Bay City Noon Optimist Web page: baycitynoonoptimist.org

September 26

MEETING NOTES

Today was a very enjoyable field trip to the Delta College Planetarium Learning Center located in downtown Bay City with one of our own members Tim Murray being our presenter and tour leader Interesting facts about the planetarium:

- The planetarium is one of two planetarium in the US built that was fully funded by NASA, the other being in Morgantown, WV.
 - The land, former location of the Wenona Hotel which burnt to the ground in 1976, was purchased and donated by General Motors to Delta College for the planetarium
 - BCNOC provided the seed money to start the *Big Universe Scholarship* program, a scholarship that helps schools provide bus transportation for students to attend the planetarium for programs
 - 7,365 students attended programs at the planetarium in 2022
 - There are 7 classrooms, and a computer lab, and over 1,00 college students enroll in classes at the planetarium annually
 - 29,403 visitors to the planetarium in 2023
 - The theater is one of the most sophisticated in the world. There is an observation deck which overlooks Bay City and the Saginaw River. Unfortunately there is no telescope
 - There are shows weekly throughout the year, with cost of \$7, \$5 for seniors, \$3 for students. Cheap entertainment in my opinion
- More information can be had by visiting the website: <http://delta.edu/planet>

Another high point of the meeting was **Karen** and **Bobbi** presented BCNOC Member **Spencer Skorupski** with the "Michigan District Corporate Sponsor of the Years Award". **Spencer** owns "Skorupski Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services". An award well deserved

As this was a field trip, normal order of business was suspended

ANNUAL OFFICER INSTALLATION DINNER

On Monday, October 9, 2023 we will be having our annual Officer Installation which will take place at Vinny's Pizzeria in Uptown.

Our menu for that evening will be a variety of pizzas, macaroni & cheese, salad, meatballs, garlic bread, and chicken wings. The cost will be \$25 per person , which includes soft drinks, coffee and tea. There will also be a cash bar. Vinny's is not open on Mondays so we will be the only ones there. Social time will be at 5:30 pm and dinner will be at 6:00 pm.

All members and a guest(s) are cordially invited to attend this dinner. Please RSVP to **Karen** by Monday, October 2nd if you are planning to attend. Advance payment would be greatly appreciated. If you pay with a check, the check will not be cashed until after the event.

I'm **OPTIMSTIC** we will have a good turn out to show **Alicia** she has our support for the new Optimist year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Karen either via email at noonoptimists@sbcglobal.net or 989-992-6709.

Friday, November 3, 2023
CAMEL RACES

One of our Club's major fund raisers is the Camel Races event, which will be on **FRIDAY**, November 3rd at **KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP HALL**, 1800 E. Parish Road, Kawkawlin. (PLEASE NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGE AND THE DAY FOR THIS YEAR'S EVENT IS FRIDAY).

24 Camels are anxiously preparing for the race in anticipation that they will be the winner of the event. Advertising sponsorships are still available, with a deadline of September 25, 2023.

Your help is needed in promoting the event. Tickets are \$40 each, which includes dinner and an open bar. If you would like to purchase tickets or would like to get some to sell, please contact **Karen**.

Our dinner will be catered but we are asking members to donate desserts. Volunteers are needed the night of the event. If you would like to volunteer or bring a dessert, please contact **Kirsten Wellnitz**.

In the past, two of our biggest selling prizes in the raffle drawings have been a "Basket of Cheer" and a "Lottery Board" We will be having both of these items again this year and are accepting donations for both—either items to fill the prizes or a monetary donation.

If you have any questions or wonder what in the heck are camel races (no, we don't use real camels), please contact either **Bobbi** or **Karen**, co-chairs of the event.

For more information, contact Karen at 989-992-6709 or email at noonoptimists@sbcglobal.net
Visit us on Facebook or at baycitynoonoptimists.org

The Optimist Creed

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



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Camel Races

Nov 3

SAVE THE DATE

Mark Your Calendar Now for our 6th Annual Camel Races!

President: Sandy Dabrowski **Vice President:** Alicia Wallace **Treasurer:** Karen Monville
Secretary: Jordan Reilling **Past President:** Roberta Spencer

Board of Directors

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Oratorical: Sandy Dabrowski

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Christmas Party: Karen Monville

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