



BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

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

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October 11
Meetings Every Tuesday, DoubleTree Hotel 12:15 p.m.



October 11

MEETING NOTES

Our program today was the presentation of checks of \$500 each to six local schools for their use however they see fit for the children, and presentation of bedding to the local “Sleep In Heavenly Peace” chapter. Our guests from the schools were:

- Hampton Elementary
- Bangor Central Elementary
- Bangor West Elementary
- Cramer Junior High
- Bosh Elementary
- Linwood Elementary

Our guest from Sleep In Heavenly Peace was Brian Rueger. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a national program where they build beds for families that need them. With there mission statement: **NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!®**, Founded in 2012 in Twin Falls, Idaho, and with over 200 chapters nationwide, *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* (SHP) is a group of volunteers that builds and delivers beds to children who don't have beds to sleep in.. As of February 2022, the organization has 200 chapters around the United States and has built over 100,000 beds. Our local chapter has built over 1100 beds in the past 3 years, with materials, tool, and monies donated from local businesses. The average cost of a bed is \$450, bedding included. Our club has supported the SHP program for the last 3 years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sorry, the dog ate my notes on the Announcements Notes

BIRTHDAYS

None celebrated

50/50 and NAME DRAWING

Sandy did not win the 50/50, and **Natalie Beyer** was not present to collect the ‘Quarter Cup” Winnings. Both pots continue to Grow!

HAPPY BUCKS, FINES , JUST BECAUSE

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

Just Because

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 Beneficial of Bay County!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 11: **Faith Sheldon**

October 13: **Danielle Zieroff**

October 23: **Patrick Rokosz**

October 25: **Guy Greve** October 25: **Patti Krenz**

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

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.

Proceeds Benefit the Youth of Bay County!

For more information, contact Karen at 989-992-6709 or email at noonoptimists@sbcglobal.net

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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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 Bay City Noon Optimist Club

Camel Races

Nov 3 THE SAVE 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

2021-2023		2022-2024	
Jeff Staudacher	Sue Cornejo	Kate Young	Kathy Dardas
Patti Krenz	Kim Offenbecker	Rich VanTol	Bobbi Gellise

Programs: **Roberta Spencer**

Essay: **Patti Krenz**

Camel Races: **Bobbi Gellise & Karen Monville**

Summer Party: **Karen Monville**

Oratorical: **Sandy Dabrowski**

Travel and Adventure: **Guy Greve**

Youth Appreciation: **Kirsten Wellnitz**

Christmas Party: **Karen Monville**

Bulletin: **Dana & Karen Monville**

Web Site: **Dana Monville**

N.O.W Program: **Rick Donahue/Jeff Staudacher**

Golf Outing: **Roberta Spencer**