



BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

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

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January 2 and January 9, 2024

Meets Every Tuesday, 12:15 p.m.



January 2, 2024

MEETING NOTES

Our program today was a Fellowship, and Holiday Memory Share. Those present shared their Christmas and New Years activities

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMITTEE REPORTS

.**President Alicia:** Looking to find a chairperson for the BCNOC Officer Nominating committee.

Board meeting will be Wednesday January 10, at 3:30 at the Alice and Jack Wirt library.

Kim Offenbecker has filled **Kathy Dardas’** position and **Dana Monville** took the other vacant position

January 30 is the Policy Update vote. **Katie** will remind members about the policy vote at this meeting

We don’t get as many donation requests now. We need to get the word out to the community, and all requests MUST follow the club policies guidelines on what is acceptable donation requests

Oratorical Contest: No candidates yet. **Sandy** might reach out to school counselors to attract candidates. Perhaps reach out to drama teachers. The application is on the website

Updates on location for future meetings is on going

BCNOC Family Movie is on January 28 at the State Theatre. This first show will be: **Elemental**, showing at 2 pm. Accepting material items for the *Great Lakes Dream Center* and non-perishable food items for *Good Samaritan Rescue Mission*.

Bobbie: The Children’s Birthday Party at the Mission was held December 21, craft was pillows and stockings and went really well. Had a guest visit from the youth center and **Carrie** performed her Card and Magic Tricks. . **Bobbi** talked to **Jill** about promoting the party to the residents so we have more accurate numbers going forward.

Guy: Travelogue is January 22. This show will follow a new format: It will cover the works of world renown photographer from national geographic, **Steve McCurry**

Patti: Essay Contest: January 10 is the deadline for essays to be turned in. So far we have received a packet from Pinconning with 24 essays. To date we have 47 total essay entrees.

.BIRTHDAYS

None Claimed

50/50 and NAME DRAWING

Not Sure

JJANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 01: **MaryBeth Rodriguez**

January 07: **Molly Rauschert**

January 10: **Richard Wallace**

January 17: **Roberta Spencer**

January 30: **Cheryl Ratynski**

January 31: **Carrie Sue Rostollan Davis**

January 31: **Kirsten Wellnitz**

January 31: **Joette Talicska**

Remember to check out our social media sites:
Face Book: [Bay City Noon Optimist](#) Web page: baycitynoonoptimist.org

HAPPY BUCKS, FINES, JUST BECAUSE

Happy Bucks

- President Alicia:** Meeting at Red Lobster. Had a great Christmas and New Year
- Roberta:** Grateful for the Christmas season and gathering with family and friends
- Sandy:** Happy that 2 grandsons spent new years eve at my house with fireworks
- Patti-:** For holidays and friends
- Bobbi:** For holidays and friends
- Carrie:** Holidays with friends who I enjoyed seeing even though mom has gone into a long-term care facility
- Bev:** Happy buck that her son installed a program so she could watch the Michigan football game at home
- Katie:** Happy buck for her 2-year anniversary coming up this month. Grateful for the club.

Fines

President Alicia: For not having the meeting more organized

MEMBER WELL BEING

Nothing reported

Valentines Day
February 14, 2024

January 9

Our program today was the Bay Area Community Foundation, and the presenters were **Marlena Cork:** *Director of Strategic Initiatives for the Foundation* and **Maggie Dwan:** *Donor Relations and Communication Officer*. Their topic was *Give Local Bay*. 2024.

Give Local Bay is a one-day, 24 hour online giving campaign event to raise funds for your local favorite charities, and it always is the first Tuesday in May, and in 2024 it falls on May 2. During this 24-hour giving day, the Bay Area Community Foundation supports our nonprofit partners by helping them build their endowment funds through the Foundation. These endowment funds help the non-profits build sustainability so that they can provide community support for many generations to come! Any organization or agency that has a designated fund at Bay Area Community Foundation can participate.

Donate on Give Local Bay Day, and your gift has an even larger impact. Every donation made in the 24-hour period will be increased by a share of an incentive pool. The more each nonprofit raises, the more incentive money they receive. Nonprofit funds are also eligible throughout the day for prizes.

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President Alicia: Our next board meeting is January 10 at 3:30pm . Location will be “Jack and Alice Wirt Library” downtown

January 30 is our policy update review/approval

We are looking for nomination committee members. We will be replacing 4 trustees.

Sandy: Oratorical contest: will be held 2/27/2023 at the ISD auditorium. Speeches will be between 4-5 minutes. We have one participant now, but we need 3 to hold the contest. The topic is “How to change the world with Optimism.”

Guy: We are in the middle of our 31st season of our Travelogue.

Bobbi: Birthday party is January 18 and we are planning for at least 20 children

FINES - HAPPY BUCKS - JUST BECAUSE

President Alicia: Thank you to our presenters and to see new and old members. Also I learned something new about my sourdough

Sandy: Happy buck, 2 grandsons came for NYE holiday and stayed up late

Mary Beth: Daughter went back to MSU after a long holiday break

Jim: **Donna** is doing better and better. Appreciates the speakers being here

Bobbi-: Happy buck for family Christmas party this past weekend

Katie: Got to lead a vision board workshop

Jordan: Happy buck for having cash

Guy: Go Blue!

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*

I want to thank Katie for taking the notes of the meetings!

Valentines Day

Our Social Media Footprint

A little information on our Social Media Footprint, and a little help is needed.

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

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Optimist International
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President: Alicia Wallace **Vice President:** Kathy Dardas **Treasurer:** Jordan Railling
Secretary: Katie Volk **Past President:** Sandy Dabrowski

Board of Directors

Dana Monville	2023-2025	Roberta Spencer
Patti Krenz		Karen Monville

Kate Young	2022-2024	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