



BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST Newsletter  
"Optimist International's Club of The Year, 2013-2014"  
Official Publication of the Bay City Noon Optimist Club  
September 23, 2025  
Meetings Every Tuesday, Paul Davis Restoration 12:15 p.m.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

BCNOC New Board Of Officers For 2025-2026

L to R: 2024-2025 Michigan District Governor Sean Mueller, BCNOC President Kirsten Wellnitz, \*\*Jo Ellen Strieter, \*\*Karen Monville, \*\* Bobbi Gellise, 2024-2025 BCNOC President Kathy Dardas, Treasurer Jessica Gohs, \*\*Alicia Wallace, Vice President Patti Krenz, \*\*Rick Wallace.  
(\* Board Of Directors)

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September 23, 2025:

Our program today, while maybe not the most exciting, but a necessary one was a recap of BCNOC's last Board Meeting.

Membership Review: We currently have 63 members, and will be inducting 3 new members 9/30/2025, with an additional 6 new members inducted in early October. This staggered member induction is for an Honor Club recognition level at Optimist International. Those being inducted this week are: **Megan Koch, Stephanie Curtis, and Karrie Mielske**

Old Business: BCNOC's Annual 2024-2025 Finance Review will be done October 22 by club members **Molly Rauchert, Diane Thompson, and Becke Popour**

The Board approved the BCNOC to purchasing a table cloth with our club logo on it so we can display it at public functions. The club will contract with Bay/Arenac ISD for this.

BCNOC will once again sponsor "Wednesday's In The Park", spearheaded by the Downtown Development Board, and "Winter Family Fun Fest, hosted by the CAN Council, .

New Business: BCNOC will participate in at least one Trunk-or-Treat program this year. On October 25th we will participate at the Midland Street location, and the second location soon to be announced.

BCNOC will be represented at the Bay Area Women's Center "Power Of The Purse" fundraiser . Those attending will be doing so at their own expense.

October Birthdays

October 11: Faith Sheldon

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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](http://baycitynoonoptimist.org)

New Business Continued

The board approved the purchase of 400 Thank You note cards, which are used for our program sponsors, speakers, luncheon guests, BCNOC fundraisers, etc.

Donation Requests Approved By The Board:

Bay City Western Middle school: \$1000 for a Student Recognition Program called "Champion of the Week", which will recognize student who exemplify the theme "Capturing Kids Hearts". 660 students, with 108 recognized

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**President Kathy:** Fellowship October 1 at *Baynes Apple Orchard*, Freeland. More to follow

The Michigan District 1st Quarter Gathering(Meeting) will be held November 7-8th at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Auburn Hills

**Guy;** The three show for this year's Travel and Adventure series. **November 17;** Mediterranean Dream with videographer **Marlin Darrah**, **January 12, 2026:** Birds of Columbia, Videographer TBA, **March 23:** Jesus in Egypt, with Videographer **Marlin Darrah**

**Camel race Committee:** BCNOC Members **Sandy VanTol** and **Paul Gellise** will sponsor our last two Camels for this years Race. **Karen** has tickets and posters for the event. Please contact her if you need either.

We still need prizes. Gift baskets, Raffle Tickets, Gift Certificates, etc.

We will also need help the evening of the race. More to follow

**Celebrate Community Committee:** A joint project with the *BCNOC*, *Bay City Rotary*, and *Bay City Kiwanis*, the trio is collecting Duffle Bags for the Foster Families Navigation and Resource Center. Bags can be dropped off at the YMCA to **Jessica Gohs**.

**Sandy D:** The topic of this year's Oratorical Contest is **"The Moment I Realized I Belonged —My Definition of Community"**

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**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*

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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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**President:** Kathy Dardas **Vice President:** Kirsten Wellnitz **Treasurer:** Jo Ellen Strieter  
**Secretary:** Katie Volk **Past President:** Alicia Wallace

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## Board of Directors

| 2023-2025      |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Karen Monville | Roberta Spencer |
| Patti Krenz    | Dana Monville   |

| 2024-2026       |               |
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| Kate Young      | Jessica Gohs  |
| Sandy Dabrowski | Bobbi Gellise |

**Programs:** Roberta Spencer

**Essay:** Patti Krenz

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

**Summer Party:**

**Oratorical:** Sandy Dabrowski

**Travel and Adventure:** Guy Greve

**Youth Appreciation:** Kirsten Wellnitz

**Christmas Party:** Bobbi Gellise

**Bulletin:** Dana & Karen Monville

**Web Site:** Dana Monville

**N.O.W Program:**

**Golf Outing:** Roberta Spencer