



BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST Newsletter

"Optimist International's Club of The Year, 2013-2014"

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September 30 and Oct 7, 2025

Meetings Every Tuesday, Paul Davis Restoration 12:15 p.m.



Covering the Basics

L to R: *Jeff Sataudacher, *Roberta Spencer, Jill Bair (Volunteer Service Director, Good Samaritan Rescue Mission), *Karen Monville, *Natalie Beyer*, Joette Talicska
*BCNOC Members

October 7, 2025:

Our program today was "Covering The Basics", a program where the BCNOC has for many years provided underwear for the children housed at the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission through a budgeted line item, and donations from our members.

Jill Bair, Volunteer Service Director at the mission accepted the items purchased by the BCNOC, and by the generous donations of our members **Jim Merrill, Julie Kukla, Guy Greve** and **Jill Urban**. **Ms. Bair** went on to explain the different reasons that those staying at the mission, whether it's for Emergency reason, Long Term for whatever reason, or just Overnight Shelter(35 spaces)

Most people come seeking short-term shelter in a time of emergency. No matter the reason a person or family is in need, they will find help at the rescue mission. *Emergency Shelter* services include:

- Access to shelter and facilities
- Two nutritious meals per day
- Clothing and hygiene products

Another program offered is the *Impact Program*, which is designed to meet spiritual and long-term needs, leading to sustainable solutions and permanent housing. In addition to basic Emergency Shelter services, the Impact Program includes:

- Daily chapel and Christian discipleship
- Life skills classes
- Ongoing case management

Four years ago they also started *Bay City's Samaritan Youth Shelter and Labadie Lofts*, providing emergency homeless shelter and transitional housing for teens, and permanent housing for young adults aging out of foster care.

October Birthdays

October 11: Faith Sheldon

October 11: Jennifer Sugden

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

The rescue mission is non-denominational houses men and women with children, just women, just men, and whole families. They currently have 44 beds for men, 54 beds for women and children, and 4 whole family rooms available for emergency services. Last year the mission and provided over 40,000 meals, 29,974 nights of emergency lodging, with an average of 82 daily occupancy**. All of this is provided under the auspices of the "Rescue Ministries of Mid Michigan", which is celebrating 120 years of service to those in need. Note: The Bay City Recue missin is celebrating 20 years of service to those in need.

If you, or someone you know, are in need of the services of the recue ministries, or you just want to know how you can help, you can contact them 24/7 at: Bay City: 989-893-5973 or if in Saginaw: 989752-6051

Or visit them at 1021 Burt St in Saginaw or 713, 9th St in Bay City between the hours of 9am to 5pm

**Good Samaritan Rescue Mission 2025 Annual Report

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship Committee

We had a some great BCNOC Fellowship Events this last couple of months, beginning with the Annual Get Together at **Karen** and **Dana's** RV at the *Bay City State Park* in August, an evening of *Putt-Putt* at *Bouy 18 Miniature Golf* in Bay City, the *Annual Summer Party*, held this year at *President Kathy's* house in September, and just last week at *Baynes Apple Village Farm* in Freeland. While these seem kind of minor, and not always successful, these Fellowships allow a person to see a different side of another outside of business, or a formal, or informal, event, and as BCNOC is a member of the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, the monthly *Chamber After Hours* and *Eye Opener Breakfasts* are both fine Fellowship Events, (both can be found on the BCNOC Website Callendar) that allow you to get out and see the other side of folks, whether they be BCNOC members or just John-Q-Public. This months After Hours is at Lake Effect Chiropractic, 203 Midland Street, and is free to all members. *Lake Effect is the newest Camel Sponsor for this years race!!* The BCNOC is tentatively planning a Fellowship Game Night for October 21st at the Tri-City Brewery. Stay tuned.

Jo Ellen: Stood in for President **Kirsten** today:

Past Presidents Dinner will be October 27th at Latitude 43 in Bay City, honoring *Immediate Past President Kathy Dardas*. Please contact **Karen** at 989-992-6709 for more information

On October 26th, Michigan District Optimist Governor, 2025-2026, **Dave Putt** will be visiting our club

On November 4th we will be doing a "Field Trip" to Foster Family Navigation & Resource Center, 1501 W Thomas St

Guy: Ready to start stuffing Travel and Adventure envelopes this Friday at his office.

Announcement from *President Kirsten* from September 30: BCNOC will participate in Trunk or Treat on October 25th in the parking lot of W.H. Ales, time TBA. We might also be doing a second one, but I am not sure, so I take to the old out: *More to follow* 😊

50/50 and QUARTER CUP DRAWING

Katie Volk was not present to collect her winnings in the 50/50 and **Karrie M.** drew the wrong card, so as in the past, the pot continues to grow

HAPPY BUCKS, JUST BECAUSE, AND FINES

Sandy V: BCNOC let her Grand Son use a camel for his Home Coming Parade

Rick W: Went to Special Days Fundraiser

Alicia: Sisters surgery went well 😊

Linda: ARC Fundraiser

Paul: Great weather

Joette: Special Days Fundraiser

Julie: Great Michigan Tail Gate Party

Roberta: Booked trip to Malta

Jo Ellen: 13th Grandchild

Jim M: Happy to be back

Kim: Happy to be back

Bobbi: Special Days Dinner Fundraiser

Dana: Great memories of past *Hay Ride Fellowships* as he looked at a picture from 22 years ago **Jim M.** gave him when the BCNOC participated in the *Paint and Pride* program of Bay City.

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*

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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2025-2027	
Karen Monville	Roberta Spencer
Jeff Staudacher	Jo Ellen Strieter

2024-2026	
Kate Young	Rick Wallace
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

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