



BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST Newsletter

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

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August 12, 2025

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



August 12:

Our program today was *Bay City Players*, a nonprofit community of performers and other volunteers that offers exciting, intimate and relevant theatre experiences. The dedication of its all volunteer staff has lead the theatre to become Michigan's longest continuously operating community theatre, operating for 108 years. Our presenter today was **Larry Jacobs**, *President of the Bay City Players*. **Larry**, and his wife **Kelly**, have been active in the Bay City Players for over 40 years.

Founded in 1917 by **Mrs. J. D. Grinnell** (Nee: Emily Fox), Mrs. Grinnell joined the Musical-Art Club in 1911, when the *Bay City Art Club* and the *Thursday Morning Musical Club* joined forces. These are examples of the thousands of groups around the country, mostly consisting of women, who studied and fostered fine arts, performing arts, and literature. When Mrs. Grinnell suggested that the club actually stage rather than just read two one-act plays, that began their 108 year-run.

Directed by **Mrs. J. D. Grinnell** was the credit line on more than fifty shows over the next twenty years. Her last show was just a year before her death.

List of remaining shows for the 108th season:

September 5-7 and 12-14: Dial M For Murder

October 10-12: Art

November 1 and 2: 10 November (The tragedy of the sinking of the Edmond Fitzgerald)

November 13-16: A Jukebox or Algonquin

December 11-14: Friction Theatre presents Plaid Tidings, (a Holiday Edition of Glad Tidings)

January 23-25, January 30 to February 1: The Glass Menagerie

February 20-22: Morning After Grace

March 14-15, 21-22: Peter and the Starcatcher

April 23-26, April 30-May 3: Anastasia

For the complete history of the Bay City Players, their staff, and a complete history of every show over the last 108 years, you can visit their website: baycityplayers.org The list of the shows that have been presented is quite extensive, and besides it make for good reading😊.

CLUB NEWS

On August 26th: *President Kathy* will host the Summer Party at her house. More to follow

The BCNOC Board Meeting will be Wednesday August 16, 2025 at Bay Arenac ISD

The Birthday Party at The Mission will be Wednesday the August 16. Help is always needed, and there can NEVER be too much help!!

50/50 and NAME DRAWING

Paul had his chance at the 50/50, but he he could not pull kit off and **Patrick Rokosz** was not present to collect his "Quarter Cup" winnings

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 13: Paul Gellise

August 15: Sue Arnold Birch

August 15: Jill Urban

August 25: Alicia Wallace

Remember to check out our social media sites:

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

JUST BECAUSE - FINES - HAPPY BUCKS

Happy Buck:

Carrie: Her magic show she held in Rapid City, Michigan

Alicia: For the Bay Area Farmers Market (Which she is a vendor)

Karen: For her Birthday Party, the BCNOC Fellowship at her and Dana's camping site at the Bay City State Park, followed by her family reunion at the Bay City state Park Camp Ground. Over 50 family members attended

Linda: For our speaker

Paul: Received a check for over payment from Bay Med

Jim: for 71 years of marriage

Roberta: Friends from out of town

Bobbi: For National Night Out, and for the 1728 Hot Dogs BCNOC cooked for the National Night Out attendees

Patti: For her son's Eric 40th Birthday

FINES:

Dana: Comment made to Jim

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

Board of Directors

2023-2025	
Karen Monville	Roberta Spencer
Patti Krenz	Dana Monville

2024-2026	
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