



BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

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

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



April 8:

Members present: *President Kathy Dardas, Alicia Wallace, Rick Wallace, Bev Theisen, Paul Gellise, Kate Young, Bobbi Gellise, Sandy Dabrowski, Katie Volk, JoEllen Strieter, Dana Monville, Karen Monville, Guy Greve, Teresa Hoffman-Lack, Carrie Davis, Jim Merrill*

Our guests: *Michigan District Asst. Governor Bill Reeves*, Program presenters: **Becky Gaskin**, *Bay County Red Cross*, and **Michelle Milliken** , *Paul Davis Restoration*, and soon to be member, **Linda Cassar**, *The ARC of Bay County*

PROGRAM NOTES

Our program today was: Bay County Red Cross' "Sound The Alarm, Save A Life", and **Michelle** talked about everyday home fires and how we can prepare to avoid them or deal with them. The proper placement of working smoke detectors can reduce fatalities by over 55%. Every day **seven people die** in home fires, most often in homes without working smoke alarms. In 2014 the American Red Cross launched the **Home Fire Campaign** to save lives, and part of this campaign is the *Sound the Alarm* program.

Through this program, they install free smoke alarms in the community. They canvas neighborhoods and find out which neighborhoods need their support most, then they go in groups of 3 for safety, and install the alarms. They also give them other supplies to plan and prepare in the event of disaster. Since the beginning they have installed more than 2.5 million free smoke alarms and made more than 1 million households safer across the country.

On May 17, 2025, they will once again do this program in Bay County, and they are looking for volunteers to go in and install the alarms. Their goal is to get 30 volunteers to install smoke detectors in a rally event in one day. They install up to 3-4 in the home, and If you are interested in volunteering for this program, or wish more information, you can do so by reaching out to **Michelle** at: 989-894-4450. You can also register at: Karol.Chase@redcross.org, or Michelle.Millikin@pauldavis.com

On a side note: *Paul Davis Restoration* is one of the premier restoration companies in the state, supporting over 10 counties, and we are proud that they welcome the BCNOC for our meetings.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Kathy:

Board gathering is Wednesday 4/16 at 3pm

On 4/22 our essay contest winners will be presenting

Camel Races: Our annual Camel Races will be held November 8, 2025 at the Kawkawlin Twp. Hall. Meetings will begin soon

Christmas Celebration: Our members Christmas Party will be November 30 for all club members, Come one, come all!

Spring gathering (District Meeting) will be at SVSU on Saturday May 17.

(**Karen** just received a call from *Past Optimist International President Bob McFadyen*, 2022-2023, and he and his wife **Penny**, will be in attendance)

Michelle Millikin: On May 15 *Paul Davis Restoration* is hosting the *Bay Area Chamber* after hours event. As BCNOC is a member of the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, we are all welcome to attend.

Bobbi: Birthday Party at the Mission is Wednesday, April 16 at 5:40pm

50/50 and QUARTER CUP

Ron Cunningham would have won even more than **Rich** would have last week, but like **Rich** last week, **Ron** was not present at today's meeting. Paul just could not pull the right card for the 50/50, so like the Quarter Cup, it to will grow in value

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 3: Kendra Christensen

March 11: Jim Merrill

March 27: Tina Zapata

March 30: Jeff Staudacher

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 Kathy: German dinner at career center on Wed April 30. \$20 a person 5-7pm. Get tickets from **Kathy** or pay at the door

Assistant Governor Bill: Just got back from Hawaii

Bobbi: Granddaughter did great in gymnastics competition

Bev: Granddaughter got to dance with a dancing with the stars star

Alicia: Bay Chorale concert, and thank you for a great presentation

Jim: Moving to a new facility, New Hope Bay

Linda: Promoted the Arc event

Guy: Upcoming program at the yacht club

Karen: Safe trip home from Arizona, even with challenges, and thank you to Dana for being my caregiver

JoEllen: Thanks to everyone who came to the *Toni and Trish House*

Katie: Glad that she could attend today and new job is going well.

Sandy: Granddaughter is graduating this year.

Just Because

Teresa: just because



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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Easter

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	
Kate Young	Jessica Gohs
Sandy Dabrowski	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: Bobbi Gellise

Bulletin: Dana & Karen Monville

Web Site: Dana Monville

N.O.W Program:

Golf Outing: Roberta Spencer