



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.



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Our Guests: **Annette Jeske** and **Linda Cassar** from The Arc of Bay County, an advocacy group for those that may be afflicted with intellectual and developmentally disabilities

Believing everyone deserves the chance to hope, dream, grow, and to be valued and contributing members of their communities, the Arc of Bay County facilitates inclusion, love, and support to make a positive impact throughout our community. They offer a range of services and programs tailored to meet the diverse needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families. From advocacy and support services to recreational activities and educational opportunities, they strive to empower individuals with IDD to achieve their full potential and lead fulfilling lives. The goal of the Arc is to make sure that any person (child or adult) with an intellectual or developmental challenge has companionship and that they're connected to more than just themselves, and that they know where they can go to get financial support.

While their office is small, the need is great. They are trying to boost their presence in the community and on social media. Usually people only know about the Arc if they have direct or indirect contact through an individual who used their services. They are planning an event in April and club members are invited. **Mike McNath** will be performing with his group *The Empty Canvas*. It's an interactive night because **Mike** will be painting with the help of the audience. Great for dates or friends to come together. More information to come.

The Arc of Bay County can be reached by: **Phone:** 989 893 1346, **The Web:** arcbc.com. **Address:** 709 Columbus Ave, Bay City

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Kathy: The monthly board gathering is going to be held this Wednesday February 19, 2025

Guy: Asked the members to promote the next *Travelogue* since people may not know what it's about so they may not come. It's hosted by a world renowned documentary photographer.

Bobbi: The Birthday Party is Wednesday, February 19, 2025. There are 18 children at the mission and 2 birthday kids.

Patti: We have our Essay Contest winners and they have all been notified. They will be at our lunch gathering on April 22, 2025 to present their essays. **Tim Murray** is going to work with **Patti** to engage teachers in the area.

Jo Ellen: The children's movie went very well. **Roberta, Alicia, Patti, Bobbi, and Paul** were present to help. **Roberta** said that **Jordan Dice**, owner of the Bay City State Theatre, was gracious to the club and grateful to host the event.

Sandy D: The Oratorical Contest is tonight, February 18, 2025, at the Bay Arenac ISD Career Center. The contest will begin at 5:40pm. The contestants will be at our lunch gathering on March 25.

MEMBER WELLBEING

Carrie contacted **Alicia** and reports that she's doing well after being hospitalized and hopes to attend a meeting soon.

QUARTER CUP and 50/50

Alicia was present to collect her Quarter Cup winnings and **Jim M.** had his chance at drawing the correct card, but failed to do so

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 15: Mary Klepser

February 18: Natalie Beyer

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

President Kathy: is appreciative of the help she's gotten from other club members

Jo Ellen: left town and experienced flooding in KY.

Sandy D: is going to be a great-grandmother

Katie: happy that her dog passed away after a long happy life

Jim Merrill: happy that he and **Donna** are doing well

Guy: for all the happy dogs in the world

Rick: happy that they survived all the snow and cold

Alicia: happy that the weather has subsided

Patti: happy and grateful for the help with the essay contest. The movie went great

FINES

Roberta: Fined herself for bringing cookies that she didn't think tasted very good

Alicia: Fined herself for not meeting **Roberta** for walking

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Alicia, Roberta

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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*

Valentines Day
February 14, 2025

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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