



BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST Newsletter

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

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September 9, 2025

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



September 9, 2025:

Another Great program, and turnout, today to see our club give to 6 local schools checks of \$500 each to use as they see fit for the school year.

Schools present to accept the checks from **President Kathy**, Left to Right: *Essexville Garber High School, Bay City John Glenn, Bay City Eastern High School, Pinconning High School, Bay Arenac Community High School, and BCNOC President Kathy Dardas.*

Also present was **Brian Rueger**, *Founder, and President, of the Auburn Chapter of "Sleep In Heavenly Peace", and the Build-A-Bed program. Mr Rueger accepted a truck full of bedding for their "Build -A -Bed" program from our club.*

These two programs our club has done for many years..



September 16, 2025

The program today, while maybe a little boring, was developing the *Procedure Manual* for our club. While it sounds Sexy☺, it really is rather boring, but it is part of the foundation of any *non-profit organization*. Procedures work hand in hand with our clubs by-laws and policies.

By-laws: By-laws are the internal rules that govern the overall management and operation of a nonprofit organization. They provide a framework for how the organization is structured and how it functions. They are voted on by the Board, approved by the membership, and approved by the governing organization, in our case Optimist International.

Policies: Policies are specific guidelines and procedures that address various operational and administrative aspects of the nonprofit. Unlike bylaws, which provide a broad framework, policies are more detailed and focus on particular areas of the organization's activities. Like Procedures, they do not have to be approved by the membership

Procedures: A procedure is a description of the operational processes necessary to implement policy.

President Kathy had the members present break up into groups and work on, and ,record what the Procedure Manual should say.

September Birthdays

September 11: Faith Sheldon

September 11: Jennifer Sugden

September 23: Patrick Rokosz

September 25: Guy Greve

September 25: Patti Krenz

Remember to check out our social media sites:

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

ANOUNCEMENTS

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

Guy: We have confirmation of 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.

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.

50/50 and NAME DRAWING

Rachel Conklin was not present to collect her "Quarter Cup" winnings, and **Paul** drew the wrong card. So both pots continue to grow.

JUST BECAUSE - FINES - HAPPY BUCKS

Happy Buck:

Karen: Same as Bobbi's

Bobbi: Husband is learning to play guitar at the Bay County Veterans Foundation

Guy: *Travel and Adventure Series* has a new BCNOC Member, **Jennifer Sugden**, working with him.

Alicia: For the Bay Area Farmers Market

Jennifer: Made three meetings in a row.

Carrie: Another great Magic Show

Jo Ellen: For the lovely Birthday Song rendition from our members

Sandy V: For her Grandson's Sports

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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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2024-2026	
Kate Young	Jessica Gohs
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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