



BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

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



May 13:

Great turnout today for a very interesting, and informative program. We had two guests today, one being a potential member, **Brandy Heider**, guest of **Rich Van Tol**, and our speaker **Maggie Dwan** (Family Engagement and Literacy Hub Coordinator)

Rich gave us an update on the **Dolly Parton Imagination Library**, a program dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five, through funding shared by Dolly Parton and local community partners in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia and Republic of Ireland. 1 in 7 children under the age of 5 (14%) receive a high quality book each month in the mail at no cost to the family regardless of family income. The cost of this program for Bay County annually is \$80,000, or about \$30 per child. This cost is covered by the county through donations and state grants. The BCNOC has supported this program financially for many years, and this year was no exception with a donation of \$1000 to this program.

Inspired by her father's inability to read and write Dolly started her Imagination Library in 1995 for the children within her home county in Tennessee, and the program as of this year has donated well over 277 million books to 3.3 million registered children. Bay County alone has just under 3,000 children enrolled. To learn more on registering a child or how you can donate, you can contact the Imagination Library Office at 4228 Two Mile Rd, Bay City 48706 or by calling 989-667-3272

PROGRAM NOTES

President Kathy: SVSU gathering (3rd Quarter meeting) will be this Saturday, May 17. The Michigan District Oratorical Contest is 1-2:15pm, and **Anika Pai**, **BCNOC's** Oratorical winner, will be competing against 5 other contestants for an educational scholarship of \$2500 for 1st place, \$1500 for 2nd place and \$1000 for third place. The 1st place winner will move on to compete for an additional \$20,000 in scholarships.

BCNOC Board meeting will be May 21 at Bay Arenac ISD.

Bobbi: Birthday party and board gathering on 5/21

Roberta: Golf outing - **Roberta** is asking for Dinner sponsor for \$600 and the event sponsor which also includes a foursome for golf, and also has letters to use when asking for raffle prizes. She has flyers available that we can distribute. Hole sponsors are being filled and the bev cart sponsor is *North Point Bar and Grill*

Karen: Camel Races - flyers and postcards are available.

JoEllen: has hats, tumblers, and shirts available for a donation

FINES - HAPPY BUCKS - JUST BECAUSE

Rich: Great to have **Brandy** and **Maggie** here

Bev: Haven't heard from builders yet so I'm going to CA

Paul: just because

Alicia: love to see giving books to kids

Kirsten: fun field trip last week

Roberta: relaxing Mother's Day weekend

Teresa: Imagination Library, my kids participated

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 4: Sandy Dabrowski

May 8: Jessica Gohs

May 11: Linda Cassar

May 16: Dana Monville

May 19: Marlene Mika

May 20: Dorian Matthews

May 22: Rachel Conklin

May 29: Lynn Gehoski

Remember to check out our social media sites:

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Guy: having Maggie here after seeing her grandfather in court
Carrie: received a card for 20 years of Optimist. Have 2 shows this week
Katie: attending the district gathering
Dana: happy birthday to Linda and me
Karen: thank you Bobbi for taking care of the gift basket for this weekend.
JoEllen: wonderful trip to Washington DC as a member of Thrivent.
Bobbi: mention her *Grand Daughter Johari* at Buds and Blooms
Patti: 43rd wedding anniversary

QUARTER CUP and 50/50

Of all times not to be at a meeting, **Kate Young** once again missed out on the Quarter Cup money, and **Paul** missed out on the 50/50 by drawing the wrong card

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*

Memorial Day

May 27, 2025

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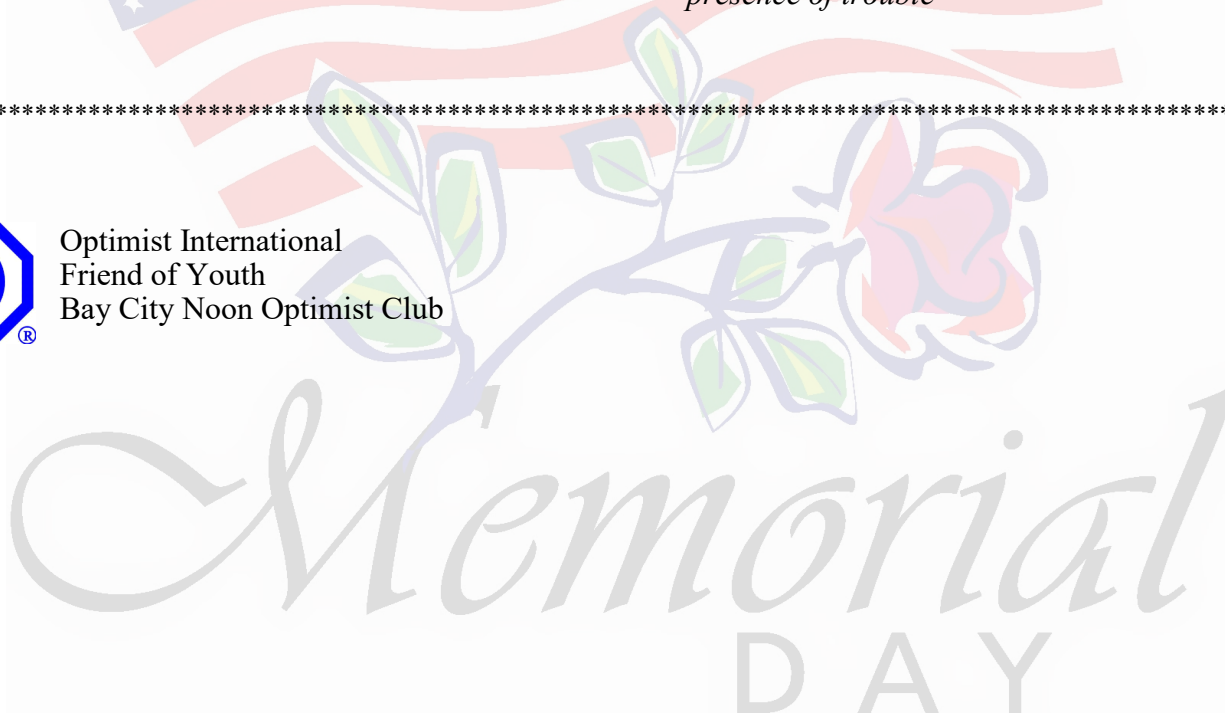
The Optimist Creed

*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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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