



# BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

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

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February 4, 2025

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



### February 4 2025

Jo Ellen led the meeting today as President **Kathy** was unable to be there. Our guest was our speaker, Anderson Beardon, founder of Complete College Advising

**Anderson** helps student graduate debt free from college by helping students identify their own core values, and to find schools that are a good fit for the student. **Anderson** grew up in an extremely rural town in Tennessee, and attended a prestigious high school nearby. He attended college but did not obtain his degree from that school at that time. He later moved to Bay County where he completed his degree. Having nearly two decades of higher education experience in admissions, enrollment management, financial aid, and scholarship awarding (most recently, overseeing *Undergraduate Admissions at Saginaw Valley State University*), **Anderson** has helped thousands of students enroll in their dream school, and has helped students secure more than \$25 million dollars in scholarships. **Anderson** founded his company because in his experience families need someone to listen, and advocate for them, so that their children can reach their career and education goals without a lifetime of debt.

Last year he was contracted through the Bay Area Community foundation to work with first generation high school students, to ensure that after acceptance they actually enroll and complete their year, and re-enroll to complete their degree.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JoEllen:** has reached out to the president of the Rotary Club to invite the Rotarians to the Student Appreciation Luncheon

Volunteers are needed for the Winter Family Fun Fest

Yesterday a group of Optimists gathered to assemble 100 gift bags for Optimist Day to distribute at Central HS.

Volunteers are still needed for the next children's movie at the State Theater.

Tomorrow evening is the *Past President's Dinner* at Krazy Juan's. **Roberta** took a rough attendance and **Alicia** will reach out to **Jim Merrill**

Next week our meeting will be held at the ISD and we will hear about the Sister City Program.

**Bobbi:** Birthday party at Good Samaritan is tomorrow, Wednesday, January 19, at 5:40pm. **Alicia** will bring cupcakes and ice cream.

**Sandy D:** Oratorical Contest is Feb 18 at the Career Center at 5:30pm and there are already 4 contestants. Looking for ideas to acknowledge the participants who do not win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place.

**Guy:** The next Travelogue is 3/24

**Paul G:** Suggested a document to keep track of club event.

### FINES and HAPPY BUCKS

**Sandy D:** Had a happy buck for our speaker **Anderson**

**Rick:** Just be cause

**Guy:** \$5 happy about the Red Wings record, and was in AFIB for 12 hours

**Bobbi:** Happy to be here

**Kate:** had a good conference last week and walks the mall with her dog

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

**February 15:** Mary Klepser

### 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](http://baycitynoonoptimist.org)

## FINES

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

**Alicia:** Fined herself for not meeting **Roberta** for walking, and a happy buck just because

## QUARTER CUP and 50/50

**Dana Monville** was not in the area so he could not collect his Quarter Cup winnings and **Paul G.** had his chance at drawing the correct card, but failed to do so

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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*

# Free Family Movies



**Free Will Donations Welcome**

**January 26th**



**Good Samaritan Rescue Mission**

**Needs: Diapers (sizes 5, 6, 7), Baby Wipes and Personal Care Items**

**Great Lakes Dream Center**

**Needs: Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Blankets**

**February 16th**



**State Theatre 913 Washington Ave Bay City, MI 48708**

# 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

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## Board of Directors

2023-2025	
Karen Monville	Roberta Spencer
Patti Krenz	Dana Monville

2024-2026	
Kate Young	Jessica Gohs
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**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