



BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST Newsletter

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

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



November 11, 2025:

The last couple of weeks saw us meeting offsite, or as I call them, "Field Trips". With these "Field Trips" our regular order of business is laid aside: No committee reports, name drawings, etc. During these last two weeks we had fabulous programs and one major Fundraising event.

Our first Field Trip was on November 4, and we went to the *Foster Family Navigation Resource Center* (FFNRC) here in Bay City. The Mission of the FFNRC is to equip, and support, foster families they are able to continue the work of fostering for years to come. Through mentoring, outreach, resources, and fellowship they can ensure that these families feel supported, and uplifted, while doing the work they have been called to do, thus benefiting not just the family, but the children and the communities around them.

The center has multiple ways to help Foster families, from support groups on dealing with social media, dealing with anxiety, and raising ones own children while fostering a child, to training on how to handle the traumatic stress of a child, the importance of bonding and attachment, and what to expect before fostering your first child.

More information can be had by contacting the FFNRC at phone number: 989-266-7020

Our second Field trip was November 11, where we went to the *Delta College Planetarium* here in Bay City, with our own **Tim Murray** presenting. We also head from *Planetarium Manager Mike Murray* (no relationship) to **Tim**. At this meeting we learned a little history of our town, particularly the *Wenona Hotel*, which burned in 1977, and stood where the planetarium now stands. The Delta College Planetarium is the only planetarium in the world funded by **NASA**. (National Aeronautic and Space Administration)

The main reason we did the visitation was to learn about the **Big Universe Scholarship**, better known as the "BUS Scholarship", a program where the BCNOC planted seed money to start a transportation scholarship for the planetarium, and still supports it today with budgeted financial donations. The purpose of this scholarship is to help schools pay for transportation costs to visit the Delta College Planetarium.

Additional information on the BUS Scholarship:

Eligibility: To be eligible, a school group must have more than 10 students, require bus transportation, and either have over 40% of students qualifying for free or reduced lunch, or the class must be for special needs or ESL/ELL students.

Funding Amount: Eligible schools can be reimbursed up to \$100 per bus, with a yearly maximum of \$300 per school.

How to Apply: Contact the Delta College Planetarium for details or inquire when making a field trip reservation.

Funding Sources: The scholarship is supported by the *Delta College Foundation*, the *Bay City Noon Optimist Club*, and *private donations*.

Our major fundraising event was our *8th Annual Camel Races*, which was held on November 8th, 2025 at the Kawkawlin Township Hall. I can say that this fundraiser was unequivocally a huge success. A major portion of the net proceeds once again went to the *Santa House* in Bay City. We thank all of the volunteers, and sponsors, without which this event would not have been the success that it was. Photos from this event, including one highlighting the volunteers can be found on our website: <https://baycitynoonoptimist.org/>

A very important date is coming up on **Sunday, November 30, 2025**. On this date will be our Annual BCNOC member, family, and guests **Christmas Party**, to be held at the Bangor Township Hall. You do not need to have young'uns to come to this party, but if you do, please contact **Bobbi Gellise** at phone #: 989-284-8593 to give her their ages, so an appropriate gift will be presented by **Santa**. Just watching the children receive their presents from **Santa** is worth coming. This is a potluck, with the club providing the Meat and Drinks. As per BCNOC policy, alcohol is not allowed at this event as we have children present.

November Birthdays

November 05: Beverly Theisen

November 08: Laura Minuth

November 12: George Klepser

November 13: Lisa Leimeister

November 16: Sandy Covalesski

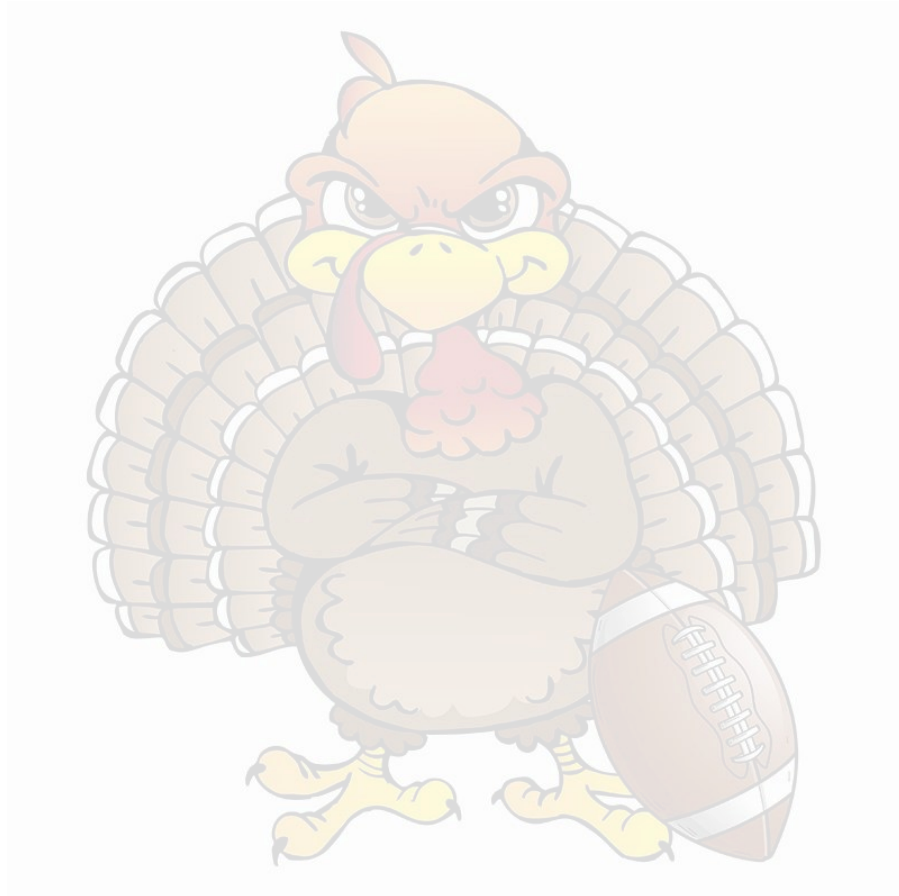
November 23: Sandy VanTol

Remember to check out our social media sites:

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

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*



Thanks Giving

November 24, 2025

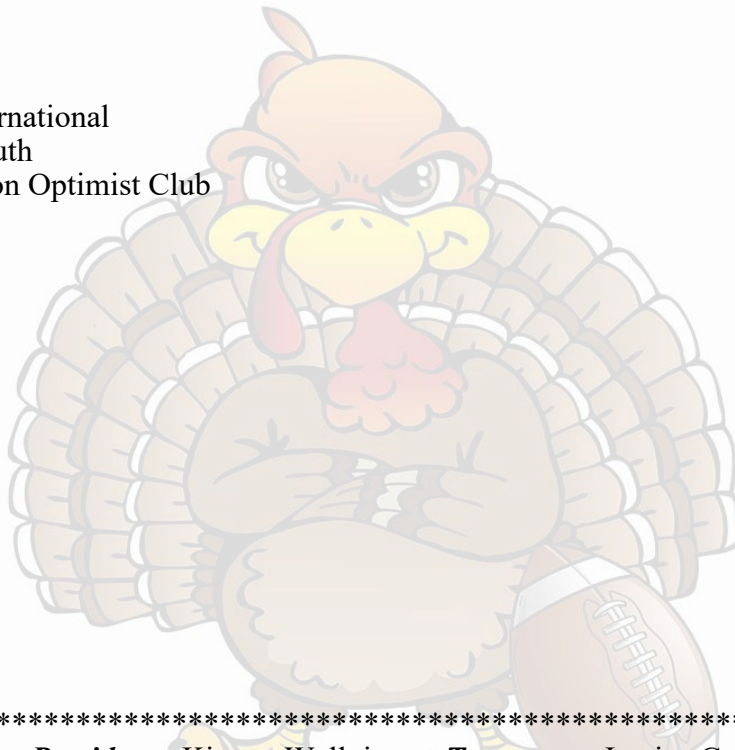
The Optimist Creed

*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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