



BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

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

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February 25, March 4, 2025

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



February 25

Our Guests: : **Moirá Branigan** from the YWCA of Great Lakes Bay Region

YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

Located at 205 6th Street in downtown Bay City, The YWCA of Great Lakes Bay practices the Mission Statement above, and while they are one of the smallest YWCAs throughout the country, with 2 full-time employees and 1 part-time, they strive to have the greatest impact with the funding, and resources, that they have available. Many YWCA across the country provide higher touch services, and support, for women who have experienced domestic violence, this location focuses on smaller programs

A few of the programs they have include:

Moving Ahead: a free 10 hour financial empowerment workshop that guides and supports women, including those who have experienced domestic violence or financial abuse, as they expand their skills and work towards financial stability and independence.

Pathways to Progress: A free goal-setting workshop offered to women struggling financially, lacking resources, or working to increase stability.

Staying Ahead: A free community resource offered to the graduates of our Women's Economic Empowerment Program. Building on more of the resources needed after **Pathways to Progress** or **Moving Ahead**.

The Dignity Project: A program providing girls the feminine hygiene products they need, since they don't have access to them at home. The YWCA has been supplying those products needed to local schools, with only 50% of schools offering feminine products for free, and of those, some are only available in the principal's office. Many times these schools run out of needed products.

Hosting Award Ceremonies for women who contribute to the community.

In 2024 the YWCA of Great Lakes Bay served 150 women in 2024, which was a 20% increase from 2023 and 41% increase over 2022. To learn more on how you can help please contact them at:

YWCA Great Lakes Bay Region: Phone: 989 894 9055

Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:30pm

Email: info@ywcaglbr.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Kathy: Fellowship opportunity: Thursday, March 6, at 6pm Bowling at Washington Lanes downtown
Board Meeting: March 19 Location: BAISD Career Center Time: 3pm

May 16-17: Spring Gathering SVSU (Oratorical) - The registration is not open yet, **Alicia** will let us know when it opens.

August 22: Summer Summit Hawthorn Hotel, Holland .

Optimist Shirts - **JoEllen** donated shirts that can be obtained with a \$20 donation.

Youth Appreciation Luncheon will be March 11 and RSVP is required. Cost is \$15 and members are welcome to bring a guest for \$15.

Rich VanTol: Winter Family Fun Fest: thanks the Club for it's support and sponsorship of the event. There were 50 vendors, events, and fun.
It seems to be an effective way to connect families and resources.

Guy: The next and final show of the **Travelogue** is on March 24. The show features a world-class photographer.

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

Sandy: Reported that all of the Oratorical contestants did great, and all of the winners will come for lunch on March 22.

Patti: The Essay Contest Contestants will be here at our luncheon in April to read their essays

MEMBER WELLBEING

Carrie Davis is feeling much better, however she found out today that more tests are needed based on recent bloodwork. Please keep her in your thoughts and reach out if you are able to offer support and optimism.

QUARTER CUP and 50/50

President Kathy was present to collect her Quarter Cup winnings and **Roberta** had her chance at drawing the correct card, but failed to do so

HAPPY BUCKS

Bobbi : Had a good weekend at her granddaughter's gymnastics competition and she did well

Sandy: Thank you Moira for coming today

Bev: Nice to be back

Roberta: Happy for the support that the club gave on Saturday

Paul: Happy for winter to be over

Rich: Happy for the support that the club gave on Saturday

Jim: The Bay Chorale has a new website: www.baychorale.com

Guy: Got tested for sleep apnea and doesn't have it

Alicia: Had a great weekend up north

Katie: happy that her husband didn't have to travel to Chicago this week.

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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

March 4, 2005

As we did not have a program today our club meeting was mainly covering club's internal happenings, club announcements, and new member induction.

Our club inducted one new member today, with two more to come. Our new member inducted was **Paul Gillies**, Brother-in-law of **Bobbi**. Our two new members to be inducted are **Avery Jorgensen** and **Chance Owen**. Both **Avery** and **Chance** will be inducted at their next meeting they attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Kathy:

Youth Appreciation will be on March 11, to be held at the *DoubleTree Riverfront*, here in Bay City. We will be recognizing 18 youth from the various schools in the area. **BCNOC** member **James Tromba** will be our Keynote Speaker

Thanked **Alicia** for assisting Career Center students with tie-dye.

Friday March 14, **JoEllen** will take to the soapbox for 2 minutes at the *Bay Area Chamber Eye Opener Breakfast*, speaking on behalf of our club

Our next NOW (**N**ew **O**ptimists **W**anted) meeting is March 18

Announced we currently have 63 members

Our next Board Meeting is March 19 at 3pm. Location: Bay ISD Career Center

Guy: Our next Travelogue is March 24 and volunteers are still needed.

FINES, HAPPY BUCKS, JUST BECAUSE

Happy Bucks:

President Kathy: Promotion for a raffle, thank you to Kirsten for her help

Bobbi: Patti for the delicious luncheon

Paul: Fish Fry season

Rick: Paczkis Season

Alicia: Went for a walk with **Roberta** this morning

Roberta: Delicious lunch, has been walking every day

Jim: Happy to be a member

Katie: Looking forward to **James'** address at the youth appreciation lunch

Carrie: Grateful for health after spending 21 days in the hospital, and she feels good. Also for the staff at Midland Hospital

Sandy D: During the lent the KC hall on Woodside by the Police Station has a fish fry

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*

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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2023-2025		2024-2026	
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Summer Party: Karen Monville

Oratorical: Sandy Dabrowski

Travel and Adventure: Guy Greve

Youth Appreciation: Kirsten Wellnitz

Christmas Party: Bobbi Gellise

Bulletin: Dana & Karen Monville

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N.O.W Program:

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