

BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

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

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Meetings via ZOOM till further notice due to COVID 19



Well it's been five months since this Covid 19 thing came up, and unfortunately it still has us meeting via ZOOM. BCNOC has had a couple of in person meetings with some success, but with some of our members still a little apprehensive about face to face meetings, which is understandable, the club is still forced to have ZOOM meetings. There were 17, including our speaker, at this week's ZOOM Meeting

2020 CENSUS PROGRAM

Our program today was on the 2020 Census. **Chloe Updegraff**, Census Hub Coordinator for the Great Lakes Bay Region, did an awesome job highlighting the 2020 Census program. In her position **Chloe** works closely with local organizations providing support, training, partnership and funding to assure a fair and accurate count of the region (especially in hard-to-count populations), as well as giving an important voice to each resident in our community. *Great Lakes Bay Region* (Midland, Saginaw, and Bay counties) is doing the best in the state as far as responses with Midland #1 and Bay County #3 with the most responses. Michigan also ranks right near the top of all the states for responses.

The Covid virus created challenges that were never there before. Covid, for the first time, made it easier to respond on line, which caused its own problems to respond on line, which caused a major problem. Most non-responses are from folks without internet access, which will now require a personal visit from a Census worker.

The United States Census Bureau counts each resident of the country every ten years and provides over \$800 billion of annual funding for states and local communities. Census data is responsible for funding for everything from schools, to SNAP food assistance, to Medicaid, and roads (as well as many other necessary programs that our communities rely on). Census information is <u>CONFIDENTIAL</u>.

BCNOC BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

"Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves" ... a statement we are all well familiar with. In support of this mission statement, and our local youth, your BCNOC Board has decided to host our 1st Annual Back-To-School Drive this year.

In addition to all that's going on in our community, prices of school supplies are reported to have substantially increased this year. With this and various other reasons, many families are struggling to purchase basic school needs for their children. That's where our Drive can help to "...bring out the best in youth..." The supplies collected will be given to local school(s) whose families are financially challenged based on hot lunch need.

Our club is starting the Drive with \$250.00 to shop for supplies. We are asking members, who are able to make a contribution, to purchase items themselves, or make a monetary donation and we will shop for you. No matter your level of participation, we ask for your good wishes in making this event successful for Bay County Youth. Please feel free to share the attached flyer on page 3 with family, friends, co-workers,...

For additional information, please feel free to contact us at noonoptimists@sbcglobal.net Your support, in any way possible, is greatly appreciated. All donors will receive a treat when dropping off their item(s), as well as being entered in a drawing for a plate of "Karen's Cookies". If you would like a copy of the flyer on card stock please let me know.

August

August 8: Chuck Beyer
August 15: Sue Arnold Birch
August 12: Jill Urban
August 25: Alicia Wallace

September

September 9: Branden Minuth
September 11: Carole Archangeli
September 16: Debbie Van Idour
September 17: Jo Ellen Strieter

October

October 23: Patrick Rokosz
October 25: Guy Greve
October 25 Patti Krenz

Remember to check out our social media sites:

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

NEMBERS IN THE NEWS AND MEMBER WELL BEING

Pastor Chuck Beyer and his wife Natalie has celebrated 59 years of marriage on August 13th

"FINES, HAPPY BUCKS, SAD BUCKS, BIRTHDAYS"

Happy Bucks:

Karen M: Thank you to **Roberta** for today's speaker; Commented that she never heard **Guy** speak so fast as he did reciting the Optimist Creed

Holli: Chemical Bank is now TCF Bank

Patti: Son turned 35; She and her husband Mike enjoyed a 15 mile bike ride prior to today's meeting; Schools are starting virtual

Bobbi: Two Happy Bucks, one for each grandson's Birthday

Becky: For Roberta showing everyone how to use "Reactions" when on a ZOOM Meeting; Meeting with Son-In-Law's neurosurgeon on injuries he suffered from a car accident

Roberta: For up-coming camping trip this weekend; Guy should pay a "Happy Buck' for finding lost pin.

Sad Bucks:

None: Every body was "Happy" this week

Birthdays:

None reported

WEBSITE SPONSORS

Sponsorship of our Website is still available. Even with the Corona Virus Pandemic going on, we are still getting 360-400 visits a month. Cost is \$10.00 per month, and you can sponsor for as many months as you choose. A one month sponsorship off sets the club cost. If interested, please contact **Dana**.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION

The *Michigan District Convention* to be held September 18-20, 2020 will be virtual, held via ZOOM. Those that attended the Optimist International Convention June 27-28, 2020 I believe found this a very comfortable way to do a convention. The Michigan District will be quite similar.

Thursday, September 10, 2020 will be the Executive Committee Meeting from 6:30—8:30. Friday, September 18, 2020 President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer training will be in the afternoon, with *Governor Elect Debbie Berry*. Friday evening starting at 6:30 will be the District Board Meeting, which will include financial reports and business of the District, including our election of a Governor Elect for 2021-2022. Several Policy Proposals will also be considered and voted on.

Saturday, September 19, 2020 will be the District Convention, from 9:00 am to noon and again from 12:30—2:30. Saturday evening, beginning at 7 PM will be the Installation Ceremony and Celebration for the District leaders for the 2020-2021 Optimist year.

Sunday morning will be the annual Memorial Service, honoring those Optimist members who have passed away since last year's District Convention.



Bay City Noon Optimist Club presents





1st Annual Back to School Drive

Join us as we help prepare Bay County Youth to return to School

Date: Thursday August 20th

Time: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Location: Boys and Girls Club of the Great Lakes Bay Region

Donation ideas:

- Backpacks Pens #2 Pencils Colored pencils Markers
- Kleenex Hand Sanitizer Pencil Boxes Notebook Paper

- Scissors - and more

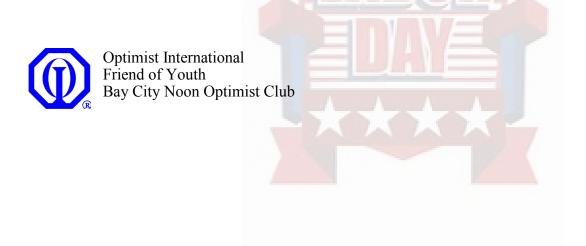
If you prefer, we will accept your monetary donation and do the shopping for you

In appreciation of your support, donors are welcome to enjoy outside social distancing with fellow Optimists as they enjoy an afternoon treat with us

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



Labor Day

President: Carrie Rostollan Vice President: Roberta Spencer Treasurer: Karen Monville

Secretary: Kate Young Immediate Past President: Rich VanTol

Board of Directors

2019-2020 Bobbi Gellise Guy Greve Becky Tillman Holli St. Laurent

2019-2021 Jeff Staudacher Paul Gaiser Susan Carmien

Programs: Paul Gaiser Essay: Roberta Spencer Camel Races: Becky Tillman

Summer Party: Karen Monville Oratorical: Lisa Forrest Travel and Adventure: Guy Greve

Youth Appreciation: Kirsten Wellnitz Christmas Party: Karen Monville Bulletin: Dana & Karen Monville

N.O.W Program: