



BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

“Optimist International’s Club of The Year, 2013-2014”

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Meetings Every Tuesday, DoubleTree Hotel 12:15 p.m.



August 2, 2022

Our program today was the Gypsy Moth Program with presenters Jeremy Lowell and Carter Rogers. The Entomological Society of America decided to change the name of the Gypsy Moth to the “Spongy” Moth as some people found it offensive to people of Romani Decent. Michigan is currently experiencing a statewide outbreak of the “Spongy” Moth. So far this year there have been 3,727 acres treated for the moth. With what has been seen this year with the outbreak, the program is figuring on a budget of another 3000-4000 acres for 2023. There is light at the end of the tunnel, as they say. There are signs of a natural population crash, and there are smaller and less robust egg masses, among other signs.

More information can be had by checking out the website: <https://www.baycounty-mi.gov/gypsymoth>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Roberta:

Kick Ball/Ice Cream Social held at the Boys and Girls Club of Bay City on July 27th was a success. A huge thank you to those who showed up to volunteer: Bobbi Gellise, Jessica Gohs, Karen Monville, Katie Hutek, Rich VanTol, Roberta Spencer and Carrie Rostollan-Davis.

Volunteers are need for our “*Birthday Party at The Rescue Mission*” on August 17th. If available please contact Bobbi, or any club member

Camel Races are coming up fast, November 5th. It may seem a long way off, but it will be here before we know it. The Race Committee meets again on August 10th

.50/50 and QUARTER CUP

Joette drew the wrong card for the 50/50, missing her chance at the big money, \$300 + and counting, and **Rachel Conklin** was not present to collect what could have been her winnings from the “Quarter Cup”, Both pots continue to grow.

HAPPY BUCKS, FINES, JUST BECAUSE, AND BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BUCKS

President **Roberta**: Happy to Jim Merrill at the meeting

Darlene: *National Night Out*

Alicia: For the presenters at todays meeting

Jeff: Great to see Jim

Karen:

FINES

Katie: took her name badge home with her
President Roberta: Smart aleck Comment

JUST BECAUSE:

Guy

Karen

BIRTHDAYS

The club sang happy Birthday to **Jim Merrill** and one of our speakers, **Jeremy Lowell**. While I was not present I am led to believe that it was well performed.

August

8-04 Tina Bowker 8-08 Chuck Beyer 8-15 Sue Arnold Birch 8-15 Jill Urban 8-25 Alicia Wallace

Remember to check out our social media sites:

Face Book: [Bay City Noon Optimist](#) Web page: baycitynoonoptimist.org

August 9:

It was a lovely day to have a meeting out doors, and that is exactly what *President Roberta* had. Our club met at the Bay City State Park and we were treated to a wonderful presentation on the history of our park. Our presenters were **Rich Fenner**, *DNR Parks and Recreation Manager*, and **Johnathon Massung**, *Interpreter at the Saginaw Bay Visitor Center*, located in the Nature Center.

Rich is manager of the Bay City State Park and all of the many properties, including the six boat launches in the area. **Rich** shared some interesting history, and facts, of the park.

The park will be celebrating 100 years next year

The Bay City State Park is home to more than 1,000 feet of beach and 2,000 acres of wetland woods, wet meadows, cattail marshes, and oak savannah prairies. It's a haven for birds, wetland wildlife, and plants. The park includes a campground, day-use area, and the Tobico Marsh.

In the summer of 2020 the park opened a new Play Structure, replacing the old, and out dated Play By The Bay.

Rich also talked about a push to do some updating in the *Jennison Nature Center*, and **Johnathon** took it from there with a slide show about how the new Nature Center will look, and the interactive programs that will be available.

The *Saginaw Bay Visitor Center*, which **Johnathon** is the interpreter of, is located in the *Bay City State Park*, on the shores of Saginaw Bay, helps visitors discover *Tobico Marsh*, one of the largest coastal wetlands on the Great Lakes. Nestled under a canopy of sheltering hardwoods on the edge of the marsh, the modern visitor center stands on the site of the historic Jennison Nature Center, built in 1940 and named for **George B. Jennison**, a prominent local conservationist. In 1995 the aging nature center was given a \$1 million makeover. A 10,000-square-foot building, which more than doubled the size of the original facility, reopened in 1996 with a 100-seat auditorium and new exhibit hall. Visitors from around the world have visited the nature center in the years past. along with school groups, churches, and many more organizations, rely on the Nature Center to learn about the natural world.

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National Night Out was held August 2, and President Roberta thanked the following members, and their families that helped:

Along with herself, **Darlene Anderson, Paul Gaiser, Bobi Gellise, Jessica Gohs, Kim Hazen, Patti Krenz, Teri LaFontaine, Tana Moore, Tim Murray, Kim Offenbecker, Jeff Staudacher, Diane Thompson, Lee Thompson (Diane and Lee's son was there helping, but I am not sure if it was Gabe or Jake, so I will say one was there in body, and one was there in spirit), Alicia Wallace, Karen, Dana,** and of course she herself was there in the mix of things.

Next Weeks Program: **Darlene Anderson.** Darlene will be talking about child trafficking, a pretty major problem these days.

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 Karenlly 26

Bay County Fair

August 9 – August 13, 2022

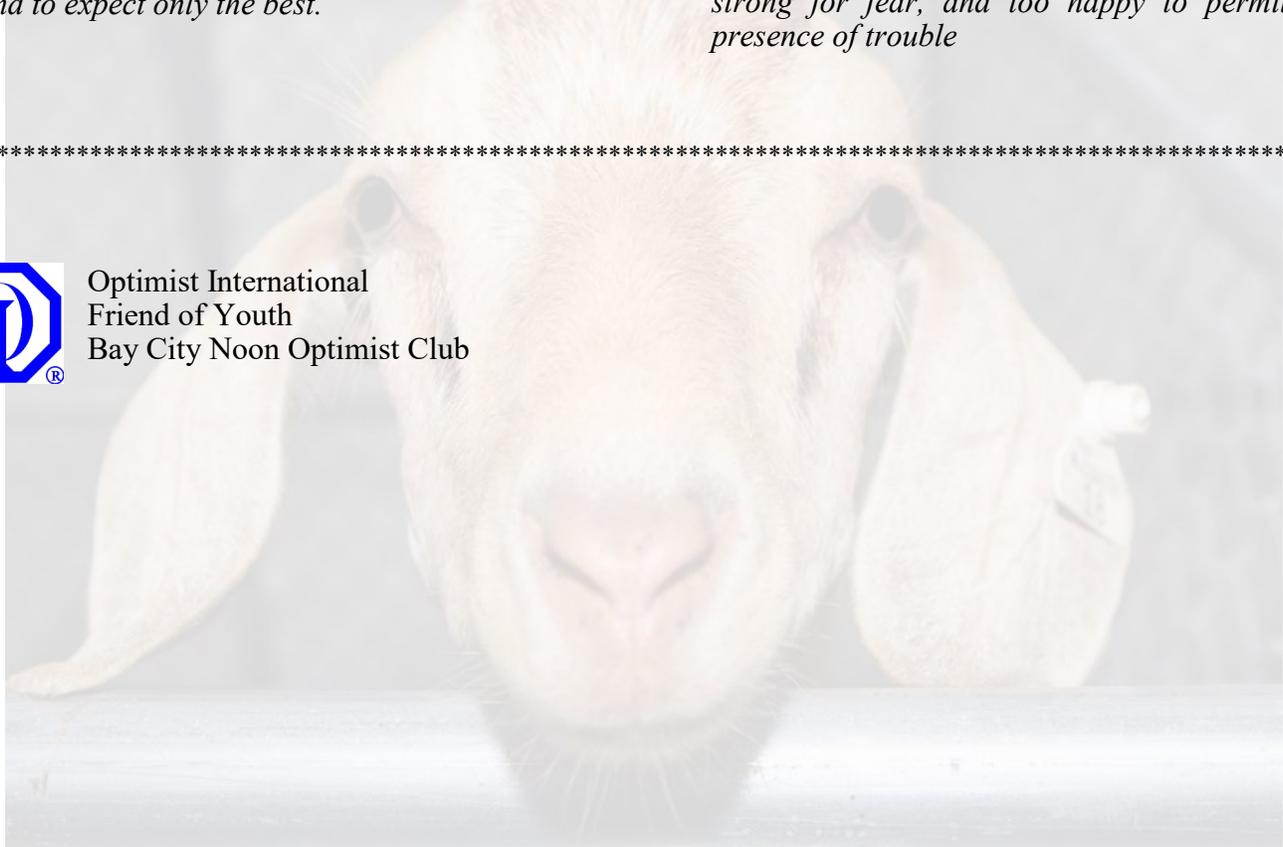
The Optimist Creed

*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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