



Bay City Noon Optimist Club

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December 22, 2020

Meeting Every Tuesday, Via Zoom 12:15 p.m.



Our meetings are once again being held via ZOOM. Meetings start at 12:15 with the option of signing on beginning at noon for fellowship.

December 22

Our program today was **Cody Welch** from “Wings Of Mercy”. In 1995, Cody, an airline pilot living in Midland, MI, incorporated a not-for profit corporation whose charter and mission was to provide free air transportation in general aviation aircraft to and from major medical centers for financially challenged, and medically qualified individuals, requiring transportation to distant medical centers for treatment of unique conditions not available in East Michigan. The name of the organization was Mid-Michigan Medical Mercy Flights, Inc. (MMMMFI)

In the process of approaching Foundations for seed money, MMMMFI discovered another organization with a similar mission which had been operating since 1991 under the name “Wings of Mercy”, Inc. in Holland, MI. Their Founder and President, **Peter VandenBosch**, soon suggested that MMMMFI’s Board consider becoming an independent chapter of “Wings of Mercy” in order to increase service to more Michigan residents. In early 1996 an agreement was reached and MMMMFI changed its name to “Wings of Mercy East Michigan, Inc.”

“Wings of Mercy East Michigan, Inc”. has continued to grow since the first patient flight in July of 1996. They have passed several milestones after that first mission to return a heart transplant patient from the Mayo Clinic.

Some statistics **Cody** shared with us:

2,551 patient transport flights
138 volunteer aircraft

147 Michigan Cities served
324 recipients

242 co-pilots
124 volunteer pilots

1,400,000+ miles flown

Wings of Mercy East Michigan is funded entirely by charitable contributions from Individuals, Corporations, Foundations, and Churches. These donors are as important as the pilots who fly the planes and the volunteers who set up the missions. In other words, we are a team of dedicated people from different walks of life who thrive on helping others. There are no paid staff., and they are an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) Not for Profit Michigan Corporation in good standing.

BCNOC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BUSINESS

President Roberta’s Challenge to BCNOC Club Members: *President Roberta* presented a “**12 Days of Christmas Challenge**” to all Club members. This Challenge starts on *Christmas, December 25th* and will go through *Tuesday, January 5th*. Please see the attached flyer for more details. This is a fun way for our Club to get involved and serve our community. *President Roberta* is optimistic that the majority, if not all, of our club members will participate. If you do not want to shop for the listed items, but would like to participate, you may do so by making a monetary donation to our Club. Any amount will be accepted; however, the suggested amount to cover the items is \$20.00. You may send a check payable to **BCNOC to Karen** at 2800 N. Euclid, Bay City, MI 48706 or you may make your payment via *Venmo*. Our *Venmo* account name is *Bay City Optimists Boc*. Please see page 3

MEMBER WELL BEING - BIRTHDAYS

Member Well Being: nothing reported.

Birthdays: None admitted to

December 10-18



November

November 3: Dr Carol van der Harst
November 3: Holli St. Laurent
November 12: George Klepser
November 14: Bob LaChance
November 16: Sandy Covalesski

December

December 2: Kate Young
December 9: Rich VanTol
December 13: Paul Gaiser
December 17: Ron Cunningham
December 3: Rick Donahue
December 11: Jim Schumacher
December 16: Kathy Dardas
December 28: Gary Ebel

January

January 17: Roberta Spencer
January 30: Cheryl Ratynski
January 31: Carrie Sue Rostollan
January 31: Kirsten Wellnitz
January 31: Joette Talicska

Remember to check out our social media sites:

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

Happy Bucks:

Karen: For her and Dana's 22nd Anniversary

Patti: Sister Amy finally became a Grandmother

Vice President Rick: For Grace Church Dinner, and for Uptown Grill donating 170 free meals, and a

"Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year To All"

Bobbi: "Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year To All"

Jeff: "Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year To All"

Guy: Long time patron of the travelogue has passed, and mentioned in her Obituary how much she enjoyed the shows

Just Because:

None paid

Fines:

President Roberta (self imposed): Mute comment to **Guy**

Guy: fined **President Roberta** for having his name spelled wrong. Pay Back?

MYSTERY OPTIMIST

Vice President Rick was chosen as the Mystery Optimist, and answered all the questions posed him

#1: Favorite thing of being a member of the Bay City Noon Optimist Club

Answer: Youth Appreciation Program

#2: What are you grateful for

Answer: Friends, Faith, and Family, and remembering the Many Blessings this time of year

#3: One thing we may not know about her

Answer: He played "Frosty The Snowman" in the his 4th grade talent show

VENMO PAYMENT PROCESSING

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** (although I must confess, I am new to this also). Thank you to **Jeff, Rich, Kathy, Carrie, Amy, and Holli** who have already used this payment method. Information about this service and/or to sign up can be found at: venmo.com.

I would like to thank Holli St. Laurent for taking the fine notes of our meetings



The Twelve Days of Christmas
President's Challenge
The Twelve Days of Christmas begins on December 25th

The Challenge...

To collect - between December 25th - the first day of Christmas - and January 5th - the twelfth day of Christmas the following full size products to fill *Hope & Care Totes* for the *Good Samaritan Rescue Mission*.

Note: One of each item will suffice but you are welcome to give more than one.
If each club member provided one of each item on the list, we'd have over 65 totes to fill!

Twelve drummers drumming;	Drummers = Body Wash
Eleven pipers piping;	Pipers = Toothpaste (children and adult)
Ten lords a-leaping;	Lords = Anti-Bacterial Soap
Nine ladies dancing;	Ladies = Lip Balm
Eight maids a-milking;	Maids = Shaving Cream (men and women)
Seven swans a-swimming;	Swans = Shampoo & Conditioner
Six geese a-laying;	Geese = Deodorant (men & women)
Five golden rings;	Rings = Tissues
Four calling birds;	Birds = Disposable Razors
Three French hens;	Hens = Hand or Body Lotion
Two turtle doves	Doves = Anti-Bacterial Wipes and/or Diaper Wipes
And a partridge in a pear tree.	Partridge = Hand Sanitizer

On the twelfth day of Christmas My Fellow Optimist Gave to Thee!

A personal porch visit will be scheduled to collect your Twelve Days of Christmas Hope & Care products for the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission totes. Please contact Roberta at 989-868-4276 or rspencer@baycitymi.org to make arrangements for pickup the weekend of January 16 – 18th. Alternatively, a drop off location will be made available.

Look for more details to come.

Christmas
December 25, 2020

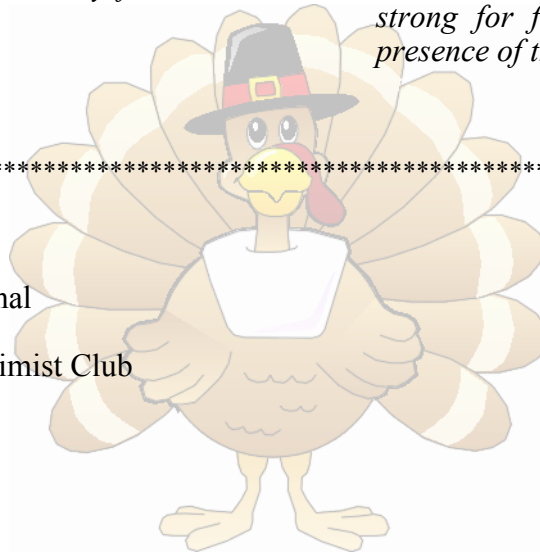
The Optimist Creed

*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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Thanksgiving

November 26, 2020

President: Roberta Spencer **Vice President:** Rick Donahue **Treasurer:** Karen Monville
Secretary: Holli St. Laurent **Immediate Past President:** Carrie Rostollan

Board of Directors

2020-2021	
Jeff Staudacher	Sandy Dabrowski
Paul Gaiser	Susan Carmien

2020-2022	
Bobbi Gellise	Becky Tillman
Rich VanTol	Kirsten Wellnitz

Programs: Paul Gaiser

Essay: Roberta Spencer

Camel Races: Becky Tillman

Summer Party: Karen Monville

Oratorical: Sandy Dabrowski

Travel and Adventure: Guy Greve

Youth Appreciation: Kirsten Wellnitz

Christmas Party: Karen Monville

Bulletin: Dana & Karen Monville

N.O.W Program: Rick Donahue