



BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

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November 31, 2022

Bringing Tennis Back to Bay City, Michigan

Our program today was the Bay Community Tennis Association, with presenters **Joe Ricard**, *President* of the Association and **Jane Klowan**, *Vice President* of the same.

Bay City was originally home to 50 courts open to the public. Closures caused a sad cycle: no players, no courts, and a declining tennis culture. In 2012, a local high school student pushed for his teammates to have courts as nice as competing schools. He began his campaign to raise funds for new courts in Bay City. At the time, a vacant elementary school closed its grounds, and its superintendent had an idea: to rally the school neighbors and tennis people to fundraise for courts on the school site. Bay Community Tennis Association was formed as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, with a vision to build eight public outdoor tennis courts! After almost a decade of hard work, the *Bay Community Tennis Association* proudly opened the *Janet Jopke Courts* in June 2019.

Located in *Richard Shaw Park*, 325 Park Avenue, this site has 8 courts that are free to the public on a walk-up basis. This was made possible by several community members, including: contractors, the State of Michigan, and the generous donors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Sandy:

Oratorical deadline is February 20, 2023, contest March 1, 2023

Guy:

The 2nd show of our *Travelogue Series* will be held January 9, 2023 at the State Theatre here in Bay City, and this time we will be exploring Southern England with Videographer **Marlin Darrah**. As usual, help will be needed, and if available, please contact Guy

Patti:

The deadline for submission of Essays for this year’s Essay Contest is January 10, 2023

MEMBER WELL BEING

Nothing reported

50/50 and NAME DRAWING

Guy won the “*Quarter Cup*”, and **Bobbi** was not as lucky in the 50/50 drawing. As she drew the wrong card. Christmas is going to treat someone very well it appears, as we are down to not a whole lot of cards.

December 6

Christmas

December 25, 2021

Our program today was a field trip to The Santa House in Bay City, and our host was none other than Mrs. Santa herself (Also Known As **Mary Ida Doan**)

The Santa House was built in 1920 from logs purchased from the *Sterling Lumber Company* of Bay City. It was originally an office structure at 5th and Adams, but in the early 1950s it was moved to the south end of Wenona Park, the present location of the DoubleTree Hotel Parking lot. In the Fall of 1991, it officially became the Santa House and remained so until 1997, when it was moved to its present location, Veterans Memorial Park, just south of the Community Center in Bay City, due to the building of the DoubleTree Hotel.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 3: **Holli St. Laurent**

November 12: **George Klepser**

November 13: **Lisa Leimeister**

November 16: **Sandy Covaleski**

Remember to check out our social media sites:

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

Since the opening of Santa House, many thousands of children and their parents have toured the Santa House, and thanks to the help of the BCNOC, Santa is able to bring some of his Reindeer for the Christmas Holiday Season.

The Santa House officially opens the Thursday after Thanksgiving, and visiting hours of Santa House is Weekdays, 6:00pm-8:30pm and on the weekends from 1:00pm –4:00pm and 6:30pm-8:30pm.. I am not sure of the cost, but I believe it might be by donation, but you may want to check first.

As this was a Field Trip, we did not have **HAPPY BUCKS, FINES , JUST BECAUSE, NAME DRAWING, ANNOUNCEMENTS**. But we did have a traditional 50/50, which **Jeff** was able to claim

Note: I want to thank Jordan for taking the notes of our meetings while I am Gone

Dana

NEXT WEEKS PROGRAM

Program: Mini-Pitch and Basketball Complex
Presenter(s): Rob Clark and Ali smith

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 Karenly 26*

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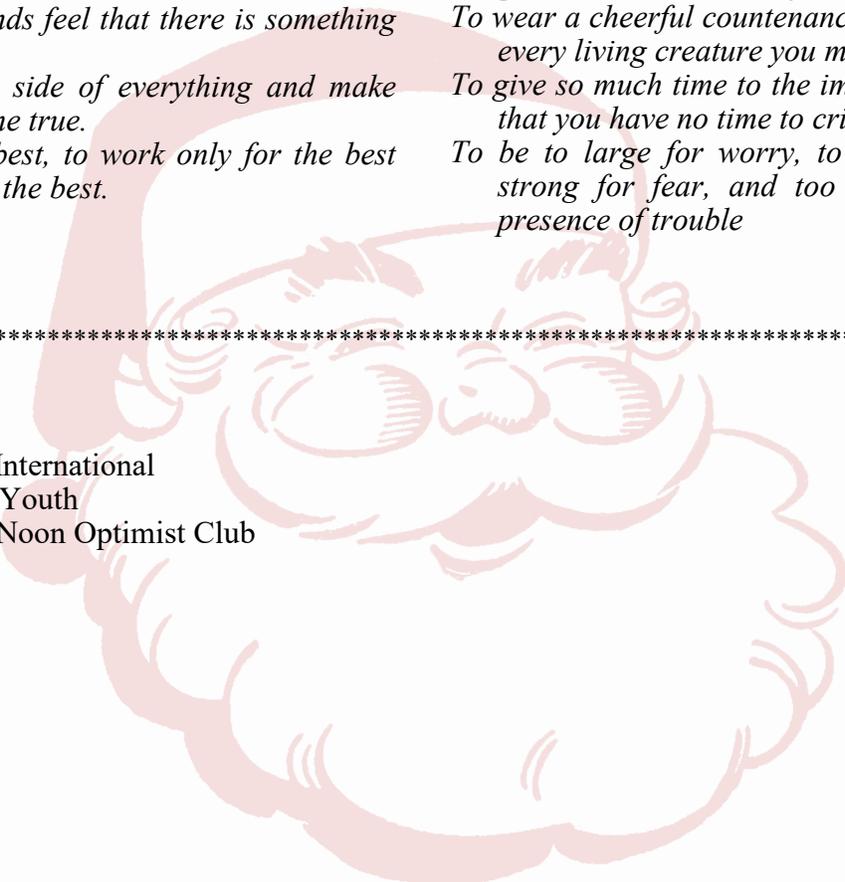
The Optimist Creed

*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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