



Bay City Noon Optimist Club

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December 8, December 15, 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 8

Our guest today was **Mary Ida Doan** from the *Santa House* in Bay City. The Santa House building was built in the 1920s using lumber from Sterling Lumber Company. It was originally located on 5th and Adams. In the 50’s it was moved to Wenonah Park where the Fraternal Order of Police used the building for their meetings. **Santa** got the building in 1991 to use as the *Santa House*, to bring “Joy To All The Boys and Girls”, their parents and Grand Parents alike. From 1991 to 1998 it was in Wenonah Park. In 1999 the *Doubletree Hotel* was being built and they had to move. They operated out of the Kresge Building that year. In 2000 they moved the building to it’s current location. They had 5 weeks to get ready for Santa’s arrival and they made it! The following year, they worked on landscape and decorations outside. They usually have between 10,000 and 12,000 people show up each season. They used to have reindeer on opening weekend, then they had a gentleman let them use his deer for the whole season. 4 or 5 years ago, his reindeer passed away due to the heat we had that summer. They now have to rent reindeer from a farm in Clare and it is very expensive. The BCNOC awarded the Santa House a grant to rent them every year, so they usually do one day one weekend and another day on a different weekend. They have not found anywhere that will let them stay with them.

BCNOC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BUSINESS

CLUB BY-LAWS

Motion was made by Rick Donahue to approve the changes made to the by-laws. Motion was seconded by Phil Englehardt. Discussion was held that Guy suggested on Article 13 to remove the words “to adopt”. Motion was then made by Rick Donahue to approve with changes. Motion was seconded by Sandy Dabrowski. Motion carries by members in attendance to approve the by-laws with changes.

MEMBER WELL BEING - BIRTHDAYS

Member Well Being: nothing reported.

Birthdays: Today we celebrated **Rich VanTol** with **Carrie** playing the guitar while the club members sang Happy Birthday

MYSTERY OPTIMISTS

Our *Mystery Optimist* today was **Jeff**,(once again), and he answered all three questions given him:

#1: What is your favorite thing about being a member?

Answer: Helping kids

#2: What are you grateful for?

Answer: Everyone, fellowship and members

#3: One thing we don’t know?

Answer: That he actually has 3 brothers.

Hanukkah
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

FINES - HAPPY BUCKS - JUST BECAUSE

Happy Bucks:

President Roberta: that the zoom with **Santa** went well

Holli: for the *Santa Zoom*, her kids really enjoyed it

Patti: for the **Santa Zoom** and her husband's 70th birthday

Rich: For all the birthday wishes

Bobbi: for her sister in law **Sue** being on the zoom call, and for the Zoom with **Santa**

Jeff: Zoom with **Santa** and for mystery optimist last week and the cookies were delicious

Guy: sad for past president **Bob Dimitroff's** passing, for **Kim Offenbecker** and **Jill Urban** helping stuff envelopes for travelogue, happy, because he is relieved the January show is rescheduled to April 19, and happy that they caught the printers in time before they printed the posters, and for **Mary Ida** today

Rick: for the Zoom with Santa and 1 fine as he was going to compliment on his technology use today until he was cut off just now.

Just Because:

None paid

Fines:

None proposed or admitted to

December 15: Our program today was Major Rick Ray from the Salvation Army. Some of the topics **Major Ray** spoke on are:

Coats-for-Kids (and adults) program

Normally 45 collection sites, now down to 7-8. They need to sanitize and clean every coat received, and they need coats for adults in all sizes. The program will run thru March. While donations are down, Major Ray stated there is still great community support.

Virtual Bell Ringer program:

Bell Ringer volunteers are down this year, and for the 17 locations they have just 7-8 volunteers so far. The Salvation Army has recently launched a new "*Peer-To-Peer*" fundraising campaign that invites the public to take an active role in supporting the organization. The *Virtual Red Kettle Campaign* will allow supporters to create their own virtual *Red Kettle* with a personal fundraising goal. The campaign starts today and runs through the end of the year.

Individuals:

Visit <https://www.registertoring.com/zipvirtual.aspx> and create your own virtual kettle with a fundraising goal of your choice. Setting up a fundraising page takes just minutes. Once set up, just send the link to your friends, family, and co-workers and ask that they make a donation and share the link with others. Posting on your social media pages helps spread the word.

Teams:

Join up with your co-workers, church group, service club, or extended family to create a Virtual Red Kettle team. Set your team goal and then engage in friendly competition to reach that goal.

Businesses:

Companies and churches can help spread the word about the campaign by adding a link to the campaign to their own websites, social media pages, and electronic newsletters.

Since March the Salvation Army has served 10,000 meals. Pre-COVID the Salvation Army served 125 meals per day. During COVID they are serving 350-400 per day, with an average of 200-225 per day.

BCNOC members Jim Merrill and his wife Donna are participating in the Baking Brigade for the Salvation Army

FINES-HAPPY BUCKS-JUST BECAUSE

President Roberta: Welcome to new member **Kelli Whaley**

Patti: Done baking cookies

Karen: For traveling to Arizona safely

Debbie: Fun visit with grandson & baking

Holli: Son **Isaac's** 4th Birthday next Wednesday. TCF bank merging with Huntington Bank

Rick: Grandsons spent weekend at the house. **Happy Buck** that they are gone

Becky: Son-in law back to work after medical leave. She is now virtually teaching her grandchildren.



MYSTERY OPTIMIST

Holli was chosen as the Mystery Optimist, and answered all the questions posed her

#1: Favorite thing of being an Optimist

Answer: New friends and helping kids

#2: What are you grateful for

Answer: Being Optimistic about being able to work from home and spending time with her children

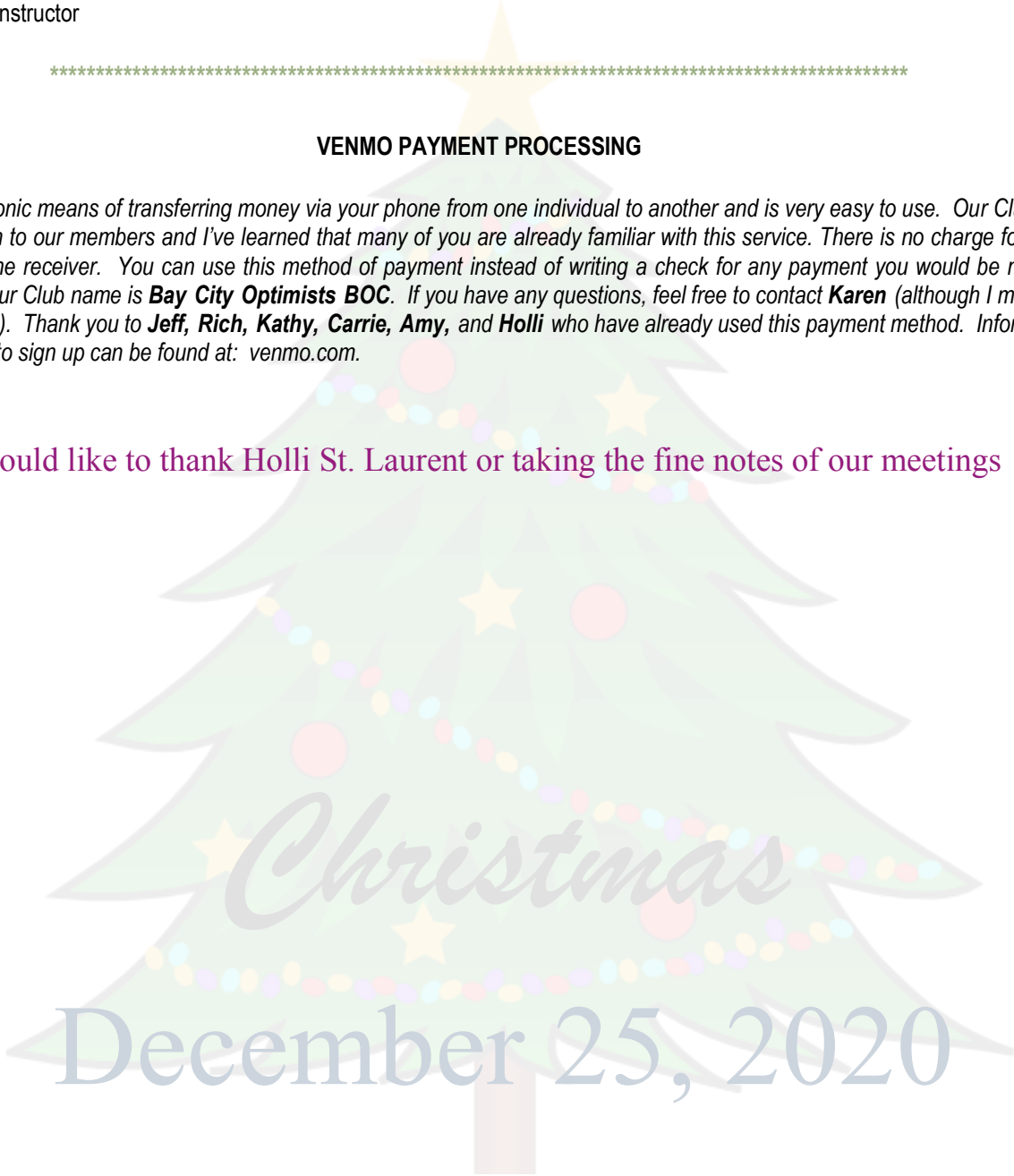
#3: One thing we may not know about her

Answer: Holli is a Dental Hygienist. Her POM Team in high school won the state competition in senior year. She is also a dance instructor

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



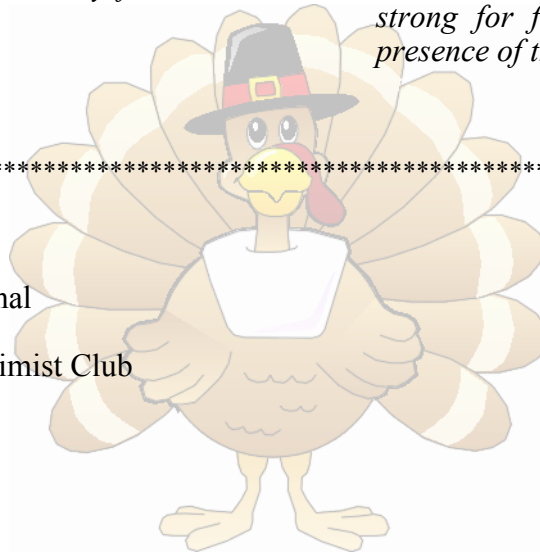
The Optimist Creed

*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