



BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

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

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



February 1, 2022

Our program today was **Jennifer Naegele**, council director for *Girls on the Run, Saginaw Bay*. What started with thirteen girls in one school in 1996 has grown to over 2 million girls transformed nationwide and counting. With the help of over 100,000 volunteers, they empower more than 200,000 girls annually. The only program of its kind, they focus on the important connection between mind and body. Their research-based lessons and accessible physical activity instill confidence and nurture care and compassion in every girl.

“Girls on the Run, Saginaw Bay” is an affiliated program of *Underground Railroad, Inc.*, and a council of *Girls on the Run International*. The Saginaw Bay council was established in 2009 and served 34 girls in Saginaw County in 2010. Over ten years, Girls on the Run Saginaw Bay expanded to include Bay, Arenac, Tuscola and Huron Counties, and has served over 3,000 participants. The following is a list of Bay County schools Girls On The Run has impacted since the Bay City Noon Optimist Club started supporting, with not only a financial donation, but with volunteer work, the Girls on The Run Program in 2020:

Girls on the Run Team (3rd and 5th grade) Location: Auburn Williams Township Park

Auburn Elementary
Bay City Western
McAlear-Sawden
Auburn Area Catholic
Trinity Lutheran Monitor

All Saints Elementary
Essexville-Hampton Public Schools
Hampton Elementary
Bigelow Park serving:
Kolb Elementary

St. Paul Lutheran
All Saints Elementary
Mackensen Elementary
Zion Lutheran

Heart & Sole Team (6th and 7th grade) Location: Auburn Williams Township Park

Bay City Western
Christa McAuliffe
Bay City Western

More information may be had by visiting their website: <https://www.gotrsaginawbay.org/our-organization>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Roberta

There will be a NOW Meeting - February 8th - special presentation by Branden Minuth - please send names of prospective members to Holli for a special invitation from the Club to attend

February 12: *Michigan District Optimist 2nd Quarter Conference* via ZOOM

President Roberta:

Shared the proclamation from **Mayor Newsham** for Optimist Day, February 3rd. (See last page)

Sunshine bag assembly is taking place after today’s luncheon. Delivery will be arranged with the school and members notified to assist if available. The Club will be honoring the educational staff at Handy Middle School. As friends of youth, we also wish to ensure the adults caring for our youth are also supported.

Still looking for cookie elves to help build our OI Foundation donations - sign up sheet to be passed around at meetings.

February 20 will be the next Free Movie at the State Theatre sponsored by the BCNOC. Movie will be LUCA

Kathy Dardas:

Today is the deadline for the *Bay City Noon Optimist Club’s* Oratorical applications. We have 4 confirmed applicants. Contest to be held February 8, 2022 at the Bay Arenac ISD

Guy: Next travelogue will be on “*Cities Of Italy*” on March 28th

February

February 15: Mary Klepser February 18: Natalie Beyer
February 23: Sue Bauer

March

March 01: Kendra Christensen March 11: Jim Merrill
March 30: Jeff Staudacher

Remember to check out our social media sites:
Face Book: [Bay City Noon Optimist](#) Web page: baycitynoonoptimist.org

50/50 and QUARTER CUP

Our new member **Sue Bauer** won the Quarter Cup and *President Roberta* tried her hand at winning the 50/50 but did not

HAPPY BUCKS - FINES - JUST BECAUSE

Happy Bucks:

President Roberta: paid a happy buck for her great cruise vacation

Rick Donahue: has completed his heart rehabilitation therapy! Also for being a special guest at his grandson's school.

Multiple members: paid happy bucks because Rick was able to join us

Carrie: had happy bucks and also a fine for a weary spirit.

Fines

Rick Donahue: Being an intermittent attendee

BIRTHDAYS

Mary Klepser requested the club sing to her nicely

February 8:

Our program today was BCNOC Member **Branden Minuth**. **Branden's** theme was of "Optimism In Times Of Uncertainty", and shared with us what it means to be an *Optimist*, and the programs we as a club support. **Branden** also shared how he became a member and how it has changed his life.

Branden is a former Navy SEAL with three combat tours to Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. He served as the *Platoon Scout Sniper*, *Sniper Instructor*, and *Radio Communicator*. He is currently a *Vice President*, *Senior Financial Advisor*, *Portfolio Manager*, and *Certified Plan Fiduciary Advisor* with *Merrill Lynch* in Saginaw. He also is the acting president of the *Michigan Heroes Museum*, board of advisory member for *After The Impact Fund* (helping Veterans, Legends, and Leaders in the area of Mental Health and Wellness), **Branden** was recognized as the *Bay City Western HS Distinguish Alumnus* for the Class of 2016, and was the *Detroit Lions Hometown Hero* against the Green Bay Packers December of 2017. **Branden** lives in Midland with his wife and two sons.

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President Roberta:

Card going around for **Rich VanTol**, as his father in law passed away

Oratorical Contest is tonight at 6pm

Optimist day delivery was a success even though there was a snow day and they were so happy to receive them. Patti, Bobbi, Alicia, Sue, Kathy Dardas helped package them

Next week's presentation is the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan

MI District meeting via Zoom on Saturday

Mr. Peace (Kevin Szawala) will be here March 15th. Kevin will do four presentations that day on behalf of the Bay City Noon Optimist Club: two presentations at *MacKensen Elementary School*, one presentation for our Youth Appreciation Luncheon, and one presentation at the State Theatre for parents that same evening.

Kelli Whaley:

Brought in the pamphlets that she meant to bring in when she presented to the club.

50/50 and QUARTER CUP

Well apparently the planets were not aligned right for *President Roberta* as her ticket was drawn for the second week in a row for the 50/50, and once again she did not draw the right card. Perhaps next week will be the charm, providing her name is drawn again and our most senior member, Ron Cunningham, had his name drawn for the "Quarter Cup", but Ron was not there to collect. So once again both of these *Treasure Troves* continue to grow

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

HAPPY BUCKS - FINES - JUST BECAUSE

President Roberta: She was able to go cross country skiing near Roscommon, For everyone here today
Holli: Haven't been here in a while, sickness seems to be gone in our family, and for my mom being done with treatment; she didn't need Chemo just radiation.
Tana: a fine for a phone call
Mary: for *Grandson Nick's* visit and safe trip back
George: for his wife who is near 75 and for **Branden**, his vice president when he was President of the BCNOC
Jim S: Just came back from vacation and beating 2 snowstorms by 1 day
Branden: for **George** teaching him how to make a perfect Manhattan
Alicia: for **Branden's** great presentation and the fact that he let her daughter interview him for school
Carrie: for her show last week in Pontiac and performing for the President of the group
Patti: for the **Sandy D's** wreath class
Rick: Bangor Township fire department has an event coming up
Guy: for **Branden** and **Nick** being here
Jeff: Great to see **Branden**, 2 weeks from today, *February 22nd*, is the pink elephant exchange at Tri City Brewery at 6:00pm and there is no luncheon that day. Free movie coming up Feb 20th at State Theatre and the movie is Luca.

FINES

Bobbi: Sandy held a wreath making class and she was unable to attend
Rick: Fine for sarcastic comment
Jeff: Missed the last couple of weeks meetings

JUST BECAUSE

President Roberta
Sue Bauer
Alicia
Patti

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MEMBER WELL BEING-IN THE NEWS

Gary Ebel is recovering from being in the Hospital and **Rich Van Tol's** Father-in-Law has passed away. Please keep them both in your prayers and thoughts

Next week 's program

Our program next week, February 15, will be *Food Bank Of Eastern Michigan*, and our presenters will be **Connie Peters** and **Terry Nix**



City of Bay City Proclamation

Whereas, volunteers working with young people who are our joy of today and are our hope for tomorrow, are exuberant representatives of the potential to be reached and dreams to come true. They are also unbounded in their enthusiasm to use their own talent, skills, and hard work to make a difference in others' lives; and

Whereas, members of Optimist International will celebrate OPTIMIST DAY throughout the world the first Thursday of every February to promote their efforts in helping and recognizing the young people that make a difference in their communities and who will encourage a greater exchange of ideas between young people and adults; and

Whereas, there are 2400 Optimist Clubs, with more than 70,000 Members, in Optimist International and Optimist members throughout the world that carry out more than 6500 service projects that serve six million young people a year; and

Whereas, the Bay City Noon Optimist Club serving Bay County youth since 1957 with over 65 members, is proud to share and celebrate Optimist Day with the community;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathleen L. Newsham, Mayor of the City of Bay City, do hereby proclaim Thursday, February 3, 2022, as

OPTIMIST DAY

in Bay City, as I present this proclamation declaring the first Thursday of every February as Optimist Day in the City of Bay City. May this day instill pride in our City's Optimists for all their accomplishments and for the impact they have to truly make a difference in others' lives.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Bay City to be affixed this 3rd day of February in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

Kathleen L. Newsham, Mayor
CITY OF BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

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*

February 14, 2022



Optimist International
 Friend of Youth
 Bay City Noon Optimist Club

President: Roberta Spencer **Vice President:** Sandy Dabrowski **Treasurer:** Karen Monville
Secretary: Holli St. Laurent **Past President:** Bobbi Gellise

Board of Directors

2021-2023		2021-2022	
Jeff Staudacher	Sue Cornejo	Alicia Wallace	Kathy Dardas
Patti Krenz	Kim Offenbecker	Rich VanTol	Kirsten Wellnitz

Programs: Kirsten Wellnitz

Essay: Roberta Spencer

Camel Races: Bobbi Gellise & Holli St. Laurent

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/Jeff Staudacher