



Bay City Noon Optimist Club

# BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

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

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February 23, March 2 and March 9, 2021

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. If you haven't attended a Zoom meeting recently, plan on joining us and see the great job that President Roberta is doing leading the meetings.

### February 23

Our guest speaker, and program, today was **Phil Eich** from “Hey Bay City Podcast” and “Full Steam Social Media”. He helps businesses with social marketing. He began with Saginaw and wanted to do something for Bay City; this is where the idea of “Hey Bay City” podcast came from. He began with 10 episodes in season 1 and decided that people really enjoyed these podcasts and decided to do a season 2. It is a different way to reach people and the podcasts are better than videos as people are more likely to listen for the entirety of the podcast. Season 2 has about 23 episodes and starts this week. Podcasts are available weekly on the Apple, Spotify, and Samsung platform, or at: [heybaycity.busprout.com](http://heybaycity.busprout.com)

### BCNOC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BUSINESS

#### President Roberta:

The Essay Contest– Our program next week will be our Essay winner: **Ethan Shorkey**

Bay Veterans Coalition food drive will be March 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Karen: Foundation news:

Reminder that there are 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary items available on the Optimist International Foundation Auction site

The election for a new board member is going on right now and member voting will be done by the end of February. Visit the foundation website for the bios.

#### Dana: Zone Update:

Super zone meeting was yesterday and tomorrow is a zone meeting open to all clubs.

Virtual Conference is March 6<sup>th</sup>, let Karen know if interested in attending.

International convention be hybrid (Live and Virtual)

Thursday night is the business session for the district meeting

#### Guy: Travelogue update

March 8<sup>th</sup>. We have to tape off seats at the State Theatre. Thanks to Patti for helping pass out placemats and posters. The theatre is allowed to open at half capacity

#### Sandy: Oratorical News

Oratorical is March 24<sup>th</sup> at the ISD. Get the word out to students! We have 2 so far, and need a minimum of 3!!

### MEMBER WELL BEING - BIRTHDAYS

**Member Well Being:** None reported on

**Birthdays:** None admitted to

### SAD - FINES - HAPPY BUCKS - JUST BECAUSE

#### Happy Bucks:

**Roberta:** For Karen covering her for a couple weeks

**Carrie:** Fiancé got a new job!

**Karen:** For technology to be able to still join the meetings even though they are out of town

**Jeff:** For Phil's program. Eye Opener is March 10<sup>th</sup>

Easter  
April 4, 2021



#### March

March 01: Kendra Christense  
March 11: Jim Merrill  
March 16: Amy MacDonald  
March 30: Jeff Staudacher

#### April

April 02: Bobbi Gellise  
April 07: Amy Trogan  
April 11: John Spencer  
April 16: Diane Thompson  
April 05: Becky Tillman  
April 08: Becke Popou  
April 12: Lisa Forrest  
April 25: Barb Skowronski

#### MAY

May 4 Sandy Dabrowski  
May 16: Dana Monville  
29: Lynn Gehoski  
May 5: Rob Short  
May 19: Marlene Mika  
May 31: Jennifer Grigg

Remember to check out our social media sites:

Face Book: [Bay City Noon Optimist](https://www.facebook.com/BayCityNoonOptimist) Web page: [baycitynoonoptimist.org](http://baycitynoonoptimist.org)

**March 2:**

Our guest today was our "1st Place" essay winner **Ethan Shorkey**. He recited his essay which was titled "Reaching Your Dreams By Choosing Optimism". Ethan's theme was reaching your dreams during the Covid Pandemic/

Our "2nd Place" Essay winner is **Joshua Dybas**

Our "3rd Place" Essay winner is **Brooklyn Socier**

Our club awards scholarships \$500 for 1st, \$250 for 2nd and \$100 for 3rd.

**BCNOC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BUSINESS**

**President Roberta:**

Another volunteer Opportunity is at the Legacy Center to help tutor adults in Math and Reading

There is a food distribution for the "Great Lakes Bay Veterans Coalition on March 5<sup>th</sup> at Bay Arenac High School, sign up on Facebook if interested in volunteering

**Karen:** Foundation news

Online auction going on until March 11th

**Sandy D:** *Oratorical News*

Oratorical is March 24<sup>th</sup> at the ISD. Get the word out to students! We have 3 so far!!

**Guy:** Travelogue

Next Monday. Ticket sales are at 105 and the State Theatre isn't concerned about attendance. We will have hand sanitizer and masks and we need to rope off seats.

**MEMBER WELL BEING - BIRTHDAYS**

**Member Well Being:** None reported on

**Birthdays:** None admitted to

**SAD - FINES - HAPPY BUCKS - JUST BECAUSE**

**Happy Bucks:**

**President Roberta:** for going to Pinconning HS to present the Essay 2nd & 3rd place winners with their certificates and medals; she found her president's pin; for the judges of the essay contest

**Holli:** The essay winner; Received her 1<sup>st</sup> Covid vaccine this weekend; was asked to help with the PPP loan process again at work; is super busy at work now as they changed her title and gave her 2 additional lenders to assist.

**Debbie:** Going to Pinconning with Roberta

**Patti:** Her daughter **Stephanie's** birthday; went to Grand Rapids to see her daughter and grandkids

**Bobbi:** That the essay winner was someone she knows; her husband got his vaccine

**Guy:** got his 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccine

**Sad Bucks:** Everybody was HAPPY HAPPY this week

**Fines :** None Proposed

**Just Because:** None paid

**MYSTERY OPTIMIST**

**President Roberta** gave everyone numbers as they joined. Today's "Mystery Optimist" was **Holli**

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

**Answer:** Helping kids and for making new friends in the club

**Question #2:** What are you grateful for?

**Answer:** The sunshine today

**Question #3:** One thing we don't know?

**Answer:** When she was in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, she fell outside at recess and knocked out 2 teeth and 1 got pushed back and had to go to hospital. This may have contributed to her becoming a Dental Hygienist.

Next Week: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter District meeting update

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**March 9:**

Today we had an update from those who attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Michigan District meeting. Those who attended were: **Holli, Karen, Dana, Roberta, and Rick.**

**Holli** shared that **Tracey Huxley**, *Optimist International Vice President of the Northeast and Great Lakes Region*" once again spoke at the meeting **Tracey** had a great message about choosing happiness and choosing to have a good day, even if it is starting out bad.

**Holli** attended the breakout session on *Teen Mental Health and Wellness* where they shared that there is an app call **NotOk** where the teen can put in 5 people and if they are not feeling the greatest, they push the big button and it sends a message to those 5 people that says "I am not OK" and then that opens up the door for them to talk with people. There is a *Childhood Health and Wellness* walk coming up (more info to come) where they would like to see all clubs participating, and there is a grant available as well for *Childhood Health and Wellness*. **Holli** would like to see us become more active in our club.

**Karen** agreed on the message **Tracey** shared and she attended a breakout session that talked about the Optimist International having 5 videos available covering new member orientation. We are going to discuss this at our next Board meeting and this would be great to incorporate with our club. It doesn't have to be just for new members, but would give a refresher to our current members as well. These videos are made by optimist members for optimist members.

March 20<sup>th</sup> is National day of Happiness and that is what they focused on.

There was a Fundraising session where they addressed a lottery raffle that clubs can use for fundraising, and **Roberta** feels that the 3 digit lottery raffle would be a great one for our club.

The International Convention will be held in person in Atlanta GA with an online hybrid as well.

### MEMBER WELL BEING - BIRTHDAYS

**Birthdays:** none admitted to this week

**Member Well Being or In The News:** none reported on this week

### BCNOC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BUSINESS

**Karen:** Foundation news

Online auction going on until March 11th

Board Position nominations are now open. Members of this committee are **Guy, Sandy, Carrie, Susan, and Rich**. Please get with a member of the committee if you are interested in a board position or have any questions.

**Sandy:** Oratorical News

Oratorical is March 24<sup>th</sup> at the ISD or via zoom. Get the word out to students! We have 4 so far!!

**Guy:** Travelogue

The Travelogue was held last night and had great attendance. Great turnout of volunteers as well. There were 95 people in attendance, which when you consider the Covid restrictions, it is a good turnout

**Jeff:** Chamber News

Shared that with the Drydock, they are ready to make assignments and we could get 1-3 weekends, and they will go from Wednesday through Saturday.

Chamber eye opener is tomorrow and will be updated information on the bridges.

**Kirsten:** Youth Appreciation.

We are not able to hold this event as we normally would, but we are having it more passively. We are sending out letters to schools on March 17<sup>th</sup>, they need to respond to us by April 12<sup>th</sup>, and the week of April 26<sup>th</sup> we will be delivering to the schools items for the winners which will include a framed certificate, t-shirt, typed up nomination, and a proclamation from the mayor (hopefully). We are also hoping to announce the winners on our Social Media pages and will request parent/guardian approval if they are underage.

### SAD - FINES - HAPPY BUCKS - JUST BECAUSE

**Happy Bucks-**

**Carrie:** Travelogue was spectacular last night

**Sandy:** She had a fine at the nominating committee meeting; for us putting up with her "pirate eye"

**Patti:** For the travelogue; she is volunteering to administer the vaccine at Delta on Thursday

**Bobbi:** Has 2 sisters volunteering to administer the vaccine; for the Travelogue

**Jeff:** For the travelogue; and for the good of the club

**Guy:** thanks to the 9 volunteers; and he will match all the happy bucks given for the travelogue

**Holli:** Her sister's birthday is today

**Guy:** For **Jim Merrill's** 88th birthday this week

**Karen:** For missing the travelogue; for Bobbi and the other volunteers for helping at the table for her.

### MYSTERY OPTIMIST

*President Roberta* gave everyone numbers as they joined. Today's Mystery Optimist was **Dana Monville**

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

Answer: Work we do in our community

Question #2: What are you grateful for?

Answer: Friendships through the club

Question #3: One thing we don't know?

Answer: He is a Navy Veteran.

## 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** Thank you to President **Roberta, 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](https://venmo.com).

Our venmo is Bay City Optimists Boc

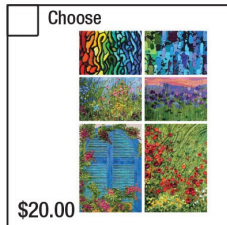
I would like to thank Holli St. Laurent for taking the fine notes of our meetings



Easter  
April 4, 2021



Jeff Hanson Stationery Set  
6 Note Cards with Envelopes



\$20.00

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Jeff Hanson Tie



\$50.00

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Jeff Hanson Scarf



\$50.00

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

50th Anniversary Face Mask



\$10.00

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Jeff Hanson Bow Tie



\$50.00

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OIF is proud to have reached 50 years of "Helping Optimist Help Kids." To celebrate this awesome milestone we are launching several commemorative items for you to purchase. These unique, one-of-kind items are a melding of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary theme and the wonderful artwork of Jeff Hanson. Jeff and his parents were featured at the OI Centennial Convention in Louisville, Kentucky in 2019.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of many through your support of this effort.

*Artwork courtesy of JeffHansonArt.com*

**Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Net proceeds of 50<sup>th</sup> commemorative items will benefit the Optimist International Childhood Health and Wellness program

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my check made out to Optimist International Foundation (for the purchase of commemorative items).

\_\_\_\_\_ Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my:  MC  Visa  Discover  American Express

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

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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 large for worry, to noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble*

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

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## Board of Directors

2020-2021		2020-2022	
Jeff Staudacher	Sandy Dabrowski	Bobbi Gellise	Becky Tillman
Paul Gaiser	Susan Carmien	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