



Bay City Noon Optimist Club

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

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February 9 and February 16, 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 9

Our program speaker today was **Brad Warju** from *Versiti Blood Center of Michigan*. Based in Grand Rapids, Mi, they are the 4th largest blood bank nationwide. drawing 120,000 units of blood annually, falling just shy of the 500 units needed everyday in Michigan. Blood given locally, stays local at first, then dispersed to the 70 hospitals affiliated with *Versity*, with 98% of the blood donated staying in Michigan. Most of their donations come through Blood Drives. While they have a “Blood Bus” that they can use, they would prefer to do it inside of a location. The bus has 4 beds, but only 2 can be used right now due to COVID. They are still able to collect blood right now, even with COVID. When you donate blood, they do test you for COVID antibodies, and you are told if you are positive. For every unit you donate, you save 3 lives! You can donate every 56 days, and you are never too old to donate. You can begin donating with parental consent at age 16, and without at 17

There will be a blood drive on February 24th from 9am-12pm at Sunrise Family Credit Union on Euclid. You can sign up online for an appointment and it takes about an hour.

Locally, the *Versity Blood Center* is located on Johnson Street in Bay City

More information can be had by contacting Brad at: bwaju@versiti.org.

BCNOC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BUSINESS

President Roberta:

The Essay Contest- Almost ready to announce the winners.

We received a thank you card from the Children’s Greif Center for our donation

Karen:

Foundation news: Reminder that there are 50th anniversary items available.

They will be holding a virtual auction beginning February 11th to March 11th.

The election for a new board member is going on right now and member voting will be closed February 28th. Visit the foundation website for the bios.

The Optimist International Hotline has announced the candidates for President elect.

Dana: Zone Update:

Zoom training sessions will be held once again on February 20th, you need to register ahead of attending. If you want that information, we can get that for you.

February 21 is a super zone meeting at 7pm.

Virtual Conference is March 6th, let **Karen** know if interested in attending.

Guy:

Travelogue update- ticket sales are going well, 80 tickets sold already and there is a limit of 165 people in the theatre. He still needs help distributing placemats and posters.

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



February

February 15: Mary Klepser
February 18: Natalie Beyer

March

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

April

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

Remember to check out our social media sites:

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

MEMBER WELL BEING - BIRTHDAYS

Member Well Being: None reported on

Birthdays: None admitted to

SAD - FINES - HAPPY BUCKS - JUST BECAUSE

Happy Bucks:

President Roberta- Happy that she sent out her valentines day presents early as she thought it was on Friday, not Sunday

Holli: Her mom's birthday is Valentine's Day

Jeff: for the Valentine's Day reminder; He received his 2nd dose of the vaccine.

Karen: *President Roberta* did a great job with **Art Lewis**;

Jeff has an Optimist plaque behind him on the wall – we found out that they are all optimist plaques.

Bobbi: *John Glenn* played their 1st basketball game of the season; her grandson played and made 2 foul shots.

Guy: for the travelogue ticket sales; *Optimist Day* worked well for him as it was the same day he was installed as president with another organization he is involved in.

Patti: Just because

Debbi: for our speaker today and for the blood drive at her work.

Sad Bucks:

Jeff: canceled the *St. Patrick's Day Parade*

Fines: None proposed

Just Because: None paid

MYSTERY OPTIMIST

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

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

Answer: Getting to see everyone's smiling faces on our zoom call

Question #2: What are you grateful for?

Answer: The sunshine today

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

Answer: She is a blood donor of 6 gallons!

February 16: Our guest speaker today **Shannon Forshee** from Camp Fish Tales. Camp Fish Tales is a year-round independent non-profit camp, conference and retreat center located just South of Pinconning, Michigan. This barrier-free, wheelchair-accessible camp, encompasses 67 ½ acres and is a dream come true for campers and their loved ones.

Mission Statement

Camp Fish Tales provides a unique and exciting outdoor learning experience where individuals with special needs interact and develop skills that enhance their health, abilities, independence, and quality of life.

Camp Goals

The goal of Camp Fish Tales is to provide an atmosphere for individuals with special needs to meet and make new friends while participating in activities designed to promote physical, emotional, social and cognitive skills. For many campers, this is one of the few opportunities to be away from home and become more independent. For caregivers, Camp Fish Tales offers respite and a chance to renew.

In 1993 *Camp Fish Tales* opened a one-week, overnight, camp at *Saginaw Valley State University*. It was a good start, but parents and volunteers had a dream in which one day their children and friends would enjoy a true camping experience. A camping experience which would include healthy, fun activities outdoors...the chance to meet new friends and develop social skills in a completely new and safe environment... the "confidence-building" experience of being away from home. Hundreds of volunteers pitched in, and in 1996, *Camp Fish Tales* opened near Pinconning in mid-Michigan

A whole lot more information can be had by visiting: campfishtails.org

MEMBER WELL BEING - BIRTHDAYS - MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Member Well being:

Dana talked to **Gary Ebel**, and he is doing well. Like all of us, he is tired of being locked in

Karen heard from **Jim Merrill** and he is looking forward to getting a camera for his computer so he can join us on our ZOOM meetings

Birthdays: None admitted to

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guy: Help will be needed at the Travelogue and he still needs help distributing posters, flyers and place mats

Karen: Election for Optimist International Foundation Board members is open till February 28th, and there are three candidates

Optimist International Foundation Online Auction is now open to everyone and will continue through March 11.

Sandy: Still looking for students to participate in the oratorical

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Happy Bucks

Karen: Got 1st Birdie at golf

Patti: Because she likes snow

Fines:

Bobbi: Still owes for first Quarter Dues

MYSTERY OPTIMIST

Our Mystery Optimist today was Patti K, and she answered all three questions

Question #1: Best part of being an Optimist

Answer: What she can do in the community

Question #2: What are you grateful for:

Answer: For her health

Question #3: One thing we don't know about you

Answer: **Patti** stated that everyone knows she loves quilting. Shortly after her sister, **Bobbi**, was married, **Bobbi** and her husband moved to California. After **Bobbi** left, **Patti** noticed several of **Bobbi's** clothes were left behind. Thinking **Bobbi** no longer wanted them, **Patti** cut them up and used them for quilting. Imagine **Bobbi's** surprise when she came back for her clothes and they were not in the closet where she left them. **Bobbi** stated she had left them behind because her husband was in the service and they didn't have enough room for everything. **Patti** stated that she did receive several compliments on what a beautiful quilt she had made. LOL!!!

VENMO PAYMENT PROCESSING

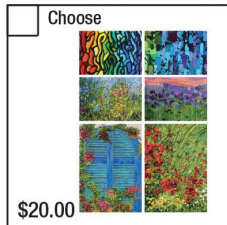
*Venmo is an electronic means of transferring money via your phone from one individual to another and is very easy to use. Our Club now offers this payment option to our members and I've learned that many of you are already familiar with this service. There is no charge for the transfer for the sender 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.*

Our venmo is Bay City Optimists Boc

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



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 50th 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 50th commemorative items will benefit the Optimist International Childhood Health and Wellness program

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email _____

_____ 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 _____

Signature _____

Please return to: Optimist International Foundation • 4494 Lindell Blvd. • St. Louis, MO 63108

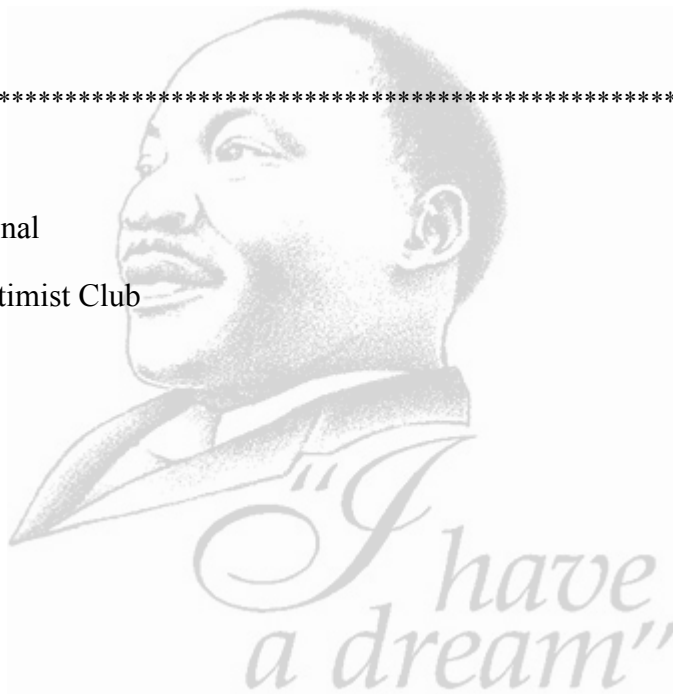
The Optimist Creed

*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*



Optimist International
 Friend of Youth
 Bay City Noon Optimist Club



Martin Luther King day

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

January 18, 2021

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