



BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

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Meetings Every Tuesday, Paul Davis Restoration 12:15 p.m.



July 23

PROGRAM

Our presenter today was **Kathy Rayner**, Executive Director Literacy Council of Bay County. **Kathy** spoke today on the state of literacy in our county, and the statistics were dismal to say the least.

Doing a little further search on my own, I found, according to the National Center for Education Statistics (nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard), comparing statistics for student growth of Michigan, between 4th grade level and 8th grade level, one statistic that stuck out to me was between mathematics and reading was the following levels of achievement

	Less than Basic	Less than Proficient
4th Grade Reading	42%	72%
8th Grade Reading	32%	72%
4th Grade Math	29%	68%
8th Grade Math	40%	75%

One statistic Kathy shared with us is 46% of Bay County 4th grade students are not reading at their grade level.

Kathy related a story of one of her “Students” that had a job as a dishwasher at a restaurant, and wanting to move up to a better position as a wait person, while being a very good worker, he could not move on as he could not read the menu, nor sufficiently write the order. One problem could be that besides not teaching cursive in school anymore, students are not being taught the basics of spelling, nor having spelling tests.

To me it kind of explains the dilemma of a parent wanting to Home School, Charter school, Private or Public school. While these are just a few of the different school choice programs, they are probably the most commonly thought of.

The literacy council is always looking for tutors, and if interested you can contact her at: 989-892-5002

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Alicia: National Night Out will be August 6, 2024, and will be held at the Wenona Park (Bandshell area), and we will need help. We will once again be cooking hotdogs (Last year was just shy of 1700) and passing those, and chips, soda, and water, out to the thousands of people that show up for this every year. There is no cost to anyone that attends.

BCNOC Board Meeting will be August 20. Meeting location will be at Paul Davis Restoration after our regular meeting.

Michigan District Convention will be August 16-17, and she and Rick, Karen and Dana will be attending and represent our club.

Dana: Invited everyone to the State Park campground on Tuesday, July 23 for fellowship. Pulled pork sandwiches and other picnic fare will be had, Along with some beer and wine Site #8. Unfortunately a State Park sticker is necessary for entry into the park. More info: 989-714-7620

Bobbi: Birthday party was a success. Camel race meeting was held Monday, and the committee is confirming the Camel sponsors

Guy: Waiting on status of the State Theatre for our Travel Series

50 and NAME DRAWING

Guy was present to claim his “**Quarter Cup**” winnings and Tina did what Patti and **Dana** did the weeks before. She drew the wrong card, so the 50/50 pot will continue to grow..

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 5: Tim Murray

July 24: Karen Monville

July 25: Kim Hazen

July 30: James Tromba Jr.

Remember to check out our social media sites:

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

HAPPY BUCKS, FINES , JUST BECAUSE

President Alicia: Beautiful weather

Patti: Great week with Family

Bev: Had a Happy Weekend celebrating her 50th High School Reunion

Guy: Took "My Fair lady"(his boat) to Tawas, and watching a squirrel admire his mothers bronze sculpture of a squirrel by his pool

Carrie: Booked ore dates for her Balloon artistic skills

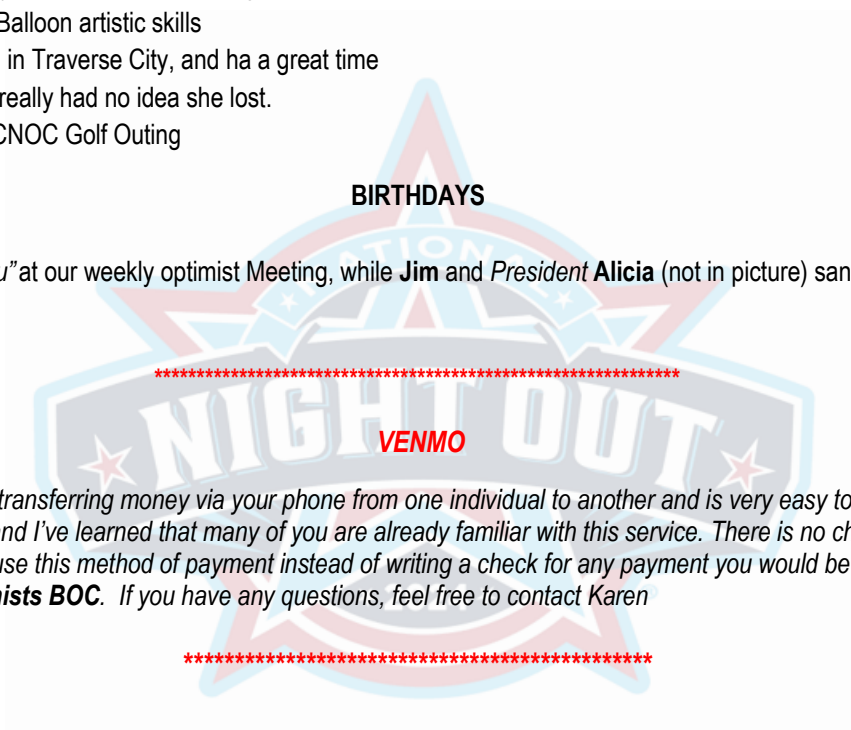
Jim: Attended the Cherry Festival in Traverse City, and ha a great time

Karen: **Jim** found her earring she really had no idea she lost.

Bobbi: For another successful BCNOC Golf Outing

BIRTHDAYS

Karen with her "Birthday Chapeau" at our weekly optimist Meeting, while **Jim** and *President Alicia* (not in picture) sang to her



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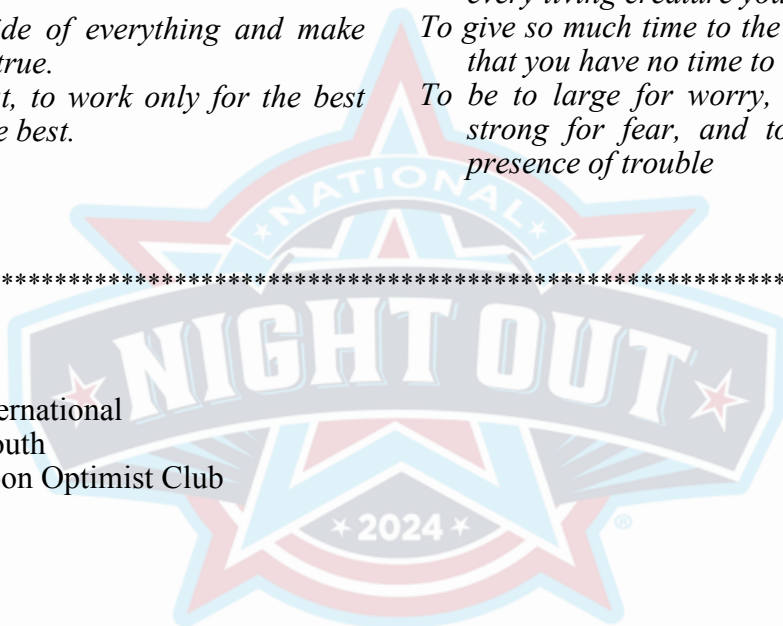
The Optimist Creed

*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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Essay: Patti Krenz

Camel Races: Bobbi Gellise & Karen Monville

Summer Party: Karen Monville

Oratorical: Sandy Dabrowski

Travel and Adventure: Guy Greve

Youth Appreciation: Kirsten Wellnitz

Christmas Party: Karen Monville

Bulletin: Dana & Karen Monville

Web Site: Dana Monville

N.O.W Program: Rick Donahue/Jeff Staudacher

Golf Outing: Roberta Spencer