

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.

March 16

Today's program was **Amanda Courier** from the *Bay Area Women's Center*. The center serves women, children, teens and families and in certain instances, men. The center serves victims of domestic, and sexual violence, and secondary victims which would include children who witness abuse in the home, or parents/guardians of abused children. Some of the services the center offers are Emergency shelter for up to 90 days, group counseling, Individual counseling, legal advocacy, court accompaniment, personal protection orders, housing advocacy, a 24 hour help hotline, and more. Many of the employees are volunteers. Funding for the center comes from personal donations, Federal funds, fundraisers, and donations from the community. If they don't have room available they will call to other shelters in Michigan to find somewhere for them to go. More information can be had by contacting the center at 989-686-4551, or 1-800-834-2098 Crisis Hot Line

BCNOC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BUSINESS

President Roberta:

March 20th is International Day of Happiness. International President Mark will be having a presentation. You are more than welcome to register for that presentation where they will announce the winners of the Music makes people happy contest.

Golf Outing: June 11th is the date for the outing, and the first meeting for the committee is March 18th at 10:00am.

Camel Races: We are in need of a Chair or Co-Chairs!! Event is October 23rd. Please let us know if you would be willing to serve as a chair or a co-chair

Next Food Distribution volunteer opportunity is March 19th. Please register on Facebook if interested in volunteering with the Great Lakes Bay Veterans Coalition.

Next Week: Game Changers Therapy - Scott Staszak

Karen: Foundation news:

Online auction was a huge success! There are still dime a day pins available.

Sandy D: Oratorical update

Oratorical is March 24th at the ISD. Get the word out to students! We have 7 potential with 3 applications turned in!! You will need to use door #11 and fill out a screening before entering the building.

SAD - FINES - HAPPY BUCKS - JUST BECAUSE

Happy Bucks

President Roberta: For her "Road Runner Award" presented by Michigan District Governor Debbie Berry

Jeff: Going South for a couple weeks

Patti: for working at Delta to volunteer to give COVID shots

Karen: For the new club formation of the club we are sponsoring in Nepal

Holli: for the new club

Karen: She has thank you cards from kids who participated in Disability Resource Center's art project that we donated to. Also, at the district meeting Roberta received Governer's Road Runner award for all the work she did with Optimist Day!

Holli: for Roberta's award

Susan: Amy's birthday, Roberta's award, and that she and Amy are going to Myrtle Beach

Sandy: for Roberta's award and our volunteers that went to Delta to give COVID shots

Bobbi: for Roberta's award

Fines

President Roberta: failed to mention that the City and County are holding a Blood Battle on the 17th and 19th at the Community Center

March	April		МАҮ					
March 11: Jim Merrill March 16: Amy MacDonald	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 4 Sandy Dabrowski May 16: Dana Monville 29: Lynn Gehoski	May 5: Rob Short May 19: Marlene Mika May 31: Jennifer Grigg				

Member Well Being: None reported on

Birthdays: None admitted to

MYSTERY OPTIMIST

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

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

Answer: Everything we do for the kids

Question #2: What are you grateful for?

Answer: Everyone is healthy

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

Answer: Her and her sister were pregnant at the same time, 2 weeks apart. Their girls were born 3 days apart in the same hospital room! Adriana on March 20th and Gabriella March 23rd in 2011.

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. All slates are open for nominations. You can nominate yourself or a fellow member. Voting will take place on April 27th.

The Board of Directors is the governing body of an Optimist Club. A Club's success depends on how well the Board functions, and on its leadership Board members must be committed to the job.

Determining activities.

Approving and supervising the budget.

Providing for the annual audit of Club books.

Deciding on eligibility of proposed Members.

Making long term and short term plans for the Club.

Formulating appropriate policies.

Assigning appropriate action requiring detailed study to Committees.

Receiving reports of Committees.

Advising Club Members of Board actions through the Club bulletin, and when necessary, Club meeting.

Activating the work of Club Committees.

Disciplining Members for inappropriate conduct or non-payment of dues.

Filling vacant offices between elections.

Identifying causes for low attendance and unnecessary losses of Members, and initiating plans and procedures to correct these problems.

Nomination slate so far is as follows

President: Rick Donahue

Vice-President: Sandy Dabrowski

Treasurer: Karen Monville

Secretary: Holli St. Laurent

Board Directors (4 open)

Patti Krenz Sue Cornejo Alicia Wallace Dana Muscott Kim Offenbecker Jeff Staudacher Kathy Dardas



Jeff Hanson Stationery Set 6 Note Cards with Envelopes Jeff Hanson Tie Jeff Hanson Scarf OIF is proud to have reached Choose Choose Choose 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 \$20.00 \$50.00 \$50.00 the 50th anniversary theme and the Qty. Qty. Qty. wonderful artwork of Jeff Hanson. Sub Total \$ Sub Total \$ Sub Total \$ Jeff and his parents were featured at the OI Centennial Convention in Louisville, Kentucky in 2019. 50th Anniversary Face Mask Jeff Hanson Bow Tie Thank you for making a difference Choose Choose in the lives of many through your support of this effort. Artwork courtesy of JeffHansonArt.com \$10.00 \$50.00 Qty. Qty. _ Total \$ _____ Sub Total \$ Sub 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: _Visa _Discover _American Express _MC _Exp.___ ____Security Code ___ / Account #

Signature_

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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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