



Bay City Noon Optimist Club

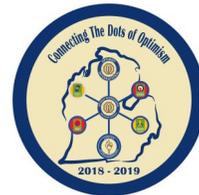
# BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

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

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March 6, 2019

Meeting Every Tuesday, Boys & Girls Club 12:15 p.m.



### PROGRAM for TUESDAY

March 12: BCNOC Board meeting review

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March 11: Travelogue Series, State Theatre, Bay City

“Along The Royal Inca Road”

March 11: BCNOC Board Meeting

Thumb Bank and Trust

March 19: Essay and Oratorical Winners

March 21: Bay Area Chamber After Hours

Bay Sail & Tall Ships, Pier 7 Marina

March 28: Birthday Party at the Mission

August 23-25: Michigan District Convention

DoubleTree Hotel, Bay City

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### MARCH

March 1 Kendra Christensen

March 2 Tiffany Sheppard

March 5 Kellie Seward

March 11 Jim Merrill

March 16 Amy MacDonald

March 18 Beth Rodenberg

March 25 Norm Moore

March 30 Jeff Staudacher

### LUNCHEON NOTES

**February 19:** 20 members and 2 guests today at our luncheon meeting. Our presenter was **Aland Stamps from River Jordan, Inc.**

The goal, and the mission, of *River Jordan Inc— School Of Transition* is:

“To empower youth to take responsibility of their own individual lives and become productive members of society”

Being born of a drug addicted mother, **Aland** spent years bouncing around from 20 foster and group homes, never really planting his feet in any one place and always thinking less of himself. At the age of 18, as is the law, he aged out of foster care and became homeless. Moving from couch to couch, and getting involved with the “wrong” people, **Aland** received 4 felonies (starting with drug dealings) and ended up in prison for 5 years.

Out on the streets again, **Aland** was homeless again and lost. He contemplated suicide for much of his life, and in 2013 he entered the ‘Planning Stage’. As he laid on the floor one evening ready to end his life, he had a vision which changed his life forever. It was the first step to creating *River Jordan, Inc.* to help other teens age 14-18 take charge of their lives and become productive individuals in their community. Statistics show that 58% of Michigan foster kids age out of foster care and only 3% of those kids take advantage of employee training opportunities that are offered to them. This developed the Core Principles of Foster Care Recovery: *Awareness, Understanding, Acceptance, and Forgiveness.*

Recovery is a personal lifelong process but *River Jordan, Inc.* offers the help to get kids on the right path and through the tough times. This program currently has 4 Alumni Coaches who serve *Bay, Saginaw, Midland, and Tuscola Counties.* Young adults between the ages of 18-21 may have the opportunity to live in the River Jordan Dorms while they participate in Michigan’s *Foster Care Extension Programs.*

Anyone interested in more information, please visit their website at [www.riverjordaninc.org](http://www.riverjordaninc.org) or email [riverjordanyouth@gmail.com](mailto:riverjordanyouth@gmail.com).

(I Thank **Becky Tillman** for submitting this summary of Tuesday’s program)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*President Rich:* Youth Appreciation has been rescheduled till April 16 due to all of the nasty weather we have had. Sign up sheets will be at the weekly meetings.

*Eagle By The Bay is April 20th.* numerous sponsors are already on board, but there is room for many more. We will also need many volunteers not only the day of the race, but for the *St. Patrick’s Day Parade* from 10am till 3pm. These volunteers will be at a table promoting the race. Sign up sheets available at our luncheons or you can contact *President Rich* at : [vantolr@baisd.net](mailto:vantolr@baisd.net).

June 17th will be the first annual golf fundraiser for the *Bay City Noon Optimist Club.* More to follow

The BCNOC Oratorical Contest was held last Thursday, and the winner will present to our club on March 19.

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

**Guy:** Encouraged everyone to mark their calendar for March 11 to come to the travelogue at the State Theatre. It has been several years since we have visited South America, and this presenter does an excellent job as our tour guide. Voting, by those in attendance, for next year's programs will be done at this show. **Guy** will have a list of shows at that time.

**Bobbi**, the *Children's Birthday Party at the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission* was held last Thursday, and we had 11 children , with 3 Birthday's. The next party will be March 28th.

### 50/50, "QUARTER CUP", BIRTHDAYS

Like **George** last week, **Kathy Dardas** was not present to collect her "Quarter Cup" winnings. **Dr. Phil** had the 1st chance at drawing for the 50/50 from a brand new deck that **Guy** brought in. **Guy** won over 450 on the 50/50 last week, so he had to get a new deck of cards for our 50/50. **Guy** chose the 2 of *Diamonds* as the card needed to collect future winnings. "Birthdays": None admitted to

### FINES , HAPPY BUCKS

**Sandy D** paid a "Happy Buck" because her guest was able to make it: **Susan C**, Her niece got married last weekend; **Jeff**, Happy to see some smiling faces from some of our members that have not been to a meeting for awhile: **Gary Ebel**, **Sandy Dabrowski**, and **Bob LaChance**; **Carrie**, New Bookings; **Guy**, Great phone conversation with next week's Travelogue speaker; **Chief Rick**, Cincinnati is 25 and 4, and he booked a trip to Vegas to see his son and play some golf. **Fines:** **Carrie**, feeling blue because of a canceled seminar; **Sandy D**, Guest introduced herself. **Roberta** fined **Jim S.** for a Sarcastic Comment to **Chief Rick** about his *Cincinnati pride*.

### MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

**Becke P**, VP of *Saginaw Township Business Association*, awarded the 'Spirit of the Township Award' to *Ultimate Landscaping*

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### NEW MEMBER INCENTIVES

During the *Centennial year (2018-2019)*, *Optimist International* does offer us some membership incentives to assist us for the 2018-2019 Optimist year, which are as follows:

Persons under 30 years of age can join for \$50 dues for the first year, with no application fee.

Persons involved in the education system can join for \$50 dues for the first year, with no application fee. This is not only for teachers but is for anyone in the education system, currently working or retired.

"Homecoming" membership incentive is for former members who would like to renew their membership during this Centennial Optimist year. Their dues are \$50 for the first year, with 888no application fee.

# Travel and Adventure March 11

## "Along The Royal Inca Road"

# 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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**President:** Rich VanTol    **Vice President:** Carrie Rostollan    **Treasurer:** Karen Monville  
**Secretary:** Becky Tillman    **Immediate Past President:** Corrine Bloomfield

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## Travel and Adventure March 11 Board of Directors

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| <b>Bobbi Gellise</b> | <b>2018-2020</b> | <b>Sue Cornejo</b> |
| <b>Leighsa Otto</b>  |                  | <b>Kate Young</b>  |

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| <b>Rick Donahue</b>    | <b>2017-2019</b> | <b>Roberta Spencer</b>  |
| <b>Debbie VanIdour</b> |                  | <b>Kirsten Wellnitz</b> |

**Programs:** Corrine Bloomfield

**Essay:** Roberta Spencer

**Camel Races:** Becky Tillman

**Summer Party:** Karen Monville

**Oratorical:** Lisa Forrest

**Travel and Adventure:** Guy Greve

**Youth Appreciation:** Jo Ellen Strieter

**Christmas Party:** Karen Monville

**Bulletin:** Dana & Karen Monville

**N.O.W Program:** Rick Donahue

## “Along The Royal Inca Road”