



Bay City Noon Optimist Club

# BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

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

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November 24, 2020

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.

### November 24

(Thank You to **Holli St Laurent** for taking the minutes of the meeting every week)

Our program today was **Brad Blanchard** from the “The **Great Lakes Bay Veterans Coalition**” (**GLBVC**). The **GLBVC** is made up of individuals, families, organizations, and businesses and exists to help *Service Members, Veterans, and their families* in the *Great Lakes Bay Region*. In order to become a member, an organization just needs to participate in a project. There is no commitment or cost. Volunteers need not be a veteran, and must be 15 yrs of age or older.

A list of some of the projects and programs that the **GLBVC** performs are:

#### Projects

- Home repairs
- Financial assistance
- Building ramps
- Moving household items
- Throwing a baby shower
- Providing personal hygiene items for homeless and low income vets

#### Programs

- Teach Flag Etiquette
- Mentor Student Veterans at SVSU
- Mentor Veterans incarcerated at the Freeland Prison
- Collect Flags for proper disposal in June
- Manage several other Flag related programs in the area

Other important information of the coalition. Even with the COVID 19 Challenge, and the Sanford Dam Flooding, the **GLBVC** was able to:

#### COVID 19 Challenge

Help 3978 Families(estimated)  
 Hold 17 Events  
 211 Volunteers  
 11 Coalition Members  
 8 Organizations Supported  
 1055 Volunteer hours (estimated)

#### 2020 Sanford Dam Flood

50+ houses mucked out  
 54 Volunteers  
 15 Coalition Members  
 1920 Volunteer hours (estimated)  
 3720 Volunteer miles (estimated)

#### 2020 Community Impact (To date)

Volunteer Impact - \$144,780.00  
 Milage - \$9,476.31  
 GLBVC Money - \$4,604.16  
 AMVETS Money - \$100.00  
 Monetary Donations - \$12,950.00  
 Gifts in Kind - \$54,100.00

To date, the total 2020 community impact totals \$226,010.47. Working capitals come from donations, fundraisers and their annual Golf Outing.

For more information, and how you can help or volunteer you can visit the website at:

<https://www.glbvc.org>

Or by visiting there Facebook site at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/660117727476085/>



#### November

November 3: Dr Carol van der Harst  
 November 3: Holli St. Laurent  
 November 12: George Klepser  
 November 14: Bob LaChance  
 November 16: Sandy Covalesski

#### December

December 2: Kate Young  
 December 9: Rich VanTol  
 December 13: Paul Gaiser  
 December 17: Ron Cunningham  
 December 3: Rick Donahue  
 December 11: Jim Schumacher  
 December 16: Kathy Dardas  
 December 28: Gary Ebel

#### January

January 17: Roberta Spencer  
 January 30: Cheryl Ratynski  
 January 31: Carrie Sue Rostollan  
 January 31: Kirsten Wellnitz  
 January 31: Joette Talicska

Remember to check out our social media sites:

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*President Roberta:* Will be sending out a Roster check up letter

*Vice President Rick:* December 1st will be our Now Meeting. **Holli** believes we have around 5 potential members

**Karen:** The Dime a Day pin for the Optimist International Foundation will be \$50 this year, instead of \$36.50. This is in recognition of the Foundation’s 50th year anniversary. *On the plus side:* This is a Very Special one of a kind pin, so if you are interested please contact **Karen**.

**Holli:** The Virtual Santa will take place December 6th at 4:15 in the afternoon. *Santa House* will be sending the ZOOM link to **Karen** and she will send it out to the members.

**MYSTERY OPTIMIST**

*President Roberta* came up with an idea for the weekly *Mystery Optimist*, where as everyone that signs on to the meeting is assigned a random number, and she choses someone to pick a number, and whoever has that number is asked to answer “Two Questions and a Query”.

- “Question 1”: Name something you are grateful for
- “Question 2”: Favorite thing about being an Optimist Member
- “Query”: Something that is not known about you by the other members

**Guy** was the Chosen one last week, and **Mary Klepser** was this week. Interesting answers.

**MEMBER WELL BEING - BIRTHDAYS**

**Member Well Being:** None reported on

**Birthdays:** **Carrie** sang Happy Birthday to both **George** and **Bob LaChance**.

**FINES - HAPPY BUCKS - JUST BECAUSE**

**Happy Bucks:**

*President Roberta* Announced her son and his wife are expecting their 3rd baby come May, and for her good health and the support of Friends and Family.

**Holli:** “*Girls on the Run 5K Race*” support

**Karen:** For the Birthday Card she received from Past President **Branden**, even though it was not her Birthday, and for all the help that **Becky** provided in her Money Tree that will be donated to the Optimist International Foundation’s 50th anniversary auction

*Immediate Past President Carrie:* For Board Games

**Fines:**

None proposed

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**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** (although I must confess, I am new to this also). Thank you to **Jeff, Rich, and Holli** who have already used this payment method. Information about this service and/or to sign up can be found at: [venmo.com](http://venmo.com).*



# The Optimist Creed

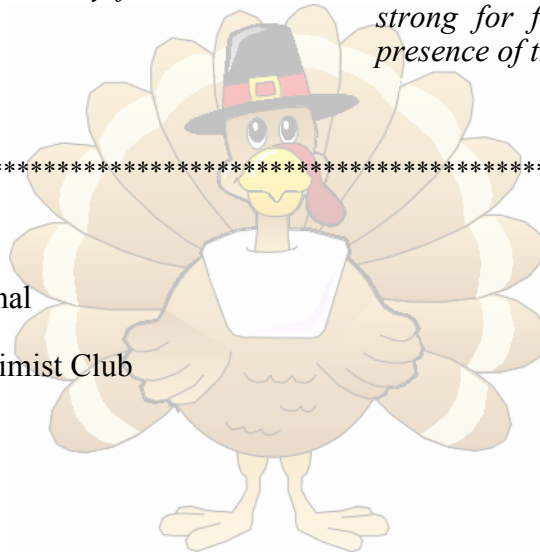
*To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.  
 To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.  
 To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.  
 To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.  
 To think only of the best, 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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## Thanksgiving

November 26, 2020

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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	
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:** Lisa Forrest

**Travel and Adventure:** Guy Greve

**Youth Appreciation:** Kirsten Wellnitz

**Christmas Party:** Karen Monville

**Bulletin:** Dana & Karen Monville

**N.O.W Program:**