

BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER "Optimist International's Club of The Year, 2013-2014" Official Publication of the Bay City Noon Optimist Club November 15, 2022 Meetings Every Tuesday, DoubleTree Hotel 12:15 p.m.



# November 22, 2022

### "To Collect New Unwrapped Toys, And Distribute Those Toys To Less Fortunate Children At Christmas."

Good program today to get everyone into the Christmas Spirit. Our program was Toys-for-Tots, with Krissi Aloia presenting, and the above is the Mission Statement of the program. Krissi led us from the beginning of Toys-for-Tots program in 1947 to where it is today.

Toys-for-Tots began as a Los Angeles charitable effort in 1947. Major Bill Hendricks USMCR (United States Marine Corp Reserve), was inspired by his wife Diane when she tried to donate a homemade Raggedy Ann doll to a needy child but could not find any organization to do so. At her suggestion, he gathered a group of local Marine reservists who coordinated and collected some 5,000 toys for local children that year from collection bins placed outside Warner Bros. movie theaters. In 1948, a feasibility report for the Marines using it as a national public relations and recruitment tool was written, and Toys-For- Tots was officially launched as a national campaign. Hendricks used his position as Director of Public Relations for Warner Brothers Studio to enlist celebrity support. The Red Train Logo was designed by none other then Walt Disney himself.

However, since the initial conception of their mission statement, Toys for Tots has expanded their efforts year-round to promote literacy amongst underprivileged children with their Literacy Program, and they now provide toys and books to Native American children through their Native American program. With those changes in mind, one could say their mission has evolved now to be one that is diligently altruistic in providing joy and books to children in need across America, no matter the season.

Last year the program provided 8195 toys, to 1096 children in Bay County, and this year they expect to exceed that number considerably. If you would like to donate a NEW Toy you can find drop boxes through-out the city, and more information may be found online by Googling Bay County Toys-for-Tots, or you can click on the link that was included in the E-mail notification that was sent informing you that the Newsletter was now available

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Sandy:

Oratorical deadline is February 20, 2023, contest March 1, 2023 and applications have been sent out.

### Guy:

Reported on the success of this year's first show in the Travelogue Series. Somewhere around 250 were in attendance.

# Bobbi:

The Birthday At The Mission held last Thursday, November 17, was a success. Thank s went to Tom Barba, Joette, Karen, Dana, Bobbi, Sue, and Carrie, for volunteering their time.

This year's Christmas Party for our members and their family is this Sunday, November 27th, at the Bangor Township hall. Please contact Bobbi if interested in volunteering or attending this event.

### Kate

Volunteered for the "Girls On the Run" program, and gave a report on same

MEMBER WELL BEING

Nothing reported

### 50/50 and NAME DRAWING

Kirsten won the "Quarter Cup", and as it went unclaimed the last few weeks, she collected not only this weeks take, but those quarters from the previous weeks that went unclaimed, and Joette did as so many before her, drew the wrong card., so that pot continues to grow.

### NOTE

I want to thank Jordan for taking these meeting notes					
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS					
November 3: Holli St. Laurent	November 12: George Klepser	November 13: Lisa Leimeister	November 16: Sandy Covaleski		
Remember to check out our social media sites: Face Book: Bay City Noon Optimist Web page: baycitynoonoptimist.org					

### HAPPY BUCKS, FINES, JUST BECAUSE

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President **Sandy:** 51st Anniversary coming up, seeing Grand Kids for Thanksgiving

Guy: Been two weeks since a political ad on TV

Karen: Patriot Awards on Fox Nation, son TJ and his wife Amanda moving back into their home after fire destroyed it over 14 months ago, Ready to head for Arizona

Carrie, A Happy Thanksgiving To All

Jeff: Working Dry Dock this Wednesday and Friday as a fundraiser for the DDA (Downtown Development Association)

Patti: After Thanksgiving Celebration

Katie: Family coming in from Pennsylvania for Thanksgiving

### FINES

Roberta: Comment made to Guy

### NEXT WEEKS PROGRAM

Program: Bay Community Tennis Association Presenter: Joe Ricard

### VENMO

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**.

Thanks Giving November 24, 2022

# 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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