



# BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

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

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October 13 & 20, 2020  
Meeting Every Tuesday, DoubleTree Hotel, 12:15 p.m.



On October 13th we started live meetings once again. There will also be ZOOM for those that are not quite ready to be out in a live environment with all of the rest of us living creatures. We will be meeting at the DoubleTree Hotel at our regular meeting time of 12:15. You have to check the signs when you get to the DoubleTree to see which room we are meeting in. Cost of the meals will be \$12.00 and will include your lunch, tax, tips, and coffee, tea, and water. Hope to see EVERYONE there.

### October 13

18 members and 1 guest at today’s meeting: 1 via ZOOM and 18 in person. Our guest was Rob Clark from the **Bay Area Soccer Association (BASA)**.

BASA was established in the Spring of 1995 to offer recreational soccer with the intent to organize a large number of teams for boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 18. In the Spring of 1997, just two years after the inception of the league, an effort was launched to build a soccer complex, and move from the temporary home at the Bay City Middlegrounds. After fundraising through grant writing and such, BASA purchased a 25 acre spread from the Bay Arenac ISD on Monitor Rd in Bay City.

The emphasis of BASA is the development of soccer skills and increased soccer competency with age, the fostering of good sportsmanship and teamwork among players, and to encourage parent and community involvement to achieve these goals. BASA's intent is to raise the caliber of the play in Bay County to be competitive with the other tri-city teams, and allow the players to strive for even higher levels of capability if they desire. BASA provides the community an additional soccer skill growth program to compliment the existing public and parochial school programs.

While the main soccer complex is located near the Bay Arenac ISD on Monitor Road, today’s program focused on an abbreviated, hard surface field located on the East Side of Bay City, located around 1st street and Madison Ave. in Bay City, known as Maplewood Park. While there is a name for this kind of park I failed to write it down. This park will be open to the public, and a major fundraising effort is underway to bring this field up to play, and through Grant writing and public appeal they hope to raise the money. The goal is around \$400,000 and it will cover the cost of installing the hard cover field (PIT) and evening lighting, fencing, etc.. More information on BASA can be found on their website: <http://www.basasoccer.com>

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karen: The Michigan District Convention will be VIRTUAL this year and will be November 7, with the Executive meeting being on November 5th

### QUARTER CUP - MEMBER WELL BEING - BIRTHDAYS

**Quarter Cup:** Karen had her chance to win the first 50/50 since this COVID thing began, but she blew it, and Lee Thompson failed to show for our 1st in person meeting so he missed out on the Quarter Cup.

**Member Well Being:** On the upside we had no report on member well being.

**Birthdays:** none reported

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## Halloween

### October 31, 2020

October	November	December
October 23: Patrick Rokosz	November 3: Dr Carol van der Harst	December 2: Kate Young
October 25: Guy Greve	November 3: Holli St. Laurent	December 9: Rich VanTol
October 25: Patti Krenz	November 12: George Klepser	December 11: Jim Schumacher
	November 14: Bob LaChance	December 13: Paul Gaiser
		December 16: Kathy Dardas
		December 17: Ron Cunningham
		December 28: Gary Ebel

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

October 20:

Today's program speaker was **Brian Rueger** from *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*. This organization builds beds for kids who need them. **Brian** is the *Chapter President* and they just began the chapter here for Great Lakes Bay Region. They only allow him to begin with a certain number of zip codes to make sure he is able to handle the requests and then he will be able to expand his area. His plans for expansion would include satellite offices in those areas and he is hopeful to expand by the spring. Since this is a new chapter, they have not delivered their first bed yet, but they did get their first application. They are in process of being listed on the websites such as 211 where people reach out for help. They have certain build days where volunteers can come out and help build these beds. Each bed is twin size and can either be a single bed or a bunk bed, depending on the family's needs. Each bed costs about \$400 to make, plus the cost of a mattress and bedding material. They are also looking for sites they can hold their build days in the winter.

More information can be found on their website: <https://www.shpbs.org>

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**President Roberta:**

Essay contest update: topic is *"Reaching Your Dreams By Choosing Optimism"*. Invitations will be mailed to the schools and the packet will be emailed to all of the members to share with eligible youth. This will also be promoted on our website and Facebook page. The board approved adding a \$100 scholarship for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner for both Essay and Oratorical in addition to the \$500 scholarship for 1<sup>st</sup> and \$250 scholarship for 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Oratorical Contest topic for the 2020-2021 year will be: *"Healing the World with Optimism"*. More information on the contest will be available as we get it

December 1<sup>st</sup> we will be having a NOW meeting, so please send potential member names to Holli.

**Holli:**

A volunteer opportunity with *"Girls on the Run"*. The 5k will take place on Tuesday November 17<sup>th</sup>. The race begins at 4:00pm and begins at Bigelow Park. They will let us know what time they would like us to arrive. We will be the water/cheer station and will be around the Liberty Harbor Marina area. I will have a card table set up so we can set out the dixie cups and fill with water. We will have a trash bag too for them to throw away the cups. There will be about 20 racers total which will include the girls, their running buddies and the 4 coaches. Extra bonus: if you volunteer you will get to cheer Holli on as she is running with her daughter Gabriella. The Travelogue's 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> shows are going to flip flop. The speaker has the 2<sup>nd</sup> one on a DVD and will be attending via skype. He will attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> show in person.

**Bobbi:**

Birthday Parties are still on hold as the Mission is not letting anyone inside yet.

**QUARTER CUP - 50 /50- MEMBER WEE BEING**

**Quarter Cup:** Jim Merill was not present, soo.....

**50/50:** Jim Schumacher missed out by drawing the wrong card

**Member Well Being:** None reported

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Guy and Patti looking "Cute" in the their " Anniversaire Chapeau"

## KOEZE NUTS

Just a friendly reminder about the Koeze Nut Sales. If you are interested in placing an order, please contact Karen by October 30th. Orders should be received and distributed by mid November. Payment can be made when the orders are received.

**HAPPY BUCKS, SAD BUCKS, BIRTHDAYS, FINES, JUST BECAUSE”**

### Happy Bucks

*President Roberta:* For today's speaker

**Bobbi:** *The Drydock Fundraiser*

**Karen:** Drydock fundraiser is this week

**Sandy D:** Grandson won 4 football games

**Kersten:** Library Millage coming up

**Guy:** Birthday Celebration

**Marlene, Carrie, Sue C:** Nice to see everyone once again

**Carrie:** Friend getting married

**Patti:** Birthday Celebration

**Jim Schumacher:** For being back in person and Saturday's game: GO GOPHERS

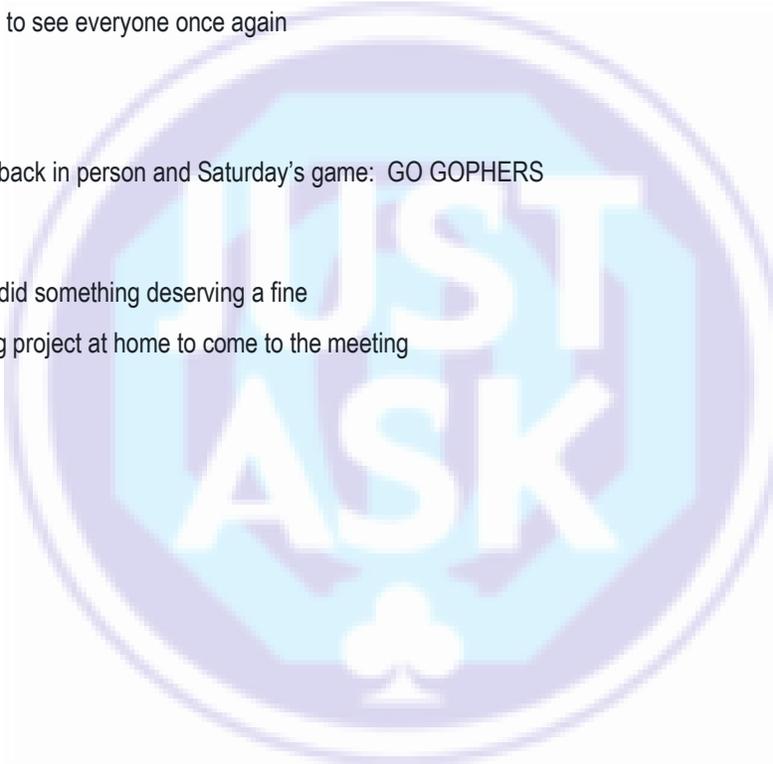
### Fines:

*President Roberta:* Sure she did something deserving a fine

**Rick:** For leaving his plumbing project at home to come to the meeting

### Just Because:

**Sandy D**



# 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:** 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		2020-2022	
Jeff Staudacher	Sandy Dabrowski	Bobbi Gellise	Becky Tillman
Paul Gaiser	Susan Carmien	Rich VanTol	

**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:**