



BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

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

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Meetings Every Tuesday, DoubleTree Hotel 12:15 p.m.



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“The Jefferson Project is a plan to renovate and revitalize an often-forgotten area of Downtown Bay City. With an art and technology center, event space, and outdoor sculpture garden, The Jefferson Project will make Downtown Bay City a destination, and a place for people to invest in and foster their community.”

This is the Mission Statement of the *Jefferson Project*, a plan, and a dream, of Commercial Photographer **Avram Golden** of Bay City. **Avram** is owner of *Golden Gallery*, located at 113 third Street in Bay City.

Our club met at the building located at 409 First Street in Bay City for lunch Tuesday to see first hand the plans that **Avram** has for the *Jefferson Project*. While the four-story building is not yet ready for public use, The Jefferson Project is a plan to remodel the space inside and out to create an art and technology hub in Downtown Bay City.

These plans include:

- A first-floor manufacturing and industrial space, as well as an outdoor patio and event space.
- A second-floor photography studio and display space, with an outdoor balcony for events.
- A third-floor innovation and technology lab, complete with 3D printers.
- Fourth-floor studio housing for students in the area pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts undergraduate degree.
- An interactive projection of art on the Bay County Courthouse building.
- An outdoor night market lining Jefferson Street, connected to a sculpture park and garden.

While these plans are lofty, he has the backing of many of the local businesses in Bay City, City Council members, Universities, and colleges in the area. After touring the building, and seeing first hand what his plans are, this will truly add much to Bay City's future, and the retaining our youth after graduation.

The building at 409 First Street has been an important part of Bay City history for a long time. Originally built in 1902, the *Hammond Seed Company* used the space to send out seed orders. The building eventually became *Warehouse #3* for the *Jennison Hardware Store* located at 901 N Water Street. For a few years it served as the *Bay City Grocer Company*, before finally becoming the base for the *Riverside Trucking & Storage Company*. In 2021, *Golden Gallery* owner **Avram Golden** bought the building and surrounding property to jump-start his vision: The Jefferson Project.

For more information, and see first hand a short, 2 minute video of the project, you can click on the link in the Email notifying you of this Newsletter availability on the our website

Halloween October 31, 2022 ANNOUNCEMENTS

President **Sandy**:

Next week's program will be New Member inductions back at the DoubleTree Hotel.

The club will be participating this year in “Trunk Or Treat”, held at *Skorupskis Funeral Home* on October 22nd. Additional help is needed so if you are available, please contact Bobbi.

Dana:

The Website has been updated to include all ofn the Travelogue and Camel Race sponsors that I have to date.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 15: Terri LaFontaine

October 23: Patrick Rokosz

October 25: Guy Greve

October 25: Patti Krenz

Remember to check out our social media sites:

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

Guy: Posters, flyers and Travelogue tickets are now available

MEMBER WELL BEING

Natalie Beyer: Had surgery on October 11th and is doing well.

HAPPY BUCKS, FINES , JUST BECAUSE

HAPPY BUCKS

Yes there were some, but I failed to record them

FINES

Dana: Late and he had a guest waiting for him

JUST BECAUSE:

Karen, Alicia

BIRTHDAYS

None admitted to!!

NEXT WEEKS PROGRAM

Our program will be New member inductions.

“No Kid Sleeps On The Floor In Our Town”

For those that were at one of our meetings a while back, you may recognize this as the *Mission Statement* of the organization “*Sleep In Heavenly Peace*”(SHP). *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* is a group of volunteers dedicated to finding those children who are sleeping on the floor or otherwise unwanted conditions and delivering hand-built bunk beds free of charge. Each bed that SHP delivers to a child sleeping on the floor offers comfort and safety. The local chapter, headquartered in Auburn, holds a bed build I believe about once a month, and I had the pleasure of joining 38 fellow volunteers in building beds this past Saturday, a first me. Among the 38 were veteran “*Bed Builders*”, BCNOC Members **Kim Offenbecker**, and **Becke Popour**. I know *Past President Roberta*, and if have missed other BCNOC Members I apologize, has joined the “*Bed Builders*” in the past. The BCNOC supports this organization by buying linens for the beds. For myself, I felt It was a very satisfying few hours of work. There was something for everyone, from sanding, drilling, building, staining, and even branding irons. SHP has delivered 685 beds to local families. Please watch for future dates in the Newsletter, if you may wish to try your hand at volunteering for this project

Halbomen CAMEL RACES

The date for our upcoming Camel Races fund raiser is rapidly approaching, November 5, 2022. Posters and tickets are now available. If you would like to purchase tickets and/or sell tickets, please contact Karen. Tickets are \$40 this year. Also contact Karen if you would like any posters to distribute. Kirsten sent an email requesting volunteers..

MEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual member Christmas party will be held on Sunday, November 27th at Bangor Township Hall. This party is open to our members and their families (children and grandchildren). More information will be available as we get closer to the date.

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**.

You're Invited to

Taste and Dream



Helping Our Community Dream Again

Wednesday, October 26, 2022



Doors open at 6:00pm

Program starts 6:15pm

700 Lafayette Ave, Bay City, MI 48708

Call 989-270-7575 for tickets



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To claim sponsorship role please submit form, JPEG logo, and payment.
For questions, contact Marlene Mika at 989-270-7575 or greatlakesdreamcenter@gmail.com.

Sponsorship Opportunities



Event Sponsor - \$10,000 - Large event banner, social media & program recognition, and logo featured on printed materials as an event sponsor. - 10 tickets



Room Sponsor - \$5,000 - Banner in sponsored room, social media & program recognition, logo featured on room area materials - 10 tickets



Row Sponsor - \$2,500 - Chair signs featured in main event room and program recognition - 8 tickets



Program Sponsor - \$1,000 - Banner & program recognition - 8 tickets



Window Sponsor - \$500 - Banner & program recognition - 4 tickets



Friend Sponsor - \$250 - Program recognition - 2 tickets

Yes, I will use _____ # of my tickets

No, Please gift my tickets to someone else

Business Name: _____
(as you would like it to appear)

Contact Name: _____

Address (St/Dr, City, Zip): _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Proceeds to benefit programs and resources at the Great Lakes Dream Center
Please make checks payable to The Great Lakes Dream Center

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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Halloween

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Web Site: Dana Monville

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Golf Outing: President Roberta Spencer