



BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

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

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October 4 , 2022

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



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First A Little History

On October 24, 1901, a 63-year-old schoolteacher named Annie Edson Taylor becomes the first person to successfully take the plunge over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

Annie Taylor chose to take the ride on her birthday, October 24. (She claimed she was in her 40s, but genealogical records later showed she was 63.) With the help of two assistants, Taylor strapped herself into a leather harness inside a custom wooden pickle barrel five feet high and three feet in diameter. With cushions lining the barrel to break her fall, and a 200 pound anvil strapped to the bottom for ballast, on October 24th at 4pm, Taylor was towed by a small boat into the middle of the fast-flowing Niagara River and cut loose. A few thousand onlookers watched as she was let off into the current. The barrel seemed to bob harmlessly as it was pulled towards Horseshoe Falls, on the Canadian side of the raging rapids. Then the strong pull of the falls took hold of the barrel and accelerated it towards its fateful drop. The barrel was lost from view in the mists of the falls, falling over at some point. Within minutes, the barrel was spit back out, wholly intact, and began drifting further downstream at the bottom of the falls. The barrel finally came to rest against a rock in the river and Taylor’s handlers rushed out to the barrel. After a bit of difficulty, they were able to remove Taylor, whose first words out of the barrel were, “I prayed every second I was in the barrel except for a few seconds after the fall when I went unconscious.” She died in 1921 at the age of 82, and was buried in a section of a Niagara Falls

Thus the story of the true “Maid Of The Mist”

What makes this story so intriguing is Annie Edson Taylor was a school teacher from the South End of our fair town, Bay City, and the barrel that she rode over the falls was made in a cooperage that is now “Meats and Moore(sic) Meat Market” in Bay City, and that is where we had our meeting today, the first meeting of this Optimist Year, led by Vice President **Alicia Wallace**. **Alicia** stood in for President **Sandy** while she is recovering from surgery. For those that are not familiar with the word “Cooperage”, it is the art of making wooden barrels with steel bands, now considered a lost art.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President **Alicia**

Next week’s program will be back at the DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Center. Voting on the proposed policy and Bylaws changes will take place during our luncheon.

The Installation Dinner is Wednesday, October 12, and it will once again be at the Uptown Grill in Bay City, This is a BYOB event, Limited wine selection will be available (left from our summer party). Please let Karen know ASAP if you will be attending. Cost is \$20.00 per.

The club will be participating this year in “Trunk Or Treat”, held at *Skorupskis Funeral Home* on October 22nd.

Jeff:

is the Membership Chair for this year, so send him information on how to possibly engage our members, or bring in new members

Dana:

will once again be doing the Newsletter and Website. If there is something you believe should be in the Newsletter, or on the Website, please let him know, and if he is able to do it, he will. Committee Chairs and members: If your committee wants an article in the newsletter, type up a little missive and send it to him.

Guy: Looking for Travelogue sponsors

Karen:

Once again the club is selling “Kooze Nuts” at cost to our members. The club makes nothing on these sales

Dime a Day pins are now available for this year

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 7: Branden Minuth

September 10: Jordan Railling

September 17: Jo Ellen Strieter

Remember to check out our social media sites:

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

MEMBER WELL BEING

President **Sandy** is at home, doing well, after surgery

HAPPY BUCKS, FINES , JUST BECAUSE

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Karen: Graduated from Cardiac Rehab

Marlene: The Dream Center upcoming Fundraiser (see page3)

Jim: 2nd week in a row he made it to a meeting.

The following were Happy, and I was so Happy to hear that they were Happy, I just did not catch why they were so Happy:

Katie, Jeff, Roberta, Patti, Vice President **Alicia**

FINES

None proposed

JUST BECAUSE:

Karen

None admitted to!!

BIRTHDAYS

NEXT WEEKS PROGRAM

Our program will be appropriately, since this is the month November : *"The Voting Process"*, with presenters *T.J. Lucero & Jamie McFarland.*

NOTE: I want to thank **Jordan** for taking, and providing, the notes of the meeting

CAMEL RACES

The date for our upcoming Camel Races fund raiser is rapidly approaching. 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..

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 Karenly 26

FALL 2022

September 22, 2022

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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Helping Our Community DREAM Again

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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 Bay City Noon Optimist Club



President: Roberta Spencer **Vice President:** Sandy Dabrowski **Treasurer:** Karen Monville
Secretary: Holli St. Laurent **Past President:** Bobbi Gellise

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2021-2023		2021-2022	
Jeff Staudacher	Sue Cornejo	Alicia Wallace	Kathy Dardas
Patti Krenz	Kim Offenbecker	Rich VanTol	Kirsten Wellnitz

Programs: *Kirsten Wellnitz*

Essay: *Patti Krenz*

Camel Races: *Bobbi Gellise & Karen Monville*

Summer Party: *Karen Monville*

Oratorical: *Sandy Dabrowski*

Travel and Adventure: *Guy Greve*

Youth Appreciation: *Kirsten Wellnitz*

Christmas Party: *Karen Monville*

Bulletin: *Dana & Karen Monville*

N.O.W Program: *Rick Donahue/Jeff Staudacher*

Golf Outing: *President Roberta Spencer*