



# BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

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

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September 12, 2023  
Meetings Every Tuesday, DoubleTree Hotel 12:15 p.m.



### September 12

Our program today was held outside under a Big Top styled tent (which was nice as it was raining) at the Dow YMCA in Uptown Bay City, and was a joint meeting with the *Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, and Optimist Club of Bay City*. This meeting was in conjunction with the “Celebrate Community Program”, a joint project of *Optimist International, Lions International, Kiwanis International, and Rotary International*. “Celebrate Community” is scheduled to run nation wide the week of September 10-17. Our local clubs banded together to collect blankets to distribute to the Bay City Dream Center, and the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission of Bay City. While not sure of the count, the drive was very successful!! BCNOC alone donated \$250 toward this project, and with cash donations from our members, along with a gift card from the Bay City Marshalls store, BCNOC Member **Kathy Dardas**, who volunteered to do the shopping, had well over \$300 to buy blankets, and along with the blankets that our members brought to the meeting, **Roberta** had a truck full to distribute. 16 members and 2 guests from our club attended.

### MEETING NOTES

As this was a Field Trip type of meeting, our normal order of business was suspended, so no Birthday, 50/50, Quarter Cup was held

### BIRTHDAYS

### 50/50 and NAME DRAWING

### HAPPY BUCKS, FINES, JUST BECAUSE

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ANNUAL OFFICER INSTALLATION DINNER

On Monday, October 9, 2023 we will be having our annual Officer Installation which will take place at Vinny's Pizzeria in Uptown.

Our menu for that evening will be a variety of pizzas, macaroni & cheese, salad, meatballs, garlic bread, and chicken wings. The cost will be \$25 per person, which includes soft drinks, coffee and tea. There will also be a cash bar. Vinny's is not open on Mondays so we will be the only ones there. Social time will be at 5:30 pm and dinner will be at 6:00 pm.

All members and a guest(s) are cordially invited to attend this dinner. Please RSVP to **Karen** by Monday, October 2nd if you are planning to attend. Advance payment would be greatly appreciated. If you pay with a check, the check will not be cashed until after the event.

I'm **OPTIMSTIC** we will have a good turn out to show **Alicia** she has our support for the new Optimist year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Karen either via email at [noonoptimists@sbcglobal.net](mailto:noonoptimists@sbcglobal.net) or 989-992-6709.

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September 03: Kim Offenbecker    September 07: Branden Minuth    September 09: Jordan Railling    September 17: Jo Ellen Strieter

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

## CAMEL RACES

One of our Club's major fund raisers is the Camel Races event, which will be on **FRIDAY**, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at **KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP HALL**, 1800 E. Parish Road, Kawkawlin. (PLEASE NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGE AND THE DAY FOR THIS YEAR'S EVENT IS FRIDAY).

24 Camels are anxiously preparing for the race in anticipation that they will be the winner of the event. Advertising sponsorships are still available, with a deadline of September 25, 2023.

Your help is needed in promoting the event. Tickets are \$40 each, which includes dinner and an open bar. If you would like to purchase tickets or would like to get some to sell, please contact **Karen**.

Our dinner will be catered but we are asking members to donate desserts. Volunteers are needed the night of the event. If you would like to volunteer or bring a dessert, please contact **Kirsten Wellnitz**.

In the past, two of our biggest selling prizes in the raffle drawings have been a "Basket of Cheer" and a "Lottery Board" We will be having both of these items again this year and are accepting donations for both—either items to fill the prizes or a monetary donation.

If you have any questions or wonder what in the heck are camel races (no, we don't use real camels), please contact either **Bobbi** or **Karen**, co-chairs of the event.

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### 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*

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# DATE

*Mark Your Calendar Now for our 6th Annual Camel Races!*

## Friday, November 3, 2023



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# 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 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

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**President:** Sandy Dabrowski    **Vice President:** Alicia Wallace    **Treasurer:** Karen Monville  
**Secretary:** Jordan Reilling    **Past President:** Roberta Spencer

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## Board of Directors

2021-2023		2022-2024	
Jeff Staudacher	Sue Cornejo	Kate Young	Kathy Dardas
Patti Krenz	Kim Offenbecker	Rich VanTol	Bobbi Gellise

**Programs:** Roberta Spencer

**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

**Web Site:** Dana Monville

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

**Golf Outing:** Roberta Spencer

