



BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

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Our program today was a field trip to *State Street Academy*, one of two *Charter Schools* in Bay County, and our “Tour Guide” was BCNOC member **Lisa Leimeister**, *Superintendent State Street Academy*. Many confuse charter schools with public schools because of their one main similarity—both are publicly funded. Charter schools and public schools are both tuition-free institutions that are paid for by taxpayers and therefore open to all students regardless of their economic status. This means they are both educational institutions that are available to the public to attend free of tuition. However, this is where their similarities end. When asked the difference between private and charter schools, **Lisa** answered in one word, *flexibility*, and by the end of the program/tour, it was very evident.

Some of the differences, and flexibilities are:

Curriculum

Charter schools offer a different curriculum than public schools. Charter schools are a type of school that operates under a charter, or legislative contract. This means that a group or organization holds charter schools accountable for upholding the standards found in their charter. Therefore, charter schools enjoy a lot of freedom in their curriculum, which allows every charter school to teach differently!

State Laws

Charter schools operate under their charter which makes them immune to state laws and regulations. This means that they do not have to abide by state regulations on learning.

Enrollment

Charter schools and public schools both offer enrollment that is available and free to the general public. However, charter schools typically have a capped admission, which means they may have to turn to a lottery system to fairly admit students into their schools. In addition, students do not have to be from the same town or county to attend a charter school.

Funding

Although both charter and public schools receive funding from taxpayers, and there are some differences between the way they both receive additional funding. A charter school’s funding can change drastically from state to state. Therefore, in addition to the public funding they receive, they typically use additional private funding. These funds can include donations from organizations, businesses, parents and more.

These are just a few of the differences between these institutions. To find out more on whether a Charter School is right for your child, you can contact **Lisa** at: 810-429-0017 or E-mail lleimeister@statestreetacademy.org

Those members in attendance had the pleasure of hearing the *State Street Academy Choir* perform for the first time in front of a live audience. Precious!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President **Roberta**:

Volunteers are needed for our *Celebrate Community Joint Service Project* to be held *September 17* from 9am-11am. So you ask what is a Joint Service Project? A Joint Service Project is a program where the four main service organizations of Bay City (Optimists, Kiwanis, Lions, and Rotary) get together and do something nice in the community. This year the project is to work with the *Bay City Parks Department* and clean up the three boat launch areas. The launches are: *Veterans Park*, *Cass Avenue Launch*, and the *Golson Nature Trail and Launch* at the foot of Johnson Street. We will meet at 9:00 am at the Johnson Street Launch

NEXT WEEKS PROGRAM

The Dream Center, 120 Garfield Ave, corner Lafayette and Garfield

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

Note:

Due to the nature of *Field Trips*, parts of the normal Agenda are not normally followed (ie, happy bucks: card drawings, etc.). Our *Field Trips* are being held because the *DoubleTree Hotel* has had all the rooms booked for other events months ago, and instead of canceling our meeting we are giving our members another option. We have Field trips booked for the next 3 weeks.

September 20: *The Dream Center*

September 27: *The Dow YMCA*, Washington Ave Bay City

October 4: *The "Mean Rooster Restaurant"*, inside the Meats and More Meat Market

MEMBER WELL BEING

HAPPY BUCKS, FINES, JUST BECAUSE

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BIRTHDAYS

Jessica had the State Street Academy Choir sing happy Birthday to her, and she looked so Lovely in her Pretty, Pretty Bonnet

Celebrate Community Joint Service Project 2022



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*

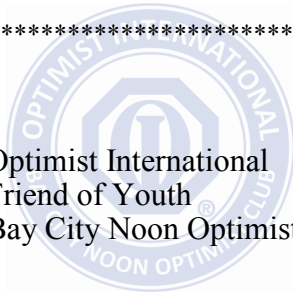
The Optimist Creed

*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*

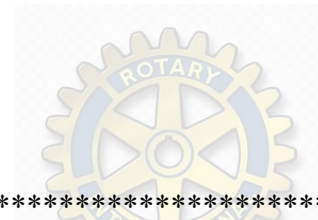


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September 17th



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Youth Appreciation: **Kirsten Wellnitz**

Christmas Party: **Karen Monville**

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

Golf Outing: **President Roberta Spencer**