



BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

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

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Meeting Every Tuesday, Boys & Girls Club 12:15 p.m.

Meetings via ZOOM till further notice due to COVID 19



Well it's been six months since this Covid 19 thing came up, and unfortunately it still has us meeting via ZOOM. BCNOC has had a couple of in person meetings with some success, but with some of our members still a little apprehensive about face to face meetings, which is understandable, so the club is still forced to have ZOOM meetings. (Repetitive, but what can I say)



September 15

Our program today was **Bobbi Gellise** with information about Special Days Camp, which provides a traditional camp experience for children with cancer and their siblings.

Special Days is a leader in helping families fight the impact of childhood cancer. They have been awarded 'Best Camp Program' by COCA-I, the Children's Oncology Camping Association – International and hold the distinction of being a Gold Ribbon Camp.

Special Days Camps is the second longest running oncology camp in the world and serves more than 300 campers annually. Camp would not be possible without the generous donations from individuals, corporate sponsors and grants. Founded in 1978 by **Dr. George Royer** and his wife **Carole** from Kalamazoo, Michigan. Special Days Camps began that next summer with 50 campers and a volunteer staff of friends and medical workers from Michigan hospitals.

Five years later, Special Days Camp established a program for siblings. The founding families realized the need to have a special place and time for siblings, because cancer affects the whole family.

Because of this Covid thing, the camp is being held virtually this year, along the same lines as if it was being held person to person.

Many years ago **Jim Merrill**, past member **Polly Thomas**, and myself had the pleasure of visiting the camp, and it was something that to this day sticks in my memory like it was yesterday. That one visit helped me learn that the resiliency of children is never to be underestimated!! And yes, we met the Moose.

More can be found by visiting their website: <https://specialdays.camp>

Comments:

Karen: If anyone is interested in making a donation to the Optimist International Foundation for this Optimist year, either contact **Karen** or send your donation directly to the Foundation. For those members who donate a minimum of \$36.50, Karen has a Dime A Day pin that she will get to you.

Carrie: The planning conference for next optimist year will be held Wednesday the 16th of September and Thursday, the 17th of September, starting at 3:00 pm both days.

Sue C: *Drydock Beer Garden*—Our Club will be working there October 7—10, 2020. Volunteers are still needed and please contact **Sue** if you're interested. Shifts will be from 4:00—7:00 PM and 7:00—10:00 PM

November

November 3: Dr Carol van der Harst
November 3: Holli St. Laurent
November 12: George Klepser
November 14: Bob LaChance
November 16: Sandy Covalesski

September

September 9: Branden Minuth
September 11: Carole Archangeli
September 16: Debbie Van Idour
September 17: Jo Ellen Strieter

October

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

HAPPY BUCKS, SAD BUCKS, BIRTHDAYS”

Happy Bucks

Jeff: *Mother and Father’s 60th Wedding Anniversary*

Karen: *District Convention September 18-20 (Virtual) and meetings have already started*

Patti: *Lynn Gehoski new Grandson last week*

Karen has a spreadsheet from our Virtual Weekly Club meetings tracking the Fines and Happy Bucks. She will be sending out an email to those who owe money and would appreciate your quick response and making payment to her so it can be deposited no later than September 30th, to be included for this year.

Donations are always accepted and appreciated for our Fellowship Fund, even if you have not been able to attend our weekly meetings. Funds from our Fellowship account are how we pay for our annual Christmas Party and Summer Party for our members.



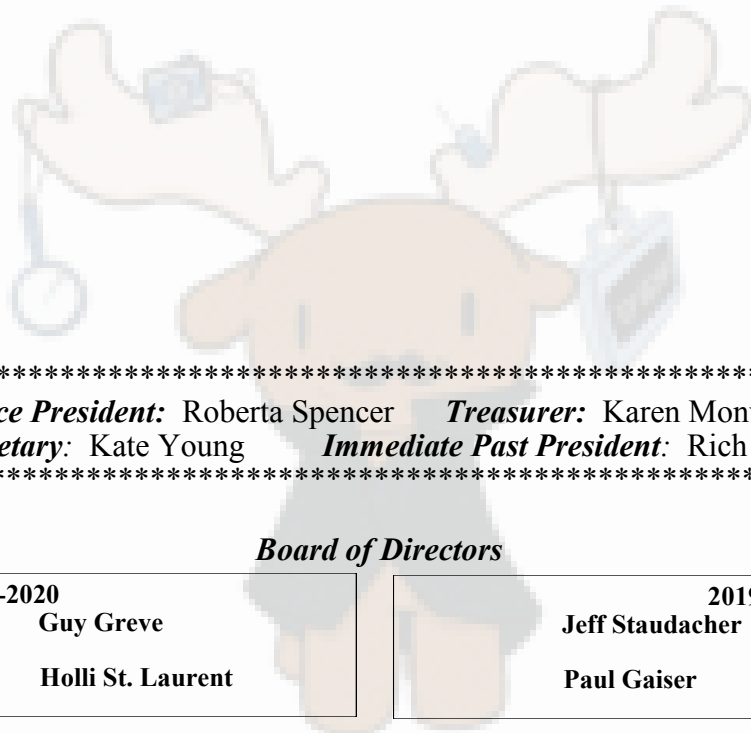
The Optimist Creed

*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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N.O.W Program: