



BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST NOONER

"Optimist International's Club of The Year, 2013-2014"

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September 20, 2022
Meetings Every Tuesday, DoubleTree Hotel 12:15 p.m.



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President **Roberta** is vacationing in Paris, France, so while she is gone Vice President **Sandy** is filling in for her.

Our program today was a field trip to the *Great Lakes Dream Center* in Bay City. Our presenter was *Operations Manager* of the *Dream Center*, **Marlene Mika**. **Marlene** is a long-time member, and *Past President* of our club (2012-2013). The *Dream Centers* were first started in 1994 in Los Angeles by **Mathew** and **Tommy Barnett**, and this year it is celebrating its 25th anniversary. *Dream Centers* in the network are nonprofit faith-based organizations, and the *Great Lakes Dream Center* is part of that network, which now consists of well over 200 centers in the US, and many more worldwide. Each *Dream Center* is independent of each other, and each one is different, depending on the needs of their community. Believing that "One Dream Can Change Generations", *Dream Centers* are helping people trapped in a cycle of poverty find hope, embrace health, and build sustainable lives-for themselves, and their families.

In 2021, the *Great Lakes Dream Center* served over 1450 households, provided over 20,000 diapers for children, helped furnish over 150 households, and saw over 250 people come through the building each week with various needs. While the Center does not offer a food pantry, they do offer a "Practical Needs" Pantry. Each week an adult in need can choose 2 kits from the Pantry items available (hygiene items, dish and laundry soaps, diapers, etc). During the cold months coats and blankets are available on racks outside for the taking, as well as inside year-round. The **Bay City Noon Optimist Club** is a proud partner with the *Great Lakes Dream Center*, helping them with car seats each year. They distribute new car seats to parents in need to help the children to be safe.

The *Great Lakes Dream Center* is a Community Center that is available to the community to use. People have rented space for weddings, funerals, showers, etc. Local organizations are able to hold their regular meetings there too. Some of the current programs and organizations hosted at the *Dream Center* include: Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Sex Addicts Anonymous, and Children's Grief Center, just to name a few.

To find out more of how they may be able to help you, someone you love, or even a neighbor, please visit their website or Facebook page at:
<https://greatlakesdreamcenter.org/resources/>

The *Dream Center* is having a "Taste and Dream" fundraiser on October 26, 2022, with doors opening at 6:00pm, program starting at 6:15. The location will be at the *Great Lakes Dream Center*, 700 Lafayette Ave (corner of Lafayette and Garfield), Bay City. For tickets, and more information, please contact the *Great Lakes Dream Center* at 989-270-7575. Please see page 3 and 4. Individual tickets are \$20 each. They are currently seeking sponsors for the event and local restaurants for food stations. *Bay City Bills*, *Mi Table* and *Rathskeller* so far will be sharing some yummy food with us that evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President **Sandy**:

Next week's program will be at the Dow Family Y on Washington Ave in Bay City

NEXT WEEKS PROGRAM

The DOW YMCA Washington Ave, Bay City

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I want to thank **Karen** and **Kerstin** for taking, and providing, the notes of the meeting

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 meetings we are giving our members another option. We have Field trips booked for the next 2 weeks.

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

October 4: The "Mean Rooster Restaurant", inside the Meats and More Meat Market, 1411 South Wenona St, Bay City

MEMBER WELL BEING

Condolences to **Branden Minuth** as his **Mother** passed away

HAPPY BUCKS, FINES, JUST BECAUSE

HAPPY BUCKS

Karen: Good Doctor's Report

Carrie: Awesome pair of shows in Perry, Michigan

Katie: Yoga Class being held tonight

Marlene: Happy to have everyone at the Dream Center

Tina: Happy to be in the BCNOC (and we are happy to have her)

Darlene: Book with the Bay County Resource network

Sandy: Good planning conference.

FINES

None proposed

JUST BECAUSE:

Karen

None admitted to!!

BIRTHDAYS

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..

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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 Karenly 26

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

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Yes, I will use _____ # of my tickets

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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

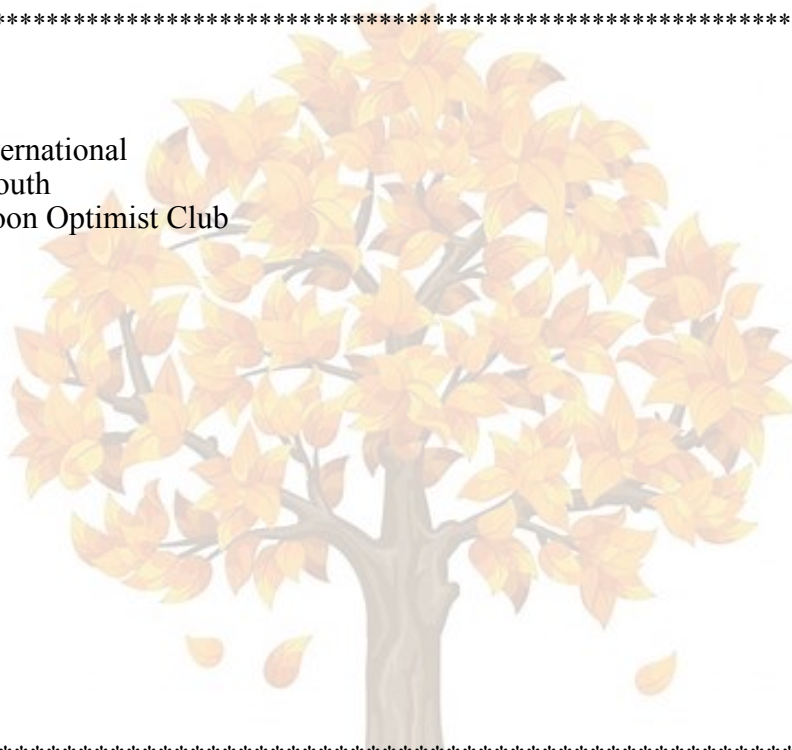
The Optimist Creed

*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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Summer Party: Karen Monville

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Christmas Party: Karen Monville

Bulletin: Dana & Karen Monville

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

Golf Outing: President Roberta Spencer