



# 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.



September 27, 2022

### ***"To Put Christian Principles Into Practice Through Programs That Build A Healthy Spirit, Mind, And Body For All"***

This is the Mission Statement of the YMCA. Our program today was lunch and a walking tour of the **Dow Bay Area Family YMCA**, with our presenter, BCNOC member **Jessica Gohs**, *Accounting Director* for the YMCA.

The **Y**oung **M**en's **C**hristian **A**ssociation arrived in the United States in 1851 in Boston, MA, and it didn't take long to spread across the country, with the first YMCA being founded in Bay City in 1885. Since its inception, individuals from all walks of life have come to the YMCA in search of refuge, commonalities with others, and a drive to further their individual health and wellness.

With the help of generous donations from the Dow Chemical Corporation, as well as thousands of private contributions, the current 96,400 sq. ft. facility opened its doors on December 27, 2011, with the formal dedication being on January 25, 2012. Today the *Dow Bay Area Family YMCA* boasts a total membership of over 7,000 members.

Although the *Dow Bay Area Family YMCA* facility is known for its amenities such as a large Fitness Floor with strength and cardio machines, group exercise classes, 4 lane lap pool, leisure pool, spa, waterslide, gyms, paddleball courts, steam room, sauna, and 24/7 Fitness access (18+), the *Bay City YMCA* is much more than just a "gym and swim." The YMCA's cause is to build the foundations of our community through three focus areas: youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. The Y provides licensed childcare services on a year-round basis from birth to five, and it provides positive role models for school age children through summer day camp and afterschool programming. The Y also provides opportunities to learn about teamwork, fun, and fair play through a wide variety of youth and adult sports programming, including Youth Basketball Academy (YBA), Youth Volleyball Academy (YVA), Youth Flag Football League (YFFL). It addresses food insecurity in our area through its Free Youth Food Program, supported by the USDA/Michigan Department of Education, and provides emergency food boxes for pick up or delivery to those in need. *Dow Bay Area Family YMCA* also teaches children and adults to be safe around water and enjoy its healing benefits through aquatics programming and education and supports chronic disease prevention through a life-long progression of evidence-based health and fitness initiatives like the Diabetes Prevention Program and Enhance Fitness. There are also many family programming opportunities, with more to come with a future community kitchen project and outdoor YMCA Uptown Park project currently in the works!

In 2021 alone, the *Dow Bay Area Family YMCA* provided over 61,630 meals and snacks to youth in Bay County, taught 693 kids safety around water, provided financial assistance for 337 families, provided licensed childcare to over 200 children, and so much more...

For more information, please contact the YMCA at (989) 895-8596 or stop by to ask questions any day of the week to the facility at 225 Washington Ave.!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**President Roberta:**

Thanked everyone for being behind her this Past Optimist Year, and wished **Sandy** a great year coming up as President of the *Great Bay City Noon Optimist Club*

**Bobbi:**

*Birthday Party was held last week and 3 children were present*

**Guy:**

*Travelogue Posters and Placemats are ready to be delivered, need help*

### **NEXT WEEKS PROGRAM**

The "Mean Rooster" Restaurant, Inside the *Meats and More* market at the junction of Wenona and Henry Street in Bay City.

### **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

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

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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.

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

The following week, October 4, 2022 we will be resuming our meetings at the DoubleTree Hotel.

## MEMBER WELL BEING

Nothing Reported

## HAPPY BUCKS, FINES, JUST BECAUSE

### HAPPY BUCKS

President **Roberta**: Spent a fabulous week in Paris, France, but Happy to be home. The Community Clean Up project our club participated in with the Bay City Lions, Rotary, and Kiwanis Clubs,

**Karen**: Friday will be her last official day as Michigan District Secretary-Treasurer of Optimist International

**Darlene**: Daughter having a “Reveal Party”

**Katie**: Had family over for a Bon Fire and food

**Guy**: Great health report on wife Nancy. The Sister Cities Dedication, Hells Half Mile festival, and a jealous Buck for Roberta spending a week in Paris, France

**Jeff**: Experiencing \$ year old Soccer, Jim Merrill for being at the meeting, and Roberta for another year as President L

**Sandy**: For **Jim** being at the meeting.

### FINES

**Dana**: Misspelled **Kirsten**’s name in the newsletter

### JUST BECAUSE:

**Karen**

President **Roberta**

**Alicia**

### BIRTHDAYS

None admitted to!!

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## 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..

September 22, 2022

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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

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**





# Taste and Dream

## Wednesday October 26, 2022

### 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

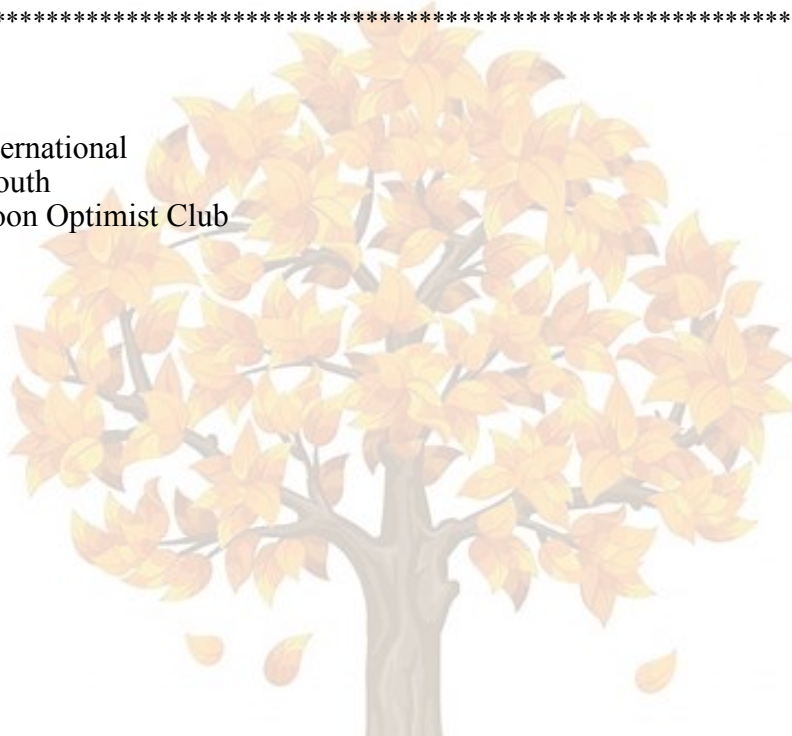
*To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.  
To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.  
To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.  
To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.  
To think only of the best, 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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Friend of Youth  
Bay City Noon Optimist Club



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

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## Board of Directors

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