



BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST Newsletter

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

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Meetings Every Tuesday, Paul Davis Restoration 12:15 p.m.



August 19:

Mission Statement of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Great Lakes Bay Region

"The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Great Lakes Bay Region strives to inspire and enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens"

Our program today was Boys and Girls Clubs of the Great Lakes Bay Region, with our presenters **Megan Koch**, Director of Resource and Marketing and **Stephanie Curtis**, Director of Operations of the organization.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of the Great Lakes Bay Region consists of 6 clubs, three in Saginaw, and one each in Pinconning, Essexville, and Bay City, located in the middle grounds. The Bay City club serves over 100 youth per day, and between all of the clubs well over 400 per day.

All of the programs of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Great Lakes Bay Region promote academic success, healthy lifestyles, character development, and leadership skills for children and teens ages K-18 years of age in Bay and Saginaw Counties.

The Boys & Girls Club provides life-changing experiences for young people from all backgrounds, and they welcome any child to join and become a Club kid; however, it is integral to their mission that they make every opportunity available to "those who need us them most. Registration for each session (Summer/School Year) is only \$50 per member. However, cost will never be a barrier for families seeking to participate; please call 989-321-9648 if you require additional support.

CLUB NEWS

On August 26th: **President Kathy** will host the Summer Party at her house. More to follow

The BCNOC Board Meeting will be Wednesday August 20, 2025 at Bay Arenac ISD

The Birthday Party at The Mission will be Wednesday the August 20. Help is always needed, and there can NEVER be too much help!!

50/50 and NAME DRAWING

Bobbi had her chance, and like **Paul**, it was a chance only as she drew the wrong card, and **Patrick Rokosz** was not present to collect his "Quarter Cup" winnings so both pots continue to grow.

JUST BECAUSE - FINES - HAPPY BUCKS

Happy Buck:

Carrie: Her magic show she held in Rapid Clake City, Michigan

Alicia: For the Bay Area Farmers Market , and the speakers from the Boys and Girls Club(Which she is a vendor)

Karen: Jim remembered to bring his Dime-A-Day check

Jim: To have **Jeff** at the meeting

Jeff: To see **Jim** at he meeting

Bobbi: **Paul** not present at meeting so she may have a chance at the 50/50

Joette: Cousins son just made Eagle Scout and her grandson is close to attaining the same degree

Guy: Has a full lineup for our upcoming Travel and Adventure series

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 13: Paul Gellise

August 15: Sue Arnold Birch

August 15: Jill Urban

August 25: Alicia Wallace

Remember to check out our social media sites:

Face Book: *Bay City Noon Optimist* Web page: *baycitynoonoptimist.org*



These two young ladies, **Amelia M.** and **Ava W.** (Also best friends) set up a Lemonade Stand and for the second time raised a pile of money, over \$500 dollars total to be exact, to help the fund the *BCNOC Monthly Birthday Party for the kids at the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission*. They were inspired after volunteering to work the Birthday Party and seeing the appreciation of the children at the Rescue Mission. It is because of good deeds as this that makes one realize how viable organizations such as ours are in a community, and the impact our programs it has on kids, and the community at large.

(Amelia is the granddaughter of BCNOC Member Kim Hazen)

Dear Optimist Club,

I appreciate your generosity and support during such a pivotal time in my life. This scholarship will help me greatly in my first year of college, by relieving my financial burden and allowing me to focus on my studies more thoroughly.

Participating in this scholarship was eye opening to me. Writing down my thoughts on optimism in a clear and explanatory way really helped me understand myself better and how I perceive the world.

I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity you've given me to pursue my dreams.

This letter was received from **Ariana Morse**, the 2023-2024 1st Place Bay City Noon Optimist Club's Essay Contest winner AND the 2023-2024 2nd Place Bay City Noon Optimist Club's Oratorical Club's winner. While **Ariana** won a total of just \$750 in educational scholarships from our club, and the potential of winning another \$20,000, this letter shows the impact of our programs have on the youth of our community. It is a shame that we have to just about beg to have the schools bring these programs to the students, as the students have told us that the schools don't even promote these programs, from not only the BCNOC, but other organizations.

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

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

President: Kathy Dardas **Vice President:** Kirsten Wellnitz **Treasurer:** Jo Ellen Strieter
Secretary: Katie Volk **Past President:** Alicia Wallace

Board of Directors

2023-2025	
Karen Monville	Roberta Spencer
Patti Krenz	Dana Monville

2024-2026	
Kate Young	Jessica Gohs
Sandy Dabrowski	Bobbi Gellise

Programs: Roberta Spencer

Essay: Patti Krenz

Camel Races: Bobbi Gellise & Karen Monville

Summer Party:

Oratorical: Sandy Dabrowski

Travel and Adventure: Guy Greve

Youth Appreciation: Kirsten Wellnitz

Christmas Party: Bobbi Gellise

Bulletin: Dana & Karen Monville

Web Site: Dana Monville

N.O.W Program:

Golf Outing: Roberta Spencer