



# BAY CITY NOON OPTIMIST Newsletter

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

Official Publication of the Bay City Noon Optimist Club  
May 20, June 3, June 10, June 17, June 24, 2025  
Meetings Every Tuesday, Paul Davis Restoration 12:15 p.m.



### June 24:

Our program today was a recap of last week's board meeting. Two highlights of the recap were the approval of the \$500 donation to the Girl Scouts Heart Of Michigan organization to offset the scholarships for those that can not afford the membership fee. The board also approved **Becke Popour** and **Jennifer Whyte** for membership in the BCNOC. **Becke** is Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager of the Euclid office of Independent Bank, and **Jennifer** is Vice President Business Development for Serenity Bay Health in Bay City.

### MEETING NOTES

June 19th was the Bay County Library System Summer Reading Program kick off at the Wirt Library in downtown Bay City. **BCNOC** Vice President **Kirsten Wellnitz**, Managing Librarian at the Wirt Library said it was very successful, even though there was inclement weather, and thanked the **BCNOC** Members that showed up to volunteer.

Roberta gave a recap of our very successful Golf Outing fundraiser, We had 21 teams this year, and everyone appeared to enjoy it. Thanked all the sponsors and the many volunteers.

Fellowship events set for this year are:

July 24th: Putt-Putt golf at the Bouy 18 Course on Midland St. at 5:30 \$8 per person. Members and guests

July 29th: Get together at Site #7 at the Bay City State Park Campground. Karen and Dana will be set up on the site. More to follow

August 5th: Annual National Night Out in Bay City. The BCNOC cooks 1700-2000 hot dogs with chips, soda, and Ice cream. We need many volunteers for this event. Just Saying

August 26th: Summer Party at President **Kathy's** house. More to follow

### FINES and HAPPY BUCKS

**Sandy D:** Became a Great Grand Mother

**Bev:** Good to be back at a meeting

**Paul:** Has not melted yet

**Alicia:** Optimist International Convention in St. Louis, Missouri next week

**Roberta:** Happy she went camping

**Jeff:** Family time at Cedar Point Amusement Park

**Bobbi:** For the volunteers at Summer Reading Kick Off at the Wirt Library

**Karen:** Looking forward to a great Convention in St. Louis and seeing many friends

### 50/50 and NAME DRAWING

**Rick W** did like **Jim M** last week, allowing the 50/50 pot to grow, and once again **Lee Thompson** had his name drawn for the Quarter Cup, but like last time he was not present to collect

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### June 17

The program today was the Bay County Fair and Youth Expo(**BCFYE**) which has been in existence for over 160 years, with presenter **Mary Jo Brandt**. **Mary Jo** gave us a brief overview of the Fair and Expo, including the projects, exhibits, and programs that the youth will participate in. Entry into the Bay County Fair is free, with the only costs being for the rides and certain Grandstand Shows. This year they will also have *Muxlow Exotic Animals*, Agri-Golf(?), and are also hosting a car show for the first time with awards being presented.

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### JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 05: Tim Murray

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July 24: Karen Monville

July 25: Kim Hazen

July 30: James Tromba Jr.

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The goal of the BCFYE all volunteer board is to build a fair that showcases the county's agriculture, as well as being of interest to all Bay County residents.

The cost of the Youth Expo runs \$48,000, and **Mary Jo** had submitted a donation request for \$1000 to offset he cost of the youth expo, and it had been approved at a prior board meeting. This is a program that the **BCNOC** has supported for many years.

50/50 and NAME DRAWING

**Lee Thompson** had his name drawn and as he was not present the pot will continue to grow, and Jim Merrill had his chance at the 50/50, but he blew it by drawing the wrong card

MEETING NOTES

It was determined that there will be a Fellowship July 24th at the Bouy 18 Puut Putt Golf on Midland street in Baty City. All are welcome to come and show how good we are, or are not, at the game. Guests are welcome

FINES and HAPPY BUCKS

- President Kathy:** For the BAISD Career Summer Camp Day
- Bobbi:** Grand Daughter Jahari was the Michigan State Champion in Gymnastics
- Sandy D:** Grand sons Graduation
- Jo Ellen:** Jim Merrill is BACK!!
- Carrie:** Got her car back and her father turned 101 yrs of age.
- Paul:** For the BCNOC Golf Outing
- Jim M:** Great Grand Daughter (15 yrs old) got all A's
- Guy:** Henry Ford Hospital has a ne Endoscopy Center.
- Alicia:** Today is the Bay County Market Day

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June 10:

Our program today was *Girl Scouts Heart Of Michigan*, with presenter **Allison Hagerty**, *Fund Development Specialist for Girl Scouts Heart Of Michigan*. Since the beginning of the Girl Scouts, founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low in Savanah Georgia, the first Girl Scout Troop consisted of 12 girls, and up until 2024, the organization was open to girls only, but since the DEI initiative it opened to include boys. While scouting organizations, both boys and girls, have faced a decline in membership over the years, the girl scouts had a 43% decrease in membership from 2019 to today due to various reasons, from covid to the new social norms, and additionally the cost of liability insurance. Due to these factors the cost of membership in the girl scouts has a proposal to go from \$25 to \$85 per year.

One program where the Girl Scouts excel is the Summer Camp Outreach Program. This camp offers the scouts the chance to make new friends, Learn new skills, to appreciate nature, to learn to overcome challenges, develop a strong sense of self, and help girls feel empowered to make a difference in the world. A survey of the graduates of this program came up with the following:

- 78% said they gained healthy relationship skills,
- 86% reported a desire to participate in challenge seeking behavior,
- 65% had a more interest in the STEM program.

The cost of this program is \$558 per yr, but the girls are asked to pay just \$190. The rest is paid by scholarship from various grants obtained through out the year.

The *Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan* has asked for a donation of \$500 to help offset the cost of these programs so all members can enjoy the benefits of scouting, regardless of their financial situation, or social situation, and it will be voted on at the next board meeting.

More information on joining the scouts can be had from visiting the website: [www.gshom.org](http://www.gshom.org)

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May 20

As school duties precluded the presence of *President Kathy*, *Vice President Kirsten Wellnitz* presided over today's meeting. Our program speaker today was **Jennifer Whyte**, *Vice President Business Development* for *Serenity Bay Health*, located at 1426 Straits Drive, Suite B, in Bay City. *Serenity Bay Health* is a privately owned psychiatric office created specifically for the Great Lakes Bay Region, and the needs of our community. One program *Serenity Bay Health* has that is of special interest to the BCNOC is the "**Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program**". This short term program is an in-person, clinic based, intensive therapeutic program designed to help youth ages 13-17 with mental health concerns that significantly impact their daily life. The focus of this program is on making the adolescent's acute mental health stable, thus reducing life threatening behaviors. All therapy is provided in a clinic setting similar to a school day. This was a program that one had to be present to get the full impact of what they accomplish.

For more information on this program you can contact *Serenity Bay Health* at 989-662-3767, or through their Website: [serenitybayhealth.com](http://serenitybayhealth.com)

### FINES and HAPPY BUCKS

**Bobbi**: mention her *Grand Daughter Johari* at Buds and Blooms

**Patti**: 43rd wedding anniversary

### QUARTER CUP and 50/50

Of all times not to be at a meeting, **Kate Young** once again missed out on the Quarter Cup money, and **Paul** missed out on the 50/50 by drawing the wrong card

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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*

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## A BIG Congratulations To BCNOC Member **Avery Jorgensen** on his marriage to **Lizzie**

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# The Optimist Creed

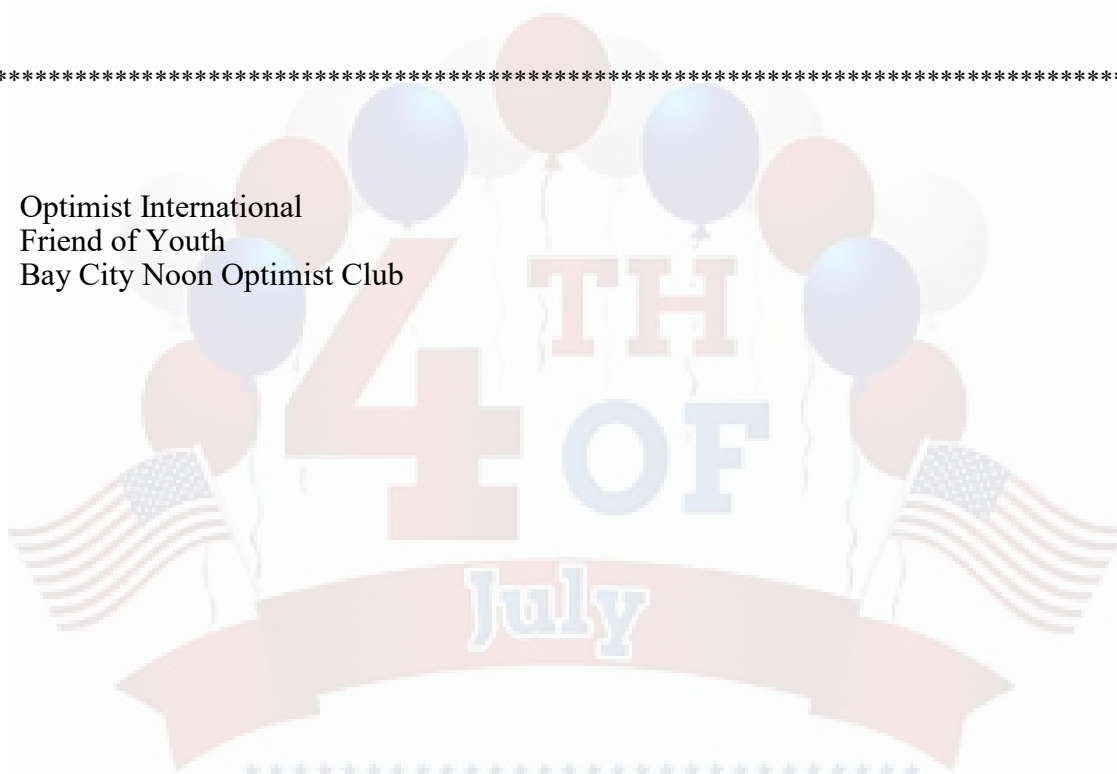
*To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.  
To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.  
To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.  
To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.  
To think only of the best, 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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**President:** Kathy Dardas **Vice President:** Kirsten Wellnitz **Treasurer:** Jo Ellen Strieter  
**Secretary:** Katie Volk **Past President:** Alicia Wallace

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## 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