



Optimist INTERNATIONAL

Optimist Club of West Bend



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OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING



January 2022



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 01	HAPPY NEW YEAR	
Jan 06	Club Planning Meeting MPTC – Room S107 Lunch	
Jan 20	<i>To Honor Student of the Month:</i> Holy Angels School MPTC – Room S107 Lunch	
Jan 24	Board of Directors' Meeting Silverbrook Intermediate School & Google Meet 4pm	
OPTIMIST DAY		
Feb 03	<i>Guest: West Bend Mayor Jenkins</i> <i>At WB City Hall PD Training Room</i> Police Cadet Award Lunch	
Feb 12	Free Throw Contest Jackson Rec 8:30am – 12:30pm	
Feb 17	<i>To Honor Student of the Month:</i> Silverbrook School At Silverbrook Intermediate School Lunch	
Feb 28	Board of Directors' Meeting Silverbrook Intermediate School & Google Meet 4pm	
Mar 03	Girl Scouts 7am at Main Street Cafe Breakfast	
Mar 10	Oratorical Contest Silverbrook School 6pm	

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

December 2021

Haley Urbanek

Good Shepherd Lutheran School



This is what the school said about Haley:

We consider it an honor to recognize the qualities that the Optimist Club promotes. We congratulate Haley Urbanek who is a leader amongst her peers and looked up to by our student body as a strong Christian woman. Haley exemplifies integrity, optimism, and servant leadership in our school and community. Haley joyfully serves our school in many ways. Haley volunteers to play drums and sing in our chapel band. Haley is seen as a leader in sports as well. She played on the "A" volleyball team and was a captain. Haley supported her teammates with encouraging words and high fives during tough moments. Teachers describe Haley as an exceptional student. She strives to do her best in all her studies. Haley has even risen to the challenge of taking a high school level math class in 8th grade! Haley gets along well with her classmates. She quietly leads through the example she sets as a Christian young woman with a solid work ethic and positive attitude. Colossians 3:12 says "...Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." This passage embodies what Haley lives out everyday. Haley is an outstanding student with exceptional leadership skills, wonderful work ethic and radiates positivity in all areas of her life. She represents what we strive for all our students to be at Good Shepherd. Our school is proud of Haley and is pleased to name her as the Optimist Student of the Month.

Lord's Blessings,
Kristen Kapler
School Counselor

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December 2021 - Good Shepherd Lutheran School

Haley Urbanek



Haley Urbanek, from Good Shepherd Lutheran School, receives the Optimist Club of West Bend Student of the Month Award for December 2021.

Christmas

Family



Our Club again provided a stash of Christmas gifts for a young family who is being served by the *Threshold's Birth to Three Program* (a program that helps children with early development). This year, we had a family of five kids.



Watch for pictures in an upcoming Newsletter

Christmas Gathering Report

December 16

At Lance Roell's Home

Food Buffet – OMG what a fantastic smorgasbord! Sliders, cookies, shrimp, cookies, chips, cookies, dips, cookies, bars, etc. – and oh, did I mention that there were cookies!

Beer, Wine, Soda, Liquor, Et Al. - Our host really set the bar well – for sure, no one went thirsty (thanks Lance!)

White Elephant - Well Lance got the giant trophy cup; Mike got the Brett Favre picture; Greg got that basket of bottles, jars, and other stuff; Geri got the turkey plaque (?); Martina got the martini book & a bottle of booze; and some other stuff was gotten by some other people – so it looks like some Club members were able to clear the junk out of their basements – ugh – I mean, share some really nice treasures!

Christmas Music – Was very suitable

Conversation - Optimists do like to share

Group Activities - Greg again provided some intellectual challenges, and we are safe in saying that all of the participating Club members left a little bit smarter.

So let's plan to do this again next year!

Optimist Club Board Meetings

When:

Monthly on the fourth Monday
4pm - now to Sept. 26, 2022

Where:

Silverbrook School or Via Google Meet
Google Meet Joining info:

meet.google.com/dvw-ynum-cwp

Join by phone

(US) +1 443-646-3474 (PIN: 328754708)

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Memorial Tree Grove



for

Margie Buntrock



Our 1997-98 Club President, Margie Buntrock, passed away this past June. To honor her according to her wishes, many of our Club members have donated to the purchase of a memorial planting of a grove of trees.

UPDATE

Dear Optimist Club of West Bend,

Thanks to your generous gift of Memorial Trees in memory of Marguerite Buntrock, we are pleased to inform you that American Forests has planted your trees as a part of the Wisconsin Chequamegon Nicolet National Forest Reforestation project. A total of 50,000 trees have been planted to help restore this beautiful forest from devastating fire damage.

Keeping these sites as natural as possible is essential to the health of the newly planted trees. Please help them acclimate and grow by refraining from visiting the locations.

Now more than ever in the face wildfires, it is important to protect our country's beautiful forests, and thanks to your donation in memory of Marguerite Buntrock we are making that happen.

Take care,

The Team at Tribute Store

Together, we're honoring loved ones and restoring forests.



Mark Your Calendars

January 6

Club Planning Meeting

MPTC – Room S107

As we start a new year, the Board feels it is important to review the things we are doing, discuss what we could do better, and plan, with input from the membership, our future Club activities.

For Consideration:

Fund Raising

Meeting Times & Locations

Visual Arts Contest

Sunshine Fund

And Maybe Other Stuff

This is a very important meeting that will set guidelines for many of the Club's future activities. Please plan to attend and provide your much valued input.

February 12

Free Throw Contest

Jackson Rec Center 8:30-12:30

Volunteers Needed

Watch for future details

March 10

Oratorical Contest

Silverbrook School 6pm

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Something to Think About Oscar Wilde Quotes

- “Always forgive your enemies – nothing annoys them so much.”
- “Be yourself, everyone else is already taken.”
- “I can resist everything except temptation.”
- “Work is the curse of the drinking classes.”
- “Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes.”

January is:

NATIONAL HOT TEA MONTH

Cold January days call for nothing less than cup after cup of hot tea to warm you up from the inside out. Also, tea is packed with antioxidants, which protect us from toxins and are immune system boosters. Research also shows a correlation between tea and heart health. A recent study says people who drink tea have a 20% less chance of having a stroke or heart attack than those who don't.



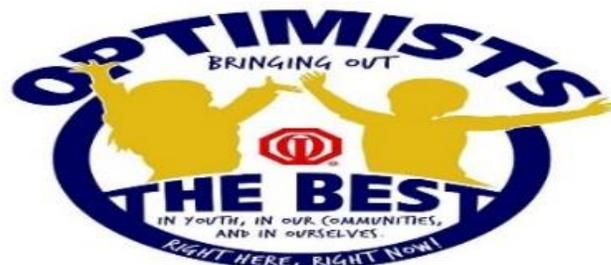
Wisdom Box

If you're going through hell,
keep going!

Winston Churchill

2021-2022 Board of Directors

President	Lance Roell
VP/President Elect	YOUR NAME HERE?
Past-President	Heidi Sternig
Secretary	Greg Harding
Treasurer	Geri O'Brien
Director	Laura Eggert
Director	Pete Lieven
Director	Matt Muehlbauer
Special Advisor	Mike Hartwell



PROMISE YOURSELF

- 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 of 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 too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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THE WRITERS' CORNER

A New Year Prayer

By Eric R. Harvey

To those who partied around the world
Or those that lay in bed and curled
up to the one they hold so dear
I wish you all - Happy New Year.

The homeless sleeping on the street
feeling the hunger and defeat,
May these few words fill you with cheer
may you do well this brand New Year.

Those Women fearing for their lives
battered girlfriends, battered wives,
Husbands, boyfriends, living in fear
pray Lord protect them this New Year.

For Nurses with devoted ways
caring for someone's final days,
Stay strong no matter how severe
love is your gift in this New year.

For Police protecting us each day
hand them the torch to light our way,
To face the foe showing no fear
we wish them all a safe New Year.

That Fireman risking life and limb
Daily, facing scenes so grim,
those burning buildings hold no fear
May God be with him this New year.

Those soldiers in the line of fire
living life close to the wire
From Private to the Brigadier
May God protect you this New Year.

For those alone, without a friend
I hope your darkness soon will end,
Your guiding light is close - so near
may friendship find you this New Year.

Talk to your friends don't text them all
speak face to face without phone call.
Make pals feel wanted, keep them near
make them happy this brand New Year.

Those people who've lost faith, like ye
who have no other Deity
May church folk comfort them - endear
restore their faith in this New Year.

Around the World we should link hands
North, South, East, West to all lands,
Should learn to live in love - not fear
let's make this year a brave New Year.

