



Optimist INTERNATIONAL

Optimist Club of West Bend



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OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING



February 2022



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OPTIMIST DAY	
Feb 03 Lunch	Guest: WB Mayor Jenkins At WB City Hall PD Training Room Police Cadet Award
Feb 12	Free Throw Contest Jackson Rec 8:30am – 12:30pm
Feb 14	Happy Valentines Day
Feb 17 Lunch	To Honor Student of the Month: Silverbrook School At Silverbrook Intermediate School
Feb 28 4pm	Board of Directors' Meeting Silverbrook Intermediate School & Google Meet
March 1 to March 31 2022 OPTIMIST VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION Elementary Schools' Selection Process	
Mar 03 Breakfast	Girl Scouts 7am at Main Street Cafe
Mar 10	Oratorical Contest Silverbrook School 6pm
Mar 17 Lunch	To Honor Student of the Month: St. Frances Cabrini MPTC – Room S111
Mar 28 4pm	Board of Directors' Meeting Silverbrook Intermediate School & Google Meet
April 07 Breakfast	Oratoricals & Visual Arts 7am at Main Street Cafe
April 9 to April 17 2022 OPTIMIST VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION Public Selection Process at West Bend Library	

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

January 2022

Michael Held

Holy Angels School



At our January 20 luncheon, we honored Michael (Mikey) Held from Holy Angels Catholic School as our *Student of the Month*.

This is what the school said about Michael:

Mikey is highly visible around school, participating in student council and volunteering at school and parish fundraisers like the Fish Fry and the Festival. He has been a member of the *HOPE Club*. He comes during the summer to water and weed the flower gardens. He is a trained server at mass, works as a safety patrol, is a member of our basketball and volleyball teams, and competes in forensics. Mikey is also a positive presence outside of school. He helps with Meals on Wheels and the Mission Trip.

Clearly, Mikey cares about others and is willing to be helpful to others in need. The Junior High staff finds that we can expect him to be kind and respectful to teachers, peers, and younger students. He is an upbeat kid, exuding a happy and enthusiastic attitude towards academics, competition, and relationships. He is a model citizen and worthy of recognition through the Optimist Club of West Bend's *Student of the Month Award*.

Sincerely, *The Holy Angels Junior High Staff*



The January 2022 Student of the Month, Michael Held, receives his award from Club President, Lance Roell.

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Club Planning Meetings

January 6 and January 24

Our January 6 Club Luncheon was set aside as a “Club Planning Meeting” where we had good discussions mostly regarding our fundraising, but no final decisions were made. We scheduled a second “Club Planning Meeting” to coincide with our January 24 Board of Directors’ Meeting. At this second meeting, some decision were made specifically regarding our fundraising activities and our Club meeting times. For further details, please refer to the *Club Planning Meeting Minutes*.

February is:

AMERICAN HEART MONTH

February hearts aren’t just for Valentines. February is also *American Heart Month*. It is to remind us to take care of our hearts and consider our risk factors.

Believe it or not, heart disease can happen at any age. However, some risk factors for heart disease and stroke are preventable. The main purpose of *American Heart Month* is to teach us how we can help reduce our risks while eliminating those we have control over. For further info, please check out *American Heart Association*: <https://www.heart.org>

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

Mark Your Calendars

February 12

Free Throw Contest

Jackson Rec Center 8:30-12:30

Volunteers Needed

Contact Matt Muehlbauer

mmuehlbauer@wbsd-schools.org

March 10

Oratorical Contest

Silverbrook School 6pm

Volunteers Needed

Contact Lance Roell

lroell@wbsd-schools.org

THE 2022 OPTIMIST VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION!

Starts March 1 at the elementary school level

Starts April 9 City-wide level at WB Library

Watch for upcoming details

Meeting Time & Location Changes

7 am Breakfast Meetings on:

March 3, April 7, May 5

Main Street Café

(817 S. Main Street, West Bend)

OPTIMIST DAY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Throughout the world, all members of Optimist International are encouraged to celebrate Optimist Day on the first Thursday in February to promote our efforts in bringing out the best in youth, our communities, and ourselves. On Optimist Day, Optimists around the world are asked to wear their Optimist attire (shirts, pins, hats, etc.) to show that they stand for OPTIMISM!

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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.*

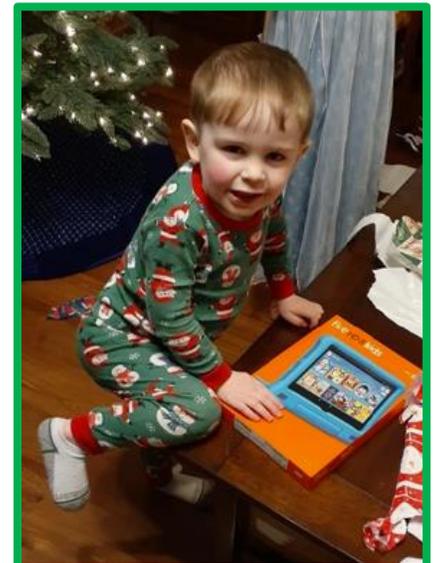
Words of Wisdom

Sidney Poitier

- **If I'm remembered for having done a few good things, and if my presence here has sparked some good energies, that's plenty.**
- **I always wanted to be someone better the next day than I was the day before.**
- **I have always been a learner because I knew nothing.**

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. This year, we had a family with five kids. Here's some pictures of their Christmas morning:



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2021 Christmas Family Pictures



THE WRITERS' CORNER

Keep Going By Edgar Guest

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must—but don't you quit.

*Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow—
You may succeed with another blow.*

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man,
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup,
And he learned too late, when the night slipped down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

*Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.*

A Poet's Life by Mary Shelwood

A poem can be a rocket zoom
That poets ride beyond the sky.
A poem can be a secret room
Where poets watch the world walk by.
A poem can be fireworks' boom,
All whoosh and zing and sparkling fun.
A poem can be a quiet bloom,
Viewed gently in the shining sun.
But poems are only flightless words
'Til poets grant them wings.
It's better to live a poet's life
Than to live the life of kings.