



Optimist INTERNATIONAL

Optimist Club of West Bend



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OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING



March 2022



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>March 1 to March 31</i> 2022 OPTIMIST VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION Drop off art entries at West Bend Library	
Mar 03 Breakfast	Girl Scouts 7am at Main Street Cafe
Mar 10	Oratorical Contest <i>Silverbrook School 6pm</i>
Mar 17	<i>Happy St. Patrick's Day</i>
Mar 17 Lunch	<i>To Honor Student of the Month:</i> St. Frances Cabrini MPTC – Room S111
Mar 28 4pm	Board of Directors' Meeting <i>Silverbrook Intermediate School & Google Meet</i>
<i>March 31</i> 2022 OPTIMIST VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION Last Day to Drop off art entries at West Bend Library	
April 07 Breakfast	7am at Main Street Cafe Oratoricals Presentations by the Oratorical Contest Winners Visual Arts Competition Selection of the Visual Arts Competition Finalists
<i>April 9 to April 17</i> 2022 OPTIMIST VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION Public Selection Process at West Bend Library	
Apr 21 Lunch	<i>To Honor Student of the Month:</i> St. John's Lutheran School MPTC – Room S111

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

February 2022

Emmeline Novack

Silverbrook Intermediate School



At our February 17th Club Luncheon, we honored Emmeline Novack from Silverbrook Intermediate School as our February 2022 *Student of the Month*.

Here's what the school has to say:

It is our pleasure to recommend Emmeline Novack as the Silverbrook *Student of the Month*. There are many qualities that staff recognized in her that made her an excellent candidate for this award. Making the award even more special is that she was selected from among 375 fellow 6th graders. Emmeline truly has an optimistic perspective.

Emmeline has a horse, Sweetie, that she rides two times a week and competes with in local hunter/jumper shows. She has very specific jobs around the farm that she is responsible for every day. She can be counted on to always do a good job (even better than some adults). She handles the responsibility with a high level of maturity.

Emmeline owns two gerbils and two Guinea pigs. She is 100% responsible for their care and buying their supplies. Recently, she has applied to the foster program at the Wisconsin Humane Society and was accepted.

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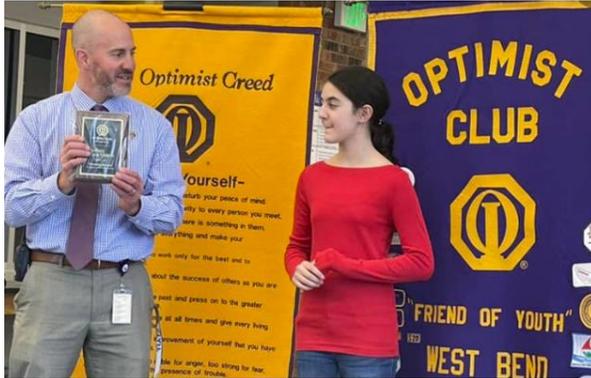


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Optimist Club President Lance Roell presents the February 2022 "Student of the Month" award to Emmeline Novack from Silverbrook Intermediate School.

At Silverbrook, Emmeline works hard and always has a positive attitude. She takes care of her responsibilities as a student and helps others do the same. When Emmeline is around, you can feel the positive energy flow through the space. She has a warm smile that melts away the stress of others.

Emmeline participates in extracurricular activities including forensics. She has earned two medals so far this season. She has a knack for entertaining staff and students. She also participates in *Battle of the Books* and led her team to victory for 6th grade.

There is not a school day that is wasted by this young lady. Emmeline always sees the glass half full and uses her optimistic attitude to help staff and peers see the positive side of every situation. She is a problem solver, a leader, and an intelligent girl. She often helps others understand things happening in class without being asked to do so. She also cheers, congratulates, and offers positive thoughts for peers and staff when they need it most.

For those reasons and more, Silverbrook Intermediate School is pleased to celebrate Emmeline as its Student of the Month!

Sincerely,

House 6 Purple Staff and Silverbrook Staff

Police Explorer Cadet Award



At the Club's February 3rd Lunch Meeting, the Optimist Club of West Bend presented its "2022 Police Cadet of the Year" award to Dylan Espen from the West Bend Police Department Explorers. Dylan has served his community well and accomplished 97.5 hours of community service over the past year. West Bend Police Chief Tim Dehring said, "Dylan is very reliable and always willing to help." Dylan is headed to Fox Valley Technical College in fall and plans to complete their Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement Academy.



Optimist Club of West Bend presents its "2022 Police Cadet of the Year" award to Dylan Espen. Pictured L to R: West Bend Police Chief Tim Dehring, Optimist Club President Lance Roell, Police Cadet Dylan Espen, West Bend Police Detective Tom Lichtensteiger



Optimist Club of West Bend President Lance Roell (L) and West Bend Police Detective Tom Lichtensteiger (R) present a \$250 scholarship check to its "2022 Police Cadet of the Year" Dylan Espen.

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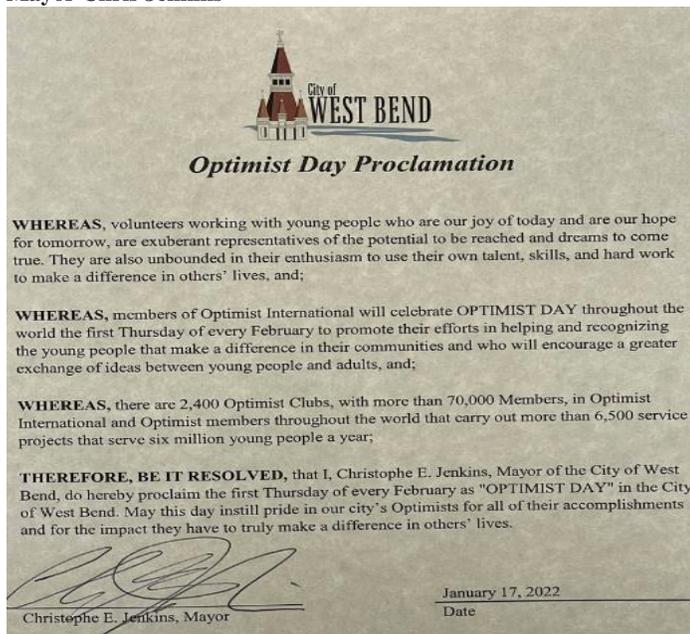


OPTIMIST DAY

Also at our February 3rd luncheon, we received a *Proclamation* from West Bend Mayor Chris Jenkins to honor “Optimist Day” in the City of West Bend. 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 were wearing their Optimist attire (shirts, pins, hats, etc.) to show that they stand for OPTIMISM!



Optimist Club of West Bend President Lance Roell (L) receives the City of West Bend “Optimist Day Proclamation” from West Bend Mayor Chris Jenkins



Free Throw Contest

FEBRUARY 12, 2022



The *Optimist Club of West Bend* again sponsored a youth free-throw contest along with the Jackson Park and Recreation Department. Kids in grades 3-6 from area schools participated. It is always heartwarming to see good kids display good sportsmanship skills in this competition!

2022 Freethrow Contest Pictures

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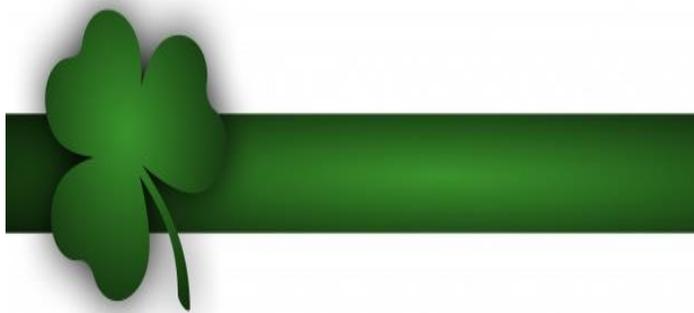


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March is IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Since 1991, presidents of both political parties have designated March as *Irish-American Heritage Month* with a goal to honor the contributions that Irish immigrants and their descendants have had in the formation of the United States. It recognizes the numerous contributions of Irish-Americans from the founding fathers to innovative transportation, arts, and culture. Irish immigrants for generations have made a great impact on the American landscape.



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

March 10

Oratorical Contest

Silverbrook School 6pm

Volunteers Needed
Contact Lance Roell
lroell@wbsd-schools.org

THE 2022 OPTIMIST VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION

Going on now!

**Submitting Deadline: March 31 to the
West Bend Public Library**
**Public City-wide Balloting April 9 – 17
at West Bend Library**

Download Competition Rules and Entry Forms at
<http://www.optimistclubofwestbend.org/>

Meeting Time & Location Changes
7 am Breakfast Meetings on:
March 3, April 7, May 5
Main Street Café
(817 S. Main Street, West Bend)

Brat Fries

West Bend Sausage Plus

May 6 & 7 June 4 & 5

Volunteers Needed

Watch for Further Info and Sign-ups



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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*



2022 Oratorical Contest

THURSDAY, MARCH 10
6 PM
SILVERBROOK SCHOOL



THE WRITERS' CORNER

Poem by Neil Dickinson

St. Patrick's Day soon will arrive
When a night of green fun we'll contrive
From the drinking we'll do
When we're hoisting a few
In our homes or a neighborhood dive

It's a day when throughout the flat Earth
We partake in an evening of mirth
With no hint of restraint
To remember a saint
And to honor the land of his birth

So let's all raise a glass to St. Paddy
Who made proud both his Mommy and Daddy
When he banished the snakes
From the land and the lakes
Then got drunk, like a good Irish laddie



Anonymous Irish Quotes

- **May the Good Lord take a liking to you... but not too soon!**
- **May your day be touched by a bit of Irish luck, brightened by a song in your heart and warmed by the smiles of the people you love.**
- **A kind word never broke anyone's mouth.**
- **Life is like a cup of tea; it's all in how you make it!**