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Optimist Club of West Bend



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OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING



April 2022



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7am at Main Street Cafe

April 7 **Oratoricals**
Presentations by the Oratorical Contest Winners
Breakfast

Visual Arts Competition
Selection of the Visual Arts Competition Finalists

April 7 **Zone 2 Oratoricals**
6pm - St. James Church – Menomonee Falls

April 9 to April 17
2022 OPTIMIST VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION
Public Selection Process at West Bend Library

April 17 **HAPPY EASTER**

Apr 21 Lunch **To Honor Student of the Month:**
St. John's Lutheran School
MPTC – Room S111

Apr 25 4pm **Board of Directors' Meeting**
Silverbrook Intermediate School & Google Meet

May 5 Breakfast 7am at Main Street Café
Scholarship Award

May 6 **Brat Fry**
West Bend Sausage Plus 9 am – 4 pm

May 7 **Brat Fry**
West Bend Sausage Plus 9 am – 4 pm

May 19 Lunch **Club Elections**
MPTC – Room S111

May 23 4pm **Board of Directors' Meeting**
Silverbrook Intermediate School & Google Meet

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

March 2022

Ashlyn Fortney
St. Frances Cabrini School



At our March 17 Lunch Meeting, we honored Ashlyn Fortney from Saint Francis Cabrini Catholic School as the "Student of the Month" for March 2022

School Principal William Waech wrote:

Dear Optimist Club Members,
We are pleased to share Saint Frances Cabrini School's selection for the Optimist Club Award, Ashlyn Fortney. Ashlyn epitomizes the word optimist. She is very positive in her interactions with others and has an upbeat personality. She is kind to her classmates and encourages them to join in and to do their best. She is quick to compliment and always willing to help a classmate that is struggling. Ashlyn is a hard worker, she is not always the top student but is always willing to put in the time to learn something. Finally, she is an outgoing student with a great sense of humor. For these reasons, we think Ashlyn is an excellent choice for our school's selection for the March 2022 Optimist Club "Student of the Month Award." Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share students like Ashlyn for this honor.

Sincerely, *William Waech*, Principal



SOTM

Optimist Club President Lance Roell presents the March 2022 "Student of the Month" award to Ashlyn Fortney from St. Francis Cabrini Catholic School.

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Girl Scouts

At our Club's breakfast meeting on March 3, we got an update From Brigette David on what's happening at the Girl Scout's Camp Silver Brook.

Camp Silver Brook is a 265-acre camp that surrounds Lucas Lake, a crystal clear 80-acre body of water fed by Silver Creek. A part of the Camp and surrounding the lake is the 2.5 mile Lucas Lake Trail, which follows the shoreline and Silver Creek.

Some of the updates that Brigette shared were related to better managing the Camp's forest land and improvements to some of the Camp's facilities.

However, some of us felt that the highlight of Brigette's presentation was that she brought boxes of Girl Scout Cookies to sell! Thanks Brigette!



Club President Lance Roell presents a \$200 check to Brigette David to help support the work of Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast.

The mission of Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast is: *Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.*

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of wisconsin
southeast

www.gswise.org/en/camp---outdoors/troop-camping/CampSilverbrook.html

April is

NATIONAL HUMOR MONTH

What do you call a quiet Hawaiian laugh?
Aloha

National Humor Month was founded in 1976 to share the therapeutic benefits of humor with the world. Humor plays an essential role in our overall health. The ability to smile, laugh, and play is directly related to the way we express our personalities. It's one of our more redeeming qualities. The more we laugh, the better suited we are for the world around us. Jokes and general silliness help to increase our heart rate and blood flow bringing oxygen to our brain and vital organs. Hormones flood our bodies reducing pain and stress.

I invented a new word!

I call it Plagiarism!

What did the bartender say when Helvetica and Times New Roman walked into a bar.

"Get out of here! We don't serve your type."

What do you say when a guy spills all his Scrabble letters on the road.

"So, what's the word on the street?"

When a woman in labor suddenly shouted, "Shouldn't! Wouldn't! Couldn't! Didn't! Can't!"

What did the doctor say to her husband?
"Don't worry, those are just her contractions."

Why did the chicken go to the séance?

To get to the other side.

What did the Tin Man say when he got run over by a steamroller?

"Curses! Foil again!"

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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*

Mark Your Calendars

April 7

SWIS Zone 2

Oratorical Contest

6pm

St. James Church - Menomonee Falls

**THE 2022 OPTIMIST VISUAL
ARTS COMPETITION**

Going on now!

**Public City-wide Balloting April 9 – 17
at West Bend Library**

7 am Breakfast Meetings on:

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

Scholarship Raffle Drawing

June 5

2pm

West Bend Sausage Plus

WORDS OF WISDOM

FROM RONALD REAGAN

- We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.
- Peace is not absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means.
- There are no great limits to growth because there are no limits of human intelligence, imagination, and wonder.

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2022 Raffle

Fran Wajer Memorial Scholarship

SELL SELL SELL SELL

BUY BUY BUY BUY

Contact Mike Hartwell at 262-305-4036

Here's a New Newsletter Feature:

The Optimist Club of West Bend is committed to being a good community partner. Our Newsletter will now provide information about upcoming events sponsored by the
Downtown West Bend Association

Downtown West Bend Association

EVENT GUIDE



April 30 | 2:00pm ~ 6:00pm

Hop into spring with a great glass of wine! Head to 20 nearby shops for wine, treats & shopping.
VIP tickets Available.



THE WRITERS' CORNER

What Life Should Be

Patricia A. Fleming

To learn while still a child
What this life is meant to be.
To know it goes beyond myself,
It's so much more than me.

To overcome the tragedies,
To survive the hardest bind.
To face those moments filled with pain,
And still manage to be kind.

To fight for those who can't themselves,
To always share my light.
With those who wander in the dark,
To love with all my might.

To still stand up with courage,
Though standing on my own.
To still get up and face each day,
Even when I feel alone.

To try to understand the ones
That no one cares to know.
And make them feel some value
When the world has let them go.

To be an anchor, strong and true,
That person loyal to the end.
To be a constant source of hope
To my family and my friend.

To live a life of decency,
To share my heart and soul.
To always say I'm sorry
When I've harmed both friend and foe.

To be proud of whom I've tried to be,
And this life I chose to live.
To make the most of every day
By giving all I have to give.

To me that's what this life should be,
To me that's what it's for.
To take what God has given me
And make it so much more

To live a life that matters,
To be someone of great worth.
To love and be loved in return
And make my mark on Earth