



# Optimist INTERNATIONAL

## Optimist Club of West Bend



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# OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING

## April 2024

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Subject to change)

**April 4** Club Lunch Meeting  
*Boys & Girls' Club & Essay Winners*  
AT NEW PERSPECTIVE IN SENIOR LIVING CENTER

**April 8**   
Leticia Chavez

**April 13** All Around the Bend Business Showcase  
WB High School - Volunteers Needed  
8am-4pm Volunteer to help staff the exhibit for a few hours anytime throughout the day

**April 18** Club Lunch Meeting  
*Student of the Month*  
*St. John's Lutheran*  
AT NEW PERSPECTIVE IN SENIOR LIVING CENTER

**April 25** Board of Directors' Meeting  
4 pm The Threshold 2380 W Washington St

**May 2** Club Lunch Meeting  
*Fran Wajer Memorial Scholarship Awards*  
AT NEW PERSPECTIVE IN SENIOR LIVING CENTER

**May 4** *Brat Fry*  
West Bend Harley - Davidson  
9 am - 4 pm  
Volunteers Needed 

**May 12** **MOTHER'S DAY**

**May 16** Club Lunch Meeting  
*Club Elections*  
AT NEW PERSPECTIVE IN SENIOR LIVING CENTER

**May 23** Board of Directors' Meeting  
4 pm The Threshold 2380 W Washington St

### An Important Message From the Board of Directors

A Friendly Reminder for those who have chosen to pay for the Club Meeting meals using the "al a carte" option. When you RSVP as a "Yes, I'll be joining you for lunch" and do not note that you will not be eating, a meal is then ordered and prepared for you. If you then do not attend, the Club still has to cover your meal costs. When this happens, it is expected that those "al a carte" members, who have responded "yes" to eating lunch, but do not attend, will please reimburse the Club for their meal expense.

Lunch is \$12. If you ARE NOT eating with us, please add that in the comments of your lunch meeting sign-up, so we have an accurate meal count. Cash, Check, or Venmo are accepted.

**Venmo Rates:**

**\$0-\$40=\$1    \$41-\$100=\$2**

**Thank You**

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At our March 7 Club Luncheon, we heard from Jessica Barlament, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County.

Jessica Barlament, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters Washington County is presented a \$200 donation from the Optimist Club by Club President, Laura Eggert



Jessica explained that Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County (BBBS) was founded in 1969, and is dedicated to “connecting volunteers with children to help them empower every child for their brightest future.” She further added that BBBS develops positive enduring relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people. Jessica also shared some basic statistics:

- ❖ Of the children BBBS serves –
  - 67% are Ages 6-12,
  - 33% are Ages 13-18
  - 51% are Girls,
  - 49% are Boys
- ❖ BBBS “Bigs” volunteer together an estimated 8,000 hours each year.
- ❖ BBBS facilitates 60 new matches each year.
- ❖ BBBS impact touches over 3,500 lives collectively in Washington County annually.
- ❖ BBBS makes 6,120 contacts (phone, email, in person) each year, ensuring child safety with Mentor, Parent, and Youth.

Check ‘em out at: <https://www.bbbswashco.org/>

## FAMILY PROMISE

[\(https://familypromisewc.org/contact/\)](https://familypromisewc.org/contact/)

Also at our March 7 Club Luncheon, we had a presentation from Lori Prescott, Executive Director of Family Promise of Washington County. Lori shared that Family Promise of Washington County was started in 2009 and is a community



organization working to prevent homelessness. It provides resources and services to individuals and families at risk and aims to rebuild lives. It provides safe and stable housing solutions. It is committed to assisting and supporting those experiencing homelessness from their initial call for help until they secure housing. At the start of 2024, the new, expanded “Promise Center” located at 450 E Water Street in West Bend, officially opened. This offers shelter for men, women and families, as well as a walk-in resource center for community members at large. All homelessness services and offices are now in one convenient location.



**Club President Laura Eggert presents a \$200 donation from the Optimist Club to Lori Prescott to support the work of Family Promise**

Family Promise: <https://familypromise.org/>



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**STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

**March 2024**

**MALIA HAUG**

**St. Frances Cabrini School**



At our March 21 Club Luncheon, we honored our March 2024 *Student of the Month*, Malia Haug from St. Frances Cabrini School.

***Here's what the School shared:***

Malia is a sweetheart of a student, and she embodies the epitome of positivity and resilience. Her infectious smile lights up the room, and it's evident that her positivity is not just a facade but a deeply ingrained aspect of her character. What sets Malia apart is her unwavering faith, a steadfast belief that no matter the circumstances, everything will work out because she trusts in a higher power.

Beyond her faith, Malia's involvement in various clubs, sports, and activities showcases her vibrant and dynamic personality. Whether she's on the field, in the classroom, or participating in extracurriculars, Malia exudes enthusiasm and dedication. Despite her busy schedule, she remains a focused student with an insatiable love for learning.

It is with great pleasure that we nominate Malia for the Optimist Club *Student of the Month*. Her positive attitude, unwavering faith, and commitment to both academics and extracurriculars make her a shining example for her peers and a true asset to our school community. We have no doubt that Malia will continue to inspire and uplift those around her, leaving a lasting impact wherever she goes.

*Sincerely,*

*SFC Middle School Staff*

**S O T M**

**Club President Laura Eggert presents the March Student of the Month award to Malia Haug from St. Frances Cabrini School.**



**Boy Scout Charter Troop 796**

*Eagle Scout Court of Honor*  
*recognizing*

*Samuel M. Davis, Gabriel R. Klenner, and Rodrigo Cardenas-Delgado*



On March 16, Club President Laura Eggert and Club Secretary Greg Harding joined with our Charter Boy Scout Troop 796 at the Tower Heritage Center Circuit Courtroom for the "Eagle Scout Court of Honor" award celebration. Three scouts, Samuel Davis, Gabriel Klenner, and Rodrigo Cardenas-Delgado, were recognized for having achieved "Eagle Scout" status.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. To merit this rank, the Boy Scout must fulfil requirements in the areas of *Leadership, Service, and Outdoor Skills*, and must demonstrate *Scout Spirit* (an ideal attitude based upon the Scout Oath and Law). He must earn at least 21 *merit badges*, 14 of which are mandatory. The Scout must also complete an extensive *service project* that the Scout plans, manages, and completes.

**The Service Projects by these new Eagle Scouts:**

- *Samuel Davis* constructed a pedestrian bridge at Bicentennial Park
- *Gabriel Klenner* built a 400 foot boardwalk at Sandy Knoll County Park
- *Rodrigo Cardenas-Delgado* made a 90 foot boardwalk for the disk golf course at Sandy Knoll County Park

**Eagle Scout Ceremony**



**Gabriel Klenner, Samuel Davis, Rodrigo Cardenas-Delgado**

The Optimist Club of West Bend congratulates Samuel M. Davis, Gabriel R. Klenner, and Rodrigo Cardenas-Delgado for achieving the high rank of Eagle Scout.

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### **PETE LIEVEN MEMORIAL**

As a tribute to Pete Lieven, a valued fellow Optimist Club member and friend, the *Optimist Club of West Bend* made a memorial donation to the *West-Bar Sportsmen's Club* in remembrance of Pete, who was serving as their Club President at the time of his death.

Over the course of several Optimist Club meetings, a collection from the Club's membership was made to raise funds for this purpose. A final total of \$214.00 was collected.

On March 19, the *Optimist Club of West Bend* presented the \$214.00 donation to the *West-Bar Sportsmen's Club* to be used to memorialize Pete through the planting of trees in its *Memorial Tree Grove* and through the remodeling of its Clubhouse.



#### **West-Bar Sportsmen's Club Meeting March 19, 2024**



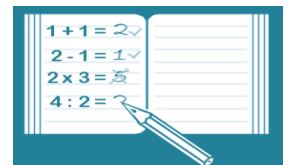
*Optimist Club of West Bend Secretary, Greg Harding, presents a \$214 Pete Lieven Memorial donation to Darrel Schroeter, new President, West-Bar Sportsmen's Club.*

<i>Optimist Club of West Bend Contributors to the Pete Lieven Memorial</i>	
<b>Laura Eggert</b>	<b>Leticia Chavez</b>
<b>Mike Hartwell</b>	<b>Greg Harding</b>
<b>Gerri O'Brien</b>	<b>Bitsie Bollen</b>
<b>Maria Gutierrez Gurrola</b>	<b>Terika Koch</b>
<b>Heidi Sternig</b>	<b>Lance Roell</b>
<b>Matt Muehlbauer</b>	<b>Howard Fink</b>
<b>Tim Dehring</b>	<b>Kemnitz Family</b>
<b>Jordan Dolezal</b>	<b>Matt Rohlinger</b>
<b>Brigette David</b>	

### **April is**

## **Mathematics Awareness Month**

This annual tribute to numbers officially began in 1986 when President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation for National Mathematics Awareness. The proclamation President Reagan read stated: "Despite the increasing importance of mathematics to the progress of our economy and society, enrollment in mathematics programs has been declining at all levels of the American educational system. Yet the application of mathematics is indispensable in such diverse fields as medicine, computer science, space exploration, the skilled trades, business, defense, and government. To help encourage the study and utilization of mathematics, it is appropriate that all Americans be reminded of the importance of this basic branch of science to our daily lives."



### **Math Word-Puzzles**

(Answers are on page 7)

- In reply to an inquiry about the animals on his farm, the farmer says: "I only keep sheep, goats, and horses, and always with a different number of each animal. In fact, at the moment my animals are all sheep except for three, all goats except for four, and all horses except for five." How many does he have of each animal?
- There are two boys, and the one brother says of his younger brother: "Two years ago, I was three times as old as my younger brother was. In three years time, I will be twice as old as my brother will be." How old are they each now?
- With what am I dealing when I add seven to ten and correctly get five?
- Old Granny Adams left half her money to her granddaughter and half that amount to her grandson. She left a sixth to her brother, and the remainder, \$1,000, to the dogs' home. How much money did she leave altogether?

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**New Club Member**  
**Lynn Jack**

Also at our March 21 Club luncheon, new Club member *Lynn Jack* was initiated as a new member of the Optimist Club of West Bend.

**Welcome Lynn!**



New member Lynn Jack receives the Club membership certificate from Club President Laura Eggert

**OPTIMIST CLUB 2023-24**  
**ESSAY CONTEST**

This was our inaugural year conducting an Essay Contest, which ran from December 1, 2023, to February 1, 2024. Students were to write a 700-800 word essay on the topic:

*Optimism: How It Connects Us*

The eligible participants were:  
*Any student under the age of 19 as residing in the West Bend School District boundaries.*

The Club level first place winner will receive \$150 and a medallion. The second place winner will receive \$100 and a medallion. All other participants will receive a certificate. The first place essay will advance to the district competition and be eligible to win a plaque and \$2,500.

The judging by the Club's Essay Contest Committee (Lance, Heidi, and Gretchen) has been completed.

**First Place: Caitlin Bifani**  
**Second Place: Jaxon Klas**

Caitlin Bifani is a 6th grader at Silverbrook Intermediate School, and Jaxon Klas is a 7th grader at St. John's Lutheran School.

Pictures of the award presentation and more details will appear in the next newsletter.

**BUSINESS**  
**BUDDIES**

Our Club has created a new membership category specifically for businesses. We have named the Business Membership category: *Business Buddies*. The Business Membership dues are currently set at \$340 and are prorated based on the fiscal quarter of joining. Club member, Mike Hartwell, is coordinating this initiative, and he will gladly answer any questions.

Check out *Business Buddies* on our web site:

<https://www.optimistclubofwestbend.org/business-buddy-membership.html>

The Optimist Club of West Bend would like to welcome its first *Business Buddy*:

**MORRIE'S**  
**WEST BEND HONDA.**



<https://www.morrieswestbendhonda.com/>

**Mark Your Calendars**



**Saturday, April 13,**  
**West Bend High School Fieldhouse**

Volunteers are needed to help staff our booth for any amount of time between 8am-4pm



**May 4 & June 1 9am-3pm**

**Brat Fry**

**West Bend Harley-Davidson**

**June 1 at 2 pm**

**FRAN WAJER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**RAFFLE DRAWING**

**West Bend Harley-Davidson**

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**Board of Directors**

Position	2023-2024
President	Laura Eggert
VP - President Elect	Heidi Sternig
Past-President	Mike Hartwell
Secretary	Greg Harding
Treasurer	Cassie Moran
Director	Matt Muehlbauer
Director	Maria Gutierrez Gurrola
Director	Gena Biertzer

**The Optimist Creed**

**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.*



THE ALL AROUND THE BEND BUSINESS SHOWCASE

All Around the Bend  
BUSINESS SHOWCASE

SATURDAY

APRIL 13, 2024

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FREE ADMISSION

10 AM - 3 PM

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WEST BEND HIGH SCHOOL FIELDHOUSE  
1305 E DECORAH RD, WEST BEND

**FREE Admittance**



**Attend the Event**

The best way to show your support for the 80+ businesses and organizations participating in the event is by attending the event! Explore different vendors, enjoy the talents of local musicians, indulge in delicious food and treats, try your luck at winning a raffle prize, or bring the kiddos for some fun in the Play Zone! Let's come together to celebrate the vibrant community of West Bend.

**Check it out:**

<https://www.wbachamber.org/events/details/all-around-the-bend-business-showcase-a-community-event-19508>



**SWIS District  
Conferences**

Our Club's Board of Directors has deemed it important that all of our Club members get the necessary information and are encouraged to attend the Quarterly Conferences of the SWIS District. Our Club will help offset some of the costs of attending.

<https://www.swisdistrict.org/conferences/default.asp>

**2024 Raffle**

**SELL SELL SELL SELL**

**BUY BUY BUY BUY**

Fran Wager Memorial Scholarship Raffle

Tickets now available

Contact Mike Hartwell

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**ANSWERS - Math Word-Puzzles**

1. *The farmer has three sheep, two goats, and one horse.*

How to solve:  $s = \#$  sheep;  $g = \#$  goats;  $h = \#$  horses

- there are three animals that are not sheep, thus  $g + h$
- there are four animals that are not goats, thus  $s + h$
- there are five animals that are not horses, thus  $s + g$
- $g + h = 3$        $s + h = 4$        $s + g = 5$

**Solve Logically:** In  $s + h = 4$ , one number must be 3 and the other number must be 1 because there is always a different number of each animal. thus it can't be  $2 + 2$ ; and therefore, there is one horse because if there were 3 horses then  $g + h$  would be greater than 3.

• So  **$h = 1$**        $g + 1 = 3$ , so  **$g = 2$** ,       $s + 2 = 5$ , so  **$s = 3$**

**Solve algebraically:**

$g + h = 3$ $h = 3 - g$	$s + h = 4$ $s + (3 - g) = 4$ $s + 3 - g = 4$ $s - g = 1$ $s = 1 + g$	$s + g = 5$ $(1 + g) + g = 5$ $1 + 2g = 5$ $2g = 4$ <b><math>g = 2</math></b>
$h = 3 - 2$ <b><math>h = 1</math></b>	$s + 1 = 4$ <b><math>s = 3</math></b>	

2. *Older brother-ob is 17 & the younger brother-yb is 7.*

**Solve Logically:**

- 1st. Think in terms of the 5 year difference between 2 years ago and 3 years from now and that we are dealing with boys (younger than 18)
- 2nd. 3 years from now *ob* is twice *yb*; therefore, his age in 3 years will be an even number and 5 years before that, an odd number
- 3rd. For our age range of boys – identify the odd numbers for *ob* that could be exactly three times a smaller number: 3, 9, 15, and now match them up with the smaller number for *yb*: 3-1; 9-3; 15-5
- 4th. Add 5 to each pair of numbers to see which pair has *ob* two times *yb*: 8-6; 14-8; 20-10
- 5th. 3 years from now *ob* will be 20 and *yb* will be 10 – that means that now ***ob* is 17 and *yb* is 7!**

**Solve algebraically:**  $X = yb$        $Z = ob$

Set up an equation for two years ago that solves for Z in terms of X  
 $Z - 2 = 3(X - 2)$   
 $Z - 2 = 3X - 6$   
 **$Z = 3X - 4$**

Set up an equation for three years from now that solves for X when the X equivalents are substituted for Z:  
 $Z + 3 = 2(X + 3)$   
 $(3X - 4) + 3 = 2X + 6$   
 $3X - 1 = 2X + 6$   
 $3X = 2X + 7$   
 $3X - 2X = 7$   
 **$X = 7$**

Now substitute  $X = 7$  into the first equation and solve for Z

$$Z = 3(7) - 4$$

$$Z = 21 - 4$$

$$Z = 17$$

**Older Brother is 17 years old; Younger Brother is 7**

3. *You are dealing with the numbers on a clock.* When it is 10am, adding seven hours makes it 5pm.

4. *The total she left altogether is \$12,000.*

Focus on adding the fractions together to get the total she left minus the \$1000 dogs' home gift:

$$\text{Granddaughter} = 1/2, \quad \text{Brother} = 1/6$$

$$\text{Grandson} = 1/4 \text{ (1/2 granddaughter's share)}$$

$1/2 + 1/4 + 1/6 = ?$  The common denominator of these fractions would be 12. So we can look at this as:  $6/12 + 3/12 + 2/12$ , which equals  $11/12$ . The remainder \$1,000 must be one-twelfth, so the total was \$12,000.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**Dirty Ninja  
Mud Run  
for Kids**



**SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2024, 8 AM TO 12 NOON**

**REGNER PARK, WEST BEND**

**Jingle Bell Open**

**Monday, August 5, 2024, 9am-3pm**

**Hon-E-Kor Golf Course**

**Something to Think About**

*All this month, I will be sending my humorous jokes telepathically. So if you think of something funny, that was me.*

**You're Welcome**

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<https://optimist.tovuti.io>

All Optimist Club members now have free access to the Optimist International's "Optimist Institute." The *Optimist Institute* provides Club members expert training and informational videos that help promote strong Optimist Clubs.

**What does the *Optimist Institute* include?**

- Leadership Skills Development Courses
- Technical Skills Development Courses
- Optimism Courses
- Videos and Other Motivational Items
- International Convention Videos and Handouts
- Optimist International New Club Series
- Optimist International Club Officer Training
- The Optimist International Professional Development Plan
- Optimist International Personal Growth and Involvement Plan

**Check it out by accessing:**

<https://optimist.tovuti.io>

1. Click on "Register" (upper right corner)
2. Go to "Member Registration"
3. The Passcode is: **CLUB2324**
4. Our Club number is: **09-208**
5. Your membership number can be found on our Club Directory

***Writers' Corner***

**QUOTES**

**Abraham Lincoln**

Born: February 12, 1809

Died: April 15, 1865

- *You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.*
- You can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time.
- *I don't like that man. I must get to know him better.*
- The ballot is stronger than the bullet.
- *How many legs does a dog have if you call his tail a leg? Four! Saying that a tail is a leg doesn't make it a leg.*
- We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution.
- *It has been my experience that folks who have no vices have very few virtues.*
- Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?
- *I do not think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday.*
- I go for all sharing the privileges of the government who assist in bearing its burdens.
- *It is an old maxim and a very sound one, that he that dances should always pay the fiddler.*
- Suspicion and jealousy never did help any man in any situation.
- *In all that the people can individually do as well for themselves, government ought not to interfere.*

