



Optimist INTERNATIONAL

Optimist Club of West Bend



Club # 09-208

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SWIS District (#09)

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OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING

June 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Subject to change)

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| June 3 & June 4 |  | Brat Fry West Bend Sausage Plus 9 am – 4 pm Volunteers Needed |
| June 4 2pm | | Scholarship Raffle Drawing West Bend Sausage Plus |
| NO CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS JUNE 15, JULY 6, JULY 20, AUG 3 | | |
| June 15 | | Girls' Softball PIZZA PARTY WB Little League Complex Game Starts: 6:00pm Pizza Party at 7:30pm North Diamond Volunteers Needed |
| June 18 | | FATHER'S DAY |
| July 4 | | INDEPENDENCE DAY |
| July 13 | | Music on Main Beverage Tent Bartending Fundraiser Immanuel United Church of Christ parking lot 501 Walnut Street 5:30 – 9:30 pm Volunteers Needed – Sign Up Here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1A0A8rmt9CGrXZFXHkZ1XuJ8HV9D0F4FVvPnEqmi82E/edit?usp=sharing |
| July 15 | | Dirty Ninja Mud Run for Kids Regner Park 7 am – 12 noon Volunteers Needed – Watch for Details |
| Aug 7 | | Jingle Bell Open 9 am – 3 pm Hon-E-Kor Golf Course Volunteers Needed – Watch for Details |
| Aug 17 noon | | Club Lunch Meeting Club Annual Budget Meeting AT NEW PERSPECTIVE SENIOR LIVING CENTER 2130 CONTINENTAL DRIVE, WEST BEND |

2023 FRAN WAJER

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Delanie Heinen & Jayda Schultz

At our May 4 Breakfast Meeting, we presented our two \$1000 *Fran Wajer Memorial Scholarships* to **Delanie Heinen** and **Jayda Schultz**.

Delanie Heinen is a graduating senior at West Bend East High School. She was our January 2019 *Student of the Month* from Holy Angels School. Delanie plans to attend UW-Green Bay School of Education.



Club President Mike Hartwell (L) and Club Scholarship Chairperson Lance Roell (R) present a \$1000 check to Delanie Heinen a 2023 Fran Wajer Memorial Scholarship awardee.

Jayda Scholtz is a graduating senior at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. She plans to attend Concordia University-WI and study Physical Therapy



Club President Mike Hartwell (L) and Club Scholarship Chairperson Lance Roell (R) present a \$1000 check to Jayda Schultz a 2023 Fran Wajer Memorial Scholarship awardee.

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Club Program Leadership

Also on May 19, the Club membership decided on the individuals to lead/coordinate the various Club activities and events for the program year 2022-2023.

| Activity/Event Coordinators | 2023-2024 Leader |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Around the Bend Showcase | Greg Harding |
| 2. Brat Fry | Matt Muehlbauer |
| 3. Christmas Family | Laura Eggert |
| 4. Christmas Party | Laura Eggert & Geri O'Brien |
| 5. Club Meeting Catering (Food/Meal) | Carrie Schmidt & Mike Hartwell |
| 6. Crossing Guard Award | Pete Lieven |
| 7. Essay Contest | Lance Roell |
| 8. Football Crazz | Pete Lieven |
| 9. Scholarship Raffle | Mike Hartwell |
| 10. Free Throw Contest | Matt Muehlbauer |
| 11. Jingle Bell Open | Greg Harding |
| 12. Junior Optimist Club (JOI) | Lance Roell |
| 13. Little League Pizza Party | Heidi Sternig |
| 14. Media -Newspaper | Brigitte David & Gena Biertzer |
| 15. Mud Run Water Station | Brigitte David & Mike Hartwell |
| 16. Music on Main Bartending | Gena Biertzer |
| 17. Newsletter Editor | Greg Harding |
| 18. Nut Sale | Geri O'Brien |
| 19. Police Cadet Award | Mike Hartwell |
| 20. Scholarship Committee | Lance Roell & Heidi Sternig |
| 21. Social Media Coordinator | Brigitte David & Gena Biertzer |
| 22. Student of the Month | Terika Koch |
| 23. Sunshine Activity | Geri O'Brien |
| 24. Visual Arts Competition | Terika Koch |
| 25. Website | Heidi Sternig |

Club Elections

On May 18, 2023, the Club held its annual Club Elections and Leadership Meeting to fill the Club's Board of Directors' positions and to identify the Club's Activities and Events Leadership for the Program Year 2023-2024. A slate of nominees was presented for the open 2023-2024 Club Officer and Director positions. It was approved by unanimous consent.

2023-2024 Board of Directors

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| President | Laura Eggert 10/01/2023 to 09/30/2024 |
| Vice-President President Elect | Heidi Sternig 10/01/2023 to 09/30/2024 |
| Past-President | Mike Hartwell 10/01/2023 to 09/30/2024 |
| Secretary | Greg Harding 10/01/2023 to 09/30/2024 |
| Treasurer | Cassie Schmidt 10/01/2023 to 09/30/2024 |
| Director | Matt Muehlbauer 10/01/2023 to 09/30/2025 |
| Director | Pete Lieven 10/01/2023 to 09/30/2025 |
| Director | Maria Gutierrez Gurrola 10/01/2022 to 09/30/2024 |
| Director | Gena Biertzer 10/01/2022 to 09/30/2024 |

2023 OPTIMIST VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION!

The Optimist Club of West Bend recently hosted a Visual Arts Competition for youth aged 11 years or younger in April and May 2023. This exciting program through Optimist International is designed to encourage and celebrate youth visual art skills in two categories – painting and drawing.

Prizes for the winners of the West Bend contest were generously sponsored by **Meijer**.

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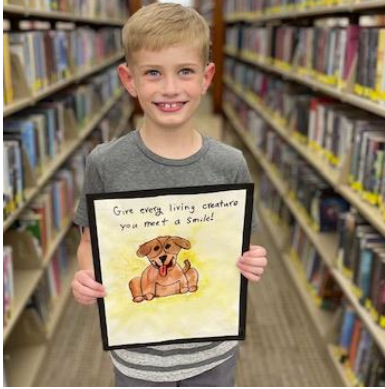
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VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION

Painting Category

1. Preston Koch, age 8

Awarded \$25 **Meijer** Gift Card



2. Caitlin Bifani, age 10

Awarded \$15 **Meijer** Gift Card



3. Gianna Breunig, age 11

Awarded \$10 **Meijer** Gift Card



VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION

Drawing Category

1. Scarlet Kirkham, age 10

Awarded \$25 **Meijer** Gift Card



2. Grayson Kohlhaas, age 11

Awarded \$15 **Meijer** Gift Card



3. Ciana Wenger, age 10

Awarded \$10 **Meijer** Gift Card



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2023 West Bend Police

CROSSING GUARD OF THE YEAR Steve Rusch

At our special Club Luncheon on May 30, 2023, we presented our *2023 Crossing Guard of the Year Award* to West Bend Police Crossing Guard Steve Rusch. Steve is currently working as a sub crossing guard and has been doing so for seven years. Chief Dehring stated that all personnel relating to the Crossing Guard program whole-heartedly chose Steve. One reason is that he has never turned down an assignment. Steve said if he had to chose his favorite crossing, it probably be one where he is helping elementary school children. And here's a little "by-the-way:" Steve's wife, Kati Rusch, was our *2018 Crossing Guard of the Year*.



L to R – West Bend Police Captain Matt Rohlinger, the *2023 Crossing Guard of the Year* Steve Rusch, Optimist Club President Mike Hartwell, and West Bend Police Chief Tim Dehring.

A Blast From The Past:

Current West Bend Police Chief Tim Dehring and Optimist Club President Mike Hartwell present the *2018 Crossing Guard of the Year Award* to Kati Rusch (wife of our *2023 Crossing Guard of the Year* Steve Rusch)



Brat Fry Update

On May 6 & 7, we held our first Brat Fry Fundraisers of the year at West Bend Sausage Plus. The weather was cool and rainy on Saturday, but perfect on Sunday – sunny and warm! Thank you to everyone who worked at the brat fries. The preliminary net fund-raising report shows that we netted a little over \$1800.00. Our next Brat Fry Fundraisers will be on June 3 & 4 again at West Bend Sausage Plus. We can always use help!



2023 Raffle

Fran Wajer Memorial Scholarship

SELL SELL SELL SELL

BUY BUY BUY BUY

Contact Mike Hartwell at 262-305-4036

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Mark Your Calendars

June 3 & 4

Brat Fry

9am – 4pm West Bend Sausage Plus - Volunteers Needed

June 4 - 2 pm

SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE DRAWING

West Bend Sausage Plus

June 15

Girls' Softball PIZZA PARTY

WB Little League Complex

Game Starts: 6:00pm Pizza Party at 7:30pm

North Diamond Volunteers Needed

July 13 – *Music on Main*

Beverage Tent Bartending Fundraiser

Volunteers Needed – Sign Up Here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1A0A8rmt9CGrXZFXHlkZ1XuJ8HV9DOF4FVvPnEqmi82E/edit?usp=sharing>

Dirty Ninja Mud Run for Kids

July 15 Regner Park 8am – 12 noon

Volunteers needed – Watch for details

Jingle Bell Open

AUGUST 7 9 AM TO 3 PM

Hon-E-Kor Golf Course

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - WATCH FOR DETAILS



The Optimist Club of West Bend is committed to being a good community partner. One way to do that is to support the activities and events sponsored by the Downtown

West Bend Association, check 'em out:

<http://www.downtownwestbend.com/calendar.html>



June is



National Candy Month is a time to celebrate the authentic, fun treats that candy companies have been producing for hundreds of years.



For those who love chocolate, caramel, and mints, and who appreciate the strong economic impact made by the candy manufacturers, this is a month made for celebration. It is also a time to appreciate another American industry success story. So, you can indulge guilt free in June knowing that you are just supporting the *National Candy Month*.

SWIS District Conferences



According to the SWIS District, “*Our district conferences and events are geared to help our clubs achieve more by sharing ideas and learning together.*”

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.

SWIS District Quarterly Conferences

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

Current 2022-2023 Board of Directors

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| President | Mike Hartwell |
| VP/President Elect | Laura Eggert |
| Past-President | Lance Roell |
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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*

The Writers' Corner

My Daddy

By Ranja Kujala

I sit and look back to how far I can remember,
And you are always there next to me.
Each and every day you were helping me grow up,
And making me be the best that I can be.

Your love was forever strong,
Your cuddles forever tight.
Every day since I was born,
Your love was always in sight.

I will always be your Baby Girl,
And you will always be my Dad.
I know I will always be the luckiest
To have the best Dad I could have had.

My Daddy, I love you with all my heart,
Much more than I ever say.
You are my world, my everything,
Each and every day.

Silent, Strong Dad

By Karen K. Boyer

He never looks for praises.
He's never one to boast.
He just goes on quietly working
For those he loves the most.
His dreams are seldom spoken.
His wants are very few,
And most of the time his worries
Will go unspoken, too.
He's there...a firm foundation
Through all our storms of life,
A sturdy hand to hold onto
In times of stress and strife.
A true friend we can turn to
When times are good or bad.
One of our greatest blessings,
The man that we call Dad

