



Optimist INTERNATIONAL

Optimist Club of West Bend



Club # 09-208

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July 2023



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Subject to change)

**NO CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
JULY 6, JULY 20, AUG 3**

July 4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**Music on Main Beverage Tent
Bartending Fundraiser**

July 13
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/1A0A8rmt9CGrXZFXHlkZ1XuJ8HV9DOF4FVvPnEqmi82E/edit?usp=sharing>

July 15 **Dirty Ninja Mud Run for Kids**
Regner Park 7 am – 12 noon
Volunteers Needed – Watch for Details

July 24 **Board of Directors' Meeting**
4pm Shorewest Office

Aug 7 **Jingle Bell Open
Corn Hole Game Fundraiser**
9 am – 3 pm Hon-E-Kor Golf Course
Volunteers Needed – Watch for Details

Aug 17 **Club Lunch Meeting
Club Annual Budget Meeting**
noon
AT NEW PERSPECTIVE SENIOR LIVING CENTER
2130 CONTINENTAL DRIVE, WEST BEND

Aug 28 **Board of Directors' Meeting**
4pm Shorewest Office

Sep 4 **LABOR DAY**

Sep 7 **Club Membership Meeting**

Sep 21 **Club Membership Meeting**

Sep 25 **Board of Directors' Meeting**
4pm Shorewest Office

Raffle Drawing

The Fran Wajer Memorial Scholarship Raffle

The raffle drawing was held during our Brat Fry on Sunday, June 4th at *West Bend Sausage Plus*. Thanks to the Club members who sold tickets and to everyone who bought tickets to support our mission of: “*Brining out the best in kids*” and especially to help fund our two \$1000 *Fran Wajer Memorial Scholarships*. Also, a big THANK YOU to Mike Hartwell for coordinating the raffle!



Delanie Heinen, a 2023 Fran Wajer Memorial Scholarship recipient, prepares to draw this year's winning raffle tickets

Congratulations to the raffle prize winners:

Prize	Winner
Grand Prize - \$1,000	Gene Kopp, West Bend
½ Grand Prize - \$500	Wendy Schneider, West Bend
3 rd Place - \$250	Michelle Lesperance, Kewaskum
4 th Place - \$100	Leny Sayaovang, Jackson
5 th Place - \$50	Rick Graskey, West Bend
6 th Place - \$25	Matthew Sternig, West Bend

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2023 WEST BEND LITTLE LEAGUE Optimist Club Girls' Softball Team **PIZZA PARTY**

On June 12th, our Club again hosted a PIZZA PARTY for the team we sponsor through the West Bend Little League Program – a Girls' Softball Team. Our girls team won their game just before their Pizza Party. Keep it up girls! It is always wonderful to see good kids in action. A fun time was had by all!



Optimist Club members preparing for the Pizza Party



Optimist Club's West Bend Girls' Softball Team



The team lining up to get their pizza



It's Pizza Time!



Enjoying their pizza on the infield

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Optimist Club Girls' Softball Team

PIZZA PARTY



Showing off their Optimist Club uniforms



Club Membership Survey

COMING SOON - The Club's Board of Directors will again be surveying the membership to help identify the best days and times to hold our membership meetings as well as gather other pertinent information regarding the operation of the Club. Please watch for this and provide your input.

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.

SWIS District Quarterly Conferences

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

Current 2022-2023 Board of Directors

President	Mike Hartwell
VP/President Elect	Laura Eggert
Past-President	Lance Roell
Secretary	Greg Harding
Treasurer	Heidi Sternig
Director	Pete Lieven
Director	Matt Muehlbauer
Director	Maria Gutierrez Gurrola
Director	Gena Biertzer

2023-2024 Board of Directors

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
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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

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Brat Fry Fundraiser's Update



Brat Fry Workers (LtoR) Pete, Lance, Heidi, Brigitte

On June 3 & 4 we held the last of our 2023 Brat Fries at *West Bend Sausage Plus*. The weather was perfect – sunny and warm! A big THANK YOU to all who helped at the brat fries and especially to Matt & Mike for all their hard work to coordinate the event. 😊



Matt manning the grill

There are a couple small expenses yet to be covered, but our initial fund-raising report shows:

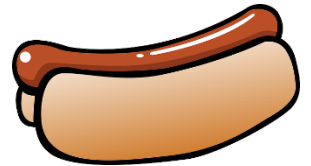
Date	Current Profit
May 2023 Brat Fries	\$1,908.29
June 2023 Brat Fries	\$2,046.59
Total 2023 Brat Fries	\$3,954.88

Also much appreciated was the generous donations from **Meijer** and **Kwik Trip** that helped offset some of our Club's Brat Fry expenses.

July is

National Hot Dog Month

Everyone should join in the celebration of one of America's favorite foods - the HOT DOG. Because the hot dog is such a vibrant part of Americana, HOT DOG MONTH is celebrated in the same month that America celebrates its independence because hot dogs are one of America's favorite and most patriotic foods. More than 300,000 U.S. meat and poultry workers are involved in the production of American hot dogs, and produce more than two billion pounds of hot dogs each year. U.S. hot dogs are considered among the safest and highest quality food products anywhere in the world. So during July, everyone should enjoy one of the symbols of our country and of American cuisine: THE HOT DOG! Here are some "Hot Dog" particulars according to the *National Hot Dog & Sausage Council*:



1. A Hot Dog is not a sandwich.
2. Hot Dog etiquette maintains that ketchup should never be used on a Hot Dog for anyone over the age of 18.
3. Hot Dogs were one of the first foods eaten by astronauts on the moon.
4. On Independence Day, Americans will enjoy 150 million Hot Dogs, enough to stretch from Washington, D.C. to Los Angeles California more than five times.
5. A sausage containing no meat or poultry cannot be called a Hot Dog!



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>

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\$20 FOOTBALL \$20 FUND CRAZR

Eleven chances to win \$\$\$ each week for eighteen weeks for only \$20 - that's only

ten cents a chance!

BUY TICKETS - SELL TICKETS
 This is a major fundraiser for the Club!
 Contact Pete Lieven
 262-689-9251 plieven@charter.net

Mark Your Calendars

July 13

Music on Main

Beverage Tent Bartending Fundraiser

Volunteers Needed - Sign Up Here:

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July 15

Dirty Ninja Mud Run for Kids

Working the Water Station

**Regner Park
Volunteers needed**

**8am - 12 noon
Watch for details**



2022 Mud Run Water Station Crew

Mark Your Calendars

AUGUST 7

Jingle Bell Open Corn Hole Fundraiser to support the West Bend Christmas Parade

9 AM TO 3 PM

Hon-E-Kor Golf Course

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - WATCH FOR DETAILS



The 2022 JBO Optimist Club Crew

AUGUST 17

Club Lunch Meeting

NOON

Annual Budget Meeting

This is a very important Club Business meeting where we will be making decisions about the organizations and activities the Club will be supporting as we develop our 2023-2024 Program Year Budget. Please plan to attend.

RETURNING TO THE
HORIZON ROOM
 NEW PERSPECTIVE
 SENIOR LIVING CENTER
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The Writers' Corner

Our Flag

By Patricia A Fleming



She waves for my attention,
So free upon the breeze.
The sun reflects her stars and stripes,
As proud as she can be.

She tells a tale of people lost,
Who came to find their way
And carried on through every loss,
To bring us here today.

She reminds me of the brave who fought
To keep our country strong
And shouts at me of victories
To right an egregious wrong.

She whispers to our children
Of all this country has to give
And begs that they stand up for her
And give thanks for how they live.

She cries to me of apathy,
Of prejudice and hate,
Of disrespect for what she stands,
And a Constitution we forsake.

She demands that I acknowledge her
And what she means to me
And dares me to imagine life
If she should cease to be.

And still in Glory she unfurls
And gives me hope again
For a people reunited,
And a country on the mend.

So each time I see her wave at me,
I'll stop and gaze above
And take a moment to respect
This country that I love.

Hold Close

By Joseph C. Weismantel

This entire nation, not just part
Unfolds us, lifts us, each day's start
Conceived in paper, pen, and art
Under one God, States of the heart

Holding close to breast in one hand
Our bond and love for this land
Each mountain, each grain of ocean sand
We pledge allegiance, as we stand

Our unfurled red, white, and blue
Liberty and justice her cue
Nourish our troops, faithful and true
Parading now, hold close, we view

This new generation now here
Born in this millennium, HEAR!
Together, we embrace, hold dear
United, far away is near

Place one word close to another
This nation ours, like none other
We're like sister, we're like brother
Loving this land, like one's mother

Not July First, Second, or Third
July Fourth we holler and herd
Our joyous outcry to be heard
High as Eagles, our lofty bird

