



# Optimist INTERNATIONAL

## Optimist Club of West Bend



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## August 2022

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Subject to change)

**NO CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING:  
AUGUST 4**

Aug 1

### Jingle Bell Open

9 AM TO 3 PM

Hon-E-Kor Golf Course, Kewaskum  
*Could still use more volunteers*  
*Just show up anytime between*  
*10 am & 2 pm to help*  
*(free lunch provided!)*



Aug 18

### Club Budget Meeting

Lunch *MPTC – Room L159 (Enter Door L1)*

Aug 22

Board of Directors' Meeting  
*Silverbrook Intermediate School & Google Meet*

Breakfast Meeting

Sep 1  
7 am

### KM YMCA

*MPTC – Room L159 (Enter Door L1)*

Lunch Meeting

Sep 15  
noon

### West Bend Community Memorial Library

*Girl Scout Camp Silver Brook  
JoAnn Mann Lodge*

Sep 26  
4 pm

Board of Directors' Meeting  
*Silverbrook Intermediate School & Google Meet*

Oct 6

### Installation Dinner

[Watch for Details](#)

## Dirty Ninja Mud Run for Kids

On July 16, The Optimist Club West Bend manned the Water Station for the 2022 Dirty Ninja Mud Run at Regner Park. The Dirty Ninja Mud Run is put on by the West Bend Park, Recreation, and Forestry Department and is open to kids ages 4 to 15. Those kids sure had fun, and the water station crew has fun watching them and enjoyed getting all the "Thank-Yous" from the appreciative, thirsty mud-runners!



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### 2022 Mud Run

According to the *Daily News*:

“A record 2,386 participants ran in the 2022 Dirty Ninja Mud Run for Kids on Saturday at Regner Park. Kids ran through sand, mud and water features throughout the course, crawling and climbing through the various obstacles that had been put in their way. After they crossed the finish line participants received a shower from one of the West Bend Fire Department trucks, and were able to dry off while enjoying the festivities for the last day of Regner Fest.”

(*Daily News*, July 20, 2022)



#### A thank you from West Bend Park & Rec:

Dear West Bend Optimists Club,

Thank you for graciously being a sponsor of the 2022 *Dirty Ninja Mud Run for Kids* at beautiful Regner Park in West Bend! This year we had 2,386 participants register, which was 79 more than our previous record of 2,307 set in 2021! We still have not met our ultimate goal of having 2,500 registrants for the *Dirty Ninja Mud Run for Kids*, but hopefully 2023 will be the year that we achieve this goal!

This great event would not be possible without The *West Bend Optimists Club's* generosity. Your efforts of providing water to runners definitely made a positive impact on runners as they prepared for the home-stretch of the course! We hope to have *West Bend Optimists Club* back on board as a sponsor in 2023! As evident in this picture, fun was had by all that participated!



#### 2022 Mud Run Water Station Crew

Tyler, Jim, Greg, Laura, Cassie, Geri, Martina, Mike, & Howard



Sincerely,

Ryan Schmidt

WBPR&F Recreation Supervisor

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### August is NATIONAL DOG MONTH

We celebrate National Dog Month right in the middle of the *dog days of summer*. Dogs are the #1 most commonly owned pets on the planet, and with good reason. Scientific studies have shown that our furry companions make us happier, less stressed, and more optimistic! The list of benefits to spending time with a dog can go on and on, but it all proves one thing: that a month long celebration of our furry best friends is well deserved.



Observe this celebration of dogs by showing that your dog is truly your best pal. Take an extra-long walk. Play fetch or share an extra treat. Get your dog a new special toy. Visit the dog park. Make your next veterinarian appointment to ensure your pet stays healthy and strong. Donate to your local shelter or become a dog shelter volunteer.



National Dog Month was founded in 2020 to recognize all the ways dogs make our lives better and it was proclaimed that *National Dog Month* was to be observed each year in August.

### Something to Think About Sir Winston Churchill Quotes

- "Never hold discussions with the monkey when the organ grinder is in the room."
- "The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see."
- "There are a terrible lot of lies going about the world, and the worst of it is that half of them are true."
- "The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes."
- "History will be kind to me for I intend to write it."
- "To improve is to change, so to be perfect is to change often."

### Important Club Membership Meeting

At our August 18 luncheon at MPTC , we will have our 2022/2023 Club Planning and Budget Setting Meeting. We will determined the organizations and events we will sponsor next program year and then set our 2022-2023 budget accordingly. For your reference prior to the meeting, here are this year's documents:

#### 2021–2022 Budget

<b>I N C O M E</b>	<b>New Member Fees</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
	<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$1,530.00</b>
	<b>Luncheon Meals</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>
	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
	<b>Fund Raising</b>	<b>\$9,000.00</b>
	<b>Chance</b>	<b>\$475.00</b>
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$14,600.00</b>
<b>E X P E N S E S</b>	<b>OI &amp; SWIS District Dues</b>	<b>\$1,360.00</b>
	<b>New Member Fees</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
	<b>Supplies</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
	<b>Fund Raising</b>	<b>\$3,850.00</b>
	<b>Marketing</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>
	<b>Postage</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
	<b>Meals</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>
	<small>Payment for Membership Luncheon, Guest Luncheon, &amp; Installation Dinner</small>	
	<b>Youth-Community</b>	<b>\$5,385.00</b>
	<b>Conventions</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	
<b>Fees</b>	<b>\$170.00</b>	
<small>(PO Box - Staffs Lab)</small>		
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$14,600.00</b>

#### Youth & Community Donations 2021-2022

Youth & Community		2021-2022 Amount
<b>Organization Sponsorships</b>	<b>Big Brothers / Big Sisters</b>	\$200.00
	<b>Boys &amp; Girls Club</b>	\$200.00
	<b>Girl Scouts</b>	\$200.00
	<b>Shop with a Cop</b>	\$100.00
	<b>The Threshold Inc.</b>	\$250.00
	<b>WB Little League</b>	\$600.00
	<b>Kettle Moraine YMCA</b>	\$200.00
	<b>Family Promise</b>	\$200.00
	<b>WB Library Summer Program</b>	\$250.00
<b>Honors &amp; Awards</b>	<b>Award Plaques (SOTM, Crossing Guard)</b>	\$200.00
	<b>Family Christmas</b>	\$200.00
	<b>Police Explorer Award</b>	\$250.00
	<b>Oratorical Contest Award</b> 1st place = \$150 - 2nd place = \$100 Plus Participation Awards of \$5 to \$10 each	\$350.00
	<b>Fran Wajer Scholarship</b>	\$1,000.00
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Ninja Mud Run Water Station</b>	\$125.00
	<b>Little League Team Pizza Party</b>	\$150.00
	<b>Free Throw Contest (Awards &amp; T-shirts)</b>	\$450.00
	<b>Oratorical Contest (Event Expenses &amp; SWIS District Fee)</b>	\$250.00
	<b>WB Area Chamber of Commerce</b>	\$210.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,385.00</b>

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### **\*Downtown West Bend\***

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.



*Every Saturday | May 21–Oct. 29 | 7:30am–11:00am*  
The streets are alive, over 90 vendors fill Main St. with produce, dairy, meats, plants, prepared meals, entertainment & MORE!



*Every Thursday | June 2–Sept. 1 | 5:00pm–9:30pm*  
Free concerts, local bands, Food & beverage, perfect Thursday evening for dancing, friends, & fun! Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the show!

### **2021-2022 Board of Directors**

President	Lance Roell
VP/President Elect	Mike Hartwell
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Treasurer	Geri O'Brien
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Director	Gena Biertzer

### **Some Puns (Groaners)**

Mary: What happened to the guy who sued over his missing luggage?

Gary: He lost his case.

**BRDRDRDR UMP BUMP**

Grass: How are we going to survive with this lack of rain?

Bug: I guess you'll just have to make dew.

**BRDRDRDR UMP BUMP**

### **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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## THE WRITERS' CORNER

### Have You Earned Your Tomorrow

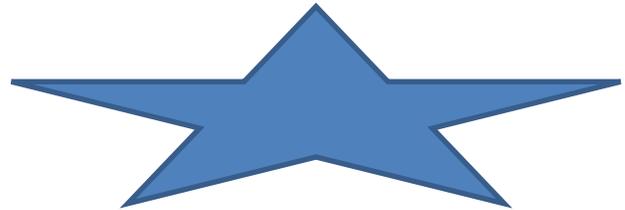
By Edgar Guest

Is anybody happier  
because you passed his way?  
Does anyone remember  
you spoke to him today?  
This day is almost over,  
and its toiling time is through;  
Is there anyone to utter now  
a kindly word of you?

Did you give a cheerful greeting  
to the friend who came along?  
Or a churlish sort of "Howdy"  
and then vanish in the throng?  
Were you selfish pure and simple  
as you rushed along the way,  
Or is someone mighty grateful  
for a deed you did today?

Can you say tonight, in parting  
with the day that's slipping fast,  
That you helped a single brother  
of the many that you passed?  
Is a single heart rejoicing  
over what you did or said;  
Does a man whose hopes were fading  
now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day, or lose it,  
was it well or sorely spent?  
Did you leave a trail of kindness  
or a scar of discontent?  
As you close your eyes in slumber  
do you think that God would say,  
You have earned one more tomorrow  
by the work you did today?



### If I Can Stop One Heart From Breaking

By Emily Dickinson

If I can stop one heart from breaking,  
I shall not live in vain;  
If I can ease one life the aching,  
Or cool someone's pain,  
Or help one fainting robin  
Unto his nest again,  
I shall not live in vain

