



Optimist INTERNATIONAL

Optimist Club of West Bend



Club # 09-208

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SWIS District (#09)

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OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING

September 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Subject to change)

Sept 1 7 am	Breakfast Meeting KM YMCA <i>MPTC – Room L159 (Enter Door L1)</i>
Sep 13	Ad Hoc Bylaws Meeting 4pm - Silverbrook School
Sept 15 noon	Lunch Meeting WB Community Memorial Library and <i>The Threshold</i> Girl Scout Camp Silver Brook <i>JoAnn Mann Lodge</i>
Sept 26 4 pm	Board of Directors' Meeting Silverbrook Intermediate School & Google Meet
Oct 6	Installation Dinner 5:30 pm – Bibingers in Cedar Creek
Oct 20 noon	Lunch Meeting Boys & Girls' Club <i>MPTC – Room L159 (Enter Door L1)</i>
Oct 24 4 pm	Board of Directors' Meeting Silverbrook Intermediate School
Nov 3 7 am	Breakfast Meeting To Honor Student of the Month: Badger Middle School <i>MPTC – Room L159 (Enter Door L1)</i>
Nov 17 noon	Lunch Meeting Shop-with-a-Cop <i>MPTC – Room L159 (Enter Door L1)</i>



2022

Jingle Bell Open

On August 1, during the 2022 *Jingle Bell Open* at Hon-E-Kor Golf Course, the Optimist Club of West Bend ran a “Cornhole” game, which according to JBO officials, raised **\$435.00** to support the WB Christmas Parade.



**The 2022 JBO Optimist Club Crew
Matt, Greg, Tyler, & William**

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More Jingle Bell Open Pics



“Cornhole” Facilitators: Matt, William & Tyler



Participant Jerry Mattson



Getting some attention from one of the JBO foursomes

Club Membership Meeting

At our August 15 luncheon, we held our 2022/2023 Club Planning Meeting. We determined the organizations and events we will sponsor next program year as well as set our 2022-2023 budget.

2022–2023 Budget

For Program Year October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023
Approved August 15, 2022

I N C O M E	New Member Fees	\$45.00
	Dues	\$2,420.00
	Meals	\$4,000.00
	Miscellaneous	\$50.00
	Fund Raising	\$12,700.00
	Total Income	\$19,215.00
E X P E N S E S	OI & SWIS District Dues	\$2,090.00
	New Member Fees	\$45.00
	Office Supplies & Postage	\$100.00
	Fund Raising	\$6,100.00
	Marketing	\$500.00
	<small>Web Site - Info Folders - Mugs - Pens - Brochures/Fliers - etc.</small>	
	Meals	\$4,000.00
	<small>Membership Meals, Guest Meals, & Installation Dinner</small>	
	Supporting Youth	\$5,800.00
	Conventions	\$50.00
	<small>Four SWIS District Quarterly & One OI Annual</small>	
Miscellaneous	\$70.00	
<small>Fees (PO Box - Raffle License - Chamber of Com.)</small>	\$460.00	
	Total Expenses	\$19,215.00

2022-2023 Supporting Youth

Bringing Our Best to Kids

Support For:		2022-2023 Amount
Youth Organization Sponsorships	Big Brothers / Big Sisters	\$200.00
	Boys & Girls Club	\$200.00
	Girl Scouts	\$250.00
	Shop with a Cop	\$100.00
	The Threshold Inc.	\$250.00
	WB Little League	\$600.00
	Kettle Moraine YMCA	\$200.00
	Family Promise	\$200.00
	WB Library Summer Program	\$250.00
	Casa Guadalupe Education Center	\$250.00
	Junior Optimist International Club	\$150.00
Youth Honors & Awards	Award Plaques (SOTM, Crossing Guard)	\$200.00
	Family Christmas	\$200.00
	Police Explorer Award	\$250.00
	Oratorical Contest Awards <small>1st place: \$150 - 2nd place: \$100</small>	\$250.00
	Fran Wajer Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Youth Activities	Ninja Mud Run Water Station	\$150.00
	Little League Team Pizza Party	\$100.00
	Free Throw Contest (Awards & T-shirts)	\$500.00
	Oratorical Contest (Event Expenses & SWIS District Fee)	\$250.00
	Visual Arts Contest	\$250.00
	Total	\$5,800.00

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Mark Your Calendars

September 13

Bylaws Review

On September 13, at 4 pm at Silverbrook School, the Club's Board of Directors is holding an ad hoc meeting to review our Club's Bylaws. All active Club members are welcome to join us and provide input into any needed updates to this document.

October 6

Installation Dinner

5:30 pm – Bibingers in Cedar Creek

This is when we have the ceremony to install our 2022-2023 Club Officers and Directors. Also, it's a good time of socializing among Club members along with a good meal.

Watch for further details

December 15

Annual Christmas Party

6:30 pm – Venue still to be determined

Food, beverages, games - Optimists always like to have a good time, so plan on joining us! Details coming soon

September is

National Honey Month

Have you heard the buzz? It's National Honey Month.



It's an annual tribute to beekeeping in the United States established in 1989 by the National Honey Board of the USDA (United



States Department of Agriculture). During this month, most beekeepers will harvest, extract, and bottle their honey. A single worker honeybee produces approximately 1/12 of a teaspoon of honey in its lifetime. That means around 22,700 bees are needed to fill a single jar of honey!



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.



Sept 4 | 7:00am ~ 4:00pm

With over 400 cars this event is a must see! Judging, awards, live music, beverages, food, crafters, kids activities & shopping.



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
Past-President	Heidi Sternig
Secretary	Greg Harding
Treasurer	Geri O'Brien
Director	Laura Eggert
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Director	Gena Biertzer

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

Confessions Of A Serial Plant Killer

By Cynthia C. Naspinski

Oh, I wish that I had a green thumb.
All my houseplants are looking quite glum.
I never can tell
Why they're looking unwell
Or why so many succumb.

Have I failed to give enough water?
Have I watered them more than I oughter?
Are they getting too hot?
Is this not the right spot?
It's like sending poor lambs to the slaughter.

The hard, undeniable fact is
Many succulents, ferns, and a cactus,
A begonia, a fig,
Many palms, small and big,
Have been victims of my malpractice.

I confess I'm a serial killer.
Many end up as mulch or land filler.
I kill far more plants
Than snails, thrips, or ants.
Or an army of green caterpillar!

Though houseplants are deemed beneficial,
Should these perish, then it is official:
I'll waste no more dough
Just to watch 'em die slow,
For my next plants will be artificial!

