



Optimist INTERNATIONAL

Optimist Club of West Bend



Club # 09-208

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OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING



October 2021



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	Jay Fisher
Oct 07 Lunch	Boys & Girls' Club And the West Bend Fire Department At MPTC – Room S111
Oct 21 5:30 pm	Installation Dinner Bibinger's Restaurant RSVP to Heidi Sternig
Oct 26 4pm	Board of Directors' Meeting Silverbrook Intermediate School
Oct 31	
Nov 04 Lunch	To Honor Student of the Month: Badger Middle School MPTC – Room S107
Nov 18 Lunch	Shop with a Cop Matt Rohlinger & Tom Lichtensteiger MPTC – Room S107
Nov 23 4pm	Board of Directors' Meeting Silverbrook Intermediate School
Dec 02 Lunch	To Honor Student of the Month: Good Shepherd School MPTC – Room S107



At our Club lunch meeting on September 2, we had a presentation from Lori Prescott, Executive Director of *Family Promise* of Washington County. *Family Promise* is a community response for preventing individuals & families from becoming homeless. Its mission is “to help families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response.” *Family Promise* is there when a family’s homelessness is imminent, and it works to avoid the trauma of a family losing their housing. It works to keep families together, safe, and sheltered. A *Family Promise* motto is: Transforming the lives of families experiencing homelessness. Because every child deserves a home.

For more info: <https://familypromise.org/>



Club President, Heidi Sternig (L), presents a \$200 check to Lori Prescott to support the work of Family Promise of Washington County



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Also at our Club lunch meeting on September 2, Lance Roell was honored for his work with new member recruitment.



Memorial Tree Grove



for

Margie Buntrock



Our 1997-98 Club President, Margie Buntrock, passed away this past June. To honor her according to her wishes, many of our Club members have donated to the purchase of a memorial planting of a grove of trees.

October is GERMAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

President Ronald Reagan issued the first proclamation in October of 1987 promoting October as "German American Heritage Month." When the calendar turns to October, German Americans go into full swing with festivals and celebrations like Oktoberfest. Celebrate by attending a festival and enjoy some authentic German beer and foods.



Our Board of Directors has approved a donation of \$200 to help with the construction of an *All Abilities Playground* at West Bend's *Ridge Run Park*.

An All Abilities playground is designed to provide full access and participation to children of all different ability levels. The ground is made up of materials that allow wheelchair mobility as opposed to sand, wood chips, or gravel that would impede it. The playground equipment and objects have features that make them suitable for children with disabilities. The all abilities setups also have areas for children who either physically or emotionally need to have a place to rest and have quiet time .

AMERICAN FORESTS

CERTIFICATE
— OF TREE PLANTING —

3 trees planted as a living memorial to

Marguerite A Buntrock

1934 - 2021

"Dear Family of Margie Buntrock, the Optimist Club of West Bend, wants offer condolences on the death of Margie, our Club's President 1997-98."

September 2, 2021
Date

The Optimist Club of West Bend
Name

This was done through Philips Funeral Home's partner, *The American Forests Organization*, which will coordinate the planting of the trees we've purchased with one of their *ReLeaf* restoration projects. Twice a year, they plant native trees in an area that needs the most help with restoration efforts. Once the trees have been planted, they will send us info with the planting location and more details about the project our donated trees supported.



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Something to Think About

Lech Walesa Quotes

- I'm lazy. But it's the lazy people who invented the wheel and the bicycle because they didn't like walking or carrying things.
- The thing that lies at the foundation of positive change, the way I see it, is service to a fellow human being.
- We hold our heads high, despite the price we have paid, because freedom is priceless.

2020-2021 Board of Directors

Officers

President	Heidi Sternig
Vice-President	Lance Roell
Secretary	Greg Harding
Treasurer	Geri O'Brien
Past-President	Mike Hartwell

Directors

Director to 09/30/2021	Pete Lieven
Director to 09/30/2022	Laura Eggert

2021-2022 Board of Directors

President	Lance Roell
VP/President Elect	YOUR NAME HERE?
Past-President	Heidi Sternig
Secretary	Greg Harding
Treasurer	Geri O'Brien
Director	Laura Eggert
Director	Pete Lieven
Director	Matt Muehlbauer
Special Advisor	Mike Hartwell

Activity Leadership 2021-2022

Brat Fry Coordinator	Mike Hartwell
Christmas Family Liaison	Laura Eggert
Christmas Party Coordinator	Lance Roell
Christmas Party Games	Greg Harding
Crossing Guard Award Liaison	Pete Lieven
Football Craze Coordinator	Pete Lieven
Fran Wager Raffle Coordinator	Mike Hartwell
Free Throw Contest Liaison	Matt Muehlbauer
Jingle Bell Open Liaison	Greg Harding
Little League Picnic Contact	Heidi Sternig
Luncheon Count Coordinator	Lance Roell
Mud Run Water Station	Mike Hartwell
Newsletter Editor	Greg Harding
Nut Sale Coordinator	Geri O'Brien
Oratorical Contest Chair	Lance Roell
Police Cadet Award Liaison	Mike Hartwell
Scholarship Committee Chair	Lance Roell
Student of the Month Contact	Laura Eggert

Installation

Dinner

Oct. 21 at 5:30 pm

Bibinger's Restaurant

RSVP to Heidi Sternig





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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

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

By a shacknofsky

Based on the story by Washington Irving



If you ever visit New York
there's a warning you should know,
beware of Sleepy Hollow
it's a place where you dare not go.

For there is an age old story
that the villagers believe is true,
about a ghastly specter
who'll prey on the likes of you.

Buried in the ancient churchyard
is a trooper without a head,
and in the gloomy moonlight
he rises from the dead.

Known as the Headless Horseman
he rides the road at night,
forever searching for his head,
he's such an eerie sight.

They tell of a gangling teacher
who courted a winsome miss.
a wealthy farmer's daughter
who promised a life of bliss.

But she had another suitor,
a formidable young man,
who vied with the crafty Ichabod
for the lovely maiden's hand.

Rebuffed by his intended
Ichabod was riding home,
through the vastly darkened woods
all fearful and alone

When suddenly a rider came,
Ichabod's eyes grew wide with fear,
it was the Headless Horseman
and he was drawing near.

Faster and faster through the trees
he chased poor Ichabod Crane,
who fled the village that same night
and was never seen there again.

