



# Optimist INTERNATIONAL

## Optimist Club of West Bend



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# OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING



## November 2021



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 04 Lunch	<i>To Honor Student of the Month:</i> <b>Badger Middle School</b> MPTC – Room S107
Nov 18 Lunch	<i>Shop with a Cop</i> Matt Rohlinger & Tom Lichtensteiger MPTC – Room S107
Nov 22 4pm	<b>Board of Directors' Meeting</b> Silverbrook Intermediate School
Nov 25	<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>
Dec 02 Lunch	<i>To Honor Student of the Month:</i> <b>Good Shepherd School</b> MPTC – Room S107
Dec 16	<b>Christmas Party</b> Watch for Details
Dec 27 4pm	<b>Board of Directors' Meeting</b> Silverbrook Intermediate School
Jan 06 Lunch	<b>Club Planning Meeting</b> MPTC – Room S107
Jan 20 Lunch	<i>To Honor Student of the Month:</i> <b>Holy Angels School</b> MPTC – Room S107
Jan 24	<b>Board of Directors' Meeting</b> Silverbrook Intermediate School
Feb 03	<b>Club Meeting</b>



Jay Fisher, Executive Director of the *Boys & Girls Clubs of Washington County (B&GC WC)* was our guest presenter at our Club luncheon on October 7. Jay thanked the *Optimist Club of West Bend* for its past and current support of the *B&GC WC*.

Right now, the *B&GC WC* have four locations: West Bend, Jackson, Kewaskum, and Hartford, with current discussions happening regarding a possible new location in Germantown. Additionally, recent fund raising will now allow for the renovation of the West Bend Clubhouse to improve its functionality.

Jay shared that they are having difficulty in securing part-time employees. Any referrals would be appreciated. He also discussed the return of the *Taste of Washington County* fundraiser, which is scheduled for December 1. There will be some changes in how the event is staged. Watch for more info to be coming soon.



Club President, Lance Roell (L), presents a \$200 check to Jay Fisher to support the work of the *Boys & Girls Clubs of Washington County*



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### West Bend Fire Department

Also at our October 7 Lunch Meeting, in recognition of the 2021 *National Fire Prevention Week* (October 3-9), we were joined by West Bend Fire Department's Chief Gerald Kudek and Deputy Chief Chuck Beistle. Chief Kudek shared that the Wbfd is a full-time fire department, not volunteer, with 3 active fire stations. It responds to over 4000 calls each year.

Deputy Chief Beistle enumerated several initiatives that the Wbfd supports that are youth oriented:

- A Juvenile fire studies program
- A full-semester job shadowing program for high school seniors
- A partnership with the West Bend Area Chamber of Commerce to run a youth leadership program
- Ambulance services for high school athletic events and certain other activities

He also shared that the Wbfd also offers:

- Free home fire safety inspections
- Saturday or Sunday Breakfast at the Fire House for up to eight people



(L-R) Wbfd Chief Gerald Kudek, Club President Lance Roell, & Deputy Chief Chuck Beistle

The Club wishes to express its sincere gratitude to all the heroes of the West Bend Fire Department!

### Installation Dinner

**October 21 at Bibinger's Restaurant**

We held our annual Installation of Club officers and directors on the evening of October 21 at Bibinger's Restaurant in Cedar Creek. It was an evening of good comradery in a first-class setting.



SWIS District Governor John Fons administers the oath of installation to our Club's 2021-2022 officers and directors.



2021-2022

### SWIS District Governor John Fons' Message

You're an Optimist, aren't you? Can you think of anything more important than being a *Friend of Youth* at any time, especially times of uncertainty, conflict, danger, or change? I'm asking you to give more. I'm asking you to go beyond the routine. Go beyond the essential. Find ways to give as an Optimist to those who need it most, especially as a *Friend of Youth* and be amazed how much more you can do and how good it makes you feel to do it. You're an Optimist, aren't you? Well, sooner or later someone is going to ask you to **Prove It!**



SWIS District Governor John Fons addressing Club members at our Installation Dinner



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*November is*

## NATIONAL FUN WITH FONDUE MONTH

National Fun with Fondue Month in November directs you to do just that. Find a recipe and get dipping! There's a variety for every appetite.

Fondue derives its name from the French word "fondre" which means "to melt."

Three types of fondue have developed over the years and each has a flavor profile all its own:

**Cheese** – The oldest fondue style and believed to have been developed by the Swiss. Blend a variety of cheese choices with white wine and dip vegetables, meat, and pieces of bread to have a complete fondue experience.

**Oil** – While the French originally developed this savory fondue option for steak, we are only limited by our imagination. Add seasonings, dipping sauces and your choice of protein and the fondue celebration begins!

**Chocolate** – When the United States discovered fondue, they added dessert. Dip fruit, pretzels, or cake bites. There's really no limit to what we can fondue.

### Mark Your Calendars

December 16

**Christmas Party**

At President Lance Roell's Home

Watch for Details

February 12

**Free Throw Contest**

Jackson Rec Center 8:30-12:30

### Something to Think About

From Muhammad Ali

- "The Service you do for others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth."
- "Don't count the days, make the days count."
- "Hating people because of their color is wrong. And it doesn't matter which color does the hating. It's just plain wrong!"
- "Often, it isn't the mountains ahead that wear you out, it's the little pebble in your shoe."
- "Inside of a ring or out, ain't nothing wrong with going down. It's staying down that's wrong."

### 2021-2022 Board of Directors

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





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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

##### Butterball Warning

By Erika L. Shields

The farmer is coming; The table is set  
 It's Thanksgiving Day; I dare to regret  
 So run, run, Turkey; As fast as you can  
 Before you end up in a baking pan



#### Thanksgiving Gobble

By Ted L Glines

It is not really accidental  
 That this poem's not sentimental,  
 he tried to run – now it's too late,  
 the turkey's sitting on the plate,  
 May your appetite be monumental.



#### King For A Day

By Jo McNally

I'm resting here quite regally,  
 The feature of the table.  
 Surrounded by potatoes that  
 I'd taste if I were able.  
 My subjects, scrubbed and beaming,  
 Circle round the royal platter.  
 They seem to be adoring me,  
 But something is the matter.  
 See me basking in the candlelight,  
 My skin so nicely tanned.  
 The reason for this treatment,  
 I do not understand.  
 While I'd love to peck that dish of corn  
 And gobble down a berry,  
 I find this jolly atmosphere  
 To be a trifle scary.  
 These human creatures were my friends.  
 They filled me up with bread,  
 But now I have suspicions that  
 They're cannibals instead!

