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Optimist Club of West Bend



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December 2022



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Subject to change)

Dec 1 7 am	Club Breakfast Meeting <i>To Honor Student of the Month:</i> Good Shepherd School <i>MPTC – Room L159 (Enter Door L1)</i>
Dec 15 5:30 pm	Christmas Party (Significant others are welcome to join us) Westridge Clubhouse - BYOB (Watch for sign-up info)
Dec 25	 Merry Christmas
Jan 5 7 am	Club Breakfast Meeting Boys & Girls' Club <i>MPTC – Room S107</i> <i>This room is at the top of the ramp</i> <i>Door L1 opens prior to 7am</i> <i>Doors W1 & W2 do not open until 7am</i>
Jan 19 Noon	Club Lunch Meeting <i>To Honor Student of the Month:</i> Holy Angels School <i>MPTC – Room L159 (Enter Door L1)</i>
Jan 23 4 pm	Board of Directors' Meeting Shorewest Office
Feb 2 7am	Club Breakfast Meeting Police Cadet Award West Bend City Hall Police Classroom

Christmas

Family



Our Club will again provide a stash of Christmas gifts for a young family who has been served by the Threshold's Birth to Three Program. We have been doing this for many years now, and it is always something special. This year's Christmas Family is the Fosters. Their story is that Mom is raising four children on her own and works at a restaurant. The father is not in the picture, and no other adults live in the home.

For details on how to help make a joyous Christmas for them, check out this link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1t2TSJk3hju9w48zLWd3HaKArvS2ZuiWRrCtEBotPJ78/edit?usp=sharing>

Please plan to again be generous to really help brighten a family's Christmas. Gifts need to be brought to Laura Eggert at the Threshold no later than December 18.



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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

November 2022

AMANDA HULL

Badger Middle School



Amanda was nominated by her Spanish teacher, Janet Jackson, for this honor, and this is what she and some of her other teachers shared about Amanda:

She is a top academic student, maintaining a 4.0 GPA since she started at Badger Middle School in 2020. She also has a kind and optimistic attitude. She has always found ways to get involved and help others. She is president of the Student Council and Builders Club at Badger, and is always recruiting students to get involved in school fundraising and volunteer efforts.

Amanda is not the type to be the center of attention. She is a humble leader, who others respect because of her thoughtfulness, kindness, and sincerity. She is always willing to help out her teachers by taking on extra responsibilities. She is an exemplary 'optimist award' winner because she is respectful, responsible and has a great attitude. I appreciate how hard she works each day, and her ability to get along with others. She is a great role model and leader in the classroom.

Amanda is such a wonderful student. She does a super job participating in class. She does a great job helping other students and being a positive influence! Amanda is an incredible student at Badger Middle School. She makes our school a better place!



Club President, Mike Hartwell, presents the Student of the Month Award for November 2022 to Amanda Hull from Badger Middle School



At our November 17 Club lunch meeting, Captain Matt Rohlinger and Dispatcher Kim Wendelborn from the West Bend Police Department gave an update on the 2022 *Shop-with-a-Cop* program.

"Shop-with-a-Cop" involves law enforcement officers from agencies in Washington County donating time to take children Christmas shopping for their families. Children are selected by referrals from various social service agencies. Donations are provided for the event, and then children, with the help of the officers, select Christmas gifts for their family members while shopping at Meijer's. Dinner for the children and officers is provided at the West Bend Mutual Prairie Center. Gift-wrapping by volunteers, and games conclude the evening. The children experience the personal reward of giving to others, while law officers have an opportunity to connect to the youth in our community. This year's event was held on November 30th.

Checkout: shopwithacopwc.org.



Club President, Mike Hartwell, presents a \$100 donation to Capt. Matt Rohlinger and Dispatcher Kim Wendelborn to support the 2022 "Shop-with-a-Cop" event.



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Also at our November 17 Club Luncheon, we heard from Mike Russel, 2nd VP for the Menomonee Falls Optimist Club. He shared some of the activities of the Menomonee Falls Club, and then discussed how that on certain occasions, members from various different Optimist Clubs may work together to help make some youth oriented activities more successful.



Mike Russel, 2nd VP for the Menomonee Falls Optimist Club, making a point about how volunteers from different Optimist Clubs may collaborate on some youth projects that support *“bringing out the best in kids.”*



SWIS District Conferences



According to the SWIS District, *“Our district conferences and events are geared to help our clubs achieve more by sharing ideas and learning together.”*

Our Club’s Board of Directors has deemed it important that all of our Club members get the necessary information regarding the Quarterly Conferences of the SWIS District:

SWIS District 2nd Quarterly Conference

Feb 18-19

Madison Area – Site To Be Determine

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



Christmas Gathering

December 15

5:30pm – 10pm

At the Westridge Clubhouse

(Significant others are welcome to join us)

Nibbling-food Pot Luck

Appetizers and Christmas Sweets prepared by you and other culinary experts in the Club

BYOB

Bring Your Own Beverages to enjoy while we party

Home Vintner Wine Tasting

Our Club’s vintner, Greg, will again be supplying some of his own wines for your assessment and enjoyment

White Elephant

We will again have a White Elephant exchange, so get your junk an appropriate item to add to the gift pool

Christmas Music Conversation

Always suitable

Optimists do like to share

Group Activities

Greg will again provide some fun activities

Childhood Pictures ID Activity

Family Feud

So don’t be a Scrooge. Plan to get your holidays off to an optimistically great start by attending.

Let us know via SignupGenius.

Westridge Clubhouse

At the Westridge Condominiums next to the pool

616 E. Tamarack Dr, West Bend

On the corner of E. Tamarack Dr. & Westridge Dr.

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An Important Message

From the Board of Directors

A Friendly Reminder for those of us who have chosen to pay for our meals using the "al a carte" option. When we RSVP as a "Yes, I'll be joining you for the breakfast or lunch" a meal is then ordered and prepared for us. If we then do not attend, the Club still has to cover our meal costs. So, when this happens, it is expected that those "al a carte" members who have responded "yes" for a meal will reimburse the Club for their meal expense.

Thank You.

December is



National Pear Month

National Pear Month

which recognizes the flavor and versatility of this delicious fruit.

Whether they are enjoyed fresh off the tree or as a preserve, pears add significant nutritional benefits to any diet. In the United States, there are ten varieties of pears. They range in color, texture, and sweetness making them useful for a wide range of dishes. Pears offer so much with their variety and abundance. Enjoy all they have to offer!



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>

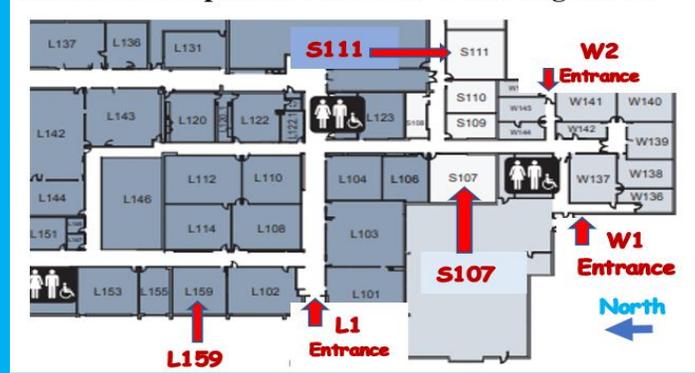
PROMISE YOURSELF

- 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

2022-2023 Board of Directors

President	Mike Hartwell
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Past-President	Lance Roell
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Director	Pete Lieven
Director	Matt Muehlbauer
Director	Maria Gutierrez Gurrola
Director	Gena Biertzer

Locations of Optimist Club MPTC Meeting Rooms



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Pearls Before Swine

By Stephen Pastis



THE WRITERS' CORNER

Christmas Bells

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet - The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along - The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound - The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearth-stones of a continent,
And made forlorn - The households born
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The Wrong shall fail, The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men."

Merry
Christmas