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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 02 Lunch	<i>To Honor Student of the Month:</i> Good Shepherd School MPTC – Room S107
Dec 13	Christmas Family Gifts to Laura Eggert at Threshold 600 Rolfs Avenue West Bend, WI 53090
Dec 16 6pm	Christmas Party <i>Lance Roell's Home</i>
Dec 25	
Jan 06 Lunch	Club Planning Meeting MPTC – Room S107
Jan 20 Lunch	<i>To Honor Student of the Month:</i> Holy Angels School MPTC – Room S107
Jan 24 4pm	Board of Directors' Meeting Silverbrook Intermediate School & Google Meet
Feb 03	<u>OPTIMIST DAY</u>
Feb 03 Lunch	Police Cadet Award MPTC – Room S111
Feb 12	Free Throw Contest Jackson Rec 8:30am – 12:30pm
Feb 17 Lunch	<i>To Honor Student of the Month:</i> Silverbrook School MPTC – Room S111

Christmas Family



Our Club will again provide a stash of Christmas gifts for a young family who is 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, we have a family of five kids, with most of the children being served in the Birth to Three Program.

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

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1t2TSJk3hju9w48zLWd3HaKArvS2ZuiWRrCtEBotpJ78/edit>

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 13.





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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

November 2021

Braelyn Beimborn

Badger Middle School



Here is what the teachers at Badger Middle School had to say about Braelyn:

“Braelyn is at the top of the class, maintaining a 4.0 GPA. However, her grades are not what set Braelyn apart from the average kid. It’s her kind and optimistic attitude. Braelyn has always found ways to get involved and help others. She was a member of both the Student Council and Citizens Advocates. Braelyn volunteers her time every weekend helping her dad and the West Bend East football teams. While at school, she tutors her friends in her spare time and even offers to do extra jobs for teachers.”

“Braelyn was one of the hardest workers I had and was an even better person. She is very approachable about everything, despite the fact that she likes the Buccaneers! Nobody deserves this more than her and she was one of my best students I had last year. She’s always willing to help her peers and always wants what’s best.”

“Braelyn is an outstanding person who stands out amongst her peers due to her positive demeanor and her can-do attitude. She enters class daily with focus and determination that allow her to accomplish anything. Braelyn also has often built up her peers by supporting them towards their own success.”

“Braelyn has been a beacon of responsibility and selflessness in these first weeks of school. She is quick to help out wherever needed and always has an optimistic and calm demeanor in class.”

“Braelyn has a huge heart that always thinks of others! Her willingness to help others in any way she can and can-do attitude is appreciated by all!”

“Braelyn comes into ELA every day with a positive attitude and a readiness to learn. Either when asked or on her own, she helps her peers to understand the content in class. When presented with the opportunity for selecting a regular assignment or challenge assignment, she pushes herself to take the risk and readily accepts feedback that she immediately applies. She has a great sense of humor, and I feel truly blessed to have her as a student. I can think of no one more worthy for this year's optimist club recipient!”

“I have the opportunity to see Braelyn both in and out of the classroom as she is friends with my daughter. Braelyn is a hard working and kind individual. She cares about those around her and is always the first to say hello or have a good day. She is determined to do her best on her school work and is willing to help those around her. Braelyn is a perfect choice for the Optimist Award.”

“Braelyn is an incredible student at Badger Middle School. She makes our school a better place!”



The Optimist Club of West Bend Student of the Month for November 2021, Braelyn Beimborn, receives her award from Club President Lance Roell





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At our November 18 lunch meeting, Lt. Matt Rohlinger and Detective Tom Lichtensteiger from the Fraternal Order of Police, Kettle Moraine Lodge #10, gave an update on the Washington County *Shop-with-a-Cop*.

“*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 is November 29 checkout: shopwithacopwpc.org.



Club Past-President, Heidi Sternig, presents a \$100 donation to Lt. Matt Rohlinger and Detective Tom Lichtensteiger to support the 2021 “*Shop-with-a-Cop*” event.

Please join us for the West Bend Optimist Club

CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Thursday, December 16th
6:00 p.m.
The Roells
820 Spring Drive, West Bend

RSVP to lance at 262-306-8789 or lanceroell14@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendars

December 16

Christmas Party

At President Lance Roell's Home

6 pm

February 12

Free Throw Contest

Jackson Rec Center

8:30-12:30

Merry Christmas



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Optimist Club Board Meetings

When:

Monthly on the fourth Monday
4pm - now to Sept. 26, 2022

Where:

Silverbrook School or Via Google Meet
Google Meet Joining info:

meet.google.com/dvw-ynum-cwp

Join by phone

(US) +1 443-646-3474 (PIN: 328754708)

December is Bill of Rights Month

- "Bill of Rights Month" honors the ratification of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, which occurred on December 15, 1791. Franklin D. Roosevelt first proclaimed a "Bill of Rights Day" in 1941, to occur on December 15 each year. It is a day for people to fly the U.S. flag and to reflect on the significance of these first ten amendments.



Christmas Gathering

December 16 6pm

At Lance Roell's Home

820 Spring Drive, West Bend

(Significant others are welcome to join us)

Food Buffet - Prepared by Club Members

Beer, Wine, Soda - Our host will be supplying an assortment for your enjoyment, but also feel free to BYO.

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

Always suitable

Conversation

Optimists do like to share

Group Activities - Greg will again provide some fun activities and some intellectual challenges

So don't be a Scrooge! Plan to get your holidays off to an optimistically great start by attending. Let Lance know so he can get an accurate count for the food and drinks.

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

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

'Twas The Night Before Christmas

By Clement Clarke Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas,
When all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds;
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave a luster of midday to objects below,
When what to my wondering eyes did appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny rein-deer,
With a little old driver so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment he must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, called them by name:
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blixen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"
As leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,

When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;
So up to the housetop the coursers they flew
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too--
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished
With ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes--how they twinkled!
His dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight--
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"





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Official White Elephant Gift Exchange Rules

A White Elephant Gift Exchange is a Christmas event where participants contribute an inexpensive ("cheap"), inane, or humorous gift to the common gift pool. A goal of each player is to try to walk away with the best present.



Here are the basic rules:

1. Each player brings one gift hidden in a plain brown paper bag to contribute to a common gift pool. Remember the type of gift people should bring should be an inexpensive ("cheap"), inane, or humorous gift.
2. Players write their names on a slip of paper and place them in "a hat." Names are drawn to determine what order Participants will select a gift from the pool of gifts.
3. The first player selects a gift from the pool and opens it. Make sure everyone can see the gift!
4. The following players in order, can choose to either pick a new unwrapped gift from the gift pool or "steal" a previous player's gift. Anyone who gets their gift stolen in this way can do the same - choose a new gift or steal from someone else.
5. To keep things moving along, there are a couple of limits on gift stealing:
 - A present can only be stolen once per turn, which means players who have a gift stolen from them will have to wait for an appropriate chance to get it back.
 - After three steals in any turn, the turn automatically comes to an end (otherwise things could drag on for a long time).
6. After all players have had a turn, the first player gets one last chance to swap the gift he or she is holding for any other opened gift. Anyone who's gift is swapped may swap from someone else as long as that person hasn't been swapped from yet. Once someone declines to swap a gift, the White Elephant game comes to an end.
 - Note that for this last "extra" turn, the three-steal rule doesn't apply. Players can keep swapping until someone decides to stand pat, or there are no other eligible gifts to swap for or eligible people to swap with.