



Optimist INTERNATIONAL

Optimist Club of West Bend



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OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING

MEETING MOST 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAYS AT NOON AT NEW PERSPECTIVE SENIOR LIVING, 2130 CONTINENTAL DRIVE, WEST BEND, WI



December 2020



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 03 Noon	Club Membership Lunch Meeting <u>At WB City Hall PD Training Room</u> <i>To Honor Student of the Month:</i> Good Shepherd School ZOOM ID: 935 7172 1573 Passcode: 471720
Dec 17 Noon	Christmas Party <i>At the Boys & Girls' Club</i> Food & Games ZOOM ID: 950 8392 3731 Passcode: 806301
Dec 22 Noon	Board of Directors' Meeting ZOOM ID: 950 2967 0673 Passcode: 179065
Dec 25 All Day	
Jan 7 Noon	Club Membership Lunch Meeting <i>At the Boys & Girls' Club</i> ZOOM ID: 935 7172 1573 Passcode: 471720
Jan 21 Noon	Club Membership Lunch Meeting <i>To Honor Student of the Month:</i> Holy Angels School Venue to be Determined ZOOM ID: 950 8392 3731 Passcode: 806301
Jan 26 Noon	Board of Directors' Meeting ZOOM ID: 950 2967 0673 Passcode: 179065
Feb 04 Noon	Club Membership Lunch Meeting <u>At WB City Hall PD Training Room</u> Police Explorer Award ZOOM ID: 935 7172 1573 Passcode: 471720

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

November 2020

Reed White

Badger Middle School



Club President,
Heidi Sternig,
presents the Award
for Student of the
Month to Reed
White, Badger
Middle School

According to Badger MS: Reed is at the top of the class, maintaining a 4.0 GPA, and participating in many advanced classes. Yet, his grades are not what sets Reed apart. It's his attitude. He has been an active member in Forensics and Builders Club. He's participated in activities at the Samaritan Center, been a bell ringer for the Salvation Army, delivered gifts to neighbors at Badger, and walked for the United Way.

Reed is one of a kind in the best way. He is kind, thoughtful, and works to make the world a better place by doing all the small acts that add up to big impact. He is very respectful and kind to all of his teachers and peers. He always will say "Hi" and at the end of the day, he will wish you off with a farewell of "Have a good day!" He is an engaged learner, always willing to share and always has something nice to say about others. He is such a friendly, respectful, intelligent young man. Reed is the best candidate for this award!



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At our November 19 lunch meeting, Detective Tom Lichtensteiger and Officer Knepprath from the West Bend Police department gave an update on the Washington County *Shop-with-a-Cop*.

In the past, “*Shop-with-a-Cop*” involved law enforcement officers from agencies in Washington County donating time to take children Christmas shopping for their families. However, in this pandemic year, *Shop-with-a-Cop* has partnered with “*Enchantment in the Park*” to provide a covid safe event. Selected families will have the opportunity to drive through the park and receive various items including Christmas gifts for all the children in the family. shopwithacopwc.org



Club President Heidi Sternig presents a check to Det. Tom Lichtensteiger and Officer Knepprath for *Shop-with-a-Cop*.

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

Leadership 2020-2021

2020-2021 Program Year

Activity	Leader
1. Brat Fry Coordinator	<i>Mike Hartwell</i>
2. Christmas Family Liaison	<i>Laura Eggert</i>
3. Christmas Party Planners	<i>Heidi S. & Greg H.</i>
4. Crossing Guard Award Liaison	<i>Pete Lieven</i>
5. Football Crazr Coordinator	<i>Pete Lieven</i>
6. Raffle Coordinator	<i>Mike Hartwell</i>
7. Free Throw Contest Liaison	<i>Lance Roell</i>
8. Jingle Bell Open Liaison	<i>Mike Hartwell</i>
9. Little League Picnic Contact	<i>Heidi Sternig</i>
10. Luncheon Count Coordinator	<i>Heidi Sternig</i>
11. Mud Run Water Station	<i>Mike Hartwell</i>
12. Newsletter Editor	<i>Greg Harding</i>
13. Nut Sale Coordinator	<i>Geri O'Brien</i>
14. Oratorical Contest Chair	<i>Lance Roell</i>
15. Police Explorer Award Liaison	<i>Mike Hartwell</i>
16. Scholarship Committee Chair	<i>Lance Roell</i>
17. Student of the Month Contact	<i>Laura Eggert</i>

The three hardest things to say are:

1. I was wrong
2. I need help
3. Worcestershire Sauce





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Christmas Family

Because of the pandemic, our Club will not be able to provide a stash of Christmas gifts for a specific young family. Instead, the Club will support the Threshold's *Birth to Three* program specifically to help purchase necessary equipment families typically can't afford that helps children with their development. These items are in high demand and many families have financial difficulty affording this specialized equipment that truly makes a big impact on a child's development. We agreed to give the Threshold's *Birth to Three* program \$200 from the Club to help purchase the necessary equipment for the needy families they serve.



As club members, if you wish to make a personal donation to also support this giving, we invite you to do so this year. Our plan is to go back to our normal family giving option next year, but to make things easier this year, we thought this was a good alternative. The Threshold is a 501c3 charitable organization. Thus, any donation made is tax deductible.

Another option for you to consider for making a personal Christmas donation this year is the *Gingerbread House* run by *The Youth and Family Project*, another 501c3 non-profit in Washington Co.

Some Quotes

I simply say, 'Learn how to be useful.' It'll take a lot of the mystery out of life. *Harrison Ford*

Everything is changing. People are taking their comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke. *Will Rogers*

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



A Visit from St. Nicholas

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,
And called them by name:
*Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! Now Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!*
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,
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!