



# Optimist INTERNATIONAL

## Optimist Club of West Bend



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# OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING



February 2021



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 2	
Feb 4	<b>OPTIMIST DAY</b>
Feb 4 Noon Lunch	<i>At WB City Hall PD Training Room</i> <b>Police Explorer Award</b> ZOOM ID: 935 7172 1573 Passcode: 471720
Feb 14	<b>Happy Valentine's Day</b>
Feb 18 Noon Lunch	<i>At Silverbrook Intermediate School</i> <b>To Honor Student of the Month:</b> <b>Silverbrook Intermediate School</b> ZOOM ID: 950 8392 3731 Passcode: 806301
Feb 23 Noon	<b>Board of Directors' Meeting</b> ZOOM ID: 950 2967 0673 Passcode: 179065
Feb 27	<b>-Free Throw Contest-</b> <b>Jackson Rec – 8:30am to Noonish</b>
Mar 4 Noon Lunch	<b>Jennifer Wimmer</b> <b>WB School Superintendent</b> <i>Camp Silver Brook - JoAnn Mann Lodge</i> ZOOM ID: 935 7172 1573 Passcode: 471720
Mar 11 6:00 pm	<b>Oratorical Contest</b> <b>Silverbrook Intermediate School</b> <b>And Via ZOOM</b> <b>More Details to Follow</b>

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

January 2021

# Kylee Altendorf

## Holy Angels Catholic School



Club President, Heidi Sternig, (R) presents the Student of the Month Award to Kylee Altendorf, from Holy Angels Catholic School

Holy Angels School wrote:

Holy Angels is proud to nominate Kylee Altendorf as the January, 2021, Optimist Club Student of the Month.

It's hard to imagine anyone more fully embodying the qualities ascribed to this award.

Kylee is an outstanding student and person. She is unfailingly positive and cheerful. She treats everyone around her, (peers, youngsters, and adults), with kindness. She works hard and enjoys success, but also cheers on other students, taking happiness from their success.

Throughout her years at Holy Angels, she has been involved in a variety of activities including sports, serving and ushering at mass, tutoring and patrolling. She looks for ways to be helpful. She is so responsible, and such a good leader, that she was chosen to be captain of the patrols this year.

Holy Angels is proud to be represented by Kylee.

Sincerely,  
*The Holy Angels Junior High Staff*



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## SCAM ALERT

*From SWIS District Governor*

Hello Member Optimist Friends –

I have heard from several members regarding an email they received, indicating it was coming from me as District Governor. The email requested you help with getting gift cards for the Veteran at Hospice and Palliative care because I was out of the state.

Needless to say, this is a scam. Many of our veteran Optimist members have seen this circulate in the past; however, for our new members, this might be a first time. As your Governor, I wanted to be prudent and bring awareness of this scam to save any member who may think it to be legitimate.

It is sad in the current turmoil and disturbing circumstances that we are now confronted with this. It is disheartening to me that someone would falsely use my name and that of the SWIS District in such a dishonest manner. Please be safe.

*Maxine Lane*  
SWIS District Governor

## February is

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Also known as National African American History Month, February is a time for all Americans to celebrate the achievements of African Americans. The month recognizes their central role in American history.



## Camp Silver Brook

Our January 7th luncheon was held at the Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast's Camp Silver Brook Jo Ann Mann Lodge with a presentation from Bridgette David, Camp Silver Brook Site Manager.

Camp Silver Brook is located on the west side of West Bend and is a 275-acre program center that surrounds Lucas Lake, a clear 80-acre body of water fed by Silver Creek. The Camp has three indoor troop houses, the Jo Ann Mann Lodge being one of them. As well, it has smaller cabins, platform tent sites, and day use sites.

Bridgette shared that most of the camp's activities during 2020 were cancelled due to the pandemic; however, it hopes to be able to offer most of its activities this coming summer.

*Club President, Heidi Sternig (R) presents a \$200 Club donation to Bridgette David, Camp Silver Brook Site Manager.*



The Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast is serving more than 16,000 girls in grades K5 to 12 and over 6,000 adult volunteers who believe in its mission of “building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who take the lead in making the world a better place.” [www.gswise.org/](http://www.gswise.org/)



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### New Club Members Sworn In

At our January 7th Club Luncheon, the two newest members of the Optimist Club of West Bend, Kyle Sternig and Matt Muehlbauer, took the Membership Oath to join our Optimist Club. We welcome our two newest optimists and look forward to their contributions to help the success of the Club.



Club President, Heidi Sternig (L), performs the membership swearing in of Matt Muehlbauer (C) with Matt's sponsor, Lance Roell (R).

#### 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

#### A Quote

The quality, not the longevity, of one's life is what is important

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### OPTIMIST DAY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Throughout the world, all members of Optimist International are encouraged to celebrate **Optimist Day** on the first Thursday of every February to promote our efforts in **bringing out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves**. On Optimist Day, Optimists around the world are asked to wear their Optimist attire (shirts, pins, hats, etc.) to show that they stand for **OPTIMISM!**

### Free Throw Contest

**FEBRUARY 27**

**Jackson Rec**

**8:30 a.m. to Noonish**



**Volunteers Needed**

Contact Lance Roell

### 2021 Oratorical Contest



**Thursday March 11 at 6:30**  
via Zoom





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### Special Announcement

#### Change of Meeting Time

April 1 - 4:00 p.m.

Please note that our April 1 Club meeting will be held a 4:00 p.m. (instead of noon) at the Lac Lawrann Conservancy. Our hosts and presenters will be Nick Lemke & Mike Juensch from the West Bend Park & Rec Department. They will be updating us on Park & Rec activities and providing info about the 2021 Dirty Ninja Mud Run.

This change in time is a trial run to see if this time works well for many of our Club members and is directly linked to the responses of the recent survey.

### 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

#### Something To Tame

By Abimbola T. Alabi

I have seen what words can do,  
As I deal with people everywhere;  
The tongue is powerful, it's true!  
Something to tame and use with care.

I've seen spiteful words ruin a life  
And gentle words heal and bless;  
I've seen careless words stir up strife  
And tender words ease distress.

I've watched silence speak out loud  
And idle chatter bring mischief;  
Seen timely words persuade a crowd  
And hasty words end in much grief.

I've seen many people eat their words  
Who can't seem to hold their tongue;  
Watched them take the shame it affords  
When they are later proven wrong.

My tongue, too, can go astray,  
So, dear Lord, help me watch with care  
To whom I'd speak and what I'd say,  
How I'd speak and when and where.

#### Another Quote

Man must evolve, for all human conflict, a method which rejects revenge, aggression, and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.

Martin Luther King, Jr.