



Optimist INTERNATIONAL

Optimist Club of West Bend



Club # 09-208

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OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING

May 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1&2	Brat Fry West Bend Sausage Plus 8 am – 5 pm
May 6 Noon Lunch	At KM YMCA Scholarship Award & YMCA Update
May 20	At Threshold Pavilion Club Elections Noon Lunch
May 25	Board of Directors' Meeting ZOOM ID: 950 2967 0673 Passcode: 179065
June 3 Noon Lunch	At Threshold Pavilion School Crossing Guard
June 5&6	Brat Fry West Bend Sausage Plus 8 am – 5 pm
June 6	Fran Wager Scholarship Raffle Drawing West Bend Sausage Plus 2 pm

Dirty Ninja Mud Run for Kids



SAVE THE DATE:
**SATURDAY,
JULY 17, 2021,
REGNER PARK,
WEST BEND**

West Bend Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department

On April 1, we held our Club meeting at the *Lac Lawrann Conservancy*, a 145 acres nature preserve. We were joined by Nick Lemke from the West Bend Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department whose presentation mostly dealt with this summer's upcoming *Dirty Ninja Mud run for Kids* on Saturday July 17 at Regner Park.

This event is an outdoor obstacle course equipped with mud pits, climbing and crawling elements, and a water slide that has been designed for youth ages 4-15.

Nick mentioned that in its first year, 2014, there were about 700 kids running with increased numbers each year, so that for this year, 2021, they expect 2000 kids to participate. This event will coincide with Regner Fest which is slated for Friday and Saturday, July 16-17. Friday night will be an evening of entertainment and Saturday will be an entire day of family fun events.



Nick Lemke with us at Lac Lawrann

Our Club has again committed to operating the water station for this event – more details along with a sign-up will be provided at a later date.

(For more info about the Mud Run go to: www.ci.west-bend.wi.us/departments/parks_recreation_forestry/recreation/dirty_ninja_mud_run_for_kids.php)



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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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Maddie Hesse

St. John's Lutheran School

This is what St. John's Lutheran School shared about Maddie:

It took only seconds to select Madeline Hesse as the Optimist Club of West Bend's *Student of the Month* representing St. John's Lutheran School. In a meeting with the Middle School Staff, Maddie's name was the first submitted, and was immediately met with support.

While there are others deserving of this award, Maddie's outstanding character sets her apart from her peers. Regardless of the situation, Maddie is quick with a smile and an encouraging word. Maddie often seeks to help others, especially looking to include those who might otherwise be left out. She is often referenced by her classmates as "someone to look up to."

Maddie is a participant on St. John's Basketball and Volleyball teams. She is quick to volunteer when opportunities present themselves. If something good is going on as St. John's, you will find Maddie at the middle of it. Without reservation, I wholeheartedly endorse Maddie as Student of the Month

In Service to HIS Children,
Jim Van Dellen, Administrator



Maddie Hesse, April Student of the Month from St. John's Lutheran School with Club President, Heidi Sternig



At our April 15 Club Luncheon, we were privileged to again hear the speeches from this year's Oratorical Contest first and second place finishers, Chloe Loether and Tianna Loether. Both young ladies advanced to the zone level competition.



Lance Roell, Club Oratorical Contest Coordinator (L) with the 2021 Optimist Club of West Bend's Oratorical Contest First Place Finisher - Chloe Loether



Lance Roell, Club Oratorical Contest Coordinator (L) with the 2021 Optimist Club of West Bend's Oratorical Contest 2nd Place Finisher - Tianna Loether

Both Chloe and Tianna competed well at the Zone level with Tianna taking second place. Tianna will be sent to the district level with a chance to win a scholarship and then possibly on to the Optimist International Regional/World Championship for a chance to win an additional scholarship of \$15,000.



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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.

2020-2021 Board of Directors

Officers

President	Heidi Sternig
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Secretary	Greg Harding
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Director to 09/30/2021	Pete Lieven
Director to 09/30/2022	Laura Eggert

THE WRITERS' CORNER

Playing Dodgeball

By Marla J. Frazier

So much thrown at me,
 And up against a wall
 I feel like I've spent my life,
 Playing a game of dodgeball.

Something thrown from the left,
 So I dodge it to the right.
 Trying to keep from getting hit
 Has been a constant fight.

Occasionally, I'm blindsided
 And hit square in the face,
 But I know I can't quit playing,
 So I pick up the pace!

Sometimes it really hurts
 And leaves quite a bruise,
 But I keep right on dodging
 Because I do not want to lose.

But now that I've gotten older,
 I understand a little more.
 Keep your eye on the ball is wiser
 Rather than trying to watch the score.

Now that I'm an accomplished player,
 I can give good advice to all.
 Keep dodging right or left,
 But never lose sight of the ball!