



Optimist INTERNATIONAL

Optimist Club of West Bend



Club # 09-208

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OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING

June 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Subject to change)

June 1	Brat Fry West Bend Harley-Davidson 9 am – 4 pm	
June 1 2 pm	FRAN WAJER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE DRAWING West Bend Harley-Davidson	
June 6	Club Lunch Meeting Pete Lieven Memorial Crossing Guard Award AT NEW PERSPECTIVE IN SENIOR LIVING CENTER	
NO CLUB LUNCH MEETINGS JUNE 20, JULY 4 & 18, AUGUST 1		
June 16	FATHER'S DAY	
July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY	
July 18	Music on Main-Bartending Tips Fundraiser-Info Table Volunteers needed	
July 20	Dirty Ninja Mud Run for Kids Regner Park 8am – 12 noon Volunteers needed	
Aug 5	Jingle Bell Open Hon-E-Kor Golf Course	

The Optimist Creed 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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**2024 FRAN WAJER MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIPS**

On May 2nd at our Club lunch meeting, we presented our two \$1000 *Fran Wajer Memorial Scholarships* to **Aspen Peterson & Bryce Barnett**.

\$1000 Fran Wajer Memorial Scholarship

Aspen Peterson

Aspen is a graduating senior from West Bend West High School. She plans to study cosmetology at Morain Park Technical College, Fond du Lac.



Aspen Peterson reading her Scholarship-winning Essay



Aspen receiving her \$1000 Fran Wajer Memorial Scholarship check from Club President Laura Eggert and Club Scholarship Chair Lance Roell

\$1000 Fran Wajer Memorial Scholarship

Bryce Barnett

Bryce is also a graduating senior from West Bend West High School. His dream is to eventually become an actuary. He plans to study at the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse.



Bryce Barnett reading his Scholarship-winning Essay



Bryce receiving his \$1000 Fran Wajer Memorial Scholarship check from Club President Laura Eggert and Club Scholarship Chair Lance Roell



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CLUB
ELECTIONS &
LEADERSHIP

At our May 16 Club Luncheon, we identified our 2024-2025 activity leaders and elected our 2024-2025 officers and directors. The strength of any organization is based on the commitment of all members to take on leadership roles from time to time. We sincerely thank our fellow Club members who have accepted a leadership position or became a Club officer or director for our 2024-2025 Program Year.

Board of Directors

Position	2024-2025
President <small>10/01/2024 to 09/30/2025</small>	Heidi Sternig <small>10/01/2024 to 09/30/2025</small>
VP / President Elect <small>(2 year commitment)</small>	Lance Roell <small>10/01/2024 to 09/30/2025</small>
Past-President <small>10/01/2024 to 09/30/2025</small>	Laura Eggert <small>10/01/2024 to 09/30/2025</small>
Secretary <small>10/01/2024 to 09/30/2025</small>	Mike Hartwell <small>10/01/2024 to 09/30/2025</small>
Treasurer <small>10/01/2024 to 09/30/2025</small>	Cassie Moran <small>10/01/2024 to 09/30/2025</small>
Director <small>10/01/2023 to 09/30/2025</small>	Matt Muehlbauer <small>10/01/2023 to 09/30/2025</small>
Director <small>10/01/2024 to 09/30/2026</small>	Greg Harding <small>10/01/2024 to 09/30/2026</small>
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Program and Activity Leaders
2024-2025 Program Year

ACTIVITY/EVENT	2024-25 LEADER - COORDINATOR - LIAISON
Around the Bend Business Showcase	Laura Eggert
Brat Fry Fundraiser	Matt Muehlbauer & Mike Hartwell
Christmas Family	Laura Eggert
Christmas Party	Heidi Sternig & Geni O'Brien
Essay Contest	Lance Roell
Facebook Page	Gena Biertzer & Brigitte David
Football Crazy Fundraiser	Gena Biertzer
Fran Wajer Memorial Scholarship	Lance Roell & Heidi Sternig
Fran Wajer Memorial Scholarship Raffle	Mike Hartwell
Free Throw Contest	Matt Muehlbauer
Jingle Bell Open	Heidi Sternig
Little League Pizza Party	Heidi Sternig
Mud Run Water Station	Mike Hartwell
Music on Main Fundraiser	Laura Eggert
Newsletter Editor	Greg Harding
Nut Sale Fundraiser	Geni O'Brien
OI Foundation Representative	Mike Hartwell
Pete Lieven Memorial Crossing Guard Award	Mike Hartwell
Police Cadet Award	Mike Hartwell
Student of the Month	Terika Koch
Sunshine Activity	Cassie Moran
Visual Arts Competition	Terika Koch
Washington County Daily News	Greg Harding
Webmaster: optimistclubofwestbend.org	Heidi Sternig

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BUSINESS BUDDIES

Our Club has a new membership category specifically for businesses. We have named this Business Membership category: *Business Buddies*. Mike Hartwell, is coordinating this initiative, and he will gladly answer any questions.

Check out *Business Buddies* on our web site:
<https://www.optimistclubofwestbend.org/business-buddy-membership.html>

Our Current Business Buddies



MORRIE'S
West Bend Honda

<https://www.morrieswestbendhonda.com/>

West Bend Moose Lodge 1398



MOOSE

Moose1398@yahoo.com



westbury bank

welcome to *what if.*

<https://www.westburybankwi.com/>

June is National Dairy Month

National Dairy Month is celebrated every year during the month of June throughout the United States. It is a month-long celebration of the contributions the dairy industry has made to both the physical and economic health of America. It is a great time to



learn about the many nutritional benefits associated with consuming dairy products including: diabetes prevention, heart health, bone health, sports recovery, weight management, and more! Originally started in 1937 as National Milk Month it was created as a way to promote drinking milk to U.S. consumers. The celebration has evolved over time and the name was changed to National Dairy Month. Now it is celebrated as a way to encourage consumers to eat and drink dairy including milk, cheese, yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream, ice cream, and more!



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Director	Gena Biertzer

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Mark Your Calendars



June 1 9am-3pm
Brat Fry
West Bend Harley-Davidson

June 1 at 2 pm
FRAN WAJER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
RAFFLE DRAWING
West Bend Harley-Davidson

Dirty
Ninja
Mud
Run for
Kids



SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2024, 8 AM TO 12 NOON
REGNER PARK, WEST BEND

Jingle Bell Open
Monday, August 5, 2024,
9am-3pm
Hon-E-Kor Golf Course

SWIS District Conferences



Our Club's Board of Directors has deemed it important that all of our Club members get the necessary information and are encouraged to attend the Quarterly Conferences of the SWIS District. Our Club will help offset some of the costs of attending.

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

Writers' Corner

The Boxer

By Paul Simon

I am just a poor boy
Though my story's seldom told
I have squandered my resistance
For a pocket full of mumbles
Such are promises - All lies and jests
Still a man hears what he wants to hear
And disregards the rest

When I left my home and my family
I was no more than a boy
In the company of strangers
In the quiet of the railway station
Running scared
Laying low, seeking out the poorer quarters
Where the ragged people go
Looking for the places
Only they would know

Asking only workman's wages
I come looking for a job
But I get no offers
Just a come-on from the whores
On Seventh Avenue - I do declare
There were times when I was so lonesome
I took some comfort there

Then I'm laying out my winter clothes
And wishing I was gone - Going home
Where the New York City winters
Aren't bleeding me
Leading me - Going home

In the clearing stands a boxer
And a fighter by his trade
And he carries the reminders
Of every glove that laid him down
Or cut him 'til he cried out
In his anger and his shame
"I am leaving, I am leaving"
But the fighter still remains