

Join Us!

To attend a meeting, help with a project, or to join our Club, please contact us:

OptimistClubofSheboygan@gmail.com



The club's business meeting is held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Sheboygan Yacht Club from 12:00-1:15 pm. When speakers are booked, an evening event will be arranged (location to be determined). Spouses and guests are encouraged to join us! (Meals are optional; all costs are payable by the member.)

It should be noted that we currently do not require a specific amount of work hours to maintain your membership (fees apply). However, we do ask that members commit time to the club (attending meetings and working on projects that interest them) as work and family schedules allow.

[Visit our website for more information:
www.sheboyganoptimists.com](http://www.sheboyganoptimists.com)

Facebook: Optimist Club of Sheboygan

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 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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OUR MISSION

The Sheboygan Optimist Club was chartered on February 29, **1924**. Our projects have evolved in our **100 years** of service based on community needs, fluctuations in membership, and the way those members choose to volunteer their time, but we are always seeking new opportunities to get involved and make a difference!

COMMUNITY & YOUTH PROJECTS

Back to School Basics



B2SB has been our signature service project for more than 25 years. Thousands of dollars are raised to provide supplies to approximately 1,200 K-12 students each year. Volunteers are needed to run the

event which is held at Longfellow School on a Saturday in August. This event is now co-sponsored by the Sheboygan Area School District and Community Recreation Dept, without whose support this project could not continue!

Optimist Park

Optimist Park, located on Carmen Avenue on Sheboygan's south side, was created in 1985. Sheboygan's Noon and Evening Optimist Clubs played a major role in funding its development. Since then, we continue to fund improvements and hold a cleanup event each summer. The club donated \$25,000 in 2021 for new play equipment, and has pledged another \$25,000 for additional improvements in 2024!



Mead Public Library Partnership



Optimists support and volunteer at Family Nights and Holiday Open Houses, reading to the kids and providing craft projects. (Who has more fun?? Us or the kids?)

The club also prepares and hides hundreds of candy and toy-filled eggs for the Children's Room Easter Egg Hunt!!



Longfellow School Partnership

Trick or Treaters got snacks from club members at the first annual Halloween 'Spook-tacular' in the halls of the school.

Santa's elves have had as much fun as the kids at the school's past holiday drive-thru or Holiday Lights indoor event! The club provides a small gift to students "from Santa."



Youth Scholarship Contests

Optimist International and the Optimist International Foundation sponsor several scholarship contests for youth:

- Essay
- Oratorical
- Communication Contest for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

Our club will gladly work with any child interested in entering. More information is available at www.Optimist.org.

FUNDRAISING

Comedy Show

Our thanks to our friend, John McGivern for being hysterically funny at our fundraising shows! Watch for upcoming events at the Weill Center!



OTHER PARTNERSHIPS, MEMBER EVENTS AND DONATIONS:

- Sheboygan A's game & tailgate party
- Optimist Park picnic
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Kindred Heart Families
- Horizons4Girls
- Community Recreation Dept. & Howards Grove Athletics Baseball Teams
- Girls Scouts/Boy Scouts
- Sheboygan Fire Dept Fire Education Program
- Optimist International Foundation



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