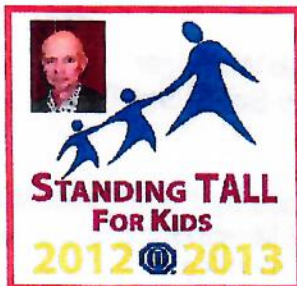


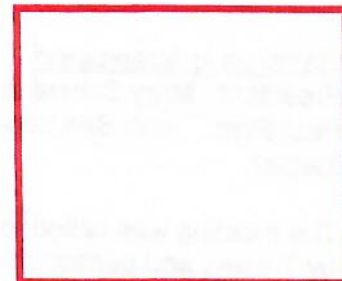


# Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



**November 2012**

**Schedule: Wednesday's 11:45 –  
12:45 Noon, Raddison Inn, Madison**



## **Giving Thanks**

The month of November is about giving thanks. After all, it has the perfect holiday – Thanksgiving. I've always liked Thanksgiving, an opportunity to gather with family and friends and share a meal. No gifts to clutter up the meaning of the day.

This is a busy time of the year for our club. We are raising funds to be able to give to worthy causes and rolling up our sleeves to help those who need assistance. Check out the club calendar to join in.

As I write this, the East Coast has been pummeled by the mother of all storms. Let us be thankful that we were not directly in the path of the storm and say a prayer for those who were.

Yours in Optimism,  
Mary Schwartz  
STOC President

## **Club Calendar:**

- November 7 Wednesday Lunch Meeting, 11:45 a.m. at the Radisson
- November 7 First Koeze Nut Order Deadline.
- November 11 Volunteer for the Sauk Trails Optimist Day of Service & Social
- November 14 Board Meeting, 7:45 a.m. at Jacci See's office
- November 14 Wednesday Lunch Meeting, 11:45 a.m. at the Radisson
- November 16 Volunteer at the State High School Football Championship
- November 21 NO MEETING – HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- November 26 Volunteer at 'REACH a Child' Warehouse
- November 28 Wednesday Lunch Meeting, 11:45 a.m. at the Radisson

## **Sauk Trails Optimist Club Day of Service & Social**

On **Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**, from **1:00 to 4:00**, we will volunteer in teams of 2-3 to provide assistance to folks who can no longer do some of the fall chores themselves. Middleton Outreach Ministry will provide us with a list of opportunities to help. You will know in advance if you will be helping with inside or outside tasks. *After we finish (around 4:30 – 5:00), we will meet up at The Vintage on Whitney Way for food and drink (and to swap stories). Please feel free to meet up with us even if you can't volunteer in the afternoon.*

If this works out, we can do another Day of Service in the spring and invite the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team to join us.

**November Board Meeting:** Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:45 a.m., at Jacci's First Weber office, 7070 Greenway Blvd. Middleton. All are welcome.

Sauk Trails Optimist Club  
STOC Regular Board Meeting  
First Weber Office – October 10, 2012

Members in Attendance:

President: Mary Schwartz Vice-President: Pete Graven Sec/Treas: Bob Wortinger  
Past-Pres: Jacci See Board Members: Dan Bergs, Rick Conne, Carole Klopp, Liv Sandberg, Tracey Ziegler

The meeting was called to order by Mary Schwartz at 7:50 AM. A motion was made by Carole, seconded by Tracey, and passed, to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2012 Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Bob asked for questions regarding the September, 2012 financial statements. STOC has an operating cash balance of \$1,630 as of September 30 and had a final operating loss for the fiscal year of (\$486). Foundation cash and receivable balances total \$10,496 as of September 30. A motion was made by Carole, seconded by Jacci and passed to accept the September, 2012 Treasurer's Report.

Other Financial Matters

The proposed 2012-2013 operating budget was reviewed and discussed. The budget shows a \$240 net income from operations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, largely due to the increase in members. A motion was made by Carole, seconded by Rick and passed to approve the 2012-2013 operating budget. It was agreed that the Foundation budget will be reviewed at a future Board Meeting.

At the October 13, 2011 Board Meeting, a motion was passed increasing STOC dues to \$40 for last year. The same motion included a provision to increase dues for the 2012-2013 year another \$5 to \$45 per quarter if the financials showed a net loss for the 2011-2012 year. Based on the 2012-2013 budget showing a positive net income and following discussion, a motion was made by Rick, seconded by Bob and approved to keep the dues at \$40 per quarter for the 2012-2013 year.

Membership Report

A motion to approve the following new member transfers into STOC from The Optimist Club of West Madison as of September 30, 2012, was made by Carole, seconded by Liv, and approved: Mary Breunig, Nancy Hach, Diane Hoebel, Doug Poole, Mary Poole, Frank Rath, Sherri Rath, Barbara Sheeran Hill, and Roberta Sprain. A motion to approve the following Friends of Optimists (FOO) into STOC as of September 30, 2012, was made by Rick, seconded by Dan, and approved: Kathie Newman, Larry Pelzer, and the Wilson Law Group. A motion to accept the request by Kathy Johnson to resign from STOC as of September 30, 2012, was made by Tracey, seconded by Pete and approved. Kathy's extensive contributions to STOC in fund-raising were acknowledged and she has agreed to help the club try to maintain those contacts in this year's Bucky Book and Koeze Nut fundraisers. Following discussion, a motion was made by Rick, seconded by Carole and approved to contact Kathy regarding continuing with STOC as a FOO.

With this activity, STOC's membership as of October 1, 2012 is at 41 regular members plus 5 FOO's for a total of 46 members.

Facebook

Tracey provided the Board with an update on STOC's Facebook page.

### STOC Bylaws and Policies

A committee was set-up to propose changes to STOC policies at the next board meeting. Committee members are Mary, Rick, Carole and Bob. The club's Bylaws were reviewed by the Board and the following changes effective immediately were approved by the Board for presentation to STOC members for approval at a future lunch meeting:

- 1) Motion by Rick and second by Dan, to increase the number of Directors from four to six.
- 2) Motion by Pete and second by Dan, to reduce the number of members needed for a quorum from 1/3 to 20%.
- 3) Motion by Carole and second by Liv, to change the amount of annual dues from \$140 to \$160 per year (this reflects the change which was actually approved and put into place for the 2011-2012 fiscal year).
- 4) Motion by Carole and second by Bob, to revise the language of Article X, Section 6 with respect to Audit Committee membership.

### Club Calendar

Mary distributed a calendar showing STOC events currently scheduled for the remainder of 2012. She pointed out that the monthly STOC volunteer day at Reach-a-Child is scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month from 5 -7 PM. She will contact Paul regarding moving the December volunteer day up to December 17. Due to the holidays, there will be no STOC weekly meetings on November 21, December 26, and January 2. Mary noted that the meeting speaker calendar continues to be routed among members and there are still several slots to be filled.

### Service Projects

Rick Conne agreed to continue to coordinate the Student of the Month program with the Madison Memorial JOOI Club. Mary discussed her thoughts on having a service day or service afternoon in the next month where STOC members would help-out people in need – either elderly or other “hardship” circumstances, by raking leaves, doing odd jobs etc, followed by a social gathering for the volunteers. Following discussion, this was set for the afternoon of Sunday, November 11 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM.

### Integrating The Optimist Club of West Madison Members and Activities

It was agreed by consensus that Mary would approach Diane Hoebel about joining the STOC Board (subject to approval of the Bylaws in increasing the number of Board positions to six). The Board also discussed a couple of major activities which the West Madison club has been handling in the past – the Madison High School wrestling banquet and the Lussier Christmas Party. Following discussion, it was agreed to get more information on these activities and discuss further at the November STOC Board Meeting.

### STOC Committees

Board members were assigned to Committees as follows:

Social/Membership Committee – Jacci, Liv, and Tracey

Service/Volunteer Committee – Carole and Rick

Finance/Fundraising Committee – Dan and Pete

Newsletter – Steve has agreed to continue preparing the STOC newsletter (Bonnie will assist as necessary)

### Future STOC Board Meetings

Board meetings are currently planned for the second Wednesday of each month at 7:45. The next meeting will be November 14 at Jacci's First Weber office. Future meetings are scheduled for Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13, March 13, April 10, and May 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30AM.

Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2

### **Service Opportunity: R.E.A.C.H. a Child**

We are helping Paul Gilbertson at the REACH a Child warehouse the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Join us on **November 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** (come as you are able). The warehouse is at 8459 Murphy Drive, #4 in Middleton (located just down the street from UPS). Activities include organizing the books, putting stickers on books, and stuffing backpacks.

### **JOOI Club News**

The Sauk Trails Optimist Club sponsors a JOOI Club at Memorial High School called the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Club. It meets on Wednesdays from 3:45-4:15 in the Fox Neighborhood Center (a.k.a The Fish Bowl) inside Memorial High School. We currently have 4 advisors, 3 from STOC and 1 teacher from Memorial. Our club advisors are: Carole Klopp, Rick Conne, and Rick Thomas. Mr. O'Shea is our in-school advisor.

Every year we have from 150-200 participants who are asked to do a minimum of 15 hours of volunteering within our community. Many of the students do much more than that. The club tracks the students' volunteer hours through all 4 years of high school so that students can be recommended for colleges, scholarships and jobs when they complete high school. Some of the students' favorite projects include: Service Begins at Home, Badger Concessions, Haunted House and serving meals at the Ronald McDonald House. If you are interested in helping with the club, please contact any of the advisors for more information.

### **2012 Koeze Nut Fundraiser**

Our club kicked off our annual Koeze Nut Fundraiser on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We had over \$1500 in profits last year, and we hope to top \$1700 in profits in 2012!

#### **What you need to know to sell Koeze Nuts:**

- Order deadlines: November 7<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving sales, and December 5<sup>th</sup> for Christmas sales.
- Bring order forms to Wednesday meetings or contact Rick Thomas at 212-7582 or [jathoma2@wisc.edu](mailto:jathoma2@wisc.edu)
- **Collect money up front** with checks made payable to **Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Give all checks to Bob Wortinger.**
- Products normally available include:
  - Colossal Cashews and Classic Mixed Nuts** in decanters, canisters and boxes.
  - Milk or Dark Chocolate Puddles** in decanters and boxes
  - Delan Caramel Crunch and Chocolate Covered Dried Cherries**
  - Executive Gift Packs**-combinations for corporate clients
- Product prices range from \$7.29-\$200.00+
- Come to a weekly meeting or contact Rick Thomas for promotional information, brochures or order forms.

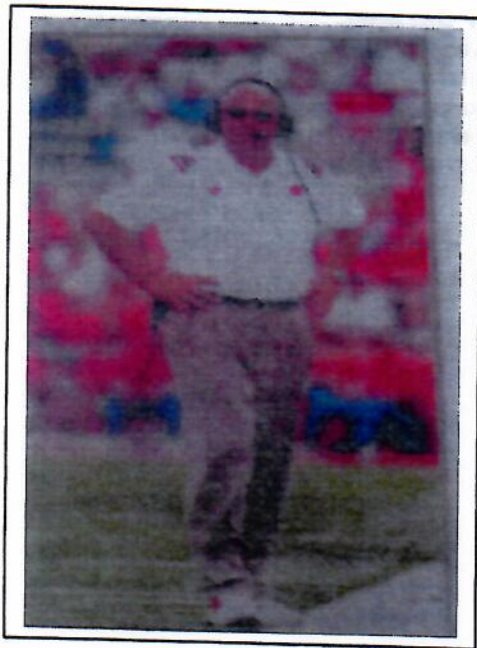
There are two parts to the Koeze Nuts Fundraiser: 1) Accumulating the orders from everyone and ordering the Koeze products. 2) Distributing the Koeze products when they come in. If you have an interest in helping out with either of these tasks, please contact Rick Thomas as soon as possible.

## October Meetings Highlights

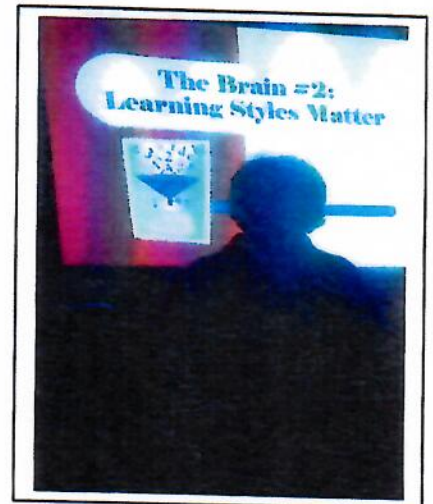
Look...up in the sky..it's a bird...it's a plane.....No, It's "Snoopy"!  
Over Camp Randall Stadium



The Madison Area Service Clubs Council 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Service Clubs Luncheon at the Alliant Energy Center Wednesday, October 10,2012..Guest Speaker UW Director of Athleti9cs..Barry Alvarez...Great speech, by the way!



Sauk Trails members present



Our own Carole Klopp gave us Part 2 of her "Brain" presentation on October 17. Great Program!

## **International Convention in 2013**

**Where: Cincinnati, Ohio**  
**When: July 4-6, 2013, Thursday – Saturday**

There will be more information coming in future newsletters.

**Bonnie Spindler**  
International Convention Ambassador 2012-13



## **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 you 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 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.**

## Sauk Trails Optimists Achieves Distinguished Status!

Bonnie Spindler, SWIS Immediate Past Governor, has informed us that Sauk Trails Optimist Club achieved Distinguished Club in the 2011-2012 year. To achieve Distinguished Club, certain targets regarding membership & activities must be met. Our friends from the West Madison Optimist Club who decided to join us were instrumental in helping us reach this level. Congratulations to Jacci See for her great leadership as 2011-2012 Club President! There will be SWIS and OI Awards given to the Club optimist representatives at the SWIS 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Conference on February 1-2, 2013 in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. More information will be coming in early January 2013. Please put those dates on your calendar.

### HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

*No one yet*

### ANY Sauk Trails Club Optimists

There should be club representation at each quarterly conference to acquire the information for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Please put these dates on your calendar and try to make at least one of these SWIS Conferences.

November 2,3 2012	Heidel House Mansion	Green Lake
February 2-3 2013	The American Center Holiday Inn	Sun Prairie
May 10-11 2013	The Wilderness Resort	Wisc. Dells
Aug. 16-17 2013	Country Springs and Conference Center	Pwewaukee

### Sauk Trails Club Officers 2012-2013

#### President

Mary Schwartz

#### Secretary/Treasurer

Bob Wortinger

#### Past President

Jacci See

#### Vice President

Pete Graven

#### Board of Directors

Dan Bergs  
Carole Klopp  
Rick Conne  
Liv Sandberg  
Tracey Ziegler

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2012-2013

### 2010-14 STOC Committee Chairs

#### Volunteer/Service

#### Fundraising

Tracey Ziegler  
Buckey Books  
Rick Thomas  
Koeze Nuts

#### Social

#### Speakers

Club Members

#### Membership

Every Club Member