



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



MARCH 2011

**Schedule: 1st Wed of Month, 5:30 PM
Evening; other Wednesday's, 11:45 –
12:45 Noon, SPRECHER'S, Middleton**



From the desk or should I say beach of President John...

I know most if not all of you diligently read all of my updates, but just in case here's the latest:

Meeting review: We had 15 members and 5 prospective members attend last week's N.O.W. meeting. Thanks to Christian Gridley and Jeff Hosking for inviting their guests, and to all those who attended to help show off our Club.

- *Dollar Drawing:* Proving that good things come to those who do good things, Jeff Hosking brought 3 potential new members to the N.O.W. meeting and his number was selected! Jeff won \$25.50 and the same amount will be donated to the STOC Foundation

You've seen the report I sent on the STOC Community Service Scholarship at Memorial High School, and I hope you have given it consideration. Several of you have responded, but I'd really like to hear from more of you, because this club is YOUR club, and YOUR opinions are very important. Our Club should be what YOU as our members want it to be, so please make your opinion heard on how we should be utilizing our fundraising money. (I personally would like to see half of our annual fundraising put into reserves to build toward a true 'foundation' with the other half of annual fundraising put toward current youth programs.)

Talk to a Board member (Bob Wortinger, Darrin Sharp, Gene Spindler, Bonnie Spindler, Ray Schmitz, Carole Klopp, Jeff Hosking, Kathy Johnson, or Kevin Campos) to let them know your thoughts and make sure that your Board is representing your interests.

Or join us for the Board meeting - they are always open to the entire membership and we would welcome your attendance and comments.

John Scherer



Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC
Sprecher's – February 9, 2011 Board Meeting
Meeting Summary (10:30 AM – 11:35 AM)

Members in Attendance: John Scherer, Jeff Hosking, Bob Wortinger, Kevin Campos, Kathy Johnson, Darrin Sharp, Gene Spindler

The minutes of the January 12, 2011, Board Meeting were reviewed and approved with no revisions.

Membership Report

It was noted that all members with overdue dues or meals charges have been contacted in the last few weeks by either Jeff or John. Final notices indicating termination would occur if these overdue balances were not paid were sent by the Secretary-Treasurer. Based on the responses to this notice and various conversations with members with overdue balances, a motion was seconded and approved that the following members be removed from the Club roster as of February 9: Mark Anderson, Patrick Free, Heather Rice, and Russell Scott. In addition the following members were removed from the STOC roster at their request: Chuck and Gail Koehler, Barb Mulcahy, and Beth Knight.

With the loss of these 8 members our current membership is at 33 regular members plus 2 FOO's.

Financial Report

The financial report was presented for January. It was noted that our operating cash balance is at \$2,076 while our Foundation cash balances net of amounts owed directly to the JOOI Club total \$10,060. \$4,883 has been raised for the Foundation to date this fiscal year with \$1,165 expected to be received in February from working at the UW concession stand last fall and the Football Craze event scheduled for late summer.

Service Events Report

The May, 2011 Special Olympics Regional event and the Essay and Oratorical Contests were approved as upcoming STOC service events.

Fundraising Report

Working at the WIAA tournament concession stands was approved as a fundraising event. It was noted that Steve is still looking for STOC members to help with the Kohl Center concession stands for a couple of state tournament events in February and March. Kevin reported that he has already been contacted regarding our interest in participating in next fall's Bucky Book sales drive. Book prices will remain at \$35 and our profit will remain at \$20 per book. The 2011 Bucky Book sales event was approved as a Club fundraising activity.

By-Laws

John will be sending the Club By-Laws to members for approval. Following member approval they also need to be submitted to OI for approval.

February, 2011 SWIS Convention Report

The February convention at the Sheraton was discussed. It was pointed out that Bonnie was the leader for one of the main sessions. John, Bonnie, Gene, and Steve attended.

Donation to Lunch Speakers

Following discussion, a motion was approved to give \$100 donations to the following organizations which were represented by speakers at recent STOC luncheon meetings: Gio's Garden; UW Children's Hospital; and Dane County Transition School.

Social Committee Report

John reported that the Progressive Dinner was held on January 30 and went very well. He received a very nice thank you letter from Chuck and Gail Koehler.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, at 10:30 AM at Sprecher's.

Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2010-2011

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2010 - 11**

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**2010-11 STOC
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Bonnie Spindler
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Kevin Campos
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Social

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Speakers

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Membership

Jeff Hosking

Sad News from charter member Janine Richgels

To all Sauk Trails Optimists,

As one of the initial members, it is with a heavy heart that I writing to inform you that I will be dropping out of the club. I always feel so guilty not being able to attend the meetings or a lot of the activities that we organize. But my time with my grand daughter is very valuable to me and now my husband (who had a heart attack on 2/11/11) needs a little more attention and pampering. I hope you all understand my position.

Editor's note: I met Janine almost from day one of this club and was and still am impressed with her optimistic attitude, good nature, and all around positive outlook on life! I will miss you Janine along with many others, and will continue to keep you informed of the club's activities with our newsletter. God Bless You!

Bucky Book Fundraiser

As long as we're giving out kudos,, here's another one!!! Many thanks to Kevin Campos for his efforts and energy spent on this years Bucky Books sale. Fundraising is a very important part of any organization's survival and we are blessed with both Kevin and Rick who give so much to our club. Thanks again.

Kevin Campos, 235-1030 (cell)
Camposfinancial@gmail.com
 Bucky Book Coordinator

Special Olympics track and field meet – Sat May 14: STOC will be in charge of both the Blue Staging (as usual) and also the Red Staging areas. We'll need 20 or more people to run this event, mark your calendars and circle the wagons to have a great day! This is one of the many highlights of our Optimist year, and everyone who has p[articipated in the

Date	Speaker	Topic	SPRECHERS Menu's
March 2 nd	Student of the month	Evening meeting	
March 9 th	Elizabeth Norten	"Committed to the end of Child Abuse"	Menu 2
March 16 th	Kate Dvorak	Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar	Menu 3
March 23 rd	Dane County Transitional School Students	Team Real	Menu 4
March 30 th	Connie Beam	Olbrich Botanical Society Youth and Family programs	Menu 1

SPRECHER'S MENU CHOICES for Lunch

Lunch Cost/Evening Hors d' oeuvres: (\$12.00 includes entrée, beverage, tax, & tip)

Menu 1	Menu 2	Menu 3	Menu 4
½ Sprechers Chicken Wrap, with side and soup	½ Roast Turkey Sandwich, with side and soup	Ratatouille with Soup	Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo with soup
Rueben with soup or side	Meatloaf with soup	Sprechers Chicken Sandwich with soup or side	Classic Cobb Salad
Chicken Caesar Salad with soup	Classic Cobb Salad with soup	Chicken Caesar Salad with soup	Pork Sliders with side and soup

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.

April 23rd	Optimist Day at the Brewers
May 7th	Wisconsin Dells
May 14th	Special Olympics Oregon H.S.
August 6th	Milwaukee Area

**HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY TO
Jason Kadow, 3/2; Kevin Campos 3/5; Brinda Mecham
3/10; Gene Spindler 3/31**

You should have in your e-mail boxes the schedule for the Kohl center events the downtown club has signed up for. As you may or may not know, the stands at Camp Randall are run by the Downtown club, they are not ours, we just get to work them for our fundraising. Check the dates and get back to me as soon as you can if you can work any of them. The Janesville club wants to work too, so I need to know how many and who!!! Thank you.

Steve Bailey

This section is for all the new members we'll be adding this year!

Childhood Cancer Meal Serving

The Sauk Trails Optimist Club will be providing 2 Optimists, who will join a West Madison Club Optimist, to help serve meals at the UW Children's Hospital. Following are the Sunday dates where you can volunteer from 11:15 AM - 1:30 PM.

March 20, April 17, May 15, Sept 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20

Check your schedule which date would work best for you. There will be future sign-ups and e-mails coming for these dates, but please call or e-mail if there is one that works for you at this time.

Bonnie Spindler 833-7244 blspindler@charter.net
Service Event Coordinator

ATTENTION SAUK TRAILS MEMBERS

- Our President John doesn't sound like a broken record when encouraging us to think about inviting a guest or two to one of our meetings, he sounds like an Optimist who wants to see Optimism spread and grow not only in our Sauk Trails areas, but all over the city and state for that matter, so this message of Just Ask is not only for us, but every Optimist in our district. Let's not think of our friends as guests, but also new potential members!

All About JOOI....

The JOOI Club, as always, has been hard at work doing service. The "Service Begins At Home" project is underway with 10 students visiting John Muir Elementary School to talk about volunteering and to do some volunteering. The kids (elementary and high school) truly enjoy this project and so do the teachers. I'll share comments from the teachers in the next newsletter. BTW, "Spirit Day" is coming in April and we might need some chaperones. Please let me know if you might be able to help on April 13th. Raj Setaluri was honored March 2nd as Student of the Month – joining his older sister in 'plaque' world at Memorial. His parents were very honored to have had both of their children so recognized. Finally, a quote from one of the students to me the other day, "Mrs. Klopp, I know you don't get paid to be our adviser and this takes a lot of your time. I just want to thank you and Mr. Thomas and Mr. Conne for being here for us!" That's why we do this!

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.**