



Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison

October 2013

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



Sauk Trails Optimists:

We had a great start to another optimist year at the Recognition/Induction Banquet at Fitzgerald's on September 25th, 2013. There were 26 present for a nice dinner, installation of 2 new Optimists, recognition of Optimists by 2012-13 President Mary Schwartz and induction of 2013-14 Optimist Board by Joanne Ganske, Past Governor. Thanks to all who could join us for an enjoyable evening!

Thanks to Mary's leadership last year, she did a fantastic job and the Sauk Trails Optimist Club – Madison obtained Honor Club 2012-13. There were new members who joined the club during the year, which means new friends and ideas for serving youth.

On October 2nd we will be continuing the planning that Mary started in August for the 2013-14 year. Please bring your ideas, what you want from your club, input on speakers, fundraisers, and events through the year. *(If you cannot make the Oct. 2nd lunch, please e-mail me any ideas/thoughts before that date. blspindler@charter.net).*

We have a great team and friendship within our organization, to continue our service to youth. Below are some of those programs:

- Spartan Youth Service Team – JOOI, Junior Optimist Group at Memorial High School;
- Reach a Child Program: Will be meeting the 3rd Monday of each month;
- 'Happy Dollars' program for sharing about our lives, dollars to the foundation;
- Student of Month: Three times, there will be 3 Students honored, Dec. 11th, first one;
- Holiday activities: Lussier X-Mas Party – Dec. 14th, Bell Ringing - December, Adopting a Family, Ornament Exchange – December 18th;
- Scholarships in the spring, Respect for Law, Special Track Olympics, to name a few.
- Halloween Happy Hour, Oct. 30th (Quarterly Early Evening Social, invite friends).

For Fundraisers, the Football Frenzy, Bucky Books, Koeze Nuts, thanks to all who are coordinating, selling and/or purchasing. The Madison Area Service Club lunch will be on October 9th, with 16 Optimists planning on attending. Veterans will be honored with Steve Bailey, Gene Spindler, and Jeannie Bettesworth as our optimists' vets planning on attending.

Please give me any input, positive and negative, at lunch meetings and/or at the board meetings, which any member can attend. There will be information provided to determine interest in Optimist International Oratorical, Essay and other programs. Various Incentive programs will be discussed at board meetings and included in future newsletters. *(First board meeting: October 15th, 7:45 AM).*

This will be a great Optimistic year. I'm honored to be your president this 2013-14 year.

Optimistically,
Bonnie Spindler

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From Past-President Mary:

Thank you to all STOC members that made the past year so successful and special. I especially appreciate the efforts and leadership of the officers and board members. Bob has done a fantastic job as Secretary/Treasurer. Tracey Zieglar, Rick Thomas, Steve Bailey, and Gene Spindler made our fundraising activities run smoothly. Many of you volunteered for service projects and fourteen of you volunteered to speak or bring a speaker to a lunch meeting.

I feel honored to have been your President and pass the gavel onto Bonnie with a sense of pride and accomplishment.

Yours in Optimism,
Mary Schwartz



Congratulations to Steve Bailey who was awarded the President's Citation for his service & his always Optimistic attitude!

Sauk Trails Optimists Club Meetings and Other Scheduled Events

Date	Optimist Assigned	Speaker and Topic <i>(Lunch, 11:45 AM at Radisson unless indicated)</i>	Lunch Choices
2-Oct-13	Optimists	Planning Continued for 2013-14 Year. Bring ideas and suggestions.	Glazed Ham with Baby Red Potatoes and Wis. Corn OR Chef Salad
9-Oct-13	No Lunch Meeting	MASCC – Madison Area Service Council Luncheon, ALLIANT CENTER, NOON	Chicken Marsala OR Vegetarian Lasagna. (Previous sign-up)
15-Oct-13 (Tu, 7:45 AM)	Board Meeting	Agenda Items, Anyone can attend. Wegner Financial 7:45 AM	
16-Oct-13	Bonnie Spindler, Rick Thomas	Rebecca Williams Spindler , UW Hospital & Children's Ctr Volunteer Opportunities, Children's Books. Koeze Nuts Kick-Off	Beef Stroganoff OR Chicken Caesar Salad
21-Oct-13 (Mon 5:30PM)	Volunteers	Reach-A-Child , Inventory Books, complete IRS count, etc., 8030 Excelsior Drive, Middleton	-----
23-Oct-13	Mike Grasmick	Bobbie Kelsey , UW Women's Basket Ball Coach, Program High-Lights of Seasons	Lasagna and Salad Buffet
30-Oct-13	NO Lunch Meeting	OPTIMISTS Sharing , Bring GUESTS Halloween Happy Hour, HHH: 5:30 PM, Basies > Radisson	Taco Salad Bar
06-Nov-13			TBD
13-Nov-13	Kathy Johnson	Ray Yingling	TBD
18-Nov-13 (Mon 5:30PM)	Volunteers	Reach-A-Child , Inventory Books, complete IRS count, etc., 8030 Excelsior Drive, Middleton	-----
19-Nov-13	Board Meeting	Agenda Items, Anyone can attend. Wegner Financial 7:45 AM	-----
20-Nov-13	Kathy Johnson	Asia Voight , Animal Communication	TBD
27-Nov-13	No Lunch Meeting	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	TURKEY with all the Extras.....

October 2013 Reflection:

Promise Yourself: To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

Each month, I'd like to incorporate a 'reflection' of one of the lines of the Optimist Creed. Each of us has experiences in our lives and can 'reflect' on how our strength has helped us through those situations. With this reflection, if there is a situation you would like to share briefly as part of the 'Happy Dollar' program that would also help the youth foundation. On October 2nd at the planning session, we can discuss how to incorporate the 'reflection' into our monthly programs.

2013 50th Annual Madison Area Service Club Council Luncheon

WHEN: Wednesday, October 9th, Noon at the Alliant Energy Center.

HOW: Tickets have been received and will be distributed on October 2nd to those who attend the planning lunch at the Radisson. *(Those not present on Oct. 2nd, will be contacted and the tickets can be either US mailed to their home OR distributed at Alliant Center upon arriving).*

There are 16 who have signed up for lunch and to hear the speaker Brian Ziegler from the Badger Honor Flight. Tributes will be to all veterans for their service. The Ruth Gordon and Community Youth Volunteer recipients will also be honored.

All Attendees are encouraged to wear their red, white and blue as tribute. *(Suggestion: Our red 'Sauk Trails Optimist' shirts.)*

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS TO:
Rick Thomas – October 21
John Schroder – October 27
Ted See – October 28

**Sauk Trails
 Club Officers
 2013-2014**

President: Bonnie Spindler

Secretary: Carole Klopp

Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

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Sauk Trails Optimist Youth & Community Foundation Report:

Thanks to your hard work fundraising and your generous donations, the Foundation was able to approve the following donations at the September 11, 2013 meeting:

- REACH-a-Child \$1,000
- Lussier Community Education Center \$500
- UW-Whitewater Student Club \$250
- OI Foundation \$100

This is in addition to the two \$1,000 scholarships awarded in May, sponsoring a needy family at Christmas, Respect for Law, and Student of the Month.

Due to space constraints, the full minutes for the meeting will be in next month's newsletter.

SWIS – Southern Wisconsin Schedule of Conferences and OI Convention:

November 1-2, 2013

Heidel House, Green Lake, WI

- ROOM Registration by Oct. 10th, see www.swisdistrict.org website for information.
- Conference Lunch/Registration by Oct. 26th by US mail and/or on website.

February 8, 2014, Sat. ONLY

Chalet Landhaus, New Glarus, WI

April 25-26, 2014

The Abbey, Lake Geneva, WI

August 9-10, 2014

Sheraton Milwaukee, Brookfield, WI

May 17, 2013

Leadership Summit, Madison, **Ron Huxley, OI Pres.**

July 10-12, 2014

OI International Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada

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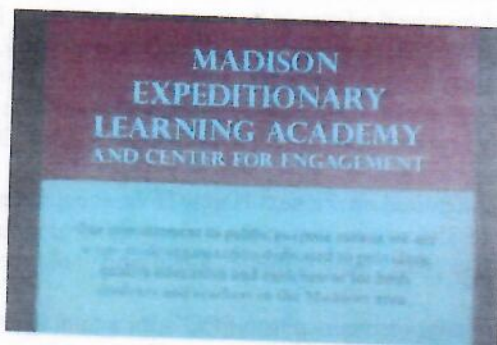
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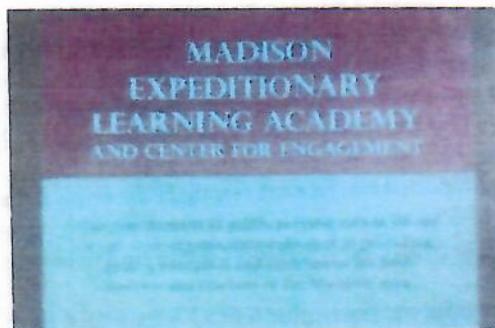
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All about JOOI



Co-Presidents Jane and Nathan

Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team News

The first meeting of the 2013-2014 school year was held on Wednesday, September 11th. After much planning, the kids are excited to “dive in” and perform service in their school and the community.

All Optimists are invited to stop by and observe the “organized chaos” of a SYSJT meeting. It will energize you and remind you why you are a “Friend of Youth!” SYSJT meets each Wednesday at 3:50 in the Fox Neighborhood Center at Memorial High School. Just follow the purple tile when you come in the main door (facing Mineral Point Ave.) To become more involved, contact Rick Conne at rjconne@charter.net.

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.