



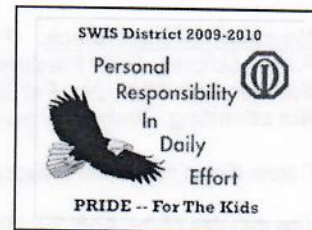
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# Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



**JUNE 2010**

**Weekly Wednesday Lunch  
Meetings - 11:45 - 12:45,  
SPRECHER'S, Middleton**



## Greetings All!

It's summer – wait, its just June 1<sup>st</sup> and it hasn't snowed in a while! Must be summer – which means we're going to make a quick change for July and August. We'll only have 2 meetings in both months – the first Wednesday in the evening and the second meeting at lunch. See the dates below and be sure to mark your calendars now - don't want anyone showing up when we're not meeting (you know who you are)!

A few things to highlight from our board meeting this evening –

- Dates for June, July and August were confirmed (see rest of newsletter for more info);
- We've set a major fundraiser for October 30<sup>th</sup> – Basketball at Memorial High School – Kevin and Kathy will be chairing this event, but be on the look out for a call from them seeking your help;
- 2 social activities were confirmed – our June 27<sup>th</sup> picnic AND a Mallards game outing in July (watch your email for more info on that one and maybe you'll get one of the free tickets!);
- Service activity for September, October and November was set – helping serve at the Childhood Cancer center at UW Hospitals; and
- We're hoping for a GREAT turnout for the Madison Area Service Club Olympics July 26 and 27...Greg Hermes and Rick Thomas will be chairing this fun event, so be sure to mark your calendars now!

Seeing all those events brings to mind a line from our creed - *To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.* I'm hopeful that everyone will be able to help us be successful with the October fundraiser (by the way, Football Craze tickets are available NOW from Gene – be sure to get yours today), will attend our two social events, and especially will be with us as we work to win the MASC Olympics! The more you participate, the more you'll know that you're making a difference for youth in our community. Speaking of youth in the community, we have a wonderful group that we support at Memorial High School – this year, over 255 students were members of JOOI making it one of the largest, if not the largest, after school activity at Memorial. Our students participated in over 60 service events this past year – we should be proud. I also want to take this opportunity to extend a special thank you to my fellow advisers, without whom this group would not exist... Mary Schwartz and Rick Thomas. Their untiring and caring dedication to JOOI truly makes a difference in the lives of the many students we work with! The next time you see Mary or Rick, please say "job well done!" They truly are enthusiastic about the success of kids!

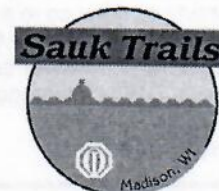
Well, that's about it for this month! Check out the rest of the newsletter and be sure to show your optimism to all you meet.

**Carole Klopp**, President 09-10, Sauk Trails Optimist Club (STOC)

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## Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC Board Meeting Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

**Members in Attendance:** President: - Carole Klopp, Sec/Treas – Gene Spindler; VP: Alison Scherer, Past President: Kevin Campos, Board Members: Jeff Hosking, Bonnie Spindler, Bob Wortinger. Pat Beiersdorf, Ray Schmitz. Optimist: Darrin Sharp.  
**Not attending.** Kathy Johnson

Carole Klopp called the meeting to order at 4:49 pm.

The minutes of the April 20, 2010 Board Meeting were discussed. A motion was made (Bob Wortinger), seconded (Pat Beiersdorf), and passed to approve the minutes of the April Board Meeting.

The Financial Report through April 30, 2010 was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the information provided. A motion was made (Bonnie Spindler), seconded (Alison Scherer) and passed to accept the financial report as presented.

The Board discussed Officers and Board Members for 2010-2011. The following will be presented to the membership to be voted on **June 2, 2010**.

President	John Scherer
Vice President	
Secretary/Treasurer	Bob Wortinger
Board Members	Darrin Sharp, Gene Spindler, Kevin Campos

There was a brief discussion about a possible change for the luncheon meetings. There was a strong interest in the Vintage as a possible location for lunch after a positive experience with the Respect for Law luncheon. Further discussion will occur towards the end of the Optimist Year as to whether there will be a change in location.

The luncheon meeting schedule for the summer months was discussed and the following are the meetings: June 2<sup>nd</sup>-evening meeting, June 9, June 16, June 23, July 7-evening meeting, July 21, August 4-evening meeting and August 18. The evening meeting will consist of a short meeting and the rest of time will be social time.

Fundraising was discussed. The <sup>3</sup> basketball event is scheduled for <sup>Gymnasium 2-5</sup> Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> at Memorial High School from 2 to 5 PM. A raffle will also be scheduled. The specifics of the raffle will be determined at a later time. We will be looking to get some highly desirable sport items (Packer Football) to raffle.

Social: The picnic is scheduled on **June 27<sup>th</sup>** at the Madison Zoo. An E-vite will be coming for members to sign up. An E-vite will also be coming for a Mallards baseball game in July. We have 10 free passes for one game. The pass includes a game ticket and a hot dog with beverage. The game will be scheduled for a **Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday** in July.

The Board discussed adding November as a third month to assist serving meals for Childhood Cancer. The dates are: **September 19<sup>th</sup>, October 17<sup>th</sup> and November 21<sup>st</sup>**.

A motion was made (Alison Scherer), seconded (Bob Wortinger) and passed to adjourn. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting is **4:30 on July 7 at Sprecher's Gene Spindler, Secretary/Treasurer 2009-2010**

### 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.

**August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010**      **Pewaukee Radisson**  
**November 7<sup>th</sup>**            **Minneapolis, MN**

**BOARD Elections will occur on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.** If your interested in a board position for 2 years, please let Carole Klopp know. (3 optimists are rotated off each year.) The 10-11 president and sec / treas names were submitted on May 20<sup>th</sup> to Ol.

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### Sauk Trails Club Officers 09-10

**President**  
Carole Klopp

**Secretary/Treasurer**  
Gene Spindler

**Past President**  
Kevin Campos

**Vice President**  
Alison Scherer

**Board of Directors**  
Jeff Hosking  
Bob Wortinger  
Kathy Johnson  
Pat Beiersdorf  
Bonnie Spindler  
Ray Schmitz

SWIS District 2009-2010



### CHILDHOOD CANCER

Future sign-up dates for 2 Sauk Trails Optimist to help serve meals on Sunday's for Childhood Cancer families with West Madison Club Optimists are:

**September 19<sup>th</sup>;**  
**October 17<sup>th</sup>;**  
**November 21<sup>st</sup>**

This is a wonderful way to support those going through family cancer challenges. Sign-up will be coming in the future.



Officers of the Law were congratulated at the Vintage Grill on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Julie Helbach and Brian Vandervest each received a plaque, monetary gift, gift certificates, and special club recognition.

THANKS to Steve Bailey for coordinating this annual event. Thanks to Kathy Johnson, Pat Beiersdorf, and Bonnie Spindler for calling STOC optimists with a turnout of over 20 to honor the officers. Thanks to Mark Kraemer for providing the Vintage for this event. The food and the service were great. **THANKS to ALL.**

**SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:** Recognized May 19<sup>th</sup>: Lindsey Hughes and Melissa Milbrandt will each receive a scholarship of \$1,000 from STOC to be sent directly to the school of their choice. CONGRATULATIONS.

**STUDENT of the QUARTER & Oratorical/Essay Student Honored May 26<sup>th</sup>:** Sarah Percival and Amy Yan were each honored as Students of the Quarter. The Club Essay and Oratorical Winner, Michelle Yang was also honored at this lunch. She did not win any Zone or District contests. CONGRATULATIONS to ALL these Fine Students.

Date	Speaker	Topic	SPRECHERS Menu's
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	EVENING Get-Together	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Hors d'oeuvres,
June 9th	TBA		Menu 2
June 16th	Jim Campell	Fishing Has No Boundaries	Menu 3
June 23rd	Vicki Biden	Madison Downs Syndrome	Menu 4
June 30th	<b>CANCELLED</b>		
July 7th	EVENING Get-Together	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Hors d'oeuvres
July 21st	Paul Gilbertson	President 'Reach a Child'	Menu 3
Aug 4th	EVENING Get-Together	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Hors d'oeuvres
Aug 18th	TBA		Menu 3
Sept. 1st	EVENING Get-Together	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Hors d'oeuvres
Oct. 6th	All Optimists / Spouses / Significant Others Invited	EVENING Induction Banquet New Officers	??

**SPRECHER'S MENU CHOICES for Lunch**

Lunch Cost: (\$12.00 includes entrée, beverage, tax, & tip)

Evening Hors d' oeuvres (\$12.00, includes soft drink 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

### The Better Life Walk-A-Thon

A hard-working group of Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team members were rewarded with beautiful weather for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Better Life Walk-A-Thon on May 15<sup>th</sup>. About 40 students and community members walked to help others have a Better Life. Approximately \$1,700 was raised for the after-school programs at the Lussier Community Education Center.

SYSJT thanks the Sauk Trails Optimist Club for their financial support and for volunteering the day of the event.  
**Mary Schwartz**, JOOI Co-Leader



Event Organizers: Suman & Yi with Mr. Lussier



Ready, Set, GO !!!



PLANNING & Sauk Trails Optimists



**SUMMER PICNIC** Scheduled for **Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**, 11:30 – 1:30 at front entrance of Henry Vilas Zoo. The Social Committee will be e-mailing an EVITE with details to STOC Optimists and West Madison Optimists. This is a family event. *(Bring your own sandwich & drinks, with either a snack or dessert to pass).*

**MALLARD's GAME** to be scheduled in July on a week day evening. 10 tickets are available from the Bucky Book Sales incentives, first come first serve. EVITE Coming from Social Committee.

**BASKETBALL FUNDRAISING** scheduled for **Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>** at Memorial High School from 2 - 5 PM. Sponsors needed for donations, letters going out in next month, activity planning, raffle, etc. More info coming.

#### Sauk Trails Optimist Club Future Activities

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| ✓ Evening Get-Together <i>(Starts June 2nd)</i> | <b>First Wednesday, each month</b>   |
| ✓ <b>2 Meetings each month in summer:</b>       | <b>July and August 1st and 3rd Wed.</b>  |
| ✓ Mallard's Game scheduled                      | <b>July, week day evening</b>  |
| ✓ Summer Picnic                                 | <b>Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, Henry Vilas Zoo</b>                           |
| ✓ Service Club Olympics                         | <b>Jul 26 (eve), Jul 27<sup>th</sup></b>                                       |
| ✓ Childhood Cancer Meal Serving                 | <b>Sun, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>.</b> |
| ✓ Basketball Fundraising Scheduled              | <b>Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup></b>                                       |
| ✓ STOC New Board Induction                      | <b>Wed Evening <b>October 6<sup>th</sup></b></b>                               |
| ✓ Supporting JOOI activities and others.        | <b>Continuous</b>  |

**Special Olympics Track Meet in Oregon was held on May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks to **Greg Hermus** who did the announcing and to any Optimists who volunteered to help out with this annual event. Due to this being scheduled the same day as the Lussier Walk-A-Thon, it was not a priority with the Sauk Trails Club. Next year the Special Olympics Contacts will be informing us sooner of the planned date for their event so optimists and JOOI students can plan for it in their fall scheduling.

### Madison Area Service Club Olympics – MASCC, July 26 – 27<sup>th</sup>

Greg Hermus and Rick Thomas will be coordinated the annual MASCC Olympics. Sign-up sheets will be coming the following events. The goal is to have an Optimist in EVERY Event to compete against other service clubs in the Madison area. Events scheduled include:

**Monday Evening, July 26<sup>th</sup>** : Bowling; Billiards; Texas Hold-Em

**Tuesday Morning, July 27<sup>th</sup>**: 5K Run, 5K Walk, Golf, Volleyball, Bike Race, Ping Pong, Swimming.

**Tuesday Afternoon, July 27<sup>th</sup>**: Tennis, Backgammon, Badminton, Basketball, Bocce, Bridge, Checkers, Cribbage, Euchre, and Horseshoes, Scrabble.

**Tuesday Late Afternoon, July 27<sup>th</sup>** : Bait Casting, Bean Bags, Marshmallow Golf.

Dinner follows where all the awards are given for the various events and the overall Club Awards are given based on winning and participation. Please put these dates on your calendar and sign-up for the events that your interested in to help the Sauk Trails Optimist Club.

Sign-up sheets will be available in mid June at the lunches and by e-mail. Any questions, contact either Greg or Rick. (See *MASCC Event Schedule, separate document sent with this newsletter*)

### Membership Incentives:

Sauk Trails Optimist Club is offering 'Sprecher Pub Cards' to the first 10 Optimists who bring in a new member. Optimist International is offering one year of no international dues if a member sponsors four members from Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.

The SWIS District is offering the following:

- 1) Anyone sponsoring four new members from Feb. 22 – May 3 will have their name entered in a drawing at the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter conference for a **\$50 gift card**.
- 2) Anyone sponsoring four new members from February 22 – September 30 will have their **10-11 district dues waived**.

### 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 at 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.**

