



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



Weekly Lunch Meetings
Wednesday's 11:45 - 12:45
The Radisson on Grand Canyon Drive



October 2014

Greetings Optimists!

I would like to thank all of you for electing me to be president of the club for the upcoming year. I am very excited to keep the club as successful as we have been in the past. We have had a busy month with deciding on grants and wrapping up the end of the year. We have new officers this year and I am looking forward to working with them.

One upcoming event to put on your calendar, is the MASCC Luncheon on Wednesday, October 15, at noon, at the Sheraton Hotel on John Nolen Drive. The speaker will be Leslie Ann Howard, President & CEO of the United Way. Please sign up at the meetings or notify me if you would like to attend the luncheon.

I look forward to see you at our regular Wednesday lunch meetings. We had some very interesting speakers come in the last month and look forward to having high attendance.

Hopefully the Badgers can keep the offense playing well into the conference season and our Packers can figure things out. I am very optimistic that our Wisconsin sports fall will be a successful one. Hope you are taking some time to enjoy the beautiful scenery that Wisconsin has to offer.

Optimistically,

Dan Bergs

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Dan thanks Bonnie for her service.



Your newly inducted officers & board.

STOC Bulletin Board

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2014-2015

President: Dan Bergs

Vice President: Kathy Johnson

Secretary: Rick Thomas

Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

Past President: Bonnie Spindler

Board of Directors

Rick Conne
 Todd Geltemeyer
 Mike Grasmick
 Pete Graven
 Nancy Hach
 Diane Hoebel
 Rebecca Turner

Sauk Trails Optimist Club Youth and Community Foundation

The following grants were approved by the board in September:

REACH-a-Child	\$1,250.00
Lussier Community Education Center	\$ 750.00
Horizon High School	\$ 250.00

October Birthdays

Rick Thomas	21
John Schroder	27
Ted See	28



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51st Annual MASCC Luncheon

Wednesday, October 15
 12:00 Noon

The Sheraton on John Nolen Drive

The Keynote Speaker is Leslie Ann Howard,
 President & CEO of United Way of Dane County

The Ruth Gordon Service Award and
 Community Youth Volunteer Award
 recipients will be honored.



Sign up by October 4th
 Cost \$22.00 (you will be postbilled)

Menu: Grilled Chicken Breast and Penne Pasta with Roasted Red Peppers, Hearts of Palm, Mushrooms and Fresh Artichoke Cream. Vegetarian and gluten-free options available upon request.



Bucky Book Fundraiser



A reminder to get your Bucky Books from Dan. Support your club by selling OR buying a Bucky Book. The club keeps \$15 from each book sold.

The Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team is back in business at Memorial High School. Watch for an update in next month's newsletter!

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>	
October 1	Dan & Bonnie	Planning for the 2014-2015 year	
October 8	Rick Conne	American Red Cross / Katie Gaynor	
October 15	All STOC Members	MASCC LUNCHEON @ The Sheraton	Sign up by October 4!
October 22	Kathy Johnson	Dane Buy Local / Jeanne Engle	
October 28		STOC Board Meeting 5:00 p.m.	Wegner CPA's
October 29	Kathy Johnson	Mustard Museum / Barry Levenson	
November 5	Mark Kraemer	Dane County Immunization Coalition Program / Diane McHugh	
November 12	Mike Grasmick	The Future of Beef / Mike Grasmick	
November 19	All STOC Members	Tentative Club Social	
November 26	NO MEETING	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	

Shaded = Wednesday Lunch Meeting

Thank You Sauk Trails – Madison Optimists:

It has been a fun year that went by very fast. Thanks to ALL the Sauk Trails Optimists who have made this past year successful. The leadership of the officers and board member has been appreciated. Carole Klopp has done a fantastic job as Secretary and Bob Wortinger has also done a fantastic job as Treasurer this 13-14 year. Thanks to: Rick Conne, Diane Hoebel, Mike Grasmick, Pete Graven, Nancy Hach who are continuing on the board. Kathy Johnson has been inducted as the Vice President for the 14-15 year. The new board members are: Rebecca Turner and Todd Geltmeyer. Thanks to Liv Sandberg, who is going off the board, for her 2 years of service and being part of the Social Team. Thanks to the Social Team of Liv, Jacci See, and Claudia Cabrera who have coordinated many 'fun' social outings this year. Thanks to Steve Bailey for serving as our Sergeant-at-Arms and newsletter photographer.

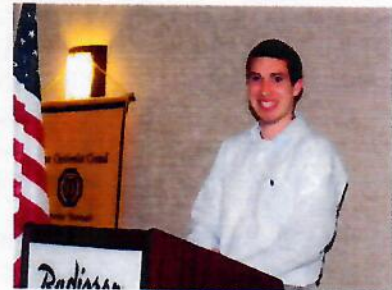
The 'Optimist of the Year' was presented to Rick Conne at the annual banquet for all his efforts in obtaining increased funding for the Lussier Center Xmas Party and for his work with the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team. Frank and Sherri Rath also contributed to the success of the LCEC Christmas Party. Thanks also to Rick Thomas, Gene Spindler, Dan Bergs, Doug Poole and Diane Hoebel who made our fundraising activities run smoothly. Thanks to ALL who supported the fundraising through their selling and purchases of items. Kathy Johnson took high honors this year again for her Koeze Nuts sales and also her Bucky Book sales. Steve Bailey also took high honors for Koeze Nuts and Bob Wortinger for Bucky Books. Thanks to Mary Schwartz for her very professional and timely newsletter all year.

Many of you volunteered for service projects throughout the year. Special thanks to John Scherer for coordinating the Special Track Olympics. Thanks also to Carole Klopp, Rick Conne, Rick Thomas, and Jeannie Bettersworth for their support of the JOOI Team at Memorial High School. Thanks also to everyone who volunteered to speak or bring in a speaker for lunch meetings. There are so many to thank for so many projects, so THANKS TO EVERYONE for a GREAT YEAR.

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

Optimistically,
Bonnie Spindler,
Sauk Trails Optimist-Madison Club President 2013-2014

*Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Recognition and Induction Banquet
September 17, 2014*



A born leader

*Many thanks to Bonnie Spindler
for her fabulous leadership as the
2013-2014 President.*

*We wish Dan Bergs much success
as incoming STOC President.*



*Rick Conne was awarded
The President's Citation
as the STOC Optimist of the Year.*



SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday, September 22, 2014

MINUTES

Present: Bonnie, Bob, Carole, Dan, Diane, Kathy, Nancy, Pete, Rebecca, Rick Conne, Rich Thomas, Carole, and Guest Gene Spindler
Absent: Mike Grasmick, Liv, Mary, Todd G,
 The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm.

1. **Approval of Board Minutes:** Dan moves, Rick seconds, passes unanimously.
2. **Acceptance of August Financial Reports.** Bob reviewed the Balance Sheet and Income Statements. We are in a good position right now. Reviewed Accounts Receivable. Bob moves to write off the \$180 outstanding member receivable, Carole seconds. Discussion ensued. Passes unanimously. Dan moves to accept the entire financial report, Diane seconds, passes unanimously.
3. **Membership Report Update -**
 Need to add 1 more member (minimum), for Honor Club by Sept 30th. Bob suggested waving new member fee for spouses and only \$25 quarter. Dan and Rick Thomas will look at recruiting some folk.
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. Social Get-Together at See's, Aug. 21st (Update) – rousing good fun!
 - b. Reach-A-Child, Sept. 11th (Update) – a lot of work was done with REACH thanks!
 - c. Golf Outing, Sept. 13th (Update) – tons of fun! 14 ended up at 9
 - d. STOC Banquet, Sept. 17th (Update) – went well – the awards were great! Rick suggested a different location for next year for better attendance.
 - e. Football Frenzy Update – sold 87
 - f. Bucky Book Update – 60 books out/ 40 left
 - g. Other Old Business – Rick reported that Target called & is planning to make a contribution again this year for the Lussier Xmas Party.
5. **New Business.**
 - a. MASCC Update, (Oct. 15th, at Sheraton speaker on United Way) (Mike Gustafson will present on Sept 24th, sign-up in by Oct. 4th)
 - b. Quarterly NOW – New Optimist Welcomed (Nov. 5th or 12th) – might be the 12th – might have to change location as Basie's might be under construction
 - c. Thanksgiving, (Nov. 26th), We will not meet the day before.
 - d. Koeze Nuts kick-off (Rick Thomas – Oct first order?) Going to do it the same way this year. Rick will talk October 8th – first order is due in beginning of Nov.
 - e. Reach-A-Child future support to schedule – 1st or 2nd Tuesday of the month
 - f. Scheduled Board Meetings in 14-15 year. – 3rd Tuesday of the month for regular board meetings – not October
 - g. Other New Business.

Bob moves, Pete seconds. Adjourned

Next meeting, Tues. October 28th, at 5:00 PM, Wegner CPA's.



SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB Youth & Community Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

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MINUTES

Present: Bonnie, Bob, Carole, Dan, Diane, Kathy, Nancy, Pete, Rebecca, Rick Conne, Rich Thomas, Carole, and Guest Gene Spindler
Absent: Mike Grasmick, Liv, Mary, Todd G,
 The meeting was called to order at 5:50pm.

1. **Minutes from Previous June Foundation Meeting.** (Bob/Dan/passes unanimously)
 2. **Financial Report Discussion 13-14:** Bob reviewed the financials. \$3245 is available right now to pay out. Carole moves to accept Bob's report, Nancy seconds, passes unanimously.
 - Lussier Christmas Party, JOOI Dues, Student of Month, Scholarships
 - Others – For now all Lussier expenses are covered.
 3. **Old Business:**
 - JOOI Club Needs – Carole reported that we have a new School adviser – and we might have need for support for the retreat next year. Need 3 more advisers.
 - Other Needs / Programs – had essay contest last year – need to ask Mike.
 4. **New Business:** Discussion ensued regarding the policy of giving large or small amounts of grants. Central focus that's local and about kids. Reach-a-child and Lussier are 2 organizations that we have supported. We have \$3000 to distribute now. After much discussion, Bob Wortinger moves to grant \$1250 to REACH-A-Child; \$750 to Lussier; and \$250 to Horizon High School, Rick Conne seconds. Passes Unanimously.
 - a. Continue \$10/quarter Donation Request. Dan suggested not listing who didn't give – make it more anonymous. Rick moves to continue the \$10 / quarter donation request, Dan seconds. Also many thanks to Bob for his mega efforts to make this happen in the books. Passes unanimously.
 - b. Additional Fundraisers needed. Current fundraisers include:
 - Bucky Books (Dan Bergs), Koeze Nuts (Rick Thomas), Football Frenzy (Gene Spindler), Centerplate (Rick Thomas) do one a quarter. Adding Bratfest in Spring (Diane Hoebel). Festival Inc. – Nancy is researching. Agreed to keep these fundraisers and continue researching others.
 5. Pete moves, Diane seconds, meeting adjourned at 6:38pm.
- New STOC Board will set meeting date for upcoming year.**

**September
in
Pictures**

**Photos by
Steve Bailey**



Rich Dixon shared the inspirational story of his recovery from a life-changing accident in the 1980's. His friends convinced him to get out of his wheelchair and try a specially built bicycle. He has made several cross country trips raising awareness for various causes and is currently touring Wisconsin.

**Lussier Community Education Center
Update**

Director Paul Terranova provided an update on what's happening at the LCEC.



Brigid Stark from Glacier's Edge Gardens explained how she developed a vineyard to grow both wine grapes and table grapes. She sells the grapes locally in Mount Horeb.

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.**