



Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison

November 2008

Weekly Wednesday Lunch Meetings - 11:45 – 12:45, Babe's, Schroeder Road, Madison



Sauk Trails Optimists:

Wow, my first month as President went really fast. Please bear with me as I am still getting used to what I am supposed to be doing. Thank you to all who have helped get me on my way and offering your help. We already have a Harlem Ambassador 2009 Committee agenda and are working on adding sub-committees to make it a smoother process and give ourselves more time to help raise more money for our kids programs. If you are interested in helping out in any way please contact Greg Hermus or myself. As we proceed we will be notifying our members of what help is needed. We would appreciate all of our members to contribute to this event at some point during the year. More info on that will come later.

Please join us for our Annual MASCC Luncheon on November 19th at Noon. We will not have our normal Babe's lunch that day so please join us to hear Chief Noble Wray speak. For those that didn't make it Chief Wray also made an appearance at our first Harlem Ambassador event last month. Last thing, please check out our nexo website at least on a weekly basis to start getting used to it as we would like that to be our main information site in the near future. More info to come on that also. Thanks and have a Great Month.

Kevin Campos, President 2008--09

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MASCC – MADISON AREA SERVICE CLUBS, NOVEMBER 19TH

The annual MASCC lunch will be held at the Alliant Energy Center from 12:00–1:30 on November 19th. The keynote speaker, at this annual luncheon, will be Noble Wray, Chief of Police in Madison. (He became Chief of Police 4 years ago after serving 20 years in the department.)

The Ruth Gordon Award will also be presented to one of 3 nominees. This award is to honor a current or past individual (living or deceased) of a service club, who over a period of time, has exemplified the concept of volunteer service for the betterment of the community, either individually or through a service club.

If you haven't already signed up and would like to go, contact Greg Hermus for possible tickets. Greg is the MASCC contact for the Sauk Trails Club and has been a MASCC officer and very instrumental in the planning and activities. Tickets to those who have signed up will be distributed before the November 19th date or can be acquired from Greg. THANKS GREG for your leadership with MASCC and as a representative for Sauk Trails Optimist Club.

As Jack Welch, CEO of GE said:

“Anytime there is change, there is opportunity”

STOC Board Meeting Minutes September 9th, 2008

Members in Attendance: President: Kevin Campos; Board Members: Ricki Hoefler, Alison Scherer, Pat Beiersdorf; Past President: Rick Thomas; Secretary/Treasurer: Gene Spindler.

VP not Present: Carole Klopp; Board Not Present: Ray Schmitz, Bob Wortinger, Kathy Johnson.

Kevin Campos called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

The minutes of the September 9, 2008 Board Meeting were discussed. There was not a quorum present so no motion to approve was made to approve.

The Financial Report through September 30, 2008 was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the information provided. A draft copy of the 2008-09 budget was provided to the members present. Action on the budget will be taken at the November Board meeting.

Kevin Campos gave the President's Report. There were no new members to accept or members to drop. The Board discussed evening meetings and it was decided to schedule two evening meetings in the January-May 2009 time frame. There was discussion of the Badger Concessions activity. With the difficulty in getting adults to assist with this there was discussion on whether we should continue this activity. No decision was made on this item.

On Committee updates it was reported that the JOOI Club has about 100 members this year and the weekly meetings are scheduled in a smaller room at Memorial High School. The JOOI Club is doing well and working on about 6 to 7 projects per week. On fund raising we are currently raising funds selling Koeze Nuts.

There was discussion on how to increase club member involvement with Club activities. It was suggested that we would ask each member to commit to one activity each year. The Club's activities will be provided to all members so that they have information to select activities they wish to assist with. When new members join they will be asked to select two projects that they are interested in helping with.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting is set for 4:45 on November 11th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Gene Spindler, Secretary/Treasurer 2008-2009

JOOI Club Update

The Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team at Memorial High School continues to grow and become a force in our community. This year we have approximately 100 active members. They have been very active organizing projects this fall. Some of the projects include: Olin Park Haunted House, Badger Concessions, Trick or Treat so Others can Eat, Trick or Treat for Unicef, Better Life Run Walk planning, Lussier Center grand opening events, and many others. The JOOI club also welcomes some new co-advisors in Christian Gridley and Pat Beiersdorf. If you are interested in helping to advise/mentor these students, please contact Carole Klopp, Mary Schwartz or Rick Thomas to learn more.

The Board Minutes will be made available on the Sauk Trails Nexo Website soon. At that time they will be eliminated from future newsletters.

SWIS 0809 Conferences

1 st Qtr	Oct 31 st - Nov 1 st	Chula Vista
2 nd Qtr	Feb. 6 th - 7 th	Crowne Plaza Madison
3 rd Qtr	May 1 st - 2 nd	Chula Vista ?
4 th Qtr	Aug 7 th - 8 th	Turner Hall, Monroe

2008 Koeze Nut Fundraiser

Our club kicked off our annual Koeze Nut Fundraiser on October 1st. We had over \$1700 in profits last year, and we hope to top \$2000 in profits in 2008!

What you need to know to sell Koeze Nuts:

- Order deadlines: November 12th for Thanksgiving sales, and December 10th for Christmas sales.
- Bring order forms to Wednesday meetings or contact Rick Thomas at 212-7582 or jathoma2@wisc.edu
- **Collect money up front** with checks made payable to **Sauk Trails Optimist Club**.
- 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 \$11.75-\$50.00+
- 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.

Happy Birthday

Kristi Campos 11/05

(See Page 4 for More Info on the Website)

The Scheduled Speakers, with more information, can also be seen in the Sauk Trails Optimist Club Website at the following link: <http://sauktrailsoptimistclub.nexo.com/calendar>

Date	Speaker	Topic	Babes Noon Lunch
Nov. 5 th	Roger Backes	Personal Coach	Rueben or ½ Caesar Salad
Nov. 12 th	Student of Month	Honoring Student	Fish Tacos or Chicken Taco Salad
Nov. 19 th	MASCC – lunch at Alliant Ctr	Chief Noble Wray Speaker	Babes CANCELLED
Nov. 26 th	CANCELLED		
Dec. 3 rd	Dena Duncan	Three Gaits	Chicken Pita or Beef Taco Salad
Dec. 10 th	Student of Month	Honoring Student	BLT or Buffalo Chicken Salad
Dec. 17 th	Optimist Holiday Party	Ornament Exchange	½ French Dip or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
Dec. 24 th	CANCELLED		
Dec. 31 st	CANCELLED		

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OCTOBER STUDENT of the MONTH

Ross Pedersen was the Student of the Month for October. He has been a member of the JOOI club for 4 years. Ross has served on the board for two of those years as the Secretary last year and a co-President this year. He is very active in cross-country and hopes to attend UW next year. Congratulation Ross.



2008 – 2009 Volunteer Group Concessions

For your future planning. There will be a need for 1-2 volunteers for each of the following UW Football games:
11/15 – Minnesota; 11/22 – Cal Poly.

In addition, we will need to make a decision to do either the Spring Football Game or WIAA Football (1 shift).

There will also be volunteers needed for WIAA Wrestling (3 days) **Feb. 26 – 28th, 2009** AND ALSO for WIAA Boy's Basketball (3 days) **March 19 – 21st, 2009**. Check your calendar, sign-up sheets will be coming soon. Contact Steve Bailey to give your input and for sign-up at: SBailey100@aol.com

Sauk Trails Optimist Club Website

There have been 22 Optimists who have signed up for the Sauk Trails Website. If you haven't already signed-up, please respond to the INVITE that you have received. *(If you need another Invite, please contact John Scherer or Bonnie Spindler).*

The Roster has been eliminated from this newsletter and will be sent out as a separate document to ONLY Sauk Trails Optimists. *(The Roster has already been eliminated from all past Newsletters currently posted on the website).* The Website is being looked at to provide it online in a secure environment to ONLY Sauk Trails Optimists. *(Meanwhile you'll get it separately by e-mail).*

If you would like to 'view only' the Sauk Trails Website, you can click on the following 'link':
www.sauktrailsoptimistclub.nexo.com

To see the any of the 2008 Newsletter, click on the following 'link':
<http://sauktrailsoptimistclub.nexo.com/bookmarks>

There will be continuing pictures, newsletters, polls, other features that will be used and developed over time. This Newsletter will continue to contain some activities and events that may or may not be put on the website. Parts of it may be eliminated, and the structure may change over time to a few pages of Optimist activities.

As Jack Welch, CEO of GE said: "Anytime there is change, there is opportunity."

Bonnie Spindler, Newsletter Editor/Distributor

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.