



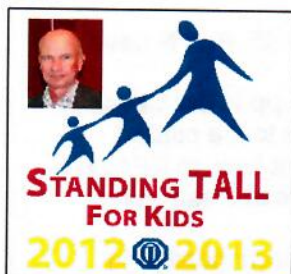
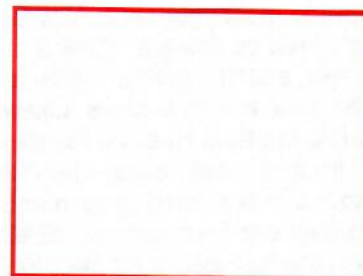
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Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



April 2013

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



Greetings Optimists!

I hope all of you will be able to join us for our **Happy Hour Event** on Wednesday, April 17th, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Basie's in the Radisson. It will be an excellent opportunity to catch-up with old and new friends. Speaking of 'new friends,' don't be afraid to invite some. People can only join us if they know about us. Make sure they know it's a fun Happy Hour and not a 'run of the mill' meeting.

By the way, we've had great attendance at our lunch meetings. The speakers have been top-notch and the food's pretty good, too. Stop by and join us, even if you can only make it once in a while, we would love to see you!!

Yours in Optimism,
President Mary

Meeting Calendar:

- April 3 Dena Duncan from Three Gaits Inc.
- April 10 Heather Rice on Fund Raising and her work with REACH a Child
- April 17 HAPPY HOUR EVENT
- April 24 Amanda Buckley from UW Police Dept.
- May 1 Student of the Month
- May 8 Respect for Law

Event Calendar:

- April 10 Board Meeting at 7:45 a.m. at Jacci See's office – all are welcome
- April 13 Zone Oratorical Contest
- April 18 Volunteer for SPIRIT Day (Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team)
- April 22 Volunteer at REACH a Child, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- May 1 Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team Induction Banquet – Memorial High School
- May 11 Volunteer at the Special Olympics Track Meet – Oregon High School
- May 10-11 SWIS District Meeting – Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells

Sauk Trails Optimist Youth & Community Foundation

Thanks to all STOC members who have contributed toward the Foundation. Many of you have participated in fund raising activities such as Bucky Books, Football Craze Tickets, and Koeze Nuts either by selling or purchasing (or both). Others have worked in the concession stand at Badger Football Games. Special thanks go to those who helped to organize our fundraisers: Tracey, Gene, Rick, and Steve. We are very appreciative of your time and effort.

**Check out our Facebook page! Just type Sauk Trails Optimist Club in the Facebook search engine.
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We continue to help support REACH A Child by volunteering at the warehouse the 4th Monday of each month and sponsoring backpacks for the UW Police Department. Amanda Buckley from UWPD will share stories about how these books make a difference at our lunch meeting on April 24th.
Other REACH a Child happenings:

Be sure to mark your calendars for Mothers Day WEEK... May 9th - 12th our partners at Roundy's (IE. Pick N Save and Copp's) will be doing a "Buck & a Book Drive" for REACH a Child...

Whereas, each customer will be asked if they would like to have their bill "Rounded UP.." to help support our Cause of reaching out to kids in crisis. Likewise, they will be selling all sorts of children's books at their stores to the public,(Including the Kind Hearted Pig story written by REACH a Child's CEO) that week to be donated right back to REACH a Child for their local Police, Sheriff and EMS to use in their vehicles. If any of you are nearby any one of these stores during that week kindly drop in and see how it is going and Round UP your bill , too!

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Also, we are planning our FIRST TIME EVER... Black tie event on October 5th at the Cherokee Country Club in Madison. We are calling it the "Mass Mutual Wisconsin REACH a Child Benefit" and we already have NASCAR Driver, Matt Kenseth, lined up as one of our speakers and hope to have DONALD DRIVER confirmed within the next two weeks... (In case you didn't know, Donald Drive has also, written several children's books!!) or Bo Ryan if Donald can't make it. Plan now to reserve a place at one of the tables... for more info contact Paul Gilbertson at 608.345.7074 for ticket info or if you would like to DONATE to our LIVE AUCTION that will take place that night as well.

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Sauk Trails Optimist Club

STOC Regular Board Meeting

First Weber Realty Office – March 13, 2013

Members in Attendance:

President: Mary Schwartz Vice-Pres: Pete Graven Sec/Treas: Bob Wortinger Past-Pres: Jacci See

Board Members: Rick Conne, Diane Hoebel, Carole Klopp, Liv Sandberg, Tracey Ziegler

Member Absent: Dan

The meeting was called to order by Mary Schwartz at 7:55 AM. A motion was made by Carole, seconded by Jacci and passed, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2013 Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Bob asked for questions regarding the February, 2013 financial statements. STOC had an operating cash balance of \$3,370 as of February 28 and Foundation cash balances totaled \$9,149 as of February 28. In addition, the Foundation's Vanguard Bond account had a balance of \$3,700. Bob noted that the February 28, 2013 accounts receivable balance of \$606.50 included credits of \$414.92 due to five members paying in advance. Prepaid dues will be broken out as a separate line item beginning in March. A motion was made by Carole, seconded by Liv, and passed, to accept the February, 2013 Treasurer's Report.

Membership Report

Following discussion regarding a member with delinquent dues outstanding, a motion was made by Carole and seconded and approved that Bob be directed to contact this member to determine their status with STOC prior to March 31, 2013. Carole presented the new STOC brochures which she has put together. A couple of minor revisions were proposed following review by Board members.

STOC's membership as of March 13, 2013 is at 38 regular members plus 6 FOO's for a total of 44 members. The September 30, 2012 numbers were 41 regular members plus 5 FOO's for a total of 46.

Mary noted that her goal is to increase STOC membership to 50 by the end of our fiscal year. Mary and the membership committee chairs (Jacci, Tracey and Liv) led discussion regarding holding a happy hour reception from 5:30 – 7:00 in Basie's at the Radisson with all STOC members strongly encouraged to invite potential new members. This event was set for the evening of Wednesday, April 17, with appetizers and a cash bar.

Oratorical Contest

Steve Bailey served as STOC chair for the oratorical contest held on March 6. Jacci and Mary Kay Grasmick served as two of the three judges for the event. Jacci reported that the contest went well. The winner of our contest will next appear in the Zone contest. The winner of the Zone contest goes to the May SWIS conference at Wisconsin Dells. The top two finishers will be asked to give their presentations at an upcoming STOC lunch meeting.

Tri Star Basketball

Mary and Rick Conne will meet with Rick Thomas to discuss whether we should participate in this SWIS event for 2014.

Kohl Center Concession Stand for WIAA Tournament

Steve and Rick Conne ran a concession stand for STOC on Saturday, March 9 at the state boys basketball tournament. Liv, Carole, and Bob were there for long half day shifts along with several JOOI members (although not as many as had been expected). This event should generate about \$800 to be split between STOC and JOOI.

JOOI Report

Rick reported that Spirit Day is scheduled for April 18 and there will be a need for "chauffeurs" to transport Memorial students to other schools. It is expected that around 200 students will be participating.

UW Optimist Club

Carole reported that she has visited with current JOOI President, Maggie Radl, who will be attending the University of Wisconsin next fall regarding working with other former JOOI members at UW to form an Optimist club there. Carole will continue to work with Maggie on this project.

Upcoming Election of Officers and Board Members

Mary noted that a new slate of officers and Directors is needed for an election by May 1. Open positions for the October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014 fiscal year include President, Vice-President, and three 2-year board positions (seats currently held by Carole, Diane, and Tracey). Following discussion regarding the roles of Secretary and Treasurer, the consensus of the Board was to separate the Secretary and Treasurer positions for the 2013 – 2014 fiscal year. With this change, Bob indicated he would be willing to serve as Treasurer for one more year.

Committee Reports – Social/Membership (Jacci, Tracey, Liv)

In addition to the April 17 happy hour event, the Board discussed other opportunities for bringing in new members to STOC.

Committee Reports – Service/Volunteer (Carole, Rick C)

The Board discussed upcoming events including the Special Olympics Track meet in Oregon in May. Carole offered to follow-up with MOM regarding problems with our Christmas family program last December.

Mary noted that Steve continues to do an excellent job in getting the STOC newsletter out on a timely basis. The expanded use of photographs is greatly appreciated!

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 10 @ 7:45 at Jacci's First Weber office.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2012-2013

Committees

Committees are an important part of our club. They offer members an opportunity to become involved and to play an important role in making our club successful. Please choose the committee you would like to join.

Social & Membership – Plans social events for club members and develops ways to build club membership.

Service & Volunteerism – Helps to organize volunteer opportunities for club members.

Fundraising – Develops ways to raise funds for the Youth & Community Foundation.



March Meetings Highlights

We started the month with a special "joker" meeting...everyone had a shot at the group with one or two of their favorite jokes..fun meeting!

March 13th was a great meeting as we honored two of our JOOI students as our Students of the month.

March 20th was a very special "local talent" guest speaker....our own Tracey Ziegler gave a great presentation and test.....which we all passed with flying colors...lol!!!

Rick Conne invited Nina Gehan from the Lussier Community Education Center to share what's happening at the center. Interesting things going on there....



Calling All 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.

May 10-11 The Kalahari Resort
 Wisc. Dells
 2013

Aug. 16-17 Country Springs Inn &
Peewaukee Conference Center
 2013

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2012-2013

President
Mary Schwartz

Secretary/Treasurer
Bob Wortinger

Past President
Jacci See

Vice President
Pete Graven

Board of Directors
Dan Bergs
Carole Klopp
Rick Conne
Liv Sandberg
Tracey Ziegler
Diane Hoebel

2012-2013 Committee Leadership

Social &
Membership
Jacci See
Liv Sandberg
Tracey Ziegler

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Carole Klopp
Rick Conne

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Pete Graven
Dan Bergs

Happy Birthday List for April
Pete Graven-4/25, Liv Sandberg-4/25

STOC Youth and Community Foundation Meeting
Meeting called to order at 9:15am.

1. JOOI Club membership dues

Pete moves to pay the dues of \$560 for OI dues, Tracey seconds, passes unanimously.

2. MOM adopt a family

Tracey moves to pay up to \$50 person for a family of up to 4 people, Pete seconds, motion passes unanimously. Carole will sign us up and get details to Mary.

3. Foundation Letter

Mary wrote a letter to members asking for foundation donations. Everyone thought the letter was great.

Carole moves to adjourn, Tracey seconds, motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carole Klopp, Secretary Pro Tem

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.