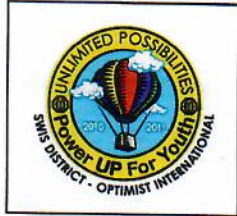




Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



JUNE 2011

**Schedule: 1st Wed of Month, 5:30 PM
Evening; other Wednesday's, 11:45 –
12:45 Noon, SPRECHER'S, Middleton**



You know what? If you took "I'm sorry" out of my vocabulary, I couldn't talk!!! I should have had this I out weeks ago, but I have no good excuse; I don't even have a bad excuse! Herer we go anyway....

You've all received John's e-mails on the club activities so we won't repeat them all,. However, there are a couple of points that do need mentioning another time: they are in his latest e-mail...

Tuesday, June 21 - SPECIAL TUESDAY MEETING

The leadership of STOC has approached the West Madison Optimist Club to look at the potential benefits of merging our two Clubs. We think that the best way to gather information about this is to conduct some joint activities over the summer and get to know each other better. West is very similar to our Club in size, age and activities. As the first of these joint activities, the West Club has invited us to a special evening meeting on Tuesday June 21 to hear the pediatric oncologist who got our Clubs involved in serving the Cancer Dinners at Children's Hospital speak. The invite from West President Scott Getz is below. It would be great to have 15-20 of our members attend this dinner meeting, both because Dr. Sondel should be a very interesting speaker and also to start to get to know the West members. I hope you can join me at this meeting; please RSVP directly to Scott.

The West Madison Optimist club would like to invite all members of the Sauk Trails Club to an evening meeting on June 21st. Our speaker will be Dr. Sondel who is a Pediatric Oncologist from the American Insurance UW Children's Hospital. Dr. Sondel helped us make contact to set up the monthly meals we do at the Children's Hospital. Since your club members have helped us serve the meals, we wanted to open this meeting to any of the Sauk Trails members that would like to attend. I do need to let the hotel know how many people are coming by June 18th, so please email me a list of who from your club is coming or have them email me directly by June 17th. All the information is below, but if you have any other questions please let me know.

West Madison Optimist Club Meeting
Speaker Dr. Sondel
June 21st 6:00 for Drinks and Dinner at 6:30
Radisson Hotel on Grand Canyon Road
Cost of meal \$12

Wednesday, June 22 & 29 – Summer Schedule: NO MEETINGS

- **Service Club Olympics:** the Olympics are on July 25-26 this year; mark your calendars to help us defend our title!
- **Summer Picnic:** We will be joining with the Downtown and West Madison Optimist Clubs to have our summer picnic at the Vilas Zoo on Sunday August 28. We have the zoo's Visitor Center reserved from 1-3pm. Families are invited – hope everyone can join us! Look for more details soon.

Sure would like to see more in attendance at our regular meetings, we've had some great programs and a lot of you have missed out on them. Respect for Law, Student of the month, etc. Let's fill the place!!!!

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 6th Milwaukee Area

This is the District Convention and an excellent opportunity for training

**HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY TO
Mary Schwartz-June 2, Rick Conne-June 5,
Chuck Koehler-June 7 (I know he's not a member anymore, but he's a friend of Sauk Trails), Saint Ray Schmidz-June 27**

**2010-11 STOC
Committee Chairs**

Volunteer/Service

Bonnie Spindler
Pat Beiersdorf

Fundraising

Kevin Campos
Kathy Johnson

Social

Alison Scherer

Speakers

Jacci See

Membership

Jeff Hosking

**Sauk Trails
Club Officers
2010 - 11**

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Carole Klopp

Vice President

Jeff Hosking

Board of Directors

Gene Spindler
Kathy Johnson
Darrin Sharp
Bonnie Spindler
Ray Schmitz
Kevin Campos

Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC
Sprecher's – May 11, 2011 Board Meeting Summary

Board Members in Attendance: John Scherer, Bob Wortinger, Kevin Campos, Kathy Johnson, Ray Schmitz, Darrin Sharp, Bonnie Spindler, and Gene Spindler. Other STOC Members Attending: Mary Schwartz

The minutes of the April 13, 2011, Board Meeting were reviewed and approved with no revisions.

Financial Report

Board members were asked for any questions regarding the financial reports and notes issued for April. There were no comments or questions.

John led discussion regarding investment of STOC's fundraising account. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Secretary-Treasurer should open an account with Vanguard and invest in the Vanguard Short-Term Bond Fund (VBISX). In accordance with a motion passed at an earlier meeting, 75% of funds raised in the previous year plus a \$2,000 buffer should be maintained in checking – this is approximately \$6,150.

Fundraising Report

Kevin provided an update on the Kiss A Pig contest which is planned for August. The profits from this event would be split between MOM, Reach-A-Child, and STOC. Kathy noted that with the cancellation of the fall 2011 basketball/fitness challenge she had sent letters to the three entities which had already donated a total of \$200 requesting permission to use their donations for the Kiss-A-Pig event. Permission was received from one donor with no responses from the other two. It was agreed that unless a direct response was received from the other two, their funds will be retained for this new event. A motion was approved to joint venture with MOM and Reach-A-Child for the Kiss A Pig event.

It was noted that we will be working the same UW concession stand for the 2011 UW football season. Gene pointed out that the Football Craze tickets are out. Due to the potential NFL strike/lockout, this year's Football Craze will be based on 8 weeks of college games with 11 prizes per week. STOC should be getting back \$13 - \$14 per ticket sold.

Service Events Report

Bonnie reported on the schedule for STOC members working at upcoming "Cancer Meals". Carole provided an update on JOOI activities, noting that the annual induction banquet is scheduled for the evening of May 23. John noted that 10 STOC members have signed up so far to work at the Special Olympics track meet on May 14 in Oregon.

Membership Report

Based on a request from Jeff Hosking to resign from STOC, a motion was approved to remove Jeff from the Club roster. With the loss of Jeff, our current membership is at 30 regular members plus 2 FOO's.

Social Committee

Discussion was held on options for the summer picnic including a possible donation to the Vilas Park Zoo and possible arrangements for a joint event with the Downtown, Breakfast or Madison West Optimist clubs. No action was taken pending more information from Allison.

Reducing/Monitoring the Number of Club Activities

John revisited the memorandum he had sent to Board members last month regarding putting enhanced focus on just a few club activities and encouraging significantly more member involvement at these designated activities. Other fundraising and service activities would still be offered if a few club members are interested in continuing their past involvement with them. John agreed to send a survey out to members this month to get input on areas of greatest interest.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1 at 4:30 PM at Sprecher's.

Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2010-2011

ATTENTION SAUK TRAILS MEMBERS

- Our President John doesn't sound like a broken record when encouraging us to think about inviting a guest or two to one of our meetings, he sounds like an Optimist who wants to see Optimism spread and grow not only in our Sauk Trails areas, but all over the city and state for that matter, so this message of Just Ask is not only for us, but every Optimist in our district. Let's not think of our friends as guests, but also new potential members!

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July Newsletter Articles
Due by 6/30/2011

This section is for all the new members we'll be adding this year!

Childhood Cancer Meal Serving

The Sauk Trails Optimist Club will be providing 2 Optimists, who will join a West Madison Club Optimist, to help serve meals at the UW Children's Hospital. Following are the Sunday dates where you can volunteer from 11:15 AM - 1:30 PM.

Sept 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20

Check your schedule which date would work best for you. There will be future sign-ups and e-mails coming for these dates, but please call or e-mail if there is one that works for you at this time.

Bonnie Spindler 833-7244
Service Event Coordinator

blspindler@charter.net

Date	Speaker	Topic	SPRECHERS Menu's
June 22	No Meeting		Menu 1
June 29	No Meeting		Menu 2
			Menu 3
			Menu 4
			Menu 1

SPRECHER'S MENU CHOICES for Lunch
Lunch Cost/Evening Hors d' oeuvres: (\$12.00 includes entrée, 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 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.**