



Pathways

# Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



**March 2009**

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



## Sauk Trails Optimists:

Spring is now around the corner and I am excited to get some of our projects going to help the kids. 5 of our members went to the District Meeting this past month. It was a great experience to meet other Optimists from around the state. We had round table discussions of what other clubs are doing and I got some great ideas I will be sharing with everyone soon.

Thanks to Alison Scherer for heading up the member survey where we asked all of our members their ideas and suggestions of how to improve our club and what we could do differently to get more people to attend our luncheons and evening socials. The consensus was to keep the luncheons on Wednesdays at 11:45. Changing the day would not make a difference in our attendance. We know a lot of you can't make the luncheons due to work schedules. We understand that and would hope that those members who can't make the lunches would attend our events and evening socials. Please let us know if you have other suggestions. Remember, our main goal is to help the kids, therefore, we expect more participation in our events than our luncheons.

Please set aside time to help with the following upcoming events: JOOI Clubs Better Life Run/Walk and the Special Olympics Track meet. Watch for more information to follow. Please let us know as soon as possible which events you would like to help at. We would appreciate it.

Check out the March Lunch Schedule, we have a lot of great speakers coming up. Hope to see you there. Thanks for all of your help and have a great Month!

**Kevin Campos**, STOC President 2008--09

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## Sauk Trails Club Officers 0809

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## 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.



**Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC Board Meeting  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**

**Members in Attendance:** President: Kevin Campos; Vice Presidents: Carole Klopp, Kathy Johnson, Board Members: Bob Wortinger, Alison Scherer, Ray Schmitz, Bill Monkemeyer, Ricki Hoefler, Pat Beiersdorf; Past President: Rick Thomas; Secretary/Treasurer: Gene Spindler.

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

The minutes of the January 14, 2009 Board Meeting were discussed. A motion was made (Kathy Johnson), seconded (Rick Thomas) and passed to approve the minutes of the January Board Meeting.

The Financial Report through January 31, 2009 was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the information provided. A motion was made (Carole Klopp), seconded (Ricki Hoefler) to accept the financial report as presented.

Kevin Campos consisting of three items gave the President's report. The board discussed ways to increase membership in the Club. Bill Monkemeyer will contact businesses in the Sauk Trails area asking them to sponsor an employee as a member of Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Alison Scherer and Kevin Campos will assist Bill with this activity. Rick Thomas and Pat Beiersdorf also volunteered to provide assistance. Ricki Hoefler volunteered to put together a list of Middleton Chamber of Commerce members located in the Sauk Trails area for us to contact. The Club will be looking at the possibility of locating our noon meeting to a restaurant in the Sauk Trails area since we are the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Rick Thomas volunteered to check out Sauk Trails restaurants. There was a brief discussion of the Harlem Ambassadors. It was decided that if we are not able to get a major sponsor that we should consider not having this activity in 2009. Gene Spindler volunteered to check with American Family Insurance on being a Major Sponsor.

Alison Scherer gave a report on the Member Survey. The activities that members enjoyed were Service Club Olympics, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Student of the Month and working with the JOOI Club. On attendance it was confirmed that many members are not able to attend noon luncheons because of the distance from their work location.

The Board had a brief discussion on supporting the JOOI Run/Walk Event. A motion was made (Carole Klopp), seconded (Rick Thomas) and passed to provide \$500 to support this activity

The scheduling of evening meeting was discussed. There was concern that we had mainly the same members who attend the noon luncheons attending the evening meetings. It had been hoped that evening meetings would provide the opportunity for members not able to attend noon luncheons to make the evening meetings. Due to low attendance at evening meetings a motion was made (Gene Spindler), seconded (Ricki Hoefler) and passed to have evening meetings Quarterly.

A motion was made (Kathy Johnson), seconded (Alison Scherer) and passed to adjourn, at 5:50. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting is set for 4:45 on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

**Gene Spindler, Secretary/Treasurer 2008-2009**

<b>SWIS 0809 Conferences</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr	Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup>	Radisson, Madison
3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr	May 1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kalahari, Wis. Dells
4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr	Aug 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	Turner Hall, Monroe

**STOC Officers and Board Members Need to coordinate so there is representation to acquire the information at each of these pre-scheduled SWIS Conferences.**

**Happy Birthday**

<b>Jason Kadow</b>	<b>3/2</b>
<b>Kevin Campos</b>	<b>3/5</b>
<b>Brinda Mecham</b>	<b>3/10</b>
<b>Gene Spindler</b>	<b>3/31</b>

SPRING 2009 SPEAKER SCHEDULE

Date	Speaker	Topic	Babes Noon Lunch
Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Dowling	Sharing Resources Worldwide	½ French Dip or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Kalscheur	Reverse Mortgages	Fish Sandwich or Beef Taco Salad
Mar 18 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Gray	"Never Quit..." author	Turkey & Swiss or ½ Cobb Salad
Mar 25 <sup>th</sup>	Social/Student of Month Mar	Student Shares	Rueben or Chicken Taco Salad
Apr 1 <sup>st</sup>	Beth Barker-Anderson	Census	
Apr 8 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Schwartzer	Identity Theft	
Apr 15 <sup>th</sup>	Cindy Herbst	Restoring Hope Transplant House	
Apr 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Social/Student of Month Apr	Student Shares	
Apr 29 <sup>th</sup>	Social?/Fundraiser		
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Barb Dimick	West Side Libraries	
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Tracie Hittman	Nutrition	
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Student of the Month	Student Shares	
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	TBA		

SPirit DAY, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, DRIVERS NEEDED

Optimists needed to drive and/or chaperone Memorial students for **4th annual SPIRIT Day**. Volunteers would come to Madison Memorial by 8:15 on Wednesday, April 22 and drive students to various service projects around Madison. We would prefer that you stay and help your designated students and drive them back at 12:00, but any kind of help would be greatly appreciated. Most of the activities are some type of gardening, planting trees, or some other outdoor activity. The projects are all over the city, and I think at most it would take a 20-minute drive. The groups vary based on the volunteer activity, but most are about 10-20. We would need several drivers for each group, so the bigger the vehicle the better, but we would love any type of help. If you are interested, please contact Suvai Gunasekaran at [suvaig@gmail.com](mailto:suvaig@gmail.com).

January 2009 JOOI Club Update

The students got back to work in a big way this month. They helped out with a Ronald McDonald House meal, visited seniors, planned SPIRIT Day, and organized the Pass/Dribble/Shoot competition at Lussier. Some of the other upcoming highlights include: Better Life Run/Walk, Ronald McDonald House meals, Daffodil days, Service Begins at Home, playing with children at a day care, and visits to a retirement community. If you are aware of a need and/or would like to help with a project, please contact one of the JOOI advisers to make them aware of any possibilities.

**Rick Thomas, JOOI Co-Chair**

VOLUNTEERS THANKED  
WIAA Wrestling Tournament

In the fall of 2008 our club had volunteers at the UW Booth for football games, which is one of our fundraisers. In conjunction with that opportunity, there was a need for our club to have 6 volunteers for the WIAA Wrestling Tournament on February 26, 27, and 28th.

Steve Bailey was 1 of the 6 at most all of these time frames. **THANKS to Steve for coordinating and to ALL those who volunteered to help** at the concession stand at the Kohl Center for the WIAA Wrestling Tournament.

American Players Theater  
Scheduled, August 22<sup>nd</sup> Social

There have been tickets ordered for 8 Optimists who indicated they would attend the Comedy of Errors at the American Players Theater 2009 on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Comedy of Errors, one of Shakespeare's timeless comedies, is the play that was chosen for this summer social.

Special **THANKS** to **Kathy Johnson** for **coordinating and ordering the planned 8 tickets**. (Those who ordered tickets can reimburse Kathy for their tickets).

Sauk Trails Progressive Dinner  
 GREAT SUCCESS on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009

THANKS to Kathy Johnson for coordinating the Progressive Dinner and to the following hosts:

Barb & Tim Mulcahy's Hosts:           Appetizers  
 Christian & Jill Gridley's Hosts       Main Entree  
 Bill and Johnna Monkemeyer's Hosts   Dessert



New Project - Baby and Birthday Kits for M.O.M

A new project we have decided to support is purchasing items for new baby kits and children's birthday kits for the Middleton Outreach Ministry. Families who receive support from M.O.M. do not have the means to purchase items so their children can have a basic birthday party with their friends. Also, it is difficult to afford some of the essential items needed for new babies. The project involves shopping for these items (possibly on a quarterly basis), assembling the kits and delivering to M.O.M. where they are made available to the families. Anyone interested in assisting with this project, please contact Ricki Hoefler (833-6268 after 5pm and weekends at home or [philricki@aol.com](mailto:philricki@aol.com)).  
 Ricki Hoefler, STOC Optimist



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Sauk Trails Club Website

There have been 23 Optimists who have signed up for the Sauk Trails Website. If you haven't already signed-up, please respond to the INVITE received. (Need another Invite, contact John Scherer).