



Pathways



Sauk Trails Optimist Club Madison, Wisconsin



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



November 2013

Sauk Trails Optimists:

Can't believe that October is over and November is officially here. The leaves have or are changing and falling down around us. As we move into the colder winter months, remember to: **Promise Yourself: To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet** to enlighten your day and theirs also.

In October, we did some planning for the year; enjoyed honoring our veterans at the Madison Area Service Club luncheon; heard about opportunities of volunteering at the UW Hospitals; were enlightened by the UW Women's Basketball program; and enjoyed a Halloween Happy Hour get-together social time. Our new/continuing board met; the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team kicked off their planning for the year; and the Reach-A-Child service project was continued. Fundraisers were continuing or started and holiday planning has started. Thanks to everyone who gave of their time/talent, provided speakers and/or helped in coordinating the October and future scheduled events.

November will be continuing with speakers at lunches scheduled by Optimists and continuing with our Reach-A-Child service project. Also, don't forget about the Bucky Books, which are still available and the Koeze Nuts first order date, November 13th. *(See the schedule of events and other articles).*

We will have some Optimists attending the SWIS – Southern Wisconsin Conference the first weekend in November. Information will be provided from that conference that would be of value to our optimist club and the youth that we serve. *(See Optimist International programs available and conference schedule).*

In December, we'll be looking forward to the annual Lussier X-mas Party, ringing the Salvation Army Bell with the JOOI kids, and the annual Ornament Exchange. Moving into 2014, there will be our annual Progressive Dinner, another quarterly Happy Hour, and our weekly lunches and speakers.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving with your families. (No meeting Nov. 27th). Thanks for being Optimists.

Optimistically,

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STOC Bulletin Board

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2013-2014

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November Birthdays
No Birthdays in November!



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Veterans attending
the MASCC
Luncheon



Bucky Books: Help the STOC Youth & Community Foundation by Selling or purchasing a Bucky Book! The cost is only \$35, with a share of that going to the Foundation. Great money saving coupons for many local restaurants and other businesses. Check out the new mobile app! Contact Dan Bergs (dan.bergs@wegnercpas.com) or Tracey Ziegler (tracey@yourhealthconnector.com).



Save the Date...

The annual Christmas Party serving children of Madison's west side will be held on Saturday, December 14th at the Lussier Community Education Center. Watch for details and sign up to volunteer!

2014 SWIS Conference Dates

February 8 Chalet Landhaus, New Glarus
April 25 - 26 The Abbey, Lake Geneva
August 9 - 10 The Sheraton, Brookfield

2014 Optimist International Dates

May 17 OI Summit, Madison
July 9 - 12 OI International Convention, Las Vegas, NV

Koeze Nuts

Koeze Nuts and candies are some of the most delicious treats you will ever taste! They make great holiday or hostess gifts. Heck, just buy some for yourself!

Order by November 13th for delivery by Thanksgiving.

Order by December 4th for delivery by Christmas.



Contact Rick Thomas for more information.
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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>	Lunch Choices
06-Nov-13	Pete Graven	Mark Clarke, Alliant Energy Center	Club Sandwich served with chips OR Chef Salad
13-Nov-13	Kathy Johnson	Ray Yingling, <i>How Medications Deplete Vitamins from our Bod</i>	Beef Stew served with biscuit or Chicken Caesar Salad
18-Nov-13 (Mon 5-7PM)	Volunteers	Reach-A-Child , Inventory Books, complete IRS count, etc., <i>8459 Murphy Drive, #4, Middleton,</i>	-----
19-Nov-13	Board Meeting	Agenda Items, Anyone can attend. Wegner CPA's. 2110 Luann Lane, Madison, 7:45 AM	-----
20-Nov-13	Kathy Johnson	Asia Voight , Animal Communication	Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans OR Chicken Mandarin Salad
27-Nov-13	No Lunch Meeting	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	TURKEY with all the Extras.....
04-Dec-13	Bob Wortinger & Bonnie Spindler	<i>Greg Armstrong, Holy Wisdom Monastery History/Future</i>	Cheeseburger served with chips OR Chicken Caesar Salad
11-Dec-13	Rick Conne	SYS-Student of Months Honored	Taco Salad Served buffet Style
14-Dec-13 (Sat. PM)	Rick Conne, Frank Rath	Annual Lussier X-Mas Party for Youth	-----
16-Dec-13	Volunteers	Reach-A-Child , Inventory Books, complete IRS count, etc., <i>8459 Murphy Drive, #4, Middleton,</i>	-----
17-Dec-13	Board Meeting	Agenda Items, Anyone can attend. Time/Location TBD	-----
18-Dec-13	Optimists	Annual ORNAMENT Exchange	Special Holiday Lunch: Sliced Turkey Breast served with local cranberry sauce and garlic mashed potatoes OR Chef Salad
25-Dec-13	No Lunch Meeting	MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY HOLIDAYS	All Kinds of GREAT Home Food, ENJOY.

Shaded green = Wednesday Lunch Meeting

November 2013 Reflection:

Promise Yourself: To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

Each of us has experiences in our lives and can 'reflect' on how this line of the creed has helped us in our interaction with others. If there is a situation you would like to share briefly as part of the 'Happy Dollar' program during November, your input will enhance this promise to yourself and others.

Sauk Trails Optimist Board Of Directors Meeting

The STOC Board of Directors meeting on Tues., Oct. 15, 2013, was called to order by President Bonnie Spindler at 7:46 a.m.

Secretary/Treasurer's Reports: The minutes from the last meeting were approved. Treasurer Bob Wortinger reported that the club ended the 2012-13 year with a balance of \$1,360.32. He will order more club shirts since we have only 5 left in inventory. The proposed operating budget for the 2013-14 year was approved unanimously.

Organization Structure: The STOC Bylaws were reviewed and accepted. The STOC Policies were also reviewed. Bonnie recommended the following changes: #5 Club dues to OI change (from 15.23 to 15.42); Add the statement that all reporting to Optimist International will be done in a timely manner; Add that any pictures of children, the club must obtain written release from parents; Add distribution of SWIS newsletter is done on a quarterly basis by President/Secretary; amend that the lottery license is held by the Foundation and is renewed by the Foundation. The changes were approved unanimously.

Membership Report: The club is currently at 47 members and achieved Honor Club status for 2012-13. The emphasis this year will be retaining and sustaining new members. Recruiting new members is important, but maintaining current members is just as important. Carole suggested setting a goal of four new net members for the year. The goal was approved unanimously.

Old Business: 26 members and guests attended the annual banquet at Fitzgerald's. 15 members attended the MASCC luncheon. This year, REACH-a-Child volunteer activities will be the 3rd Monday of the month. The SWIS conference will be November 1-2 in Green Lake at the Heidel House.

New Business: Claudia Cabrera has volunteered to help with the club's Facebook page. Bonnie reviewed the current Optimist International incentives. We will have our annual Christmas Ornament Exchange at the Dec. 18th lunch meeting. Bonnie asked about interest in organizing the Oratorical and Essay Contests. Mike Grasmick expressed an interest in coordinating the Essay Contest. We will see if we can partner with the Breakfast Optimist Club again for the Oratorical Contest. Bob will coordinate with Gene Spindler for the annual club audit.

Committee Reports/Board Assignments: There will be 4 committees this year: Social/Membership (lead by Liv, Nancy & Jacci); JOOI (Rick C. and Carole); Service (Diane & Dan); and Fundraising (Pete). We will ask club members to choose a committee they would like to work on.

Lussier Party Report: Rick Conne reported that the basic planning has been done. He is working to get donations for food and gifts to help with the budget. He is working with Frank Rath, who organized the event for many years.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013, 7:45 a.m., at Wegner CPA's.

The meeting was adjourned.

(If you would to have the official minutes of the board meeting, please contact Carole Klopp, Club Secretary, at klopp@chorus.net.)

STOC Youth & Community Foundation Board Meetings

At the Foundation Board meeting on September 11th, the board considered making a change in the way it determines the amount donated. The club had been donating up to 75% of the previous year's fundraising revenues.

The board felt it would be more appropriate to establish a reserve amount to be maintained as a floor for the Foundation. The board voted on maintaining a reserve cash and investment balance of \$10,000.

The total payouts for the 2012-2013 year were \$5,506. The net Foundation balance as of September 30, 2013 was \$10,769.

President Bonnie Spindler called the October 15th meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

After the approval of the minutes from the last meeting, Bob presented the following amounts for discussion: Lussier Christmas Party (up to \$1,000); JOOI dues (\$560); and Student of the Month (\$250 for the year). These expenditures were approved.

The board tabled a discussion on participating in Sharing Christmas through Middleton Outreach Ministry until the November meeting. Carole mentioned that the JOOI Club may need assistance with their summer retreat expenses due to the loss of a major fundraiser (UW Concessions).

Bonnie and Carole will work on sending a letter to STOC members requesting donations to the Foundation. The tentative schedule for Foundations is February, May, & August. The discussion of additional fundraisers was tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

(If you would to have the official minutes of the board meeting, please contact Carole Klopp, Club Secretary.)

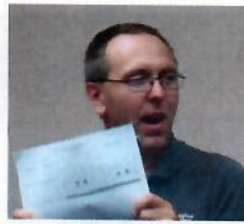


October

Photos by Steve Bailey



Bonnie takes the reigns.



Rick organizes the Koeze Nut fundraiser.



Rebecca Williams Spindler shared information about volunteering at UW Hospital. If you would like more info, you can contact her at volunteer.services@uwhealth.org or visit their website at www.uwhealth.org/volunteer.

Welcome Bobbie Kelsey, UW Women's Basketball Coach



Coach Kelsey joined us on Oct. 23rd to provide her outlook for the UW Women's BB team. We will check the schedule and pick a game to cheer the team on as a group!



It's official – John Schroder is a member of the club!



Veterans Steve, Jeannie, and Gene

2013 Madison Area Service Club Council Annual Luncheon

On October 9th, STOC members attended the MASCC Luncheon. We honored those who have served our country in the armed forces. The guest speaker was Brian Ziegler from the Badger Honor Flight.

