



# Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club  
Madison, Wisconsin



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



July 2014

## Sauk Trails Optimists:

Summer is finally here and we're having both challenging storms in some areas and great weather in others. We support each other through our actions, thoughts, and prayers at these times. We can also support ourselves by looking for the 'best' in every situation.

**The 10<sup>th</sup> tenet of the creed is: Promise yourself: To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.** A quote from the 'Power of Creed' book by Christen Larson, who wrote the Optimist Creed: *"Incorporating optimism will change the lenses through which you view your world. You will look for the best in every situation. Adopting this optimistic philosophy will lighten your load as you journey through life."*

On June 4<sup>th</sup> at Basies, in the Radisson we had our quarterly early evening Social Event and inducted and welcomed new members: Jeff Kuchenbecker and Rebecca Turner. We had a great turn-out and wonderful pizza and veggies to share. *(Thanks to the Social Team of Jacqui See and Liv Sandberg and Claudia Cabrera for coordinating).* The collection of 'hotel toiletries' was finished with 1/2 of them delivered to UW Whitewater Club for sending to Africa and the other 1/2 to the Women's Abuse shelter. *(see newsletter for article/pictures).* Thanks to all who contributed. We had great speakers sharing about the Boys and Girls Club, co-authoring children's books, and future plans for the Meadow wood Neighbor Center. *(Thanks to Todd Geltemeyer, Bonnie Spindler and Rick Conne for coordinating speakers).* *(NO meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, enjoy the holiday week with your friends/families).*

There will be some very interesting speakers in July who will be sharing about: Capitol protests, Acupuncture as a health alternative and the Badger Honor Flight. *(Thanks to Diane Hoebel, Kathy Johnson, and Doug Poole for coordinating the speakers).* *(See meeting schedule in newsletter).*

As the SWIS co-Membership Chair, **'Thank-You'** for being 'an Optimist'. **That's what we're all about, serving the kids and enhancing our personal lives as we do it.**

Optimistically,  
**Bonnie Spindler**

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## STOC Bulletin Board

### Sauk Trails Club Officers 2013-2014

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#### Board of Directors

Rick Conne  
Mike Grasmick  
Pete Graven  
Nancy Hach  
Diane Hoebel  
Liv Sandberg



### Save the Date!!

**Pool Party at Ted & Jacci See's Home on August 20<sup>th</sup>. More details to come.**



### July Birthdays



- 5 Julie Thomas
- 6 Dale Kalscheur
- 6 John Scherer
- 14 Alison Scherer
- 18 Lori Davis
- 22 Kathie Newman

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Mary Schwartz  
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### 2014 Scholarship Winner



President Bonnie congratulates Rutvi at the JOOI Banquet.

Rutvi Shah, Memorial graduate and Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team Vice-President, has been awarded the STOC Youth and Community Foundation Scholarship for 2014. The \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Rutvi for her community service work and leadership in the SYSJT.

Rutvi plans to attend the University of Wisconsin in Madison and hopes to major in the medical field.



Carole introduces Rutvi at the June 18<sup>th</sup> STOC mtg.

**Don't Forget to Get Your Football Frenzy Tickets!**

Only \$20 each!

Pick them up at a meeting or contact Doug Poole while Gene is on vacation.

([dougmarypoole@gmail.com](mailto:dougmarypoole@gmail.com))  
or call 244-2391)

#### 2014 SWIS Conference Dates

August 9 – 10 The Sheraton, Brookfield

#### 2014 Optimist International Dates

July 9 – 12 OI International Convention, Las Vegas, NV

### Sauk Trails Optimists Club Meetings and Other Scheduled Events

Date	Optimist Assigned	Speaker and Topic (Lunch, 11:45 AM at Radisson unless indicated)	Lunch Choices
7-2-14		JULY 4 <sup>th</sup> HOLIDAY WEEK, Radisson CANCELLED	CANCELLED
7-9-14	Diane Hoebel	Police Chief Susan Riesling	Capitol protests again.
7-16-14	Kathy Johnson	Lisa Littel	Acupuncture as a Health alternative.
7-23-14	TBA		
7-30-14	Doug Poole	Andy Kreutzer and Ed Faber	Badger Honor Flight
8-6-14	John Scherer	Mr. Austin	Bucky Books for business and 'apps'
8-13-14	TBA		
8-20-14		LUNCH CANCELLED, Social at Ted and Jacci See's Home	Social at See's
8-27-14	TBA		
9-3-14	John Scherer	Rich Dixon	WI Hope Tour
9-24-14	Bonnie Spindler & Dan Bergs	Sauk Trails Annual Banquet, Many speakers at the Radisson	Sharing about the 13-14 year and plans for the 14-15 year.

Shaded blue = Wednesday Lunch Meeting

### July 2014 Reflection:

***Promise Yourself:*** To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

How would your life be different if you were to eliminate worry, anger, and/or fear from it? If you have a specific challenge that you've recently addressed and would like to share it at one of our 'Happy Dollar' programs during July your 'story' could inspire other optimists.

### ***Sauk Trails Optimist Club Youth & Community Foundation Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 17, 2014***

The Foundation Board held its quarterly meeting after the regular club board meeting on June 17. The board will continue to investigate additional fundraisers to replace revenue that was lost when the "W Club" lost the contract for UW concessions. Ideas from members are welcome!

So far the Foundation has made grants to Christmas for Kids (the Christmas Party at the Lussier Center); the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team (dues); the Optimist International Foundation; and for STOC activities including the essay contest, Respect for Law, and Student of the Month. We have also provided one \$1,000 scholarship to a Memorial High School graduate.

The Foundation Board will meet again in September to determine any remaining grants for the 2013-14 year.

**SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Bonnie. Minutes from the May board meeting were approved and the financial reports were accepted. It was agreed to continue to include the \$10 donation on the quarterly billing statements to make up for lost UW Football concession stand revenue.

**Membership Report:** We are currently at 46 members. We need to add two more to receive Honor Club.

**Old Business:** The Social Committee reports that the June 4<sup>th</sup> "New Optimists Welcomed" Happy Hour went very well. A Pool Party at the See's is being planned for later in the summer (August 20<sup>th</sup>). Interest will be gauged for attending the Brewer game or a Mallards game. A good number of STOC members attended the Spartan Youth Service Team Recognition & Installation Banquet on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Bonnie asked for input on the change to a buffet for our lunch meetings. It seems to be going okay.

**New Business:** Bonnie will be gone for 2 of the July lunch meetings. Carole and Mary will pinch hit. Bonnie will be attending the OI Convention in Las Vegas. The club will reimburse \$200 of her expenses. The STOC Induction Banquet will be September 24 with Joanne Ganske performing the Installation of officers and board members. The 2014 MASCC Luncheon will be October 15<sup>th</sup>. Bonnie and Gene travelled to UW-Whitewater to deliver the check and toiletry item supporting their trip to Africa. Approval was given for the secretary to purchase a jump drive for file storage.

The meeting was adjourned. The next STOC Board meeting will be Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m. at Wegner CPA's.

**Sauk Trails Optimist Club Supports  
UW-Whitewater Student Club's African Mission**

In early June, Bonnie and Gene travelled to Whitewater to deliver a grant check and toiletry items to the UW-Whitewater Student Club. The UW-W Student Club has been working to assist with transporting an ambulance to Burkino Faso, Africa. The ambulance was purchased by Hassimi Traore, a chemistry professor at UW-Whitewater who is originally from Burkino Faso.

The UW-W Student Club worked to fill the ambulance with medical supplies and educational materials. The ambulance was shipped in early June and Hassimi and the students will travel to Burkino Faso in August. Our STOC Youth and Community Foundation supported the project with a \$250.00 grant. The Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team also contributed to the project.

For a detailed article in the "Daily Jefferson County Union," Please click on this link:  
[http://m.dailyunion.com/mobile/news/article\\_230ef0d8-e279-11e3-9ac2-0017a43b2370.html](http://m.dailyunion.com/mobile/news/article_230ef0d8-e279-11e3-9ac2-0017a43b2370.html)



Bonnie presents a check to Hassimi Traore.



Presenting toiletry items collected by STOC members.

**June In Pictures**

**Photos by Steve Bailey**



Michael Johnson provides an update on what's new at the Madison Boys and Girls Club.



Rebecca and Madelyn Spindler shared what it is like to be authors. The mother/daughter team has written a trilogy of young adult books.



Joe Schlesing is the director of the Meadowwood Neighborhood Center on Raymond Road. The center is undergoing renovation & expansion. Joe shared how he is implementing new programs in conjunction with the neighborhood schools. Volunteers are needed, especially to read with students.



**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.**