



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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



September 2014

Sauk Trails Optimists:

The 2013-2014 year has really flown by. This will be my last article as club president; it's been an honor and privilege to serve you this year. The very last 'lost tenet' of the optimist creed coincides with the last month of the optimist year. We'll be looking at what we planned to accomplish together through faith in ourselves and recognizing that we did the 'best' that was in us during the 13-14 year.

The 12th 'lost' tenet of the creed is: Promise Yourself: To live in the faith that the whole world is on your side so long as you are true to the best that is in you.

Some of the synonyms of faith are: Confidence, loyalty, conviction, trust, devotion. A quote from the 'Power of Creed' book by Christen Larson, who wrote the Optimist Creed: "This tenet was written to remind people to 'internalize' faith, not only a faith the merely believes but that knows. With faith in one self, they can accomplish whatever they desire because faith will stay the course for victory. Faith is the hidden secret to everything, the key that unlocks every door and is the hidden secret to every desire and need of man/women".

There were 12 of us who had a great time at the 'Mallards Game'. (Thanks to Liv Sandberg for coordinating). The SWIS 4th Quarter Convention provided club president training and round-tables on how to 'finish the 13-14 year 'strong'. We also had a speaker sharing about the Bucky Book, one of our annual fund-raisers. (Thanks to John Scherer for coordinating). There was a presentation about 'Horizons', coordinated by Jacci See. The annual Social get-together at the See's home, was a great success and we'll round out the month with a presentation about the Reach-A-Child program, which our club supports.

The 'Footfall Frenzy' fundraiser is coming to a close. Thanks to all who participated by selling tickets, Gene Spindler for Coordinating and Doug Poole for assisting. The 'Bucky Book' fundraiser program will be starting in September, Dan Bergs will be coordinating.

In September we'll be having a representative of the Wisconsin Hope Tour sharing about his experiences. There will also be a presentation on the Lussier Center program, which our club supports. A golf outing has been planned, for Saturday September 13th and the Sauk Trails Optimist Club annual banquet for all optimists and significant others is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17th. You're new and continuing board team will be inducted by Past Governor, Joanne Ganske and there will be sharing and awards for the 13-14 year by Bonnie Spindler and the 14-15 plans by President Elect, Dan Bergs. (There will be sign-ups at lunches and by e-mail).

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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Bucky Books are here! Pick them up at a lunch meeting or contact Dan Bergs. The Books cost \$35, with \$15 going to the club. Checks can be made payable to Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Sales will continue through September.

\$ Fundraisers \$

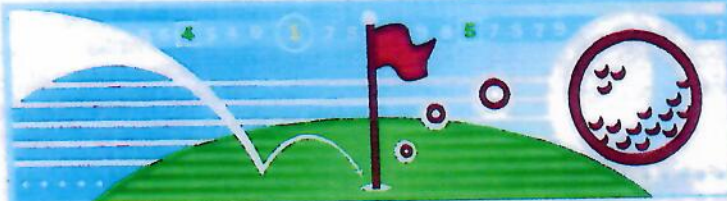
Gene reports we sold 85 Football Frenzy tickets. This means \$850 for the Foundation.

September Birthdays

Carole Klopp	4
Jeannie Bettsworth	9
Mark Kraemer	9
Mary Bruenig	20
Dan Chart	22
Sherri Rath	23
Nancy Hach	27
Jacci See	27



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STOC Golf Outing Saturday, September 13th 10:15 a.m. at Tumbledown Trails

At the urging of Steve Bailey, we are reviving a STOC social event from the past with a 9 Hole Golf Scramble at Tumbledown Trails Golf Course on Mineral Point Road.

We have twelve people signed up already and have room for more with tee times starting at 10:26 a.m. and going off every 8 minutes.

The cost will be \$25 for golf (includes cart). There will be hole prizes and it should be great fun! Guests and spouses are welcome!

Everyone is invited to stick around for socializing and lunch off the menu afterward at the clubhouse.

If you are interested in signing up, please contact Bob Wortinger at rwortinger@tds.net.

Volunteer at the REACH-a-Child Warehouse

2235 Eagle Drive, Middleton
(in the American Girl warehouse)

Thursday, September 11
Anytime between
3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Help needed for the STOC Facebook Page!

Thanks to Claudia Cabrera who has been maintaining the club Facebook page. Due to her job changes, she would like to turn this over to an interested Optimist and will train him/her on the process of what needs to be done. If you're interested please contact, current president Bonnie Spindler OR incoming president, Dan Bergs.

Sauk Trails Optimists Club Meetings and Other Scheduled Events

Date	Optimist Assigned	Speaker <i>(Lunch, 11:45 AM at Radisson unless indicated)</i>	Topic
9-3-14	John Scherer	Rich Dixon Wisconsin Hope Tour	An inspiring true story about what can happen when we stop believing in impossible.
9-10-14	Rick Conne	Nina Gehen, Development Director Lussier Community Education Center	Lussier Center Future Planning
9-11-14	Available Optimists	Volunteer @ REACH-a-Child Warehouse 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Help unpack and organize books
9-13-14	Bob Wortinger	GOLF Outing Planned at Tumbledown Trails.	Golfing
9-17-14	Bonnie Spindler & Dan Bergs	Sauk Trails Optimist Club Annual Banquet: speakers / awards / inductions.	Sharing about the 13-14 year and plans for the 14-15 year, at the Radisson.
9-22-13	Bonnie Spindler	Board and Foundation Meeting, Monday evening, 5:00 PM	Sprecher's in Middleton
9-24-14	TBD		
10-1-14	Dan Bergs	STOC Members	Planning for the 2014-2015 club year.
10-4-14		1st Quarter SWIS Conference	The Marriott in Middleton
10-15-14		MASCC – Madison Area Service Club at the Alliant Center	United Way Planning for the Future

Shaded = Wednesday Lunch Meeting

September 2014 Reflection:

Promise Yourself: To live in the faith that the whole world is on your side so long as you are true to the best that is in you. This is one of the two 'lost tenets' the 12th one of the creed. Each of us can think about the 'faith' we've had in ourselves and how that impacted the results of some activity that we've accomplished recently. Please share that event at one of our 'Happy Dollar' programs during September; your 'story' would be inspirational for others.

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Annual Recognition & Induction Banquet

Wednesday, September 17, 2014
The Radisson
5:30 Cash Bar & 6:30 Dinner with Program to Follow

Menu Options:

1) Chicken Cordon Bleu
Members: \$20.00 / Non-Members: \$25.00

2) Baked Salmon with lemon dill butter
Members: \$20.00 / Non-Members: \$25.00

3) 8 oz Top Sirloin
Members: \$25.00 / Non-Members: \$30.00

Served with garden fresh salad with choice of two dressings, rolls, butter, roasted red potatoes, and California blend vegetables, coffee, decaf, iced tea & milk

All STOC members (and their spouses or significant others) should plan to attend!

RSVP by Friday, September 12th.

Sign up at a lunch meeting or by contacting Bonnie Spindler at blspindler@charter.net.

SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, August 19th, 7:30 AM
MINUTES

Present: Bonnie, Bob, Carole, Dan, Diane, and Rick **Absent:** Liv, Mary, Mike, Nancy, Pete
 The meeting was called to order at 7:33am.

The Board Minutes from 07/29/2014 were approved.

Bob presented the **July Financial Reports** which were accepted.

Membership Report Update: As of July 31 (and August 18) we are at 45 + 2 FOOs = 47. We started this fiscal year @ 43 + 4 FOOs = 47. Thus, we are currently even for the year. However, we will lose Paul as a FOO, so we will need to add 2 more people before the end of September if we would like to be Honor Club. Bonnie will be submitting the club's President's Pride report by Aug. 30th.

Old Business:

- a. Mallards Game Social August 6th – 12 members & guests went and a good time was had by all.
- b. MASCC Update: (Oct. 15th, speaker on United Way Formats) – speaker change.
- c. August 21st Social Get-Together at See's – folk can still sign up to attend.
- d. Other Old Business – Bob requested funds for the golf outing. Agreed and we also allowed \$100 for the August 21st social.

August 21st social.

New Business.

- a. September 13th, Golf Outing (Update)- at 12 people
 - b. September 17th, Annual STOC Banquet at the Radisson. Carole moves to charge members \$20 for the dinner and guests will pay the full amount, Rick seconds, passes unanimously.
 - c. Quarterly NOW – New Optimist Welcomed (Nov. 5th or 12th??) Postponed until we find out about Basie's remodel completion.
 - d. SWIS District: Sat. Oct 4th first conference. At the Marriott. Rick will help with registration if he's in town.
 - e. Change in Contacts at Radisson for Lunch/Banquet/Socials. Just found out that Adam Lehman for meal confirmation and invoicing Federico is in charge.
 - f. Other New Business. Carole asked if we could have the next board meeting in the evening on September 23rd. Tentatively agreed. Bonnie will contact Sprecher's for the meeting at 5 to 7.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:25am.** The September meeting date and place will be determined by President Bonnie. All board members will be notified by email date, time, and place of the next board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Carole Klopp, Secretary

For a copy of the official minutes, contact Carole at klopp@chorus.net.

A Special Message From
SWIS Governor George Breadon:

To keep up the traditions of the Southern Wisconsin – SWIS District, we need to continue previous efforts and focus on recruitment of new members for this last quarter. I'm offering an incentive for all club members. My Monroe Morning club is celebrating 45 years of membership this year and Monroe has the second oldest brewery in the USA. (formerly Huber Brewing Company). In part to honor my club and city I'm offering a 'Minhas Craft Brewery' beer glass to any member who recruits a new Optimist or Friend of Optimist between August 1 – September 30th, 2014. In addition, each Club President who has 3 new members in their club will receive a "pair of beer glasses". With an annual attrition rate of about 10% in most clubs, we need new members to continue our mission of serving the youth of our communities.

With the new school year starting, President-Elect Dan Bergs is looking for enthusiastic STOC members to help coordinate these upcoming events:

OI Essay Contest

January – February 2015

Theme: Optimism Should be a Priority

OI Oratorical Contest

OI CCDHH Contest

February – March 2015

Theme: How My Optimism Will Help Me Press on to Greater Achievements of the Future.

Students participating in the contests have the opportunity to win scholarships. Please let Dan know if you are interested.

August In Pictures

Photos by Steve Bailey



Michael Christopher shares information about Horizon High School.



Gigi Johnson updates STOC members on what's new with the Bucky Books.

Special thanks to Ted & Jaci See for hosting the Pool Party on August 21st.

A good time was had by all!



Eric Salzwedel & Carole Klopp bring us up-to-date on REACH-a Child.

Special thanks to Bonnie Spindler for the outstanding job she did as the 2013-2014 Sauk Trails Optimist Club President.



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.**