



Pathways

# Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



**October 2012**

**Schedule:  
Wednesday's 11:45 – 12:45 Noon,  
Radisson Hotel, Madison**



Fellow Optimists!

Our new Optimist year got off to a great start at the Recognition/Induction Banquet. Thanks to all who could join us for an enjoyable evening at Fitzgerald's.

I am excited about this year for a couple of reasons. First of all, Jacci did a great job leading the club last year. Thanks to Jacci, we have a great place to meet and the club is once again growing in membership. Membership is the second reason I am excited. We have some new faces in the club and on the board of directors. That means new friends and new ideas for doing service.

We will continue our traditional projects including the Spartan Youth Service Team, Special Olympics, and Respect for Law; build on our work with REACH A Child; and find new ways to service youth and the community – perhaps through a Day Of Service (a chance to roll up your sleeves and help someone who needs a hand).

I welcome your input (positive and negative). In addition to our Wednesday lunch meetings, club members are also welcome to attend our monthly board meetings.

Let's work together to make this the most Optimistic year yet!

Optimistically yours,  
*Mary*

**Speaker Calendar:**

October 10<sup>th</sup> MASCC Event – no meeting

October 17<sup>th</sup> Open

October 24<sup>th</sup> Sandi Sullivan speaking about her time working with the Green Bay Packers

October 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween Fun!



Immediate Past President Jacci  
Presents a rose to new president  
Mary Schwartz.

## Board Meeting Minutes

Sauk Trails Optimist Club

STOC Regular Board Meeting

First Weber Office – September 12, 2012

Members in Attendance:

President: Jacci See Vice-President: Gene Spindler Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

Board Members: Carole Klopp, John Scherer, Ray Schmitz, and Mary Schwartz Others: Dan Bergs

The meeting was called to order by Jacci See at 7:45 AM. A motion was made by John, seconded by Carole, and passed, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2012 Board Meeting.

### *Treasurer's Report*

Bob asked for questions regarding the August, 2012 financial statements which were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. STOC has an operating cash balance of \$2,785 as of August 31 and Foundation cash balances total \$9,524. Bob noted that payouts were made in August to both 2012 scholarship winners. Two STOC members still have receivables outstanding from the April 1 quarter. Dan Bergs agreed to perform the audit committee duties this year. A motion was made by Carole, seconded by Gene and passed to accept the August, 2012 Treasurer's Report.

### *Membership Report*

The Board discussed and reversed a decision related to a membership matter at the August 10, 2012 Board meeting. Also, a motion was made by Carole, seconded by Mary and approved to accept Mike Grasmick's application to join STOC. This leaves our membership count at 32 + 2 FOOs for a total of 34. STOC started this fiscal year at 30 members (29 + 1 FOO). Carole & Jacci continue to work on a new STOC membership application.

### *Facebook*

John will be meeting with Tracey on other matters in the next few days and will discuss how STOC members can assist Tracey with the Facebook project.

### *Madison Area Service Club Council's Appreciation Day*

The annual MASCC Olympics and fall luncheon have been combined into one event scheduled for October 10, 2012. The Board discussed whether to pay a portion of the lunch fee. With five of the seven current board members attending and STOC's operating income at a loss for the current year, it was agreed by consensus not to pay a portion of the MASCC luncheon fees this year. Mike Gustafson will be discussing this event at STOC's next lunch meeting.

### *West Madison Optimists*

Jacci reported that Bonnie is working with this club which is in the process of dissolving and is encouraging several of their members to join STOC.

### *Annual Induction Banquet*

The annual STOC Induction Banquet is scheduled for September 26 at Fitzgerald's in Middleton. Mary is working on arrangements. Cost of the event will be \$20 per member plus dessert bars. A motion was made by Carole, seconded by Gene, and passed, that each member attending the banquet will be assessed a charge of \$12 plus \$20 for each guest. The remaining charges will be incurred by STOC and will be considered 2012-2013 expenses.

### *JOOI Report*

Carole reported that the JOOI club held their first meeting of the year on September 10 and there were 175 students in attendance. STOC advisors for JOOI this year are Carole, Rick Conne, and Rick Thomas.

### *Foundation Donations*

The Board members discussed various options for encouraging STOC members to make charitable donations directly to our Foundation.

The Board expressed its appreciation to Jacci for leading us to a very successful year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2011-2012

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**October Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:45 a.m., at Jacci's First Weber office, 7979 Greenway Blvd., Middleton. All are welcome.**

Installation Banquet September 26, 2012 at Fitzgerald's in Middleton



The New Board of Directors  
 Dan Bergs, Past President Jacci See,  
 President Mary Schwartz,  
 Bob Wortinger, Carole Klopp, Tracey Ziegler,  
 Liv Sandberg



Induction Ceremony conducted by  
 Lt. Gov. Rochelle Robkin and SWIS Governor  
 Bonnie Spindler



Mary thanks Jacci for a great year!



Carole Klopp is named Optimist of the Year



Jacchi See  
 Installing New  
 Members and  
 F.O.O.'s  
 (Friends of  
 Optimists)

### **Service Opportunity: R.E.A.C.H. a Child**

We are helping Paul Gilbertson at the REACH a Child warehouse the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Join us on **October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** (come as you are able). The warehouse is at 8459 Murphy Drive, #4 in Middleton (located just down the street from UPS). Activities include organizing the books, putting stickers on books, and stuffing backpacks.

### **JOOI Club News**

The Sauk Trails Optimist Club sponsors a JOOI Club at Memorial High School called the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Club. It meets on Wednesdays from 3:45-4:15 in the Fox Neighborhood Center (a.k.a The Fish Bowl) inside Memorial High School. We currently have 4 advisors, 3 from STOC and 1 teacher from Memorial. Our club advisors are: Carole Klopp, Rick Conne, and Rick Thomas. Mr. O'Shea is our in-school advisor.

Every year we have from 150-200 participants who are asked to do a minimum of 15 hours of volunteering within our community. Many of the students do much more than that. The club tracks the students' volunteer hours through all 4 years of high school so that students can be recommended for colleges, scholarships and jobs when they complete high school. Some of the students' favorite projects include: Service Begins at Home, Badger Concessions, Haunted House and serving meals at the Ronald McDonald House. If you are interested in helping with the club, please contact any of the advisors for more information.

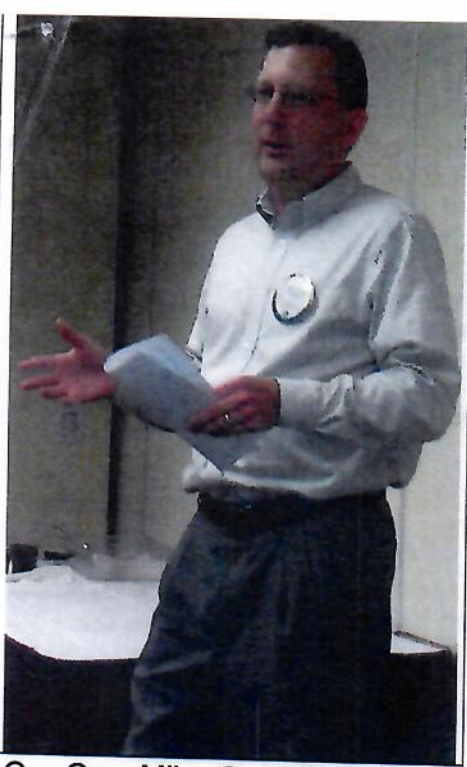
### **2012 Koeze Nut Fundraiser**

Our club kicked off our annual Koeze Nut Fundraiser on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We had over \$1500 in profits last year, and we hope to top \$1700 in profits in 2012!

#### **What you need to know to sell Koeze Nuts:**

- Order deadlines: November 7<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving sales, and December 5<sup>th</sup> for Christmas sales.
- Bring order forms to Wednesday meetings or contact Rick Thomas at 212-7582 or [jathoma2@wisc.edu](mailto:jathoma2@wisc.edu)
- **Collect money up front** with checks made payable to **Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Give all checks to Bob Wortinger.**
- Products normally available include:
  - Colossal Cashews and Classic Mixed Nuts** in decanters, canisters and boxes.
  - Milk or Dark Chocolate Puddles** in decanters and boxes
  - Delan Caramel Crunch and Chocolate Covered Dried Cherries**
  - Executive Gift Packs**-combinations for corporate clients
- Product prices range from \$7.29-\$200.00+
- Come to a weekly meeting or contact Rick Thomas for promotional information, brochures or order forms.

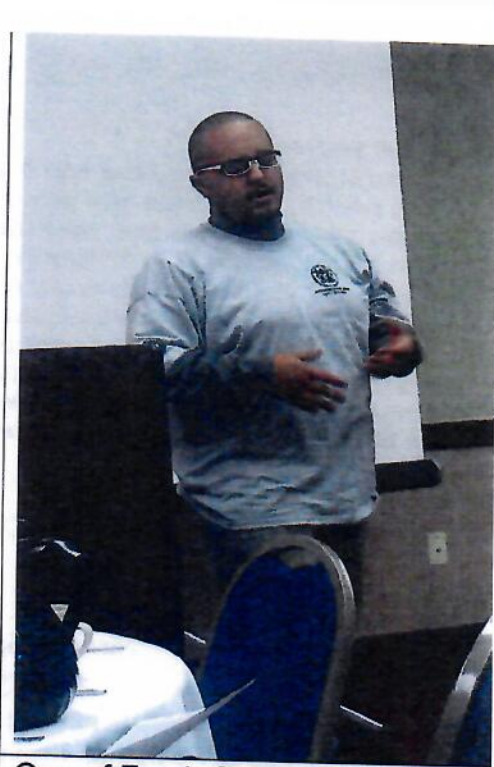
There are two parts to the Koeze Nuts Fundraiser: 1) Accumulating the orders from everyone and ordering the Koeze products. 2) Distributing the Koeze products when they come in. If you have an interest in helping out with either of these tasks, please contact Rick Thomas as soon as possible.



Our Own Mike Gustafson on  
The MASCC luncheon



Paul Kamps of  
Operation Fresh Start



One of Fresh Start's students



Past President's Luncheon: Ricki Hoefler, Tom Allen( our first  
President) Jaci See, Mary Schwartz, Carole Klopp, John Scherer,  
Bonnie Spindler, and Rick Thomas



SWIS Governor  
Bonnie Spindler....

Great Job this year Bonnie!!  
Congratulations

## September Meeting Highlights

## 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.

Here's a word from our past president Jacci See on her year:

Sauk Trails Optimists:

This year begins my 20<sup>th</sup> year with Sauk Trails Optimists and somehow or other, I was able to avoid being the President or elected officer all these years. Last year, however, when asked, I just couldn't say "no", knowing how many of my fellow optimists have served this wonderful club over the past 20 years. Now that my year is completed, I can look back and say I'm glad I said "yes!".

It has been an exciting year! With our focus on servicing youth, we had to abruptly focus our energy on finding a meeting place and on our 5<sup>th</sup> try, we now have found a good home at The Radisson. Starting the year with 30 members, I am so pleased to report that we now have expanded to almost 45 members with the 5 new members added plus 9 members who have chosen to transfer to us from West Madison and 2 new FOO's! For every adult in our organization, 35 youth are served! And serve youth we do with over 175+ JOOI kids, our Special Olympics Track and Field Event, and our working with R.E.A.C.H. a child, to name a few of our events. And thru it all, we have formed even stronger relationships with each other and it's been fun!

None of this could have been accomplished without our Officers, Board members, JOOI advisors, Governor Bonnie and all the other club members who contribute so much every week. It's amazing how much we can accomplish together and I thank you all for the opportunity you gave me. My hope is that we all can continue to say "yes" to being as active as we can in this new year and that we continue to have fun in serving our youth!

Thank you Jacci for a great Optimist year!

### HAPPYSEPTEMBER/OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

*Mark Kramer 9/9*  
*Carole Klopp 9/4*  
*Pat Beiersdorf 9/13*  
*Jacci See 9/27*  
*Rick Thomas 10/21*

### Sauk Trails Club Officers 2012-2013

President  
Mary Schwartz

Secretary/Treasurer  
Bob Wortinger

Past President  
Jacci See

Vice President  
Pete Graven

Board of Directors  
Dan Bergs  
Carole Klopp  
Rick Conne  
Liv Sandberg  
Tracey Ziegler

### 2012-13 STOC Committee Chairs

#### Volunteer/Service

Fundraising  
Rick Thomas  
(Kozie Nuts)  
Tracey Ziegler  
(Buckey Books)

#### Social

Speakers  
Club Members

Membership  
Everybody