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Sauk Trails Optimist Club

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

April 2008 Newsletter



Sauk Trails Optimists:

Now is the time to serve! There are many things you can do this spring and throughout the upcoming year to serve youth in our community. In April alone, we have many projects including: Pass/Dribble/Shoot competition, Earth Day park cleanup, Ronald McDonald House, and the Spring Fund Raiser. On May 3rd we have our largest event of the year, the Special Olympics Track and Field Meet in Oregon.

If you are busy this spring, but still want to help, you should consider running for the STOC Board of Directors. We are also in great need of someone who is willing to serve as president of the club next year. Finally, we will also be in need of a new secretary/treasurer starting October 1, 2008. If you volunteer to serve in any one of these leadership activities, be assured that you will receive training and support from your fellow members. We need nominees for these positions as soon as possible so we can have our elections in the next couple of weeks. Challenge yourself to step up and help serve the youth of our community. You'll be glad you did!

Rick Thomas, Club President 2007 - 2008

SOCIAL Get-Together

There was a special club meeting held on March 19th at the West Side Club. Twenty-four optimists, spouses, and guests attended the get-together where we enjoyed nice visits and great appetizers. There were 4 guests who are looking into joining service clubs in the future. Hopefully the Sauk Trails Optimist Club will be in their future.

Saturday, MAY 3rd is scheduled for the Special Olympics Track Meet in Oregon. This annual event is one of the many highlights of our Optimist year.



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Members in Attendance:

President: Rick Thomas
 Past President: Greg Hermus
 Sec/Treasurer: Gene Spindler
 VP & Board Members: Kevin Campos, Ricki Hoefler
 Not Present: Carole Klopp, Bob Wortinger, Kathy Johnson, Bill Monkemeyer, Ray Schmitz, Barb Mulcahy -VP

SWIS – Southern Wisconsin Conferences

May 2nd – 3rd, 2008 Wis. Dells
 August 2nd – 3rd, 2008 Racine

**Sauk Trails Optimist Club Board Meeting Minutes,
 Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 3/12/2008**

Rick Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

The minutes of the February 12, 2008 Board Meeting were discussed. As we did not have a quorum there was no vote on the minutes.

The Financial Report through February 29, 2008 was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the information provided.

Rick gave the President's Report. There were no new members to accept. The calendar of events review included a report on the essay contest, which was coordinated by Alison Scherer, the Optimist bowling which was held on March 9th and attended by five individuals, and a report on the evening meeting scheduled at the West Side Club on March 19th from 5 pm to 7 pm for members and guests. The Board discussed the need for Officers and Board members needed for the year beginning October 1, 2008. Members will be contacted to determine interest in becoming President, Secretary/Treasurer and as a Board Member.

On Committee updates it was reported that the JOOI Club was activity working on the run/walk event scheduled May of 2008. Greg reported that the Harlem Ambassadors are scheduled on September 28th at Memorial High School. The spring fundraiser will be held on April 24th at Rocky's on April 24th along with the induction of the JOOI Officers for next year. There will be numerous items available for members and guests to bid on to raise funding for scholarships and other Club youth activities.

Committee reports were giving on Membership, Projects, Programs and Social Activities.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting is set for 4:30 on April 8th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Gene Spindler, Secretary/Treasurer 2007-2008

Sauk Trails Club Officers

President
 Rick Thomas

Secretary/Treasurer
 Gene Spindler

Past President
 Greg Hermus

Vice Presidents - 145
 Barb Mulcahy
 Kevin Campos

Board of Directors
 Ricki Hoefler
 Bob Wortinger
 Bill Monkemeyer
 Carole Klopp
 Kathy Johnson
 Ray Schmitz

FUTURE BOARD Meetings, 4:30 PM

April 8th, 2008
 May 13th, 2008
 June 10th, 2008
 July 8th, 2008
 August 12th, 2008
 September 9th, 2008

Speaker Coordinator Needed

We are in need of a new speaker coordinator to serve until October 2008. This is a great opportunity for anyone who likes to meet new people and can creatively come up with topics for our meetings. Even if you can't attend the weekly meetings, this would be a great way to serve your club. No experience is needed, just a willingness to serve.



April / May 2008 Schedule:

April 2nd Lunch Babe's, 11:45
 April 5th Sat., Pass/Dribble/Shot
 April 8th 4:30 PM Board Meeting
 April 9th Lunch Babe's, 11:45 am
 April 10th Thursday, Ronald McDonald
 April 16th Lunch Babe's, 11:45 am
 April 19th Sat, UW Band Concert, Kohl Ctr
 April 23rd Lunch Babe's, 11:45 am
 April 24th Thur., JOOI Induction, Auction
 April 26th Saturday, Earth Day
 April 30th Lunch Babe's, 11:45 am
 May 3rd Sat., Special Track Olympics

Happy Birthday

Pete Graven

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Respect for Law will be scheduled in late May or early June. Election of Club officers for the 0809 year, who will start in October 08, will occur on April 30th.

DATES	Location	Speaker	Topic	Lunch
April 2 nd	<u>Babes</u>	Rick Thomas	Food Pantry network	Rueben or Chicken Taco Salad
April 9 th	<u>Babes</u>	John Olson	Madison Foundation	½ French Dip or Buffalo Chicken Salad
April 16 th	<u>Babes</u>	Student of Month, April	Student of Month Shares	Fish Sandwich or ½ Cobb Salad
April 23 rd	<u>Babes</u>	Neal Kunde	New technology for your home/business	Club Wrap or Beef Taco Salad
April 30 th	<u>Babes</u>	Speaker & Election of 0809 Officers	TBA	Turkey & Swiss or ½ Chicken Caesar
May 7 th	<u>Babes</u>	TBA	TBA	BLT or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
May 14 th	<u>Babes</u>	May Student of the Month	Student of Month Shares	Fish Tacos or Chicken Taco Salad
May 21 st	<u>Babes</u>	Scholarship Recipients	Presentation of 2 \$1,000 Scholarships	Club Sandwich or Buffalo Chicken Salad

Pass/Dribble/Shoot Competition

The Spartan Youth Service Team will be hosting a Pass/Dribble/Shoot competition to be held at the Boy's and Girl's Club on **Saturday, April 5th from 11:00-1:00**. Children ages 7-13 will be allowed to test their basketball skills at various stations, and the children with the best scores will win medallions. If you would like to help the JOOI students, please contact Rick Thomas at 212-7582. If you know any children that would be interested in participating, please send them to the Boy's & Girl's Club off of Allied Drive, April 5th.

UW Badger Band Concert, April 19th, at the Kohl Center!

Tickets were ordered for **Saturday, April 19th at 7:30 PM** for the UW Badger Band Concert. Those going will be coordinating a possible get-together for dinner before the concert. Thanks for Kathy and Barb for coordinating efforts for this social club event.

Earth Day 2008

We will once again be helping clean up Garner Park on Madison's west side on Earth Day. This year that is **Saturday, April 26th**. We will be helping **from 9:00 am until approximately 11:00**. If you wish to work longer, there will be crews there all day. We will be picking up trash, pulling garlic mustard and cutting buckthorn. Do something to make this wonderful park an even better place. Please make sure to wear gloves and bring loppers if you have one.

March 2008, STUDENT of the MONTH

Angelina Bolles was the March Student of the Month. She is a very active in the Spartan Youth Service Team/JOOI club and an excellent student. Her parents were both present at the lunch to support her in receiving the March Student of the Month award.

STUDENT of Month 2008 Dates

April 16th; May 14th.



Ronald McDonald House

The Sauk Trails Optimist Club once again sponsored a meal at the Ronald McDonald House on Thursday, March 6th. A meal of BBQ, salad and chips was prepared. Chuck and Gail Koehler along with Rick Thomas prepared the meal. The following Thursday, March 13th, the JOOI students prepared a meal of baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans and pasta salad.



The next planned meal is with the JOOI students on Thursday, April 10th. If you are interested in preparing future meals, please contact Rick Thomas at: 212-7582.

Sunday, March 19th 4 optimists and spouse got together for a fun day of bowling and an appetizer get-together visit at Basie's, Radisson. We all had a nice time bowling and socializing with each other.

JOOI Induction Banquet and Silent Auction

We will be holding our annual Youth and Community Foundation silent auction fundraiser in conjunction with the Spartan Youth Service Team's Induction Banquet on **Thursday, April 24th**. Help raise money for our community programs while honoring the accomplishments of our many fine youth. The event will start at 5 pm, and will be held at the **Rocky Rococo's on Mineral Point Rd.** Sign up at lunch or by contacting Rick Thomas at: jathoma2@wisc.edu or 212-7582. We will have silent auction items from many local establishments and some surprises. We'll see you there!

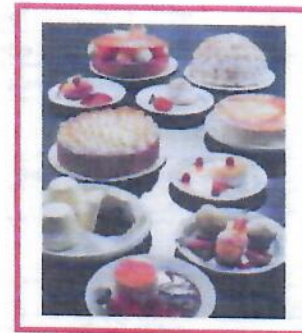
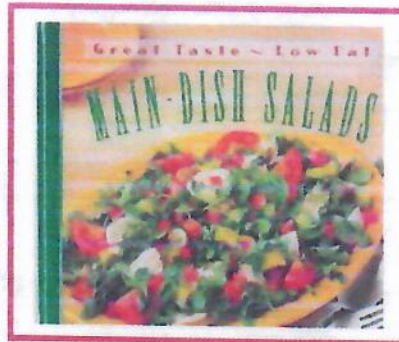
Essay Contest, 2008

Stephanie Sykes – was a Sauk Trails Club Essay winner who was entered in the district competition. She did not place in that competition. Everyone who entered the district competition did a fantastic job on his or her Essay. Congratulations Stephanie for winning at the club level. This year's topic was, "Today's Choices Shape My Future"

Sauk Trails Summer Social Get-Together
RE-SCHEDULED to Sunday, June 8th, 2008

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 8th! We are holding the annual Sauk Trails Summer Social get-together for the spring/summer season. Join us for an entertaining time for all.

Optimists/spouses/significant others are welcome. Please sign-up to participate and to bring a dish to pass. RSVP with a type of dish (appetizer, entrée, or dessert) to Kathy Johnson at: kjohnson@rmstrategies.net or on a continuing sign-up at lunch.



Appetizers, Entrée's, Desserts: 2:30 – 5:30 PM

Mark & Kathy Kraemer's Home
3513 Field Crest Way
Madison, WI Phone: Home Phone: 848-6899

Heading South on Verona Road, turn (right) on Hwy PD a/k/a McKee Rd. – 1.9 miles and turn (left) on Country Grove Drive - .5 miles (right) on Field Crest Way – 2nd house on left, **3513 Field Crest Way.**

Heading toward Verona on Hwy M, turn (left on Hwy PD / McKee Rd. – 1.1 miles and turn (right) on Country Grove Drive - .5 miles (right) on Field Crest Way – 2nd house on left, **3513 Field Crest Way.**

If you can only make a portion of the time frame, please come when you can. This is a great annual Social Outing for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. A special thank you to the Kraemer's for hosting this year. Hope to see you all there.

Special Olympics Track And Field Meet

The date for our largest event of the year is **Saturday, May 3rd**. We will need as many volunteers as possible to help run the Special Olympics Track and Field Meet being held at the Oregon High School Track. Ideally, volunteers can help all day from 9:00 am until approximately 4:30. If you can't help all day, please consider working for ½ day. Please contact John Scherer at 836-0151 or John@trifin.com to sign up or for details. (Picture from May 2007)



Sauk Trails Optimist Club, Ltd. - Membership Roster April 2008

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Amy Tripp					No E-Mail
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Baseball Game Scheduled, August 24th

Mark your calendars and plan on joining your fellow Optimists on **Sunday afternoon, August 24th at Miller Park** when the Milwaukee Brewers play the Pittsburgh Pirates. More information will be coming in the following months. The final sign up date for this will be in late July at the Service Club Olympics.

American Player's Scheduled, September 27th

Kathy Johnson has ordered 18 tickets to the Mid Summer Night's Dream, American Player's Theater, for **Saturday September 27th at 8:00 PM.** The cost will be around \$45 each. The tickets will be available on a first-come first-serve basis. More information will be coming for this social event in the future.

HARLEM AMBASSADORS SCHEDULED for SUNDAY, September 28th, 2008

We are scheduled for 4 p.m. at Memorial High School, with the gym reservation to be **3:00 until 7:00** for the Harlem Ambassadors. We will ask all club members to do all they can to assure this event is successful. The business model is:

- 1) 20 - \$200 player sponsors to cover the \$4000 Harlem Ambassadors fee.
- 2) 4 - \$200 coach sponsors to cover other expenses (shirts \$250) and possibly \$550 profit.
- 3) Undetermined number of \$500 school assembly sponsorships to directly sponsor visits to area schools by the team members to spread the message of "**Stay in school, stay off drugs.**"
- 4) 6 - Hotels provided free by an area businessperson. Tickets will be printed with the hotel sponsor's name.
- 5) We will look into having banners printed with sponsors' names to display in the gymnasium.
- 6) We will look into having posters printed for advertising at local businesses, including at sponsor locations.
- 7) We need to find 20 basketball players (5 per quarter), preferably some with name recognition to draw a crowd. 5 will play in each of the two entertainment quarters, 5 will play in each of the two more serious basketball quarters.
- 8) We need to find 4 high profile honorary coaches to boost attendance.
- 9) We can raffle off the right to sit on the Harlem Ambassadors' bench next to the sixth man. (Quantity of seats to be determined.)
- 10) We will offer VIP seats, 4 free with each sponsorship and additional paid VIP seating available for additional attendees from sponsor businesses.

Ideas are welcome. More details will come in future newsletters and e-mails.
Optimistically, **Greg Hermus**

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.

Spartan Challenge Update

Our **Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team** has accepted a challenge to raise \$10,000 for the **Lussier Community Education Center**. Local businesses and community members to bring the total to \$200,000 are matching this money. Donations to the Spartan Challenge also count toward the \$600,000 the center must raise by this summer to secure \$625,000 in challenge funds from the Kresge Foundation and the Madison Community Foundation.

STOC support is crucial to helping the kids meet their challenge. There are 3 ways you can become involved:

1. Make a donation.
2. Participate in the Better Life 5k Run/Walk – bring the whole family! (see registration form below)
3. Volunteer to help at the run/walk.

We look forward to your participation! For more information contact Mary Schwartz at 576-5711 or mnorrb@aol.com.

JMM Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team **Better Life 5K Run/Walk** **Registration Form**

All proceeds benefit the
Lussier Community Education Center
Saturday, May 17th, 2008 -- Memorial High School, Madison
9:00 a.m. Start (Race Day Registration at 8:00)



Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Age: _____ Male Female

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Race Entered: 5k Run 5k Walk
 Advance Entry Fee (until April 17th): \$20.00 Race Day Registration: \$25.00
 Students: Advance Entry Fee (until 4/17): \$10.00 Race Day Registration: \$15.00
 T-shirt Size: Small Medium Large X-Large None

Send this completed form with payment to: LCEC/Better Life 5k
7011 Flower Lane A/C, Madison, WI 53717