

# Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



**January 2009**

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



## Sauk Trails Optimists:

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

Well our Calendar year has come to a close but we are still just getting started in our STOC 2008-09 season. Looking forward to some great projects and events in this New Year. I hope some of your New Year's goals included helping out more Kids this year by volunteering for at least 2 of our events. We need more participation from all club members this year to make it our best ever and to help as many kids as we can. Thanks to all of you who participated and helped out this past year. We do appreciate it.

Make it a great year! See you soon.  
**Kevin Campos**, President 2008--09

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HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS  
EVERYONE

STOC Board Meeting was not held in December due to Weather. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

### December 2008 Student of the Month

Abi Seshadri was our final Student of the Month for 2008. Abi is an excellent student that has been a member of our JOOI club for 3 years. Abi is very active in the robotics club at Memorial, and is one of the leaders of this enjoyable activity. Abi talked about how volunteering has changed his life and how he will carry on his volunteer activities into his adult life. Congratulations Abi and good luck in your college career.



### December 2008 JOOI Club Update

The month of December is always very busy and our JOOI Club was no different. The students completed numerous projects in the month including: Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Middleton Outreach Ministry projects, Lussier CEC bake sale, and the Alternative Gift Fair to name a few. They also had their holiday party on December 17<sup>th</sup>. They are also continuing to work hard on the Better Life 5K Run/Walk. They are currently soliciting sponsorships and donations for the Run/Walk and ask for any contacts you might have for potential investors. The students are currently on winter break, but will return to business on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Christmas Family

As we have done in the past, the Sauk Trails Optimist Club sponsored a family for Christmas this year. We had a family of five (mom, 33; dad, 31; 2 sons, 12 & 4; and a grandmother). Barb Mulcahy got the family's information from Middleton Outreach Ministry. On December 6, Janine Richgels and Ricki Hoefler shopped for the family. Janine wrapped the gifts and delivered them to M.O.M. for delivery to the family. We were able to purchase a new winter coat with accessories for the dad; winter boots and a dress for the mom; bedding set for the grandmother; a shirt and sweater from American Eagle for the 12 year old son; and pajamas and a couple of toys for the four year old son.

Ricki Hoefler, STOC Optimist

### New Project - Baby and Birthday Kits for M.O.M

A new project we have decided to support is purchasing items for new baby kits and childrens' birthday kits for the Middleton Outreach Ministry. Families who receive support from M.O.M. do not have the means to purchase items so their children can have a basic birthday party with their friends. Also, it is difficult to afford some of the essential items needed for new babies. The project involves shopping for these items (possibly on a quarterly basis), assembling the kits and delivering to M.O.M. where they are made available to the families. Anyone interested in assisting with this project, please contact Ricki Hoefler (833-6268 after 5pm and weekends at home or [philricki@aol.com](mailto:philricki@aol.com)).

Ricki Hoefler, STOC Optimist

### 2008 Koeze Nut Fundraiser Update

Our 2008 Koeze Nut sale had over \$5000 in sales for a profit of approximately \$1600. Kathy Johnson was our biggest seller with Ray Schmitz coming in second! We had 16 different members make sales this year. Hopefully you were one of them, but if not, please try to make an effort to take part in this fund raising project next year.

### 2008 – 2009 Volunteer Group Concessions

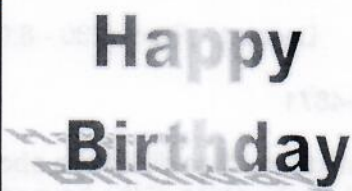
There will also be volunteers needed for WIAA Wrestling (3 days) **Feb. 26 – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009** AND ALSO for WIAA Boy's Basketball (3 days) **March 19 – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009**. Check your calendar, sign-up sheets will be coming soon. Contact Steve Bailey to give your input and for sign-up at: [SBailey100@aol.com](mailto:SBailey100@aol.com)

Date	Speaker	Topic	Babes Noon Lunch
Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rick Thomas	Upward Basketball	BLT or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup>	TBA		½ French Dip or Buffalo Chicken Salad
Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	TBA		Fish Sandwich or ½ Cobb Salad
Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup>	January Student of Month - SOM and Early Evening Social	SOM and Social	<b>5:30 PM EVENING MEETING</b> , at Babes

SWIS 0809 Conferences		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr	Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup>	Radisson, Madison
3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr	May 1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kalahari, Wis. Dells
4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr	Aug 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	Turner Hall, Monroe

**STOC Officers and Board Members Need to coordinate so there is representation to acquire the information at each of these pre-scheduled SWIS Conferences.**

**Oratorical & Essay Contests 2009**  
Interest in these 2 Optimist Contests for scholarships is being determined for 2009.



Kathy Johnson	1 / 2
Greg Hermus	1 / 6
Haywood Simmons	1 / 13
Jill Thomas	1 / 28

### 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.**

## Sauk Trails Progressive Dinner Scheduled for Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> for our annual Sauk Trails Progressive Dinner. Optimists / spouses / significant others are welcome. Please sign-up to participate and to bring a dish to pass at one of the 3 houses. RSVP with a type of dish (appetizer, entree, or dessert) to Kathy Johnson at: [kjohnson@restrategies.net](mailto:kjohnson@restrategies.net) or on a continuing sign-up at lunch.

**Directions:** Off of Mineral Point Road, turn Left onto County M, go about 4 miles, then make a Left Turn onto Cross Country Road and go 1.1 miles and then a left onto East Pass, and then left onto Arctic Fox Drive (all .1 of a mile turns).

**Barb & Tim Mulcahy's Home:**      Appetizers      From 3:30 - 5:00 PM  
7302 Arctic Fox Drive  
Madison, WI      Cell Phone: 513-6965



**Directions:** Go back to County Road M, turn Right and go 2 miles, turn right on Mid-Town Road. Go .7 miles and turn left onto Legacy Lane for .1 of a mile.

**Christian & Jill Gridley's Home**      Main Entree:      From 5:00 - 6:30 PM  
1702 Legacy Lane  
Madison, WI      Cell Phone 358-7532



**Directions:** Go back on Legacy toward Mid-Town Road. Turn Left onto Mid-Town Road, go .6 of a mile, turn right onto Gammon, go .1 of a mile and left turn onto Raymond Road, make an immediate right onto Muirfield Road, go .8 of a mile, then left onto Carnwood Road .1 of a mile, and then right onto Greenway Trail., go .1 of a mile, left onto Chelsea Street, go .1 of a mile, and then right onto Jason Place.

**Bill and Johnna Monkemeyer's Home**      Dessert:      From 6:30 - 8:00 PM  
3022 Jason Place  
Madison, WI      Home Phone: 848-4871



All of these homes are in the PD area of Madison. See directions above or use [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com) If you can only make some of the houses and time frames, please come to those.

**A special thank you to the host families, we appreciate your involvement.**

**Hope to see everyone there.**



[www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org)



[www.swisdistrict.org](http://www.swisdistrict.org)



[www.sauktrailsoptimistclub.nexo.com](http://www.sauktrailsoptimistclub.nexo.com)

### Sauk Trails Club Website

There have been 23 Optimists who have signed up for the Sauk Trails Website. If you haven't already signed-up, please respond to the INVITE received. (Need another Invite, contact John Scherer).