



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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

June 2018

PRESIDENTS NOTE

Dear STOC Friends,

Well summer is here. It is hot out there. But it beats shoveling snow, so I won't complain. I survived NYC and Philadelphia on successive weeks!!

May was a really busy month Sauk Trails Optimists. Just to re-cap:

- May 2nd we had a great turnout for our Past President's Luncheon. It was great to see some faces we hadn't seen in a long time. It helped some of us newbies to learn the history of the Club. Thanks To Mary Schwartz and Bob Wortinger for making that a reality.
- May 5th, 5 us , including John Scherer, Bob Wortinger, Rick Thomas, Mike Grasmick and myself volunteered at the Special Olympic Track meet in Oregon. It is always a heartwarming event and the volunteers get as much out of it as the athletes. Steve, Bonnie, Gene and John Fons were at the SWIS District Convention in the Dells, that same day.
- May 9th was Respect for Law Day. It was another great turnout. We had over 20 members there, as well as, 8 Madison PD officer and Chief Koval. Thank you Steve Bailey!
- May 12th I volunteered on behalf of the Club for UW Graduation. Earning a few bucks and breaking the ice for our CSC fund raising opportunities.
- May 16th and the 23rd, Nancy Viste and Henry Hawkins spoke to the club on successive weeks courtesy of John Fons and his hard work in scheduling speakers.
- May 23rd was JOI Club Banquet. Many thanks to all who participated that night. A special thanks to Carole Klopp, Rick Thomas and Rick Conne for all they do for the JOI kids!!
- May 25th was Brat Fest we had a number of Optimists wrapping brats including, Nancy Hach, Kathie Newman, Carole Klopp, Mike Grasmick, Steve Bailey, and Todd Geltmeyer. Rick Thomas , his son Zach, and a friend grilled at Brat Fest on Sunday and Monday!!! Thanks to Diane Hoebel for arranging this.
- May 26th- the Madison Half-Marathon. Nancy Hach was there volunteering on behalf of the club!

My thanks to all who volunteered, worked and participated for Sauk Trails Optimist Club!! If I left anyone out I apologize. Just really proud to be part of this group!

June should be just as exciting as we are working on speakers for June as well as, a social event on June 21st. Keep that date open on the calendar for an evening event. More details to come!!!

My thanks to all of you and enjoy the Summer!!!

Optimistically yours, Dan

STOC Bulletin Board

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2017-2018

President: Dan Chart

Vice President: John Fons

Secretary: Rick Thomas

Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

Past President: Mike Grasmick

Board of Directors

Steve Bailey
Rick Conne
Mary Schwartz
Nancy Hach
Kathy Johnson
Todd Geltemeyer

April Birthdays

Mary Schwartz 2

Rick Conne 5

St. Ray Schmitz 27



SWIS Activities

3rd Quarter Conference Report

STOC members in attendance at the 3rd Quarter Conference enjoyed listening to 3 fantastic speeches from the scholarship winners and the essay winner funded by the Optimist International Foundation.

4th Quarter Conference Aug 3-4, 2018

Registration information:

www.swisdistrict.org

**Radisson Hotel West
Milwaukee, WI**

A special note to share with STOC.

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I would like to say A HUGE THANK to all who provide the content for the newsletter. Dan, Rick T, Mary, Steve, and Bonnie for providing monthly information and to others for event contributors.

A newsletter isn't anything without the content.

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Dear Sauk Trails Optimist Club,

Thank you so much for awarding me with the Sauk Trails Optimist scholarship. I am so honored and grateful to be receiving this scholarship.

With your gracious contribution to my education, I will be able to focus on my academics and less on tuition.

Thank you again,

Jenny Jiang

STOC Calendar

Date	Speaker	Topic
6/6	Social	Let's Play Trivia!
6/12	STOC Board Meeting (5:00 p.m.)	Park Bank, 2275 Deming Way, Middleton All members are welcome to attend
6/13	Atty. J. David Krekeler	Bankruptcy Law
6/20	NO LUNCH MEETING	Evening Social Outing to Mazomanie (See details elsewhere in this newsletter)
6/27	Students	STOC Scholarship Recipients
6/28	VOLUNTEER	At REACH-a-Child
7/4	NO LUNCH MEETING	HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!
7/10	STOC Board Meeting (5:00 p.m.)	Park Bank, 2275 Deming Way, Middleton All members are welcome to attend
7/11	Dan Bergs	Understanding Tax Reform
7/18	Thy Pham Remmele	From Saigon to Madison
7/25	OPEN	
7/26	VOLUNTEER	At REACH-a-Child

Please let us know if you have someone who would like to speak at a lunch meeting.
Speaker Committee: Mary Schwartz, Carole Klopp, John Fons, & Steve Bailey

Volunteering at REACH-a-Child: There are volunteer days on the last Thursday of each month. Volunteer slots are from 4:00 – 6:00 or 6:00 – 8:00, or you can stay the whole time if you prefer. They are located at 6501 Watts Road, Suite 217, Madison. You can call their office at 608-285-5221 for more information.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

National Mustard Days

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity

Saturday, August 4, 2018 in Downtown Middleton

One of the more successful fundraisers STOC has adopted over the past few years is volunteer support at National Mustard Day. We have provided over 20 volunteers annually in recent years in exchange for a donation to our Foundation and have offered to provide a similar level of support this year.

Barry and Patti Levenson, long-time friends to many of us, continue to be heavily involved in leading the event through their involvement with the National Mustard Museum Foundation.

It is always a great event with lots of people – young and old – having lots of fun. It is an excellent opportunity to work together with other Sauk Trails members for a great cause. There will be bands, cheap hot dogs, free T-shirts and former Brewer, Gorman Thomas, selling his barbecue sauce!

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Football Crazr

We have received the Football Crazr tickets for 2018. Last year as a club we sold 70 tickets for which we received \$12 for each ticket sold. I have 80 tickets for the 2018 year. The tickets sell for \$20 and are valid for seventeen weeks of the PRO football season beginning September 9, 2018 and ending December 30, 2018.

Have individuals fill out the ticket stubs in BLACK ink and have all information completed and legible. I will have tickets available at lunch meetings beginning May 2nd. I will need sold and unsold tickets returned to me by August 23rd so I can return them to Fred Dorn by August 28th. Checks for purchase should be made payable to FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKES.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 608-850-9561. Gene Spindler-Football Crazr Ticket Coordinator.

Regional Special Olympics Highlights May 5th, 2018

"A small but strong contingent of STOC members served over 300 athletes at the Special Olympics track and field meet on May 5. Once again our group was in charge of organizing all of the athletes for the running events, guiding athletes from the starting line through the finish line and to the awards ceremonies. It was a beautiful day that included lots of smiles, hugs and proud athletes.

Thanks to those who braved the sunny skies and gentle cool breezes to help out - it was tough but somebody had to do it! I fielded numerous compliments from coaches and family members of athletes on how well our part of the meet was run. All of your work made it a really special day for a lot of people, and made it one of my favorite days of the year. Thank you all so much - hope to see you and many others at next year's meet!"

Thank you,

John Scherer

Respect For Law

The annual 'Respect for Law' program was held on May 9th. Officers Dyer and Mawhinney were selected by their superiors for recognition because of the way they interact with the community while patrolling the neighborhoods in the MPD West District.

Capt. Cory Nelson gave us an update on the state of law enforcement on the west side of Madison, including the progress on the new Midtown Station currently being built on the near-west side on Mineral Point Road.



Capt. Cory Nelson, Officer Bryan Dyer, Steve Bailey, Officer Michael Mawhinney, Chief Mike Koval



Chief Mike Koval expresses his appreciation for our program

Officers Bryan Dyer and Michael Mawhinney honored recipients of the STOC Respect for Law awards for their exemplary service to protect and serve our community.



JOI End-Of Year Banquet A Rousing Success

Wednesday, May 23rd, saw 80 JOI Team members, Principal Affeldt, school adviser Amy Olson, family and STOC members gather to celebrate the End-of-Year Recognition and Induction Banquet catered by Noodles & Company. Outgoing officers and board members were recognized with certificates of achievement, JOI Volunteers of the Year were recognized, and the new board was inducted by STOC Past-President Mary Schwartz. The Advisers were also recognized by the JOI students with gifts from Brennans. In addition, the Advisers gave out "Adviser Awards" to JOI club members who went above and beyond. Special recognition, via the "AWESOMENESS" Award, was given to Audrianna Wu - not only for her outstanding service to the club for the past four years, but for also attaining the highest number of service hours completed of any Senior - a total of 545 hours!!!

The Spartan Youth Service JOI Team set goals for themselves. They shared their results at the banquet.

Goal: 4,800 hours of service	Actual: 5,350 hours
Goal: 250 club members	Actual: 208 members
Goal: 200 service projects	Actual: 308 service projects completed

The JOI Team and Advisers would like to especially THANK the STOC members who came and worked: Steve Bailey, Judy Conne, John Fons, Dennis Norton, Mary Schwartz, and Bonnie & Gene Spindler. We couldn't have done it without YOU!!

And NOW, **from** the JOI Team, "We would like to give special thanks to our STOC Advisers: Rick Conne, Carole Klopp, and Rick Thomas. Together, we know they have given over 350 hours plus of service to the JOI club, mentoring us, attending meetings, and working hard to insure a successful 2017-18 year for JOI!! They are the best and we wouldn't be such a great club without them!!

Thank YOU Mrs. Klopp, Mr. Conne, and Mr. Thomas for another fabulous year for our Spartan Youth Service JOI Team at Memorial High School!!"



Incoming Officers and Board Members



2017-2018 Officers and Board Members (and Advisers)

Mary swearing in the new presidents.



JMMHS Principal Jay Affeldt, Advisers Amy Olsen, Rick Thomas, Carole Klopp, Rick Conne

STOC Luncheon Events



On May 2nd, we were able to gather some of the best minds in Optimism, or at least the ones who have been able and willing to serve as president of the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Sixteen different people have served as president, some more that once. Thirteen of them were able to come for lunch and reminisce.

Front row (l to r): Bonnie Spindler, Mary Schwartz, Carole Klopp, Jacci See, Kevin Campos
 Back row: Greg Hermus, John Scherer, Mike Grasmick, Rick Thomas, Dan Bergs, Jim Judd, Rick Tiedemann
 Missing: Cheryl Vickroy
 Unable to attend: Tom Allen, Ricki (Shields) Hoefer, and Tim Belter



Nancy Viste shared details about The Old Feed Mill in Mazomanie and inspired STOC members to create a road trip event. Watch for special notifications, date and time.



Henry Hawlins a Creativity Consultant & Coach of Ascent Creativity



Katy Schaller of Katy's American Indian Arts talked about history, heritage & spiritual significance of various pieces of Indian art.

**SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

MINUTES**PRESENT:** Dan, Mary, Nancy, Rick T., Steve, Bob, John**Others Present:****Absent:** Mike, Rick C., Todd, Kathy

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

1. **Addition to Agenda:**
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 4/10/2018.** Steve moved to approve the minutes, Nancy seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of April Financial Reports:**
It was noted that the balance of the Vanguard Short Term Bond Index fund - \$3834.90 was transferred to Vanguard Wellington fund on April 27th.
A motion was made by Mary to add \$1200 to the Vanguard account. Steve seconded, Passed unanimously
Bob presented the financials from April. Mary moved to accept the financial report, Nancy seconded, Passed unanimously.
4. **Membership Report Update:**
We remain at 37 members. We started the year at 39.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Past Presidents – Very successful program. Thank you Mary.
 - b. Speakers – Lots of openings in June
 - c. Special Olympics – Nice event. 5 volunteers from the club. We discussed how to get more members to volunteer next year.
 - d. Volunteer Opportunities – Brat Fest, CSC, Half Marathon, Mustard days(8/4/18), We need lots of volunteers
6. **New Business**
 - a. Nomination committee – Todd, Steve, Dan and Kathy on the committee. We are missing a Vice President candidate. Election to be held at May 16th meeting.
 - b. Respect for Law – We have 34 people attending. Steve talked about having a separate event for the Dane County sheriff's department and/or Fire Department next year.
 - c. Social Meeting – Vintage in Sauk City is the tentative location for an evening meeting in June or July.
 - d. Golf outing – We will look for a date that will work most likely in September.
 - e. There was discussion about a fundraiser at Culvers
7. **Adjourn to June 12th at 5:00pm, at Park Bank on Deming Way,** Bob moved to adjourn, Mary seconded, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Thomas, Secretary

**SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
CLUB MEETING FOR 2018 ELECTION
Wednesday, May 16, 2018**

- Noted that a quorum of club members were present for this business meeting following lunch and the speaker's presentation.
- Election for officers:
A motion was made by Jacci and seconded by Carole to nominate the following slate of officers for the October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019 fiscal year.
 - o President – John Fons
 - o Vice-President – Liv Sandberg
 - o Secretary – Rick Thomas
 - o Bob Wortinger
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A request was made for additional nominations – none were made. A vote was held and this slate of officers was approved unanimously.

- Election for the STOC Board of Directors. It was noted that there are four Board members returning for the second year of their two year terms – Rick Conne, Nancy Hach, Todd Geltmeyer, and Mary Schwartz.

It was also pointed out that our By-Laws allow for eight Board members. We operated with six last year and seven the previous year.

A motion was made by Carole and seconded by Jacci to nominate Steve Bailey and Kathy Johnson for two-year terms to the Board of Directors. A request was made for additional nominations – none were made. A vote was held and Steve and Kathy were approved unanimously.

- The business meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.
- Submitted by Bob Wortinger, Treasurer

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Sauk Trails Website Coordinator

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.

