



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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

May 2016

Spring Greetings!

April showers bring May flowers – and so it is in my neighborhood. The trees are leafing out and the daffodils are blooming! I hope your Spring is going well and you're in that "done with Winter" mood – I know I am!

April was a super busy month – with new member installation – John Fons (our new Jokemaster!), a Mallards update (after all, it is baseball season) and STOC volunteers recognition! It was truly fun recognizing Bonnie Spindler as our STOC Volunteer of the Quarter and bestowing the President's Citation on Rick Conne for his outstanding efforts organizing the Meals On Wheels volunteer program and the Lussier Christmas Party. We also, only 10 years late, awarded Rick Thomas his STOC President award and his STOC Honor Club Secretary award (that was only a year late!). We are lucky to have such wonderful, giving members in our club!

If you missed lunch last month, you'll definitely want to make lunch in May as we have super busy month coming up! We start with our **JOOI Students of the Month** where we're honoring 2 wonderful ladies who have been members of Spartan Youth Service since they were freshmen. Then we move right to **Respect For Law** on May 11th. I truly hope most of you can attend as it's a very special day where we honor two of Madison's finest. The following two weeks we'll skip our lunch meetings for dinner meetings. First, on May 19th (NOTE that's a THURSDAY) our social committee has arranged for a **NOW Meeting in the TWIST** starting at 5pm! Come for the pizza and stay for the good company! Oh, don't forget to bring a new member along with you. Then, on Wednesday, May 25th, we'll gather for the **JOOI End of Year Banquet at Memorial High School** where we'll recognize the outgoing officers and board and induct the 2016-17 new officers and board. It's always a wonderful event and the students love having us attend!

A few final reminders – our Service Project Chairs, Diane Hoebel and Nancy Hatch, have arranged for us to help out at Bratfest and the Madison Marathon – both on Memorial Day Weekend. We have 27 people signed up – so please remember to attend your shift. May 7th is the **Special Olympics Track and Field again at Oregon High School**. Please let Bob Wortinger know if you can volunteer to help. We are especially in need of help in the afternoon.

I know we're all busy, but am hoping to see many of you who haven't been able to make it in the upcoming weeks. There's always room for one more at STOC meetings where "bringing out the best in youth" is our mission!

Looking Forward to Seeing Y'all this May!

Carole Klopp, President ☺

STOC Bulletin Board

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2015-2016

President: Carole Klopp

Vice President: Mike Grasmick

Secretary: Rick Thomas

Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

Past President: Dan Bergs

Board of Directors

- Steve Bailey
- Dan Chart
- Rick Conne
- Todd Geltemeyer
- Nancy Hach
- Diane Hoebel
- Kathy Johnson

May Birthdays

Mary Poole May 17



New Member Recruitment

NOW 'New Optimists Welcome' MEETING
May 19th TWIST Lounge @ 5pm
&
"ONE and DONE"
 Optimist Club Membership campaign 2016

SWIS Membership challenge:
 The challenge is for each current member to recruit one new member to the Optimist organization.

www.genretro.com



Mark the Date!

May 11th

This is a meeting you simply must attend!

It is our annual **Respect for Law Day** when we honor 2 officers from Madison's West Precinct. It is your opportunity to show your appreciation as the officers share information about their duties.

Special Olympics Track and Field @ Oregon High School

SWIS District Conferences

*Leadership Summit: May 14
Bloomington, MN*

SWIS 4th Quarter Conference: August 26-27
 Sheraton in Brookfield

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Sauk Trails Optimists Club Meetings and Other Scheduled Events

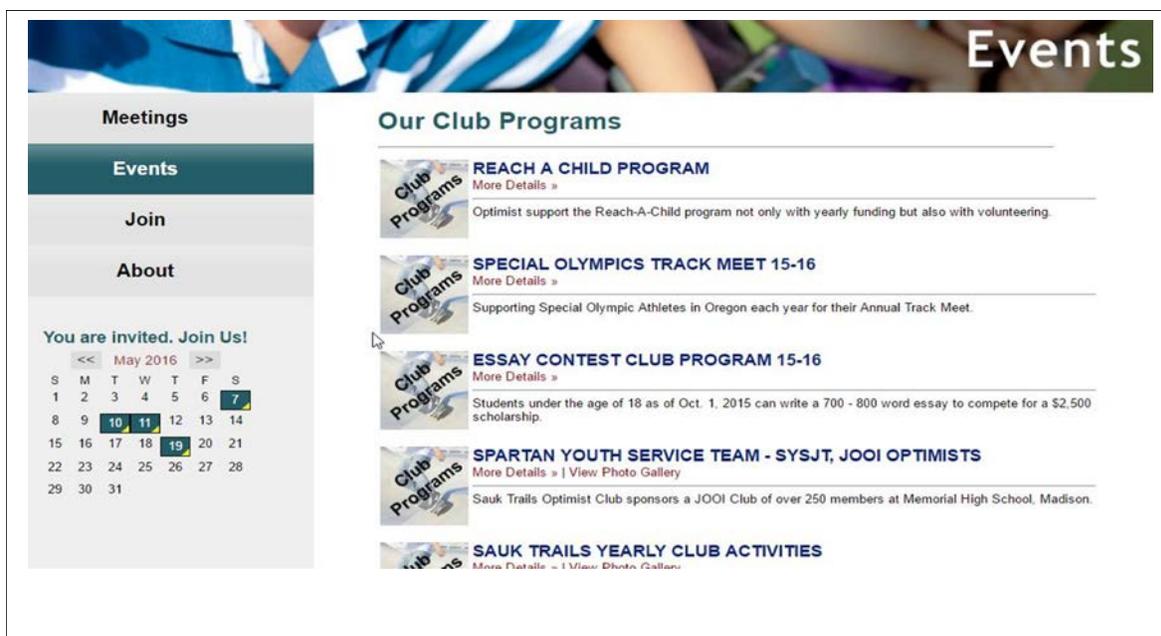
- May 7 *Special Olympics track meet & SWIS Optimist convention*
- May 11 *Respect for Law lunch*
- May 18 *No lunch meeting*
- May 19 (Thurs) *New Optimist Meeting @ TWIST lounge*
- May 25 *No lunch meeting*
- May 25 *Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team Recognition & Induction Banquet*
- May 27-30 *Bratfest Volunteer Event*
- May 28-29 *Madison Marathon Volunteering*
- June 4 *Reach A Child Mini Golf tournament*

(Blue denotes a Wednesday Lunch Meeting)

SAUK TRAILS – Madison Optimist Club WEBSITE

CHECK OUT the Sauk Trails – Madison Optimist Club Website at: www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org.

In the Events > Club Events area, there is a general description of some of the current/future Club Events. Please get me with Pictures of any of these events which can be put on the STOC Website.



Total ‘access hits’ on the website in **March was 4149 hits**. (January: 1925 hits; February 2610 hits).

Please provide me with any upcoming Events, pictures, accomplishments, to help share information with other optimists in your club. Thanks for all your support.

Optimistically, **Bonnie Spindler**

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FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY**@ BRAT FEST**

The Brat Fest will be held **Friday, May 27 through Monday, May 30**. This is a popular fund raiser for many groups in Madison, and even though this is only April 1, most of the jobs/shifts have already been filled. Available shifts are on a first come, first served basis. We will be paid \$8.00 for each hour worked. I have posted below jobs/shifts available. If you are interested, please let me know at hoebels2618@yahoo.com. Diane Hoebe



Reach A Child

Putt Putt Fore Kids: Mini Golf Tournament

June 4th @ Vitense GolflandTeam Entry deadline: May 20th

See Reach A Child website for details

Reachachild.org**FOOTBALL ALREADY? Well, not football itself, but it's football Crazr time**

Football Crazr: At the Optimist Conference on April 30th we received the Football Craze tickets for 2016. Last year as a Club we sold 72 tickets for which we received \$11 for each ticket sold. I have 100 tickets for the 2016 year. The tickets sell for \$20 and are valid for seventeen weeks of the pro football season beginning September 11, 2016 and ending January 1, 2017. Have individuals fill out the ticket stubs in black ink and have all information on the ticket complete and legible. I will need sold and unsold tickets returned to me by August 17, so it is best to start with our sales as soon as we can. I will have tickets available at most lunch meetings each Wednesday beginning May 4th or you can reach me at 833-7244 and we can schedule a time and place to get tickets to you for selling. Checks for purchase should be made payable to FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKES.

Gene Spindler-Football Crazr Ticket 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.

**May in Photos
By Steve Bailey**

Bonnie Spindler receives her 'Optimist Volunteer of the Quarter' award for all of her efforts.



Rick Conne receives the President's Citation award for all of his work coordinating STO volunteers for Meals on Wheels AND all his time and efforts with the Lussier Christmas Party



Rick Thomas receiving his WAY overdue President award and his STO Honor Club Secretary award.

SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, April 12, 2016
MINUTES

PRESENT: Dan C., Rick T., Carole, Steve, Rick C., Nancy, Diane, Bob, Mike G., Kathy, Todd
Other Present: Bonnie
Absent: Dan B.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

1. Addition to agenda: none
2. Approval of Board Minutes from 3/8/2016. Kathy moved to approve, Dan C. seconded, "Bob moves to accept the request...", Passed unanimously.
3. Acceptance of March Financial Reports:
Diane motioned to accept January and February financial reports. Rick C. seconds. Bob reviewed March's financials. Passed unanimously.
4. Membership Report Update:
Bob moved that we accept Jeannie W.'s request be dropped from membership. Diane seconds, Passed unanimously.
5. Board Organization
 - a. We are behind in our membership goal
 - b. It was discussed of having members donate to the Foundation and it was decided to keep things as they are. There is an opportunity to nominate a volunteer for the Brat Fest Volunteer of the Year worth up to \$1000. Carole was going to follow up with this.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Service
 1. Oratorical contest- March 30 was our club contest, Zone contest was April 9, and District is April 30. Our contestant won the Zone contest so we need to pay \$225.
Rick C. moved that we take the \$225 out of the Foundation and \$30 out of the club operating fund, Mike G. seconded, passed unanimously
 2. Bratfest – We have 17 people filling 19 shifts
 3. Madison Marathon sign ups are low but we will work to get more
 4. Reach-A-Child: Hole sponsorships are available. Running the hospitality for Apps & Taps on August 11th.
 5. Special Olympics Track meet is May 7th Sign ups will be at lunches
 6. SPIRIT Day is April 28th We need chaperones
 7. Respect for Law is May 11th
 - b. Social
 1. May 19th – Twist NOW Meeting
 2. June 4th – Reach a Child mini golf tournament
 3. August ??? Pool Party
 - c. Fundraising
 1. Basketball lottery – There will be no contest this year.
 2. Rick C. is working on sponsors for next year's Christmas party
 - d. Nominating committee will be meeting in the next week
7. New Business.
 - a. Many open speaker spots
 - b. STOC website sponsorship is available. 2 companies are lined up but we need 2 more.
 - c. Diane nominated Bonnie as Optimist of the Quarter, Kathy seconds, passed unanimously.
 - d. 2016 board meetings scheduled for May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, and Sept. 13
7. Adjourn, next meeting will be April 12 at 5:00 pm. at Park Bank. Rick C. moved to adjourn, Nancy seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Thomas, Secretary