



Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



April 2009

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



Sauk Trails Optimists:

Happy April Fools Day! I am glad that spring is “almost” here. We have a lot of exciting projects coming up that I hope a lot of you can participate in. All of the upcoming projects are highlighted in this newsletter so please read on and let us know which events you can help out with. I hope that each member could help out with at least one of the upcoming projects, this will assure great participation. Remember why you joined the Optimist Club—to help in the community, especially for the kids. You have a lot to choose from: Special Olympics, Spirit Day, Better Life 5k, and even a Brewers Game. Please let any member of the Board (to the right) know which event you would like to help with, I would appreciate that.

It's also that time of year that we vote on new board members for the upcoming 2009-2010 term. If you would like to participate on the Board or nominate one of our members that you think would do a great job please let us know. All nominations have to be in by May 15th.

Thanks and make it a great day!

Kevin Campos, STOC President 2008--09

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Sauk Trails Club Officers 0809

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Gene Spindler

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Bob Wortinger
Alison Scherer
Pat Beiersdorf
Bill Monkemeyer
Rav Schmitz

PUT THE **SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRACK MEET: SATURDAY, MAY 2nd, 2009** ON YOUR CALENDAR. MANY VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED FOR THIS ANNUAL EVENT. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING SOON.

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 Optimist Club – STOC Board Meeting
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, March 3rd, 2009**

Members in Attendance: President: Kevin Campos; Vice Presidents: Carole Klopp, Kathy Johnson, Board Members: Bob Wortinger, Alison Scherer, Ray Schmitz, Bill Monkemeyer, Ricki Hoefler, Pat Beiersdorf; Past President: Rick Thomas; Secretary/Treasurer: Gene Spindler, Club Member: Greg Hermus.

Kevin Campos called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

The minutes of the February 3, 2009 Board Meeting were discussed. A motion was made (Rick Thomas), seconded (Kathy Johnson) and passed to approve the minutes of the February Board Meeting.

The Financial Report through February 28, 2009 was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the information provided. A motion was made (Kathy Johnson), seconded (Alison Scherer) to accept the financial report as presented.

Kevin Campos gave the President's report. A motion was made (Gene Spindler), seconded (Rick Thomas) and passed to remove two members (Tim Belter and Lisa Schluesche) from membership in the Club. The Board discussed the possibility of having two meetings per month during the months of June through August. No action was taken on this subject and it will be discussed and acted on at the April meeting. There was a brief discussion on the New Member Drive. Bill Monkemeyer has begun to contact businesses in the Sauk Trails area. At his time there is no information to report on the status of business's participating in having their employees join Sauk Trails Optimist Club.

The calendar of events was discussed. The Board discussed the Harlem Ambassadors and whether to have them return again. Since we were unable to get a major sponsor and having received limited interest from last year's player sponsors, it was decided that we would not contract with Harlem Ambassadors this year. We will be looking to have a Celebrity Basketball game with 20 players (2 teams). The players would be the Madison All Stars who last year played the Harlem Ambassadors. Optimist Day of Service is scheduled for April 22nd. Respect of Law will be scheduled sometime in May and will be coordinated by Steve Bailey. The Special Olympics Track Meet is scheduled on May 2nd at Oregon High School. We will need a strong Club support for this activity. Specific details and information will be coming soon.

Rick Thomas gave a report on the JOOI Club. They are electing officers for next year, have a Concert-Band Bonanza on April 25th, have the 2nd Annual Better Life 5K Run/Walk on May 16th. They are also talking to grade school kids about "Service Begins at Home".

A motion was made (Pat Beiersdorf), seconded (Rick Thomas) and passed to adjourn, at 5:50. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting is **set for 4:45 on April 7th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.**
Gene Spindler, Secretary/Treasurer 2008-2009

New and Continuing Board Members and Officers need to be elected by **May 15th, 2009 for the 09-10 year. If you're interested in a board position or need more information, please contact current president, Kevin Campos.**

SWIS 0809 Conferences
3rd Qtr May 1st – 2nd Kalahari, Wis. Dells
4th Qtr Aug 7th – 8th 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.



Left > Right: Rick Thomas, Mary Schwartz (co-leaders), Drake Fowler and his mother.

March Student of Month
Drake Fowler was our March Student of the Month. He has been a member of the JOOI club for three years and on the Board for the last two. Drake's favorite projects include the Badger concession stand and the Pass/Dribble/Shoot competition he helped organize. Drake is also very active in Boy Scouts. He is an Eagle Scout, and he has helped 20+ other Scouts achieve their Eagle. Drake is also involved with Cross Country at Memorial High School.



Nancy Mistele, who is running for Dane County Executive, attended a lunch. Remember to vote for your choices on April 7th, 2009.

SPRING 2009 SPEAKER SCHEDULE

Date	Speaker	Topic	Babes Noon Lunch
Apr 1 st	Beth Barker-Anderson	Census	BLT or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
Apr 8 th	Steve Schwartzer	Identity Theft	½ French Dip or ½ Raspberry Chicken Salad
Apr 15 th	Cindy Herbst	Restoring Hope Transplant House	Fish Sandwich or ½ Cobb Salad
Apr 22 nd	Spirit Day, <i>See Article Below</i>		LUNCH CANCELLED
Apr 29 th	Social / Fundraiser (5 th Wednesday, Evening Meeting)	5:30 PM Social	TBA for Evening Social
May 6 th	Barb Dimick	West Side Libraries	Rueben or ½ Caesar Salad
May 13 th	Tracie Hittman	Nutrition	½ Club Sandwich or Chicken Taco Salad
May 20 th	Student of the Month OR Respect for Law	Student or Officers Share	Chicken Pita or Beef Taco Salad
May 27 th	Student of the Month OR Respect for Law	Student or Officers Share	BLT or ½ Raspberry Chicken Salad
June 3 rd	Wayne Swank	Author	½ French Dip or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
June 17 th	TBA		Chicken Breast Sandwich or Beef Taco Salad

Happy Birthday

Pete Graven 4/25



SPirit DAY, April 22nd, DRIVERS NEEDED

Optimists needed to drive and/or chaperone Memorial students for **4th annual SPIRIT Day**. Volunteers would come to Madison Memorial by 8:15 on **Wednesday, April 22** and drive students to various service projects around Madison. We would prefer that you stay and help your designated students and drive them back at 12:00, but any kind of help would be greatly appreciated. Most of the activities are some type of gardening, planting trees, or some other outdoor activity. The projects are all over the city, and I think at most it would take a 20-minute drive. The groups vary based on the volunteer activity, but most are about 10-20. We would need several drivers for each group, so the bigger the vehicle the better, but we would love any type of help. If you are interested, please contact Suvai Gunasekaran at suvaig@gmail.com.

Brooke Bailey Mecham, daughter of Brinda (optimist) & John Mecham and grand-daughter of Steve Bailey.

Brooke was born on November 21st, 2008
7 lbs 9 ozs, 19 ½ inches,
CONGRATULATIONS to the Mecham / Bailey families.

April 2009 JOOI Club Update

The students were very busy this month planning for their upcoming spring projects. Some of the projects they are working on include: Pass/Dribble/Shoot on April 4, SPIRIT Day on April 22, Chronic Jones concert/fundraiser on April 25, numerous State Park Cleanups and finally the Better Life Run/Walk on May 16th. They are looking for adult drivers for the SPIRIT day project on April 22nd and they need volunteers along with runners and walkers on May 16th. Please let Carol Klopp, Mary Schwartz or Rick Thomas know if you will be available to help with any of these projects.
Rick Thomas, JOOI Co-Chair

American Players Theater, Scheduled, August 22nd Social

There have been tickets ordered for 8 Optimists who indicated they would attend the Comedy of Errors at the American Players Theater 2009 on Saturday, August 22nd. Comedy of Errors, one of Shakespeare's timeless comedies, is the play that was chosen for this summer social. Special **THANKS** to **Kathy Johnson** for coordinating/ordering the planned 8 tickets.

The children of **Chuck & Gail Koehler**
 Invite you to come celebrate
 their **50th Wedding Anniversary**

Date: **Saturday, April 4, 2009**

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 pm (Open House)

Place: Black hawk Church
 (The Fireside Room)
 9620 Brader Way
 Verona, WI 53593

RSVP: Chery Dokken 1-608-838-3637 or cm4cdok@aol.com

WHAT: **Summer Brewer Game** for
 Optimists, spouses, friends, others.

WHERE: Brewer Stadium, Milwaukee

WHEN: Sunday, **June 28th**, 1:05 PM

WHO's Playing: Brewer's versus San
 Francisco

COST: About **\$30** / ticket (so not in nosebleed
 seat like last year).

RSVP: If interested, respond to Mark Kraemer
 at mckraemer@charter.net **BY April 10th**.

2nd Annual Better Life 5k

On May 16, 2009, the **Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team**, will be holding the **2nd Annual Better Life 5k Run/Walk** to benefit the **Lussier Community Education Center (www.LCECmadison.org)**, a safe and enriching environment located next to Jefferson Middle School and Memorial High School. LCEC offers tutoring, after-school activities, a food pantry as well as services that will help families, students and seniors alike.

Champion Style Athletics, this year's Platinum Sponsor, will lead a pre-run warm-up and stretch for 5k participants. Champion Style Athletics was founded by former Badger football athletes Ron Dayne, Cecil Martin, Michael London, Kenny Gales, and Haywood Simmons. They are dedicated to supporting the Dane County community in making this the best place in the country to raise healthy families.

The Badger athletes will also hold an **autograph session** at the Lussier Community Education Center following the BL5K. The approximate start time is 11:30 and will last for one hour. Admission is \$2.00, free if you are a BL5K participant.

What are you waiting for? A chance to 'Better The Life' of others is right in front of you. Register today and you will be on your way to helping both the community and yourself. The **Better Life 5k Run/Walk** will be held on **Saturday, May 16, 2009**. On-site registration is from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. at Mansfield Stadium at Memorial High School. Champion Style Athletics will lead a pre-run warm-up at 8:30 a.m. and the Run/Walk starts at 9:00 a.m. Advance registration fees through April 22nd are \$20.00/adults, \$10.00/students and \$5.00 for kids 10 and under. On-site registration fees are \$25.00/adults, \$15.00/students and \$5.00 for kids 10 and under. For more information about participating or to make a donation, please check our website at www.spartanservice.org/better5k.

Mary Schwartz, JOOI Co-Chair

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 children's' 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 Hoefer (833-6268 after 5pm and weekends at home or philricki@aol.com).

Ricki Hoefer, STOC Optimist **(Please respond by end of April, 2009 or project will be discontinued)**



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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).