



June 2007

Sauk Trails Optimist Club

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Newsletter



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Meet Weekly for Lunch,
Wednesday 11:45 –
12:45 at Babe's on
Schroeder Road.

Sauk Trails Optimists:

Please keep Rick Tiedemann, former member and past President of STOC, in your prayers. Rick's mother passed away recently. Cards may be sent to 2722 Cross Country Circle, Verona, WI 53593.

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Thank you to all who helped so many Special Olympians at the Regional Track Meet. The meet went very well after a rough start. A special thanks to John Scherer and Bob Wortinger for their leadership roles.

Thank you to all who contributed to the garage sale and a special thanks to Rick Thomas for running it. Thanks to all who sold NFL raffle tickets, as we are having by far our best year ever with that fundraiser, possibly netting \$1,200.

As we head into the summer our thoughts turn to vacations, family, and leisure. Let's also keep in mind our club's efforts to help kids. Opportunities abound this summer to help further our efforts and have fun doing so. Invite prospective members to the **NOW meeting June 26th**. If you are not able to bring guests, attend yourself to show prospects how active and fun we are as a club – it's replacing our lunch that week anyway! Sign up to participate in the Service Club Olympics and bring home another championship! (*see last pages of this newsletter for details*). Help schedule an Optimist trip to a Mallard's game or a Progressive Picnic. The more fun we have as a club, the more likely new members are to join, and more members help more kids! Have a safe summer and remember one of the best quotes of the last century: "All good things in life come from helping others."

Greg Hermus

Sauk Trails Optimist Club President 2006 - 2007

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Sauk Trails Optimist Club NEW OPTIMISTS WELCOMED – NOW DINNER Tuesday 6/26/2007

Contact a friend and/or relative and invite them to the NOW dinner on **Tuesday, 6/26 at Babe's**. Let's fill up the room with our current members and potential new members to help support youth. There will be a **Social time from 5:30 – 6:00 PM, followed by a pasta buffet dinner and presentation from 6:00 – 7:00 PM**. If you can't make lunches and even if you don't have a guest, please try and make this early evening meeting to support your club. (*The lunch meeting on Wednesday, 6/27 is cancelled*).



Members in Attendance:

President: Greg Hermus
Vice President: Kevin Campos, Barb Mulcahy
Past President: Rick Thomas
Board Members Bob Wortinger, Kathy Johnson,
 Bill Monkemeyer, Kelly Piper
Sec/Treasurer Gene Spindler
Member Not Present: Carole Klopp Board Member

SWIS – Southern Wisconsin Conferences

August 10th – 11th, Madison
November 2nd – 3rd Brookfield

(Training will be scheduled on Saturday at these conferences. As a board member, try to work the dates into your schedule to learn more about being an Optimist.)

**Sauk Trails Optimist Club STOC Board Minutes,
 Park Bank, Raymond Road, 05/08/2007**

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.

The minutes of the April 10, 2007 Board Meeting were discussed. A motion was made (Rick Thomas), seconded (Bob Wortinger) and passed to approve the minutes of the April Board meeting.

The Financial Report through April 30, 2007 was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the information provided. A motion was made (Barb Mulcahy), seconded (Kathy Johnson) and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Greg Hermus gave the President's Report. Greg reported that the Presidential Freedom Scholarship has not been funded for 2007. Greg also reported on the officers and board members who will be voted for by the members at the meeting on May 16th. Rick Thomas is a candidate for President, Kevin Campos and Barb Mulcahy are candidates for Vice Presidents and Bob Wortinger, Bill Monkemeyer, Dale Kalscheur and Ricki Hoefer are candidates for Board Members. Greg also reported on the Optimist Junior Golf Tournament, which will be held in June and asked if there were any youth whom the Club could sponsor.

On committee reports the following was reported. Rick Thomas reported that the JOOI Club will be having a planning meeting in the Wisconsin Dells area and a proposal on funding needed would be provided to the Board soon. The Harlem Ambassadors will not be done as a fundraiser this year and may be considered for the fall of 2008. The Garage sale will be held at Rick Thomas's residence on May 18th and 19th. A Fund Raising Committee has been established and includes Kevin Campos, Bill Monkemeyer, Kathy Johnson and Greg Hermus.

The MASCC Service Club Olympics will be held July 23rd and 24th. Sign up sheets have been e-mailed to all Club Members. The Club has decided to nominate Steve Bailey for the Olympian of the Year Award.

Summer events were discussed and a Mallards Game and a Progressive Picnic were mentioned as two possible activities. The meeting adjourned at 5:30. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting is set for 4:30 on June 12th at the Park Bank on Raymond Road.

Gene Spindler. Secretary/Treasurer 2006-2007

**Sauk Trails
 Club Officers
 2006-2007**

President
Greg Hermus
Rick Thomas (07-08)

Secretary/Treasurer
Gene Spindler (cont)

Past President
Rick Thomas

Vice Presidents
Barb Mulcahy
Kevin Campos

Board of Directors
Kelly Piper
Bob Wortinger
Bill Monkemeyer
Carole Klopp
Kathy Johnson

Ricki Hoefer (07-08)
Ray Schmitz (07-08)

**FUTURE BOARD
 Meetings, 4:30 PM**

June 12th, 2007
 July 10th, 2007
 August 14th, 2007
 September 11th, 2007
 October 9th, 2007
 November 13th, 2007
 December 11th, 2007

REMINDER: STOC Articles for July 2007 Newsletter
 Are due to Bonnie Spindler blspindler@charter.net by June 28th, 2007.

June 2007 Schedule:

June 6th – Lunch Babe's, 11:45 am
 June 12th – 4:30 PM Board, Park Bank Raymond Rd.
 June 13th – Lunch Babe's, 11:45 am
 June 20th – Lunch Babe's, 11:45 am
 June 24-25th Service Club Olympics
 June 27th - CANCELLED at BABES
 June 27th - Ronald McDonald House meal

The board can reschedule dates and activities.

Progressive Picnic

Our social committee is starting to plan a Progressive Picnic for this summer, similar to the every popular Progressive Dinners we have done in the pass, but grilling out with a picnic theme. Please email Kathy Johnson at: kjohnson@RMStrategies.net to express your interest in hosting the pre-meal, meal, or post-meal portion. If you are near a park or have a place to play volleyball, you might have a great pre-meal location! *Those interested will determine the date.*

DATES	Location	Speaker	Topic	Lunch
June 6 th	<u>Babes</u>	Nan Cnare	United Way – Homeless Family Situations	Chicken Pita Wrap or Chicken Taco Salad
June 13 th	<u>Babes</u>	Police Officers	Respect for Law	Club Wrap or Beef Taco Salad
June 20 th	<u>Babes</u>	Officer Tony Pucillo with Service Dog	Service Dog's in Madison, How their used in investigations.	Cajun Chicken Sandwich or ½ Cobb Salad
June 27 th	<u>Babes</u>	CANCELLED		
July 4 th	<u>CANCELLED</u>	Fourth of July	NA	NA
July 11 th	<u>Babes</u>	TBA		TBA
July 18 th	<u>Babes</u>	Liz Gingle	United Way – Care Givers	TBA
July 25 th	<u>CANCELLED</u>	Service Club Olympics – July 23-24 th	NA	NA

JOOI Club 2007-2008 Officers

The JOOI club finished another successful year with a party on March 23rd. A new board of directors for the club was sworn in during the April Induction Banquet and met for the first time in May. We will be hosting a leadership conference at the Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells August 14-16. The new board will participate in team building exercises, leadership skill training, and planning for next year. The new JOOI board consists of the following members: Co-Presidents – Rachel Wang and Luke Gibson, Vice-President – Tammy Nyguen, Past-President – Suvai Gunasekaran, Secretary – Ross Pedersen, Treasurer – Kevin Rolnik, Senior Directors – Alex Johnson, Tenzin Paldon, and Stephanie Rohr, Junior Directors – Michael Marty and Dashni Sathasivam, Sophomore Directors – George Liu and Corinne Warner, Webmaster – Abi Seshadri.

This year we had approximately 150 members and hopefully next year with the continued support of the Sauk Trails Optimist Club we hope to be even more successful.

Rick Thomas, Co-Coordinator

STOC Garage Sale

The Sauk Trails Optimist Club held a garage sale fundraiser on Friday, May 18th and Saturday May 19th. Many members and some non-members donated clothing, household items and sporting goods. We raised over \$350 for youth programs.

Happy Birthday

Mary Schwartz	6/2
Rick Conne	6/5
Chuck Koehler	6/7
David Braun	6/26
Ray Schmitz	6/27

Student of the Month for May Claire Williams

Claire is a senior at Memorial High School and has been an active member of the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team since her sophomore year. She has been volunteering in the community and at school since she was in sixth grade. She especially enjoys the work she has done through Habitat for Humanity and Wisconsin Public Television.

Claire will attend the University of Iowa next fall. She will be studying pre-med and trying out for the soccer team.

Mary Schwartz, JOOI Coordinator



Student of Month, Claire Williams with Optimist Leaders, Mary Schwartz, and Rick Thomas

STOC Presents \$1,000 Scholarships May 16th, 2007

Holly Dewerd and Ann Tran, each received a \$1,000 Scholarship at the May 16th lunch. Both of these young women have been Student of the Month – SOM in the past year.

Holly was SOM in November 2006. She has been a co-president of the club this past year. Holly is very active in her role working with the Senior Citizens of Dane County and is very passionate about volunteering and hopes to continue her efforts in college. Holly plans to attend college at UW Whitewater.

Ann was SOM in February 2007. Her work experience includes working at the University in the PEOPLE Program as a Teacher Assistant Intern. She has also been working as a Web Developer, Graphic Designer, and Flash Animator for the university. Ann will be attending the University of Minnesota.



CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Ann Tran and Holly Dewerd,

with Optimist leaders, Rick Thomas
and Mary Schwartz

Ronald McDonald House

On Tuesday, May 22, four members of the JOOI club along with Rick and Zachary Thomas prepared a meal for the 20 residents that were staying at the Ronald McDonald House. After much discussion about the proper way to cut fruit, a beautiful fruit salad, mashed potatoes and gravy, baked beans, and grilled BBQ chicken were served. The JOOI kids will be taking the summer off, but we will be cooking a meal on **Wednesday, June 27th, 4:30 – 6:00 PM.** If you are interested in helping prepare the meal, please contact Rick Thomas at: thomas@kw.com or 212-7582

Special Olympics Track and Field Meet

Saturday, May 5th the annual Special Olympics Track and Field Meet was held at Oregon High School. Over 400 athletes take part in this inspiring event each year. There were many volunteers from the club. Greg Hermus did the announcing at this event for another year. Thanks to all and a special thanks to John Scherer & Bob Wortinger for their leadership. **GREAT JOB WAS DONE BY EVERYONE.**



SCHEDULE for June 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed (Babe's, 11:45 – 12:45 PM)	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	6 United Way – Homeless Family Situations	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12 Board Meeting</u>	<u>13 Respect for Law</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	20 Tony Pucillo and service dog	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26 New Optimist Welcomed - NOW</u>	27 CANCELLED at Noon-Babes McDonald House, 6:00 PM	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>

NFL Raffle Ticket Sale

Football Craze Tickets. Our Club has received 100 Football Craze Tickets to sell. Currently all 100 are out to members and money has been received for 88 of the tickets. If we sell all 100 and SWIS sells the total of 4,960 tickets, we will receive \$12 for each ticket sold. This would give us \$1,200 for our Youth Programs. **Gene Spindler**, Coordinator

Mallard's Game

There has been interest in attending a Mallard's game this year in the group section of the stadium. Please contact Kathy Johnson at: kjohnson@RMStrategies.net if you are interested. Dates will be determined if interest is sufficient.

Optimist, Dale Kalscheur Runs for a Cure

Dale Kalscheur's dad Reggie passed away in February after an 8-month battle with Leukemia. His dad taught & instilled in him, the importance of a good work ethic, saving for the future, and "doing the right thing", just to name a few. Since his dad's passing, he has been looking for a meaningful & personal tribute to his memory. To honor his dad's life by "doing the right thing" for cancer patients, he's raising funds to find a cure, while training & running a Marathon.

On October 7th, Dale will run in the **Chicago Marathon**, as part of a team of runners supported by the **Leukemia and Lymphoma Society-Team in Training**. In addition to the personal challenge of running more than **26 miles**, Dale has committed to raising **\$ 5,000** in support of cancer patients.

Join Dale by pledging your support. Your contribution will help bring us closer to finding a cure. His dad lived his life giving to others, his memory continues through Dale's mission. You can donate at the following website: <http://www.active.com/donate/tntwi/tntwiDKalsch> or if you prefer to mail a donation to Dale Kalscheur, 113 Stonefield Circle, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572. *(Please make your check payable to: LLS).*

Dale Kalscheur

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 your 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.



SIGN-UP AT LUNCHESES OR E-MAIL TO GREG HERMUS AT GHBADGER@CHARTER.NET**2007 SERVICE CLUBS OLYMPICS****MEMBER SIGN UP SHEET****MONDAY, JULY 23, AND TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2007**

(Please make a copy of this sheet for each of your members.)

Member Name: _____
 Club Name: _____
 Club Rep or
 Event Chair: _____

Please check those events in which you are interested in participating. A single, final list will be compiled after all club members have turned these sheets into your Olympics Club Rep.

1. July 23 Evening Events

- ____ Eight-Ball Pool (6 p.m.) Blue Chalk Club, 2248 Deming Way, 836-8588
 ____ Bowling (6 p.m.) Schwoegler's Park Towne, 440 Grand Canyon Drive, 833-7272
 ____ Texas Hold 'Em (6 p.m.) J. T. Whitney's, 674 S. Whitney Way, 274-1776

2. July 24 Morning Events (Cherokee - 249-1000; Bridges Golf Course - 244-1822)

Starting times are noted after each event. All morning events are over by 12 noon.

- ____ 5K Run (7 a.m.) Cherokee West parking lot
 ____ Golf (7:30 a.m.) Bridges Golf Course, 2702 Shopko Drive, Highway 30
 ____ Volleyball (7:30 a.m.) POOLEY'S, 5441 High Crossing Blvd., 242-1888
 ____ Bike Race (9 a.m.) Windsor Park
 ____ Ping Pong (9 a.m.) Cherokee Indoor Tennis Court 1

3. July 24 Afternoon Events

- ____ Swimming (11:30 – 1:15 p.m.) Cherokee Pool
 ____ Backgammon (1:30) Center Court Lounge - Upper Level
 ____ Bocce (1:30) Cherokee NE side of parking lot
 ____ Bridge (1:30) Center Court Lounge - Upper Level
 ____ Checkers (1:30) Sequoya Room Annex
 ____ Cribbage (1:30) Center Court Lounge West - Upper Level
 ____ Euchre (1:30) Sequoya Room
 ____ Horseshoes (1:30) Cherokee NE side of parking lot
 ____ Racquetball (1:30) Cherokee Next to Court 5
 ____ Scrabble (1:30) Sequoya Room Annex
 ____ Tennis (1:00) Cherokee Indoor Tennis Courts 1 through 4

4. July 24 Open Events

- ____ Agility Course (3 – 5 p.m.) Cherokee Indoor Tennis Courts 5 and 6
 ____ Bait Casting (3 – 5 p.m.) Cherokee Indoor Tennis Courts 5 and 6
 ____ Darts (3 – 5 p.m.) Cherokee Indoor Tennis Courts 5 and 6

5. July 24 Evening Events

- ____ Cocktails (4:30 p.m.) Cherokee Lounge - Upper Level
 ____ Dinner/Awards (5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.) Cherokee Lounge - Upper Level

Sauk Trails Optimist Club, Ltd. - Membership Roster June 2007

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