



Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



JULY 2010

**Summer Schedule: 1st Wed of Month,
5:30 PM Evening; 3rd Wed of Month,
11:45 – 12:45 Noon, SPRECHER'S,**



Greetings All!

Heavens to Mergatroid – it's July and Rhythm N' Booms time! Hope y'all have a sparkling 4th of July. Meanwhile, back at the club house (meaning STOC, of course) things are a-boomin' too:

- Alison organized a wonderful picnic event for June 27th – many thanks to Alison and hope all enjoyed themselves.
- **MADISON AREA SERVICE CLUB OLYMPICS** – STOC needs **YOU!** You might have heard from Greg Hermus or Rick Thomas – co-chairs for this event – calling to see if you can help us get all our participation points (which means we have someone for every event)! Please don't wait for the call – let Greg or Rick know now that you're willing to play for the good of STOC! Hopefully most of you will also be able to be at the dinner as well when it's announced that we won???
- Don't forget to respond to Alison's eVite for the **Mallards Game in July** – more info to come on that soon (again, thank YOU Alison).
- Kevin and Kathy are now hard at work organizing our major (new) fundraiser set for **October 30th – B-Ball at Memorial HS**. First on the agenda is a "name" for the event. I suggested "Ghouls, Goblins & Balls" – not sure everyone loved it. What can you think of?? Let Kathy or Kevin know as soon as possible. Also, the need to begin contacting sponsors – once again, please help. Finally, players are needed! If you know of someone who might be willing, don't keep it a secret – call Kathy or Kevin! After all this, their phones will be red hot!
- **Our service activity** for September, October and November is helping to serve at the Childhood Cancer center at UW Hospitals; and
- A quick reminder that we're joining with our JOOI Club at Memorial to be an **Orphan Train Conductor**. More on that later this summer

So, the next line in our creed is **to forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future**. I don't know that we have any mistakes we want to forget as a club (I guess we all do individually), but we do want to press on to greater achievements! I want to highlight two that the board has:

1. **Better Attendance at our Meetings** – for awhile we were down to about 6 or 7 folk showing up, but it's gotten better in the past month! Believe it or not, we have had almost 15 every time. We are hoping to see everyone at least once per month which is why we have started the first Wednesday of the month EVENING meetings – especially for those who really cannot make lunch time. So, please get your calendars out NOW and mark those STOC meetings times. You'll be glad you did.

2. **12 New Members Overall** – we've lost quite a few folk in the past 2 years, but we've also gained new members. The board hopes that each of us will make an effort to bring someone new to the club knowing that "many hands make the work go quickly." Board members are working hard at this (Special Kudos to Jeff Hosking and Kevin Campos!), but we all have a vested interest! Please think about bringing a friend along – you'll be glad you did.

Well, that does it for now! Take note of the news in the rest of the newsletter and be sure to show your optimism to all you meet.

Carole Klopp, President
Sauk Trails Optimist Club (STOC)

PS: Please NOTE – we only meet 2 TIMES IN JULY AND AUGUST: July 7th in the EVENING and July 21st for LUNCH; August 4th in the EVENING and August 18th for LUNCH! See y'all then!

Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC Board Meeting Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, June 1st, 2010

Members in Attendance: President: - Carole Klopp, Sec/Treas – Gene Spindler; VP: Alison Scherer, Past President: Kevin Campos, Board Members: Jeff Hosking, Bonnie Spindler, Bob Wortinger. Pat Beiersdorf, Ray Schmitz. Optimist: Darrin Sharp.

Not attending. Kathy Johnson

Carole Klopp called the meeting to order at 4:49 pm.

The minutes of the April 20, 2010 Board Meeting were discussed. A motion was made (Bob Wortinger), seconded (Pat Beiersdorf), and passed to approve the minutes of the April Board Meeting.

The Financial Report through April 30, 2010 was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the information provided. A motion was made (Bonnie Spindler), seconded (Alison Scherer) and passed to accept the financial report as presented.

The Board discussed Officers and Board Members for 2010-2011. The following will be presented to the membership to be voted on **June 2, 2010**.

President	John Scherer
Vice President	
Secretary/Treasurer	Bob Wortinger
Board Members	Darrin Sharp, Gene Spindler, Kevin Campos

There was a brief discussion about a possible change for the luncheon meetings. There was a strong interest in the Vintage as a possible location for lunch after a positive experience with the Respect for Law luncheon. Further discussion will occur towards the end of the Optimist Year as to whether there will be a change in location.

The luncheon meeting schedule for the summer months was discussed and the following are the meetings: June 2nd-evening meeting, June 9, June 16, June 23, July 7-evening meeting, July 21, August 4-evening meeting and August 18. The evening meeting will consist of a short meeting and the rest of time will be social time.

Fundraising was discussed. The basketball event is scheduled for **Saturday October 30th** at Memorial High School from 2 to 5 PM. A raffle will also be scheduled. The specifics of the raffle will be determined at a later time. We will be looking to get some highly desirable sport items (Packer Football) to raffle.

Social: The picnic is scheduled on **June 27th** at the Madison Zoo. An E-vite will be coming for members to sign up. An E-vite will also be coming for a Mallards baseball game in July. We have 10 free passes for one game. The pass includes a game ticket and a hot dog with beverage. The game will be scheduled for **a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday in July**.

The Board discussed adding November as a third month to assist serving meals for Childhood Cancer. The dates are: **September 19th, October 17th and November 21st**.

A motion was made (Alison Scherer), seconded (Bob Wortinger) and passed to adjourn. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting is **4:30 on July 7 at Sprecher's Gene Spindler**, Secretary/Treasurer 2009-2010

ANY Sauk Trails Club Optimists

There should be club representation at each quarterly conference to acquire the information for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Please put these dates on your calendar and try to make at least one of these SWIS Conferences.

August 14th, 2010 **Pewaukee Radisson**
November 7th **Minneapolis, MN**

REMINDER: The June Board Meeting will be held at **4:30 PM on Wednesday, July 7th at Sprecher's**. This will be right before the get-together.

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Sauk Trails Club Officers 09-10

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Kevin Campos

Vice President
Alison Scherer

Board of Directors

Jeff Hosking
Bob Wortinger
Kathy Johnson
Pat Beiersdorf
Bonnie Spindler
Ray Schmitz



CHILDHOOD CANCER

Future sign-up dates for 2 Sauk Trails Optimist to help serve meals on Sunday's for Childhood Cancer families with West Madison Club Optimists are:

September 19th;
October 17th;
November 21st

This is a wonderful way to support those going through family cancer challenges. Sign-up will be coming in the future.

Sauk Trails Evening Get-Together: On June 2nd from 5:30 – 7:00 PM optimists and 6 invited guests enjoyed appetizers, each other and found out more about the Optimist organization. The plan is to have a similar event, with more appetizers, the first Wednesday of each future month to help with membership.

OccuPaws Guide Dog Association: Barb & Mark Schultz & dogs, representing OccuPaws, shared with the club on **June 9th**. OccuPaws is an organization dedicated to empowering the visually impaired while raising awareness and education for both adults and children. If you would like information about future events or contributing, call 608-444-9555 or www.occupaws.org.

Fishing Has No Boundaries: There is a fishing weekend for Anglers with Disabilities, July 10 – 11th, at Governor Nelson State Park. On June 23rd a zip file was sent to ALL Sauk Trails Optimists and recent guests with more information. If you're interested in this event, you can contact Darrin Sharp, Optimist or Jim Campbell who shared on **June 16th** at a club lunch.

Jim Campell 608-225-8194 jcambellsignaturehomes@charter.net
 Darrin Sharp 608-229-1112 detrwgs@yahoo.com

"Lose the Training Wheels" Bike Camp: This will be held, July 12th through the 16th for the MADSS - Madison Area Downs Syndrome Society. On June 25th attachments were sent to ALL Sauk Trails Optimists and recent guests with more information. If you're interested in this event you can contact Vickie Eiden, who shared on **June 23rd** at a club lunch.

Vickie Eiden (608) 692-7653 vickie@madss.org

THANKS to JEFF HOSKING and DARRIN SHARP, Speaker Co-Chairs, FOR BRINGING IN THESE SPEAKERS.

Date	Speaker	Topic	SPRECHERS Menu's
July 7th	EVENING Get-Together	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Hors d'oeuvres
July 21st	Paul Gilbertson	President 'Reach a Child'	Menu 3
Aug 4th	EVENING Get-Together	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Hors d'oeuvres
Aug 18th	Diane Schwartz (tent)	'Get Kids Outside', summer programs	Menu 3
Sept. 1st	EVENING Get-Together	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Hors d'oeuvres
Sept 8 th	TBA		Menu 2
Sept 15 th	Fran Puleo	Monona Terrace Options for future planning	Menu 3
Sept 22 nd	TBA		Menu 4
Sept 29 th	Joanne Ganske, OI Rep	Optimist Incentives/Programs	Menu 1
Oct. 6th	All Optimists / Spouses / Significant Others Invited	EVENING Induction Banquet New Officers	Location: TBA
Oct. 13,20,27	TBA		
Nov 3 rd	EVENING Get-Together	5:30 – 7:00 PM (tentative)	
Nov 10 th	TBA		
Nov. 17 th	MASCC Lunch, Alliant Ctr	NOON, Sprecher's CANCEL	
Nov. 24 th	TBA (Thanksgiving Eve)	TBA	
Dec. 1 st	EVENING Get-Together	5:30 – 7:00 PM (tentative)	

SPRECHER'S MENU CHOICES for Lunch

Lunch Cost: (\$12.00 includes entrée, beverage, tax, & tip)

Evening Hors d' oeuvres (\$12.00, includes soft drink beverage, tax & tip)

Menu 1	Menu 2	Menu 3	Menu 4
½ Sprechers Chicken Wrap, with side and soup	½ Roast Turkey Sandwich, with side and soup	Ratatouille with Soup	Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo with soup
Rueben with soup or side	Meatloaf with soup	Sprechers Chicken Sandwich with soup or side	Classic Cobb Salad
Chicken Caesar Salad with soup	Classic Cobb Salad with soup	Chicken Caesar Salad with soup	Pork Sliders with side and soup

Sauk Trails Basketball & Sports Fundraiser

The afternoon of **Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 3:00-5:00** is the date/time for the 1st annual fundraiser of a basketball game, a free throw competition, and other events like jump rope, broad jump, vertical jump, etc. for children and adults. We're still working on the name. We intend for this to be our biggest one-day fundraiser

We intend to have cheerleaders and maybe even Bucky Badger! We will co-sponsor with the JOOI students and Champion Style Athletics, the former Badgers. Our mission is to "Promote Healthy, Active Lifestyles in our Community"

We need your help, so please contact Kevin or me if you would like to chair a committee, serve on it, or help in other ways.

1. Getting sponsors (friends, family, and businesses who support our mission)
2. Getting players, both sports-minded people who love the game and/or celebrities/former professionals/Badgers). Non-celebrity-type players will be asked to make a small donation for the opportunity to play against the professionals/Badgers.
3. Committee Chairs and committee members in areas of (but not limited to):
 - ✓ Public Relations including Media Coordination
 - ✓ Ticket Printing/Sales/Distribution/ and Collection
 - ✓ Event Posters Printing/Distribution, Advertising, Community Message Boards
 - ✓ Concessions (JOOI)
 - ✓ Set up and Clean up
 - ✓ T-Shirts, Equipment, Event Program, Liability waivers,
 - ✓ Logistics (P.A., announcer, referees, coaches, shower room set up, team prep, team practice).
 - ✓ School Assembly planning/coordinating/implementing to promote healthy, active lifestyles.
 - ✓ Raffles coordinator and prize procurement

Two years ago, we paid \$4000 to the Harlem Ambassadors for a similar event and we raised about \$5000 before the Harlem fee. This time, we will keep the monies and donate to youth in the community!

We appreciate and look forward to your support,

Kevin Campos and Kathy Johnson, Co-Chairs

SUMMER PICNIC Sunday, June 27th :

There were 14 who attended the picnic at the zoo. The weather broke nicely from threatened rain showers to a beautiful day. Thanks to Alison & John Scherer for coordinating this event.

MALLARD's GAME to be scheduled in July on a week day evening.

10 tickets are available from the Bucky Book Sales incentives, first come first serve. EVITE Coming from Social Committee.

Sauk Trails Optimist Club Future Activities

- ✓ 2 Meetings each month in summer: July and August 1st and 3rd Wed.
(1st Wed Evening Meeting, 3rd Wednesday Noon Meeting)
- ✓ Mallard's Game scheduled **July, week day evening**
- ✓ Service Club Olympics **Jul 26 (eve), Jul 27th** (all day),
(sign-up for 5:30 PM dinner at Keva by July 15th, see other attachment for info).
- ✓ Childhood Cancer Meal Serving **Sun, Sept. 19th, Oct. 17th. Nov. 21st.**
- ✓ Basketball Fundraising Scheduled **Saturday, October 30th**
- ✓ STOC New Board Induction **Wed Evening October 6th**
- ✓ Supporting JOOI activities and others. **Continuous**

Madison Area Service Club Olympics – MASCC, July 26 – 27th

Greg Hermus and Rick Thomas will be coordinated the annual MASCC Olympics. Sign-up sheets will be coming the following events. The goal is to have an Optimist in EVERY Event to compete against other service clubs in the Madison area. Events scheduled include:

Monday Evening, July 26th : Bowling; Billiards; Texas Hold-Em

Tuesday Morning, July 27th: 5K Run, 5K Walk, Golf, Volleyball, Bike Race, Ping Pong, Swimming.

Tuesday Afternoon, July 27th: Tennis, Backgammon, Badminton, Basketball, Bocce, Bridge, Checkers, Cribbage, Euchre, and Horseshoes, Scrabble.

Tuesday Late Afternoon, July 27th: Bait Casting, Bean Bags, Marshmallow Golf.

Dinner follows where all the awards are given for the various events and the overall Club Awards are given based on winning and participation. Please put these dates on your calendar and sign-up for the events that your interested in to help the Sauk Trails Optimist Club.

The **event sign-up sheet and dinner response** is on a separate document you will receive with the newsletter. Check the schedule and if there are any corrections, please let Rick or Greg know. If for some reason you have a future conflict, please contact them and try to get a substitute for yourself.

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Greg Hermus ghbadger@charter.net

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Membership Incentives:

Sauk Trails Optimist Club is offering 'Sprecher Pub Cards' to the first 10 Optimists who bring in a new member. Optimist International is offering one year of no international dues if a member sponsors four members from Feb. 22nd - Sept. 30th. The SWIS District is offering the following:

- 1) Anyone sponsoring four new members from Feb. 22 – May 3 will have their name entered in a drawing at the 3rd quarter conference for a **\$50 gift card**.
- 2) Anyone sponsoring four new members from February 22 – September 30 will have their **10-11 district dues waived**.

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 at 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.

