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# Sauk Trails Optimist Club

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

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## Sauk Trails Optimists:

As I am writing this article, we are coming off another successful year at the Service Club Olympics. This year we finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place, but we had some memorable performances put in by our members. We won several events including: biking, ping pong, and the agility course. The whole idea of this event is to get people together from throughout the city that has the common goal of community service. If you didn't participate in it this year, make an effort to compete next year.

We have a lot going on in the last two months of my presidency of the club. Besides the regular weekly meetings, we have several special events planned. I would like to see as many people as possible participate in these events.

- 1) We have the **Brewer game** trip on **August 24<sup>th</sup>**.
- 2) We have the **Trinity Irish Dancers** coming in to perform for the club on **August 27<sup>th</sup>**. *(Please see the article in this newsletter for further details.)*
- 3) We have the **American Players Theatre** performance on **September 27<sup>th</sup>**
- 4) We have the **Harlem Ambassadors** event on **September 28<sup>th</sup>**.

**Finally, we are still in need of someone who is willing to be the President for 2008-2009.** It is a great opportunity to grow your leadership skills and meet lots of interesting people in the process. You will also do a lot of good for the children of this community. Please contact me directly if you have questions, and I will be happy to answer them for you. Let's have a great finish to the summer of 2008!

**Rick Thomas**, Club President 2007 - 2008

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## Irish Dancers to Perform on August 27<sup>th</sup>

We have a special treat in store for our August 27<sup>th</sup> evening club meeting! The Trinity Irish Dancers will be performing for our members and guests. This is a student dance troop with dancers ranging in age from 5-18. The event will be held at the **West Side Club from 5:30-7:00 pm**. *(Babes is cancelled that day)*. Plan on attending the festivities, and bringing several guests. We will be inviting many potential members, so your attendance is greatly encouraged. It should be a fun evening and a great opportunity to introduce others to our Optimist club. Please **RSVP to Rick Thomas by August 24<sup>th</sup>** by email: [jathoma2@wisc.edu](mailto:jathoma2@wisc.edu); phone: 608-212-7582; or sign up at lunch.

**REMINDER Football Craze Ticket:** The NFL Football Craze tickets and money need to be turned in on **August 6<sup>th</sup>**, to Gene Spindler. *(Also any unsold tickets)*

**Sauk Trails  
Optimist Club  
July Board  
Meeting  
Minutes,  
7/10/2008**

**Members in Attendance:**

**President:** Rick Thomas  
**Past President:** Greg Hermus  
**VP & Board Members:** Kevin Campos – VP, Ricki Hoefer,  
 Ray Schmitz  
**Sec/Treasurer:** Gene Spindler  
**Not Present:** Barb Mulcahy-VP, Carole Klopp, Kathy  
 Johnson, Bob Wortinger,  
 Bill Monkemeyer

**Sauk Trails  
Club Officers**

**President**  
 Rick Thomas

**Secretary/Treasurer**  
 Gene Spindler

**Past President**  
 Greg Hermus

**Vice Presidents**  
 Barb Mulcahy  
 Kevin Campos

**Board of Directors**  
 Ricki Hoefer  
 Bob Wortinger  
 Bill Monkemeyer  
 Carole Klopp  
 Kathy Johnson  
 Ray Schmitz

Rick Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm.

The minutes of the June 10th, 2008 Board Meeting were discussed. A motion was made (Greg Hermus), seconded (Ricki Hoefer) and passed to accept the minutes of the June Board Meeting

The Financial Report through June 30, 2008 was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the information provided. A motion was made (Greg Hermus), seconded (Kevin Campos) and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Rick Thomas gave the President's Report. The calendar of events review included Service Club Olympics on July 21-22. A motion was made (Gene Spindler), seconded (Greg Hermus) and passed to provide \$5 to members for events costing more than \$10 and \$10 for members evening meal expense. Evening Meetings are scheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup>, August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 24<sup>th</sup>; a Brewer game is scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>; and A Midsummer Night's Dream at The American Players Theatre on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

There was a brief discussion on the Harlem Ambassadors, scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>, and it was decided that this item would require a separate meeting exclusively for this topic. That meeting to discuss the Harlem Ambassadors was scheduled for **Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>** at 10 am at Greg Hermus's home.

Sauk Trails will be helping with "Connections", an event at Wexford Village on July 11<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm to 4 pm. Kevin Campos and Gene Spindler volunteered to assist with this activity. Our club will be providing condiments for hot dogs and will be serving food during this event.

A motion was made (Greg Hermus), seconded (Kevin Campos) and passed to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting is set for **5:30 on August 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.**

**Gene Spindler**, Secretary/Treasurer 2007-2008

**SWIS – Southern  
Wisconsin  
Conferences**

**August 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>,**  
**Racine**  
**Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Madison TBA**

**FUTURE BOARD  
Meetings**

August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
 September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**SAUK TRAILS Club PRESIDENT Needed**

Rick Thomas will be completing his 2<sup>nd</sup> year as club president Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. (He was also president in 0506). There is a NEED for someone to take over starting in October 2008 through September 2009. Please help your club with your leadership ability and find out more about the presidency role from Rick before September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008.



**August 2008 Schedule:**

August 6<sup>th</sup> Lunch Babe's, 11:45 am  
 August 13<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM Board Meeting (WED)  
 August 13<sup>th</sup> Lunch Babe's, 11:45 am  
 August 20<sup>th</sup> Lunch Babe's, 11:45 am  
 August 27<sup>th</sup> **West Side Club, 5:30 pm**

**Speaker Coordinator Needed**

We are in need of a new speaker coordinator to serve our club in 0809 year. This is a great opportunity for anyone who likes to meet new people and can creatively come up with topics for our meetings. Especially if you can't attend the weekly meetings, this would be a great way to serve your club. No experience is needed, just a willingness to serve. Please contact Rick at 212-7582 to discuss details

Bob Wortinger	8/4
Dan Gibson	8/6
BJ Bailey	8/7
Amy Tripp	8/21
Steve Bailey	8/28
Wade Anunson	8/30
Christian Gridley	8/31

**Happy Birthday**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>August 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Babes</u></b>	John Kavnik – AARP	Elder frauds and how to spot them	BLT or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
<b>August 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Babes</u></b>	Ben Sprague – United Way	Marketing your organization-do's and don'ts	Fish Tacos or Chicken Taco Salad
<b>August 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Babes</u></b>	Todd Berry	State of Wisconsin finances and economy	Club Sandwich or Buffalo Chicken Salad
<b>August 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>West Side Club, 5:30 – 7:00 (Babes Cancelled)</u></b>	GET-TOGETHER	How Can YOU Make a Difference in the Life of a CHILD?	APPETIZERS, Cash Bar
<b>Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b><u>Babes</u></b>	TBA		Chicken Pita or Beef Taco Salad
<b>Sept. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Babes</u></b>	TBA		Rueben or 1/2 Caesar Salad
<b>Sept. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Babes</u></b>	TBA		Turkey & Swiss or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
<b>Sept. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Babes, 5:30 – 7:00</u></b>	Club Officers, 2008-09	Club Banquet Honoring New Officers	TBA
<b>Oct. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b><u>Babes</u></b>	TBA		

**2008 – 2009 Volunteer Group Concessions**

**For your future planning.** There will be a need for 1-2 volunteers for each of the following UW Football games:

8/30 – Akron;                      9/6 – Marshall;                      10/4 – Ohio State;                      10/11 – Penn State;  
 10/25 – Illinois;                      11/15 – Minnesota;                      11/22 – Cal Poly.

In addition, we will need to make a decision to do either the Spring Football Game or WIAA Football (1 shift).

There will also be volunteers needed for WIAA Wrestling (3 days) **Feb. 26 – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009** AND ALSO for WIAA Boy's Basketball (3 days) **March 19 – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009**. Check your calendar, sign-up sheets will be coming soon. Contact Steve Bailey to give your input and for sign-up at: [SBailey100@aol.com](mailto:SBailey100@aol.com)

## 2008 Summer Picnic in June

The 2008 version of the annual Sauk Trails Optimist summer picnic was held at the Kraemer's home. Approximately 20 people shared in food and Good Company. While we did see a little rain towards the end of the picnic, we were able to enjoy the Kraemer's beautiful deck before dinner. Thank you to the Social Committee for setting up this annual event! Thanks to Jacci See for taking the pictures below.



A big thanks to our hosts, **Mark and Cathy Kraemer**, pictured above. Many optimists and spouses besides visiting former optimists, Jim & Dee Judd, enjoyed the afternoon.

Many over the years have enjoyed this annual social event. If you couldn't attend this year, hope to see you next year.





## SERVICE CLUB OLYMPICS RESULTS

The Annual Service Club Olympics was held on July 21<sup>st</sup> – July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Cherokee Country Club. Sauk Trails Club was well represented by 26 optimists, and 2 guests. Everyone had a good time participating and/or winning in events and socializing with each other. *(Next year our goal will be to have optimists in all events).*

**Thanks to everyone who participated.**

**The Sauk Trails Optimist Club came in 4<sup>th</sup> place this year with 1, 335 points.**  
*(1<sup>st</sup> place, Kiwanis Madison West – 1,392 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Rotary Downtown – 1,369 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> place Rotary Westtown/Middleton – 1359 points)*

### **Billiards:**

Greg Hermus & Pete Graven      **2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

### **Bowling:**

Gene Spindler, Brinda Mecham,  
Bob Wortinger, & BJ Bailey      **Participated**

### **Texas Hold'em Poker:**

Kathy Johnson      **Participated**

### **5K Walk:**

Pat Beiersdorf, Bonnie Spindler,  
Chuck Koehler, & Gail Koehler      **Participated**

### **5K Run – Men:** *(No 5K women ran)*

Christian Gridley      **2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

### **Golf:**

Mary Schwartz & Kathy Johnson      **Participated**  
*(could have used 2 more)*

### **Volleyball:**

John Scherer, Rick Thomas,  
Mark Towne, & Dale Kalscheur      **2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

### **Biking:**

Christian Gridley      **1<sup>st</sup> Place**

### **Ping Pong:**

Bob Wortinger & Greg Hermus      **1<sup>st</sup> Place**

### **Tennis:**

Greg Hermus & Tim Belter      **2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

### **Swimming:**

John Scherer, Rick Thomas,  
Christian Gridley, & Greg Hermus      **3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

### **Bocce:**

Alison Scherer & Christian Gridley      **Participated**

### **Bridge:**

Gene Spindler & Carole Klopp      **Participated**

### **Checkers:**

Kathy Johnson      **Participated**

### **Cribbage:**

Bonnie Spindler & Pat Beiersdorf      **Participated**

### **Euchre:**

Ray Schmitz & Ricki Hoefler      **Participated**

### **Horseshoes:**

Bob Wortinger & Dale Kalscheur      **2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

### **Scrabble:**

Jacci See      **Participated**

### **Darts:**

**Bait Casting:**      **2<sup>nd</sup> Place club finish**

### **Agility Course:**

Dale Kalscheur, Alison Scherer,  
John Scherer, Greg Hermus,  
& Tim Belter **TEAM**      **1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL  
OPTIMISTS**



Sauk Trails Optimists taking a break between events on Tuesday, at lunch, below. The bowling team participants (Bob, Gene, Brinda, BJ), and the agility course run by optimists. Some optimists who participated in the Service Club Olympics pictured above. **GREAT TIME.**



## Sauk Trails Optimist Club, Ltd. - Membership Roster **August 2008**

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### Baseball Game Scheduled, August 24<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars and plan on joining your fellow Optimists on **Sunday afternoon, August 24th at Miller Park** when the Milwaukee Brewers play the Pittsburgh Pirates. Sign-up is occurring at lunches or you can contact Mark Kraemer at [mkraemer@parkbank.com](mailto:mkraemer@parkbank.com) to sign-up or for more information.

### American Player's Scheduled, September 27<sup>th</sup>

Kathy Johnson has ordered 18 tickets to the Mid Summer Night's Dream, American Player's Theater, for **Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM**. The cost is \$42 each. The tickets will be available on a first-come first-serve basis. **UPDATE:** There are 10 tickets left for you, family and/or friends. If interested please contact Kathy at: [kjohnson@RMStrategies.net](mailto:kjohnson@RMStrategies.net) **BY August 20<sup>th</sup>**. (After that date the tickets will be sold on Craig's List).

*Something magical happened in the woods at APT's opening night-performance of A Midsummer's Night Dream. It was that William Brown's deftly directed production was as inspired and beautiful as it was funny. This version of Shakespeare's comedy is set in modern-day Athens where a ragtag group of laborers are rehearsing a play to be performed at a royal wedding...a Midsummer's Night Dream works its magic!*

### HARLEM AMBASSADORS SCHEDULED, SUNDAY September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008

4 p.m. at Memorial High School, with the gym reserved **3:00 until 7:00** for the Harlem Ambassadors. We are asking all club members to do all they can to assure this event is successful. The business model is:

- 1) 20 - \$200 player sponsors to cover the \$4000 Harlem Ambassadors fee.
- 2) 4 - \$200 coach sponsors to cover other expenses (shirts \$250) and possibly \$550 profit.
- 3) Undetermined number of \$500 school assembly sponsorships to directly sponsor visits to area schools by the team members to spread the message of **"Stay in school, stay off drugs."**
- 4) 6 - Hotel rooms provided free by Wisco Hotel Group. Tickets will be printed with the hotel sponsor's name.
- 5) We will have banners printed with sponsors' names to display in the gymnasium.
- 6) We will have posters printed for advertising at local businesses, including at sponsor locations.
- 7) We need to find 20 basketball players (5 per quarter), preferably some with name recognition to draw a crowd. 5 will play in each of the two entertainment quarters, 5 will play in each of the two more serious basketball quarters. Call or email Greg Hermus, Kevin Campos or Rick Thomas with suggestions of people you know who might agree to play.
- 8) We need to find 2 high profile honorary coaches to each "coach" one half.
- 9) We will raffle off the right to sit on the Harlem Ambassadors' bench next to the sixth man. (Quantity of seats to be determined.)
- 10) We will offer VIP seats, 4 free with each sponsorship and additional paid VIP seating available for additional attendees from sponsor businesses.
- 11) All members solicit area businesses, groups and individuals for sponsorships & contributions. We will send materials to you via email. Hard copies will also be made available.

Optimistically, **Greg Hermus**

## 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.