



Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



October 2008

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



SAUK TRAILS ANNUAL BANQUET September 24th, 2008



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Board.



Kevin
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Rick
Thomas

Sauk Trails Optimists:

It is hard to believe that after being President for two of the last three years, this will be my last President's article. We have done a lot of great work for kids over the last year for which we should be very proud. Our programs have directly served over 600 people, and indirectly served over 1000! Some of my favorite projects over the last year include: Ronald McDonald House meals, Salvation Army bell ringing, presenting the service scholarships, working with the JOOI club, Harlem Ambassadors Basketball and finally the Special Olympics Track & Field meet. As I write this we have just successfully completed the Harlem Ambassadors event, which brought in many famous and not so famous athletes to play basketball in support of a great cause. It was also great exposure for our club and gave a positive message to the kids in attendance.

As I look to the future, I am very positive about the great things we can do for kids in our community! There are lots of great people out there who are just looking for a way to give back to their community. The only thing we have to do is "Just Ask" and we will be surprised at who will be willing to help. I look forward to working with everyone in the upcoming year!

Rick Thomas, Past President 0708

Sauk Trails Optimists:

Well we just kicked off another year with our Annual banquet last week. I am excited to be your new President and looking forward to adding a few new programs and events where we can focus on helping kids. This is my first time as your President and I am looking forward to more people participating in those programs and events so we can help even more kids. I am happy to take everyone's suggestions and would appreciate your input. For those that weren't at our Harlem Ambassadors event this past Sunday, it was a great Success and I appreciate everyone who participated. We had over 185 people attend the event including celebrities like Ron Dayne, Charlie Wills, Haywood Simmons, Kenny Gales, Michael London, Mitch Henck & more. I am looking forward to making that event even more successful next year. I will expand on our future programs and events in upcoming newsletter so please watch for them.

Kevin Campos, Club President 0809

**STOC Board Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2008**

Present: Rick Thomas, Ricki Hoefer, Kevin Campos, Greg Hermus, Kathy Johnson

There was discussion of whether we had quorum for the meeting and it was decided that we did not have enough people present to vote on new proposals.

Kevin Campos accepted the job of President.
The board reviewed the Treasurer's Report but did not vote on it.

The board discussed upcoming events and decided that Koeze Nuts should remain a fund raiser for the club.

The rest of the meeting was spent discussing the upcoming Harlem Ambassadors event. It looks like we have quite a few sponsors and lots of players. The board decided that a debriefing should be held as soon as possible after the event is held.

(Next Meeting: **Tuesday, 10/14, 4:30 PM** at Good Shepard Lutheran Church.)
Respectfully submitted by,
Rick Thomas

**Sauk Trails
Club Officers
0809**

**President
Kevin Campos**

**Secretary/Treasurer
Gene Spindler**

**Past President
Rick Thomas**

**Vice Presidents
Carole Klopp**

**Board of Directors
Ricki Hoefer
Bob Wortinger
Alison Scherer
Pat Beiersdorf
Kathy Johnson
Ray Schmitz**

JOOI Club Mentors Needed

The Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team at Memorial High School continues to grow and become a force in our community. Currently Carol Klopp, Mary Schwartz, and Rick Thomas serve as advisors to the club, but we are in need of additional adults to serve as mentors to the students. The ideal candidates would help from 3:45-4:15 most Wednesdays during the school year. If you can't make it every week, we can work around your schedule. The kids are split into committees (Optimist, Students Without Borders, Seniors, Better Life 5K, Environmental, Website, Community, Kids Helping Kids), and you would have your choice of which committee matches your interests. Please contact one the current advisors if you have questions or would like to sign up.

SWIS 0809 Conferences

1 st Qtr	Oct 31 st - Nov 1 st	Chula Vista
2 nd Qtr	Feb. 6 th - 7 th	Crowne Plaza Madison
3 rd Qtr	May 1 st - 2 nd	Chula Vista ?
4 th Qtr	Aug 7 th - 8 th	Turner Hall, Monroe



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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:

- 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 – 28th, 2009** AND ALSO for WIAA Boy's Basketball (3 days) **March 19 – 21st, 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



Janine Richgels 10/20
Rick Thomas 10/21

2008 Koeze Nut Fundraiser

Our club kicked off our annual Koeze Nut Fundraiser on October 1st. We had over \$1700 in profits last year, and we hope to top \$2000 in profits in 2008!

What you need to know to sell Koeze Nuts:

- Order deadlines: November 12th for Thanksgiving sales, and December 10th for Christmas sales.
- Bring order forms to Wednesday meetings or contact Rick Thomas at 212-7582 or jathoma2@wisc.edu
- **Collect money up front** with checks made payable to **Sauk Trails Optimist Club.**
- Products normally available include:
 - Colossal Cashews and Classic Mixed Nuts** in decanters, canisters and boxes.
 - Milk or Dark Chocolate Puddles** in decanters and boxes
 - Delan Caramel Crunch and Chocolate Covered Dried Cherries**
 - Executive Gift Packs**-combinations for corporate clients
- Product prices range from \$11.75-\$50.00+
- Come to a weekly meeting or contact Rick Thomas for promotional information, brochures or order forms.

There are two parts to the Koeze Nuts Fundraiser: 1) Accumulating the orders from everyone and ordering the Koeze products. 2) Distributing the Koeze products when they come in. If you have an interest in helping out with either of these tasks, please contact Rick Thomas as soon as possible.

GREAT TIME at Mid Summer's Night Dream at American Player's Theater. THANKS to Kathy Johnson for coordinating this social activity.

The Scheduled Speakers, with more information, can also be seen in the Sauk Trails Optimist Club Website at the following link: <http://sauktrailsoptimistclub.nexo.com/calendar>

(See Page 4 for More Info on the Website)

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Date	Speaker	Topic	Babes Noon Lunch
Oct 1 st	Kevin, Greg, Rick, Others	Harlem Ambassador Follow-up	
Oct. 8 th	Sharyl Kato	Rainbow Project	BLT or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
Oct. 15 th	Student of Month	Honoring Student	½ French Dip or Buffalo Chicken Salad
Oct. 22 nd	Dr. John Bonsett-Veal	Adoption Experiences	Fish Sandwich or ½ Cobb Salad
Oct. 29 th	TBA		Turk & Swiss or Beef Taco Salad
Nov. 5 th	Roger Backes	Personal Coach	Rueben or ½ Caesar Salad
Nov. 12 th	Student of Month	Honoring Student	Fish Tacos or Chicken Taco Salad
Nov. 19 th	MASCC – lunch at Alliant Ctr	Chief Noble Wray Speaker	Babes CANCELLED
Nov. 26 th	CANCELLED		
Dec. 3 rd	TBA		Chicken Pita or Beef Taco Salad
Dec. 10 th	Student of Month	Honoring Student	BLT or Buffalo Chicken Salad
Dec. 17 th	Optimist Holiday Party	Ornament Exchange	½ French Dip or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
Dec. 24 th	CANCELLED		
Dec. 31 st	CANCELLED		

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help with the **Harlem Ambassadors** program on Sunday, Sept. 28th. The event was well attended and everyone held a great time. More information will be coming after the de-briefing meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, October 8th right after lunch at Babe's. *(Special thanks: Greg, Kevin, Kathy, & Pat)*

Sauk Trails Optimist Club Website

There have been 22 Optimists who have signed up for the Sauk Trails Website. If you haven't already signed-up, please respond to the INVITE that you have received. *(If you need another Invite, please contact John Scherer or Bonnie Spindler).*

The website has a 'polling' feature, which is currently being used for sign-up for the MASCC scheduled lunch. This will be held on November 19th at the Alliant Center. (You can also sign-up at lunches.)

To sign-up for MASCC through the Sauk Trails Website, you must first have been invited, where you have provided a user name and password. When you then go in the 'view only', website link, you will need to click on Sign In, on the main screen, and put in your id and password. You will then be able to indicate whether you will be attending or not.

The Roster has been eliminated from this newsletter and will be sent out as a separate document to ONLY Sauk Trails Optimists. *(The Roster has already been eliminated from all past Newsletters currently posted on the website).* The Website is being looked at to provide it online in a secure environment to ONLY Sauk Trails Optimists. *(Meanwhile you'll get it separately by e-mail).*

If you would like to 'view only' the Sauk Trails Website, you can click on the following 'link':
www.sauktrailsoptimistclub.nexo.com

To see pictures of the Harlem Ambassadors, click on the following 'link':
<http://sauktrailsoptimistclub.nexo.com/pictures>

To see the any of the 2008 Newsletter, click on the following 'link':
<http://sauktrailsoptimistclub.nexo.com/bookmarks>

There will be continuing pictures, newsletters, polls, other features that will be used and developed over time. This Newsletter will continue to contain some activities and events that may or may not be put on the website. Parts of it may be eliminated, and the structure may change over time to a few pages of Optimist activities.

As Jack Welch, CEO of GE said: "Anytime there is change, there is opportunity."

Bonnie Spindler, Newsletter Editor/Distributor

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.