

Sauk Trails Optimist Club, Ltd.

"Where Every Kid Counts"

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Spring is here and now is the time to step up as a Sauk Trails Optimist. This is a very busy time for us all but remember that your club needs you. April 29th Scholarship Fundraiser is important to keep the spirit of giving to our young people. I hope that you and your spouse or significant other will be able to attend. Let's all have fun and raise money for the kids.

We can't forget that May 8th Special Olympics Track Meet is also one of our clubs biggest events. Please take the time to signup and come out to help and enjoy the day. I look forward to see you all soon and as always please remember lets have fun.

Rick Tiedmann



April 2004

BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

Jared Holthe - April 21
Andrew Lockner - April 23
Peter Graven - April 25
Walter See - April 26



Members in Attendance:

President: Rick Tiedmann

Vice President: Greg Hermus

Secretary: Jessica Oehrlein

Board Members: Alison Sheer, Ray Schmitz, Pete Graven, & Lori Handle

Meeting started at 5pm

Approved Sec/Treas. Report

Discussed fund raisers - Mike Parpovich from Scenic Design spoke of Terror on the Fox, which is a mobile haunted house company and would be used for a STOC fundraiser.

The board reminded everyone about Special Olympics and Tri Star Basketball.

There was a donation request for the Wisconsin Safety Patrol, they are sending kids to Washington DC.

There was a reminder and volunteer request for the April 29th Gathering.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45

Next meeting is April 12, 2004 location is at the Wilson Law Office.

Special Olympics Event

Your valuable time is needed again for our premier Special Olympics event - the Area 6 track meet. This event will be held on May 8th - again at Oregon High School and your help and your expertise is needed!! Mitch Hagen and Jim Judd will again be our "head officials" and will lead the Sauk Trail Optimist Volunteer efforts.

The time frame runs from 9:30 am until about 3:30 pm - a long day but a great experience. For those of you who have volunteered before we would welcome you back and for those of you who have not yet enjoyed this experience - there are a few like it!

A sign-up sheet is or will be circulated at upcoming meetings and Mitch Hagens or a club member will be coordinating volunteer efforts. Please mark your calendars for this event - May 8th - and plan to spend the day with some Special Olympics athletes who will love having you help them!

You may also contact club member Laurie Irwin at 221-2900 - all are welcome -families are encouraged to volunteer as a group.

Thanks again for the time you put forth to help this wonderful organization.

Laurie Irwin

**Sauk Trails Optimist Club Sauk Trails
Speaker/Event Agenda 2002**

Optimist Weekly Meeting held at Babe's from 11:45-12:45pm.

Please contact Andy Lochner for further details

Please enter through the backdoor, it is unlocked for the meetings

| Date | Place | Speaker/Event | Topic/Focus | Menu for Weekly Meeting |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| April 7 | Babes | TBA | | BLT or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad |
| April 14 | Babes | John Karcher | WISC TV – Recent trip to Irap | Tuna Croissant or Cobb Salad |
| April 21 | Babes | Student of the Month | Student of the Month | Chicken Pita Wrap or Beef Taco Salad |
| April 28 | | NO Meeting | NO Meeting | |
| May 5 | Babes | TBA | TBA | California Club Sandwich or Oriental Chicken Salad |
| May 12 | Babes | TBA | TBA | French Dip or Veggie Salad |
| May 19 | Babes | TBA | TBA | Fish Sandwich or Chicken Caesar Salad |
| May 26 | Babes | TBA | TBA | Rueben or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad |
| June 2 | Babes | TBA | TBA | Pork Salad or Cobb Salad |

Mark Your Calendar

April 29th ~ Concert (Sauk Trails/Spartan Youth Service Team Fundraiser)

May 8th ~ Special Olympics Track Meet

July 26 & 27 ~ Service Club Olympics

SWIS District News 2004

The SWIS News & Conference information will be available around April 1st, 2004. [Watch for the e-mail of the 'links' to acquire the information of what is happening in the Southern Wisconsin > SWIS District.](#)

If you're in a leadership position with the club and/or thinking about it, try to attend one of the quarterly conferences to meet the people and learn more about the various Optimist programs. The conferences in 2004 are:

May 7th - 8th
August 6th - 7th

Wisconsin Dells
Racine

If you have any questions about the SWIS District training and/or quarterly SWIS News/Conference editing/distribution, please contact me.

Bonnie Spindler
SWIS Bulletin Editor (2002-2004)



WE NEED YOU!

We need you to attend the Sauk Trails/Spartan Youth Service Team's scholarship fundraiser on Thursday, April 29th. Your \$10 ticket gets you dinner and a great concert by Jared Holthe's band, 4told. We are also having a silent auction with over 30 items including a basketball signed by Bo Ryan and a football signed by Barry Alvarez! Please contact Rick Thomas at 274-0528 for tickets! This would be a great event to bring potential new members also!

Rick Thomas

The **Talent Show for the Oakwood** residents was a great success and a lot of fun. There were 8 acts, many of them instrumental, including one by the advisors! The residents were very appreciative and wanted to know if the kids will come back and perform again soon.

Thanks to all the STOC members who purchased **Boston Store Community Days** Coupon Books. The Team raised \$240 which will go toward the school they are adopting in Africa.

The Service Team has elected **new officers** for the upcoming school year. The new co-presidents are Allie Jacob and Swathi Damodaran. The new officers and board members will be sworn in on Tuesday, April 20th. All STOC members are invited to come and show their support for the new leaders and thank the outgoing officers for all their hard work. The **Induction Banquet** is tentatively planned for 5:30 at Memorial. More info will be coming by e-mail.

There are plenty of other opportunities coming to interact with Service Team members. The annual **Bowling with JOOI** is Sunday, April 18th, at 4:30 at Schwoegler Park Towne Lanes. We will bowl two games and eat a lot of pizza. The cost is \$3.25/game (shoes are included). You are welcome to come and check it out even if you don't bowl.

I want to add a plug for the **Scholarship Endowment Fund Fundraiser** on Thursday, April 29th. A number of the kids are planning to attend along with their parents. It will be great to have a large number of STOC members there to welcome them and perhaps turn the parents into Optimists! Rick Thomas has been working hard to make sure the event is a success. Let's help him out by participating and bringing guests!

One more date to mark on your calendar is Saturday, June 5th, for **Safety on Wheels**. It will be held in the morning at Chavez School on Madison's southwest side. More details coming soon...

The Service Team has lots going on! Don't be shy about helping them out!

Mary Norrbom

Service Club Olympics

Please put the dates of July 26 & 27 on your calendar for this year's Service Club Olympics competition. This event requires a commitment from all club members. We will be competing against 20 to 30 other service clubs in Dane county in a variety of athletic events and various card & board games. This year, they added a 10 mile Bike Race on the morning of the 27th. Service club Olympics is a great event. In the ten year history of our Optimist club, we have finished first for several years and have always finished in the top three clubs. You will find a signup sheet for the events in this newsletter. Complete it and return it to Jim Judd by June 1. Please note if you can attend dinner. As the event approaches, we will give you more information through this newsletter, e-mails & at the luncheons. If you have any questions, give Jim a call at 833-2622 after April 25.

Jim Judd

Tri-Star Basketball

Thank you to all who helped run another successful Tri-Star Basketball Contest. On March 13 we had 24 boys and girls from Wisconsin. Six of the winners chose to go on to participate in the Southern Wisconsin contest March 20.

Special thanks to Bonnie Spindler for providing the wonderful award certificates and the idea of encasing them in plastic film and a thanks is also due to Kurt Peterson of ClearChannel Communications, who donated 96 radio spots on six radio stations. Please contact Kurt if you are in charge of marketing media placement decisions for your company.

Greg Hermus



Thank You Letter for participating in the Presidential Freedom Scholarship program in 2003

Greg Hermus received a letter from Amy Cohen the Director of Learn and Serve America thanking the Sauk Trails Optimist Club for participating in the Presidential Freedom Scholarship program in 2003.

"Through your generosity and the generosity of other individuals and organizations, close to 6,000 youth in our nation have been recognized for their leadership in service. As a result of your efforts, the following student(s) received the Presidential Freedom Scholarship:

Jessica M. Floerke & Lillian D. Huppler

Since its inception, the Presidential Freedom Scholarship program has awarded over 30,000 scholarships nationwide to high school students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership through community service."

The two students will receive a letter of congratulations from President George W. Bush and also a gold award pin. The \$500 check went directly to those that have graduated from high school after verification of college enrollment.

2004 SERVICE CLUBS OLYMPICS
MEMBER SIGN UP SHEET
MONDAY, JULY 26, AND TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2004
(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 26 Evening Events

- _____ Eight-Ball Pool (6 p.m.) The Green Room, 5618 Odana Road, 277-8588
_____ Bowling (6 p.m.) Schwoegler's Park Towne, 440 Grand Canyon Drive, 833-7272

2. July 27 Morning Events

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

- _____ Bike Race **Details are currently being finalized**
_____ 5K Run (7 a.m.) Cherokee West parking lot
_____ Golf (7 a.m.) Cherokee Golf Course
_____ Volleyball (7:30 a.m.) POOLEY'S, 5441 High Crossing Blvd., 242-1888
_____ Ping Pong (9 a.m.) Cherokee Courts

3. July 27 Afternoon Events

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

4. July 27 Open Events

- _____ Agility Course (3 p.m. – 5 p.m.) Cherokee Courts
_____ Bait Casting (3 p.m. – 5 p.m.) Cherokee Courts
_____ Darts (3 p.m. – 5 p.m.) Cherokee Courts

5. July 27 Evening Events

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

Please Sign Up for Only **One Event in Each of Groups B & C**

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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.