



Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



APRIL 2010

**Weekly Wednesday Lunch
Meetings - 11:45 – 12:45,
SPRECHER'S, Middleton**



Greetings All!

Well, it certainly feels like Spring is here and that brings to mind "rebirth." With our move to Sprecher's, that's exactly the goal in mind for our club. We have lost quite a few members and the hope is to build us back up...but that will take each of us working at it. One line in our creed jumps to mind right away-

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best.

If each of us keeps that thought in front of us, I'm sure we will see new members every month. In order to help this move along, and to be able to see more of our regular members, the board will be discussing having at least one "social" hour each month (from 5 to 7pm) for those who can no longer make the noon luncheons. That would mean 3 luncheons per month and one early evening "social." It seems like a good solution and a way to make sure everyone feels welcome – especially those folk who cannot ever make lunch. Meanwhile, if you haven't tried Sprecher's yet, please do. We're still working out the kinks, but I'm sure you'll enjoy yourself.

We have a lot of activities coming up – Special Olympics Track, JOOI Better Life Walk-A-Thon, and Spirit Day at Memorial High School – to name a few. Our Activities Chairpersons, Bonnie Spindler and Pat Beiersdorf, will be contacting you for your volunteer assistance with these and other activities. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** We ALSO have Officer and Board elections coming up in May, for those taking office in October. I know it seems kind of, okay I'll say it, weird to be doing this now; but, apparently, the national office in St. Louis really appreciates knowing sooner than later all the information. In any case, if you are willing to serve as President, Newsletter Editor or as a member of the board, please let me or a board member know. The commitment is one board meeting a month and helping with a committee. The tasks aren't onerous and the camaraderie is fun! Please think about it and get involved!

Well, that's the news for this month. Please read on to find out what's for lunch AND what's happening within STOC! AND, Happy Spring!!

Carole Klopp, President 0910
Sauk Trails Optimist Club (STOC)

Ps: On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone who supported me while I was away, especially Bonnie Spindler. It was a relief to know that everyone would step up and keep the club going. Many, many thanks! Carole

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Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC Board Meeting Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, March 16th, 2010

Members in Attendance: President: - Carole Klopp, Sec/Treas – Gene Spindler; VP: Alison Scherer Board Members: Pat Beiersdorf, Ray Schmitz, Jeff Hosking, Bonnie Spindler, Bob Wortinger. Kathy Johnson.

Not attending Past President: Kevin Campos.

Carole Klopp called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm.

The minutes of the February 16, 2010 Board Meeting were discussed. A motion was made (Kathy Johnson), seconded (Bonnie Spindler), and passed to approve the minutes of the February Board Meeting.

The Financial Report through February 28, 2010 was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the information provided. A motion was made (Alison Scherer), seconded (Bonnie Spindler) and passed to accept the financial report as presented.

The Board discussed the May Officer Elections situation and will ask for interest from members to serve a two-year term as a board member and a candidate for president and vice-president. **Nominations will need to be voted on in May.** The Board also discussed the option of having summer meetings twice a month; a motion was made (Alison Scherer), seconded (Pat Beiersdorf) and passed to have two meetings a month for July and August.

The Board discussed membership changes and a motion was made (Gene Spindler), seconded (Jeff Hosking) and passed to drop from membership Haywood Simmons and Donald Higgins. A motion was made (Gene Spindler), seconded (Kathy Johnson) and passed to nominate Heather Rice to Club Membership. The Board also discussed the upcoming open house Social event at Sprecher's on March 24th and a motion was made (Gene Spindler), seconded (Jeff Hosking) and passed for the Club to provide \$200 for appetizers for this activity.

The Board discussed doing a Bike Rodeo with the Middleton Optimist Club this spring. We will be in contact with the Middleton to see if they are planning a bike rodeo and are interested in working with Sauk Trails Optimist on this activity. There was brief discussion on working at the Bratfest. Kevin Campos and Jeff Hosking will work on this and report back to the Board. The Board discussed having a social at the Zoo this summer. There will be further discussion on this item at future board meetings.

The Board discussed the Oratorical and Essay Events. A motion was made (Alison Scherer), seconded (Bob Wortinger) and passed that for the Oratorical event to continue there would need to be at least five participants.

Our club is working with Madison West Optimist club to serve meals for Child hood Cancer families. A motion was made (Bonnie Spindler), seconded (Jeff Hosking) and passed to assist Madison West again in September and October with this activity.

A motion was made (Pat Beiersdorf), seconded (Bob Wortinger) and passed to adjourn. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting **is set for 4:45 on April 20th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.**

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.

May 8th, 2010

Wis Dells Kalahari

August 14th, 2010

Pewaukee Radisson

Editor: Bonnie Spindler
blspindler@charter.net
May Newsletter Articles
Due by 04/30/2010

Sauk Trails Club Officers 09-10

President

Carole Klopp

Secretary/Treasurer

Gene Spindler

Past President

Kevin Campos

Vice President

Alison Scherer

Board of Directors

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



CHILDHOOD CANCER

Two Sauk Trails Optimists and their families, with a West Madison Optimist, will be helping with serving meals for Childhood Cancer. Thanks to the Kalscheur Family who helped on **March 21st**.

The Hosking Family has signed up for: **April 18th**.

September 19th and October 17th are 2 future fall dates for sign-up for this activity.

Oratorical/Essay Contest Programs UPDATE

One girl, out of the 3 who signed up, entered the Oratorical Contest. She was sick the day it was scheduled at a lunch. **Thanks to the 3 judges, Darrin Sharp, Heather Rice, and Michael Glowacki**, who were prepared to judge her, but didn't have that opportunity. The plan is to have her come and give her speech at a lunch in May/June but she will NOT be eligible for any future scholarships this year.

The Essay Contest had 2 contestants of the 16 who signed up initially. **THANKS to Kathy Johnson, Darrin Sharp, and Rick Thomas** for judging the entries. Michelle Yang won first place and Marcus Bolles won second place, both received club awards. Michelle's Essay was entered at the SWIS Zone 4 contest, but she did not win. Bonnie Spindler read her Essay on March 17th in her absence and Marcus read his.

In the future, the board has determined that there needs to be a minimum of 5 entries for Oratorical or it will not be run. There will also be requirements on the Essay Contest, to-be-determined.

Bonnie Spindler, Service Event Co-Chair 833-7244 blspindler@charter.net,
Pat Beiersdorf, Service Event Co-Chair 695-0421 pbeiersdorf@bankahb.com.

Date	Speaker	Topic	SPRECHERS Lunch Menu's
April 7 th	Mark Tiedemann , Energy Specialist	Energy Efficiencies for home (continued)	Menu 1
April 14 th	Kelly from Special Olympics	Special Olympics	Menu 2
April 21 st	Heather Rice	New Optimist Shares	Menu 3
April 28 th	Anne Doyle	Business: "My Path to College"	Menu 4
May 5 th	TBA		Menu 1
May 12 th	Officers of the Law	Respect for Law	Menu 2
May 19 th	Scholarship Winners (Tent)	2 Scholarship Winners Honored, \$1,000 Each	Menu 3
May 26 th	TBA		Menu 4
June 2 nd	Students of Quarter (tent) /Oratorical Contestant	2 Students Share, 1 Speech Student	Menu 1

SPRECHER'S MENU CHOICES for 4 WEEKS EACH MONTH, Cost: \$12.00 (includes entrée, 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

Sprecher's March 24th Get-Together

The early evening get-together at Sprecher's turned out very well. A lot of Optimists came, the appetizers were great, and some future contacts were made. Thanks to all who participated in various ways in making this our new home.

The board will look into having possible monthly evening get-togethers for current members and future members. The food and the service have been great. We've been working out lunch details at Sprecher's as needed.

Spartan Youth Service, JOOI Recognition Banquet, Monday April 26th

Also, here's a special invitation to ALL STOC members to attend the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Recognition Banquet to be held **Monday, April 26th** at Memorial High School from 5:30 to 7:30pm. This is when the outgoing board members are recognized, the Adult Volunteer of the year Award is made, and the new officers and board are installed. It's a special night for our JOOI club and is made all the more special by your attendance. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend. Many thanks!

Carole Klopp, STOC President

STOC Sponsors Better Life Walk-A-Thon

Our Optimist Club once again shows it supports area youth by being a sponsor of the Better Life Walk-A-Thon. A turnout of STOC members "walking the walk" will show the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team that adults in the community care about this important project.

It's a perfect opportunity for you to get healthy and help others at the same time! **On Saturday, May 15, 2010, the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team will hold the Better Life Walk-A-Thon to benefit the After-School & Summer Programs at the Lussier Community Education Center.** In the LCEC's Youth Programs, kids receive tutoring after school, take trips, experience the arts, volunteer with younger children, plan projects, and connect with caring adults.

Your participation in this family-oriented, neighborhood event will make a difference in the lives of hundreds of area children. **The Better Life Walk-A-Thon starts at 9:00 a.m. (on site registration at 8:00 a.m.).** The Walk-A-Thon route is a loop starting at Mansfield Stadium and going into the neighborhood next to Memorial H.S. One loop is 2.5K and 2 loops are 5K. There will be a **bake sale, face painting, and games for kids of all ages** before and after the walk.

The early registration deadline is **April 24th**. You can also register at the event. See page 6 for details or go to www.spartanservice.org/better5k. If you cannot attend, consider sponsoring someone else to walk in your place. Donations are always welcome. Watch for an e-mail with volunteer opportunities.

Mary Schwartz, JOOI Co-Leader

With the 'Better Life Walk-A-Thon' and Special Track Olympics BOTH on May 15th, at 9:00 AM, try to make one or both of them (*Walk first and Track Olympics a little later*). You can also donate or have someone walk in your place. Sign-Ups will be coming for both of these great events.

Sauk Trails Optimist Club Future Activities

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| ✓ | UW Badger Band Concert | Sat. | 04/17 |
| ✓ | Childhood Cancer Meal Serving `` | Sun. | 04/18 |
| ✓ | JOOI Recognition Banquet | Mon. | 04/26 |
| ✓ | Respect for Law | Wed. | 05/12 |
| ✓ | Special Olympics Track Meet | Sat. | 05/15, 9 – 5 PM |
| ✓ | <i>(Date Has Been Updated by SO).</i> | | |
| ✓ | Better Life Walk-A-Thon | Sat. | 05/15 |
| ✓ | Scholarships Awarded | Wed. | 05/19 tentative |
| ✓ | 2 Students Honored, Speech Given | Wed. | 06/02 tentative |
| ✓ | Service Club Olympics | | Jul 26 (eve), Jul 27 th |
| ✓ | Childhood Cancer Meal Serving | | Sun, Sept. 19 th , Oct. 17 th . |
| ✓ | Basketball Fundraising Fall Plans | | Date, TBA |
| ✓ | Supporting JOOI activities and others. | | Continuous |

Please get involved in as many of these activities as you can.

Optimists Sharing: Each month there will be an Optimist/s sharing about themselves at a lunch and providing a short bio and picture for the newsletter. Please let Jeff Hosking, haphosking@yahoo.com the speaker coordinator know, which month would be a good time for you to share with other optimists. If you cannot make a lunch, we would like to have you e-mail a picture and bio about yourself to Bonnie Spindler blspindler@charter.net for a future Sauk Trails Newsletter.

Heather Rice, Optimist

Heather Rice is one of three owners of Fundraising Fulfillment Services in Madison. FFS works with local school, churches, and charities in setting up custom programs to help them meet their fundraising goals. The fundraising programs work in conjunction with local businesses in an advertising exchange program. The program promotes commerce in the business community, raises funds for nearby organizations, and provides a discount program to its customers. She loves working directly with the charities and creating campaigns to raise funds for those in need.

Heather Rice

**Happy
Birthday**

Darrin Sharp	4/20
Pete Graven	4/25
Liv Sandberg	4/25
Beth Knight	4/29

TALKING POINTS for OPTIMISTS

- 1) Opportunity to Give Back.
- 2) Support Junior Optimists.
- 3) Camaraderie with like-minded people.
- 4) Enjoy lunch, hear speaker, company friends.
- 5) Be inspired by the OI Creed.
- 6) Serve youth in community, through activities.
- 7) Set positive example for family/friends.
- 8) Something positive to do with kids/grandkids.
- 9) It's fun.
- 10) Many currently scheduled activities see this newsletter for some of those coming up.

Membership Incentives:

The Sauk Trails Optimist Club is offering 'Sprecher Pub Cards' to the first 10 current 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:

- 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**.
- Anyone sponsoring four new members from February 22 – September 30 will have their **2010-2011 district dues waived**.

Attendance at the 3rd quarter conference is not required to win the \$50 gift card, but it would be a wonderful way to personally present the card to the winner. A certificate will be sent to the club president for any member qualifying for the free 2010-2011 district dues, and that certificate will be presented as the member's dues payment.

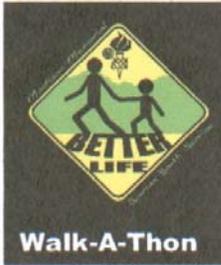
Jerry Schewe, SWIS District Governor

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.**





Better Life Walk-A-Thon

Benefiting After-School Programs at
the Lussier Community Education Center

Saturday, May 15, 2010

Mansfield Stadium at James Madison Memorial High School

Event Start 9:00 am -- On Site Registration 8:00 -8:45 am

The Gialamas Company, Inc.



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The **Spartan Youth Service JOOI* Team (SYSJT)** is an after-school volunteer group at Memorial High School dedicated to making our school and community a better place.

This event is part of our ongoing efforts to support the **After School Programs at the Lussier Community Education Center** next to Jefferson Middle School and Memorial High School. In the LCEC's youth programs, kids receive tutoring after school, take trips, experience the arts, volunteer with younger children, plan projects, and connect with caring adults. These programs serve youth of all ages from elementary through high school. *JOOI is Junior Optimist Octagon International

Fun for the Whole

Family!

- Before & After the Walk-A-Thon:**
- Games for kids of all ages
 - Face Painting
 - Bake Sale
 - Tie-dye your t-shirt for \$1.00

The Walk-A-Thon route is a loop starting at Mansfield Stadium and going into the neighborhood next to Memorial H.S. One loop is 2.5K and 2 loops are 5K.

Advance Entry Fee: \$20 adults / \$10 students / \$5 kids age 10 and under Payment must be received along with the entry form by April 24th

Race Day Entry Fee: \$25 adults / \$15 students/ \$5 kids age 10 & under Registration will take place beginning at 8:00 a.m.

-- Participants will get an event t-shirt --

Visit our **WEBSITE** for **PLEDGE FORMS & more information: www.spartanservice.org/better5k**

Event Sponsors:

- The Gialamas Company
- Sauk Trails Optimist Club
- Symphonic Financial Advisors
- Wegner LLP CPA's & Consultants
- Dane County Credit Union
- M&I Bank
- RT Real Estate Services
- CTF Web Services
- Culligan Total Water
- Sprint Print II

This is not a school sponsored activity and the Madison Metropolitan School District does not approve, support, or endorse this program/activity.

ENTRY FORM



First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____, WI ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-mail: _____

Adult Student Child

T-shirt Size: Small Medium Large X-Large None Needed

I cannot walk, but wish to contribute so someone can walk in my place \$ _____

I wish to make an additional contribution to the Lussier Community Education Center of \$ _____

Please send this completed form with payment to:

LCEC/Better Life 5k, 55 S. Gammon Road, Madison, WI 53717

Disclaimer: I hereby release the SYSJT, all sponsors and any persons connected with this competition from all liability for any injuries or damages which I might suffer. Specifically, I release said persons from any liability or responsibility for my physical condition, for the condition of the course route and for the presence or actions of any other participant. I authorize photos and/or video taken of me at the event to be used in promotional material without notice or compensation. Participants under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign this form.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____