



# Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club  
Madison, Wisconsin



**Weekly Lunch Meetings  
Wednesday's 11:45 - 12:45  
The Radisson on Grand Canyon Drive**

**February 2016**

Warm Greetings To All!

As I sit looking out at the snowstorm, I put in mind of how our club really tries to make a difference for children and honor our First Responders...in so many ways, but most particularly through our JOOI club and when we help with REACH-A-Child!

First, I would like to remind all that February 10<sup>th</sup> is our Students of the Month lunch where we'll be recognizing two very wonderful JOOI students. We'll also be previewing a "commercial" our JOOI Club did to advertise what they do for the freshmen! A cool idea and one that hopefully will inspire more students to join in our "JOOful" fun on Wednesdays!

Secondly, a couple of service activities to highlight:

February 11<sup>th</sup>, between 4pm and 8pm, volunteers can help at the REACH-A-Child warehouse. A sign-up sheet will be available at the lunch meetings. Then, Diane Hoebel let me know that we have already gotten our contact for Bratfest – so look for a sign-up sheet to go around for that event. AND that a special event for us as we move forward on our quest to add an additional \$5000 to our foundation fund. (We get paid \$8 an hour for our efforts at Bratfest!)

Finally, a bit of happy news – Dan and Katie had their baby- a little girl as you all know from my email. Picture of the proud parents and baby is below. Now, a bit of sad news – Mary Schwartz's mother-in-law, Audrey Schwartz, died last week. Losing a Mom is tough. Our thoughts are with you, Mary and John.

Looking Forward to Seeing Y'all on Wednesdays!

Carole Klopp, President ☺

**IT'S A GIRL!!!**



# STOC Bulletin Board

**Sauk Trails  
Club Officers  
2015-2016**

**President:** Carole Klopp

**Vice President:** Mike Grasmick

**Secretary:** Rick Thomas

**Treasurer:** Bob Wortinger

**Past President:** Dan Bergs

**Board of Directors**  
 Steve Bailey  
 Dan Chart  
 Rick Conne  
 Todd Geltemeyer  
 Nancy Hach  
 Diane Hoebel  
 Kathy Johnson

Mark Your Calendar!



**Annual  
Progressive Dinner  
Sunday Afternoon,  
March 6, 2016**

**February Birthdays**

**Mike Grasmick 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Bonnie Spindler 11<sup>th</sup>**

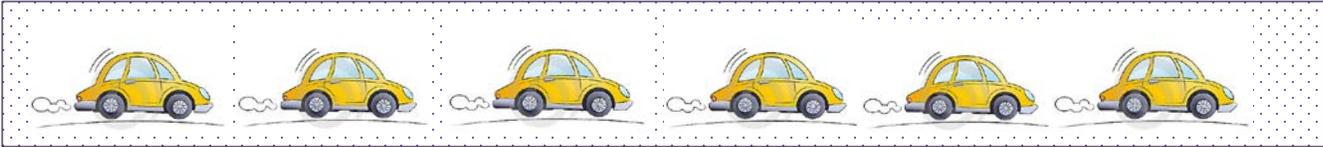


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Plan to join the fun on March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Progressive Dinner.

Festivities will start at 3:45 pm with appetizers @ the Wortinger home, followed by the main meal @ Klopp house, and ending with desserts at See residence.

A food planner sign-up sheet will be available at lunch meetings and will be circulated to all members. We will also send a notice with addresses and directions in a couple weeks.



**Sauk Trails Optimists Club Meetings and Other Scheduled Events**

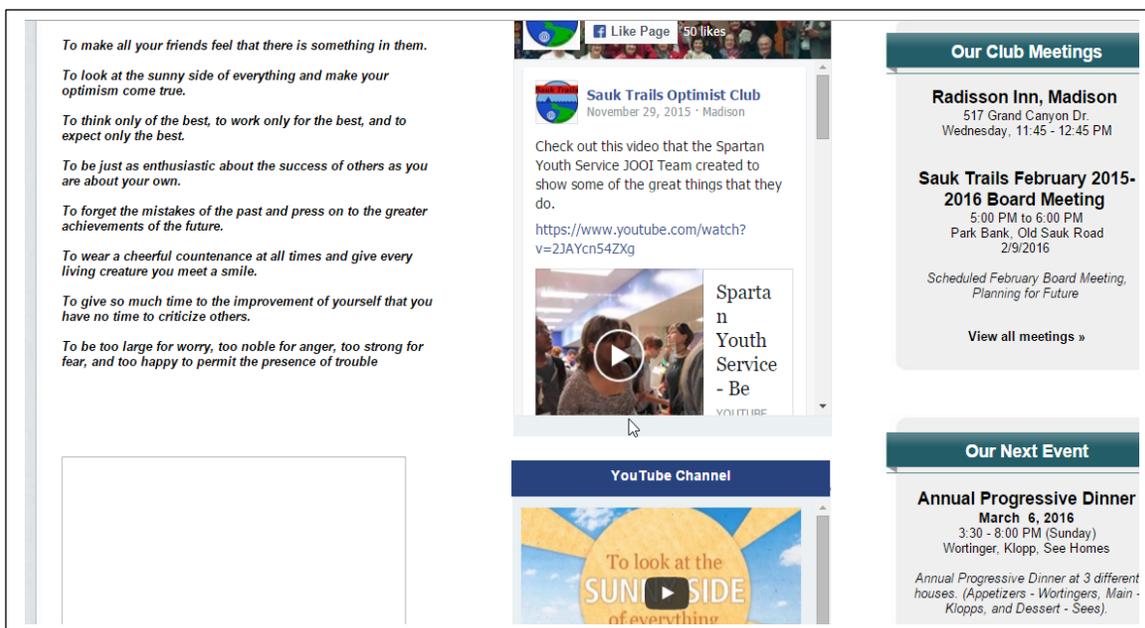
- February 3 Jacci See – Horizon HS
- February 9 Board meeting 5pm @ Park Bank (all are welcome)**
- February 10 Students of the Month – Honoring to Outstanding students**
- February 14 Valentines Day!**
- February 17 TBA**
- February 24 TBA
- March 6 Social Activity – Progressive Dinner 3:45pm**
- March 9 Board meeting 5pm**

NOW (New Optimists Wanted) meeting and social event.

The NOW meeting was held on Jan 5<sup>th</sup> at the Twist lounge. Good times were had by all as we enjoyed a New Year’s Resolution activity, some veggies and pizza, a cocktail, and most importantly we enjoyed meeting and welcoming some new members to the STO club.

### SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE

CHECK OUT the Sauk Trails – Madison Optimist Club Website at: [www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org](http://www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org).  
(During December 2015 there were 1,464 ‘hits’ views of information on the website)



On the HOME page, when you scroll down, the following

- Optimist Creed;
- Facebook Feed of Information;
- Club Meetings – Radisson - Weekly & Park Bank – Board Meetings.
- Rotation of Business/Individual Sponsors Names/Logos of the Sauk Trails – Madison Website: (Details to be discussed at board meetings in the future).
- U-Tube of Upcoming Events; Our Next Event - Annual Progressive Dinner.

Please provide me with any upcoming Events, pictures, accomplishments, to help share information with other optimists in your club. Be sure and let me know of any updates needed to the current information on the website. THANKS.

Optimistically, Bonnie Spindler

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SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Tuesday, January 12, 2016  
**MINUTES**

PRESENT: Dan C., Rick T., Carole, Steve, Rick C., Kathy

Absent: Todd, Diane, Mike G., Nancy, Bob, Dan B., Rick C.

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

1. Approval of Board Minutes from 12/15/2015. Diane moves to approve, Dan C. seconded, Carole noted some grammatical changes to last month's meeting minutes. Passed unanimously.
2. Acceptance of December Financial Reports:  
Carole reviewed the financial reports. Diane moves that we accept the report, Kathy seconds, Passed unanimously.
3. Membership Report Update:  
We now have 47 members and 0 FOOs.
4. Board Organization  
Rick needs to submit Bylaws to OI
5. Committee Reports
  - d. Service
    3. Essay contest will be rolled out in late January
    4. Oratorical contest-We will explore the possibility of having an Oratorical contest
  - e. Social
    3. March 6<sup>th</sup> – "Leaping" Progressive Dinner
    4. May 19<sup>th</sup> – Twist NOW Meeting
    5. June 4<sup>th</sup> – Reach a Child mini golf tournament
    6. August ??? Pool Party
  - f. Fundraising
    2. Koeze Nuts – Approximately \$1200 profit this year
    3. Basketball lottery – Steve moves that we will participate, Dan C. seconds, Passed unanimously
6. New Business.
  - a. Oratorical contest possibly on March 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - b. Two open speaker spots in February, several suggestions were made
  - c. STOC website sponsorship is available. Other social media options were discussed
  - d. JOOI students are making a 30 second video to advertise the club

2016 board meetings scheduled for Feb. 9, March 8, April 12 and May 10.

7. Adjourn, next meeting will be Jan. 12 at 5:00 pm. at Park Bank. Dan C. moves to adjourn, Nancy seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Thomas, Secretary

## 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.**

