



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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



March 2019

PRESIDENTS NOTE

Dear STOC Friends

Promise Yourself –

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

What is the best? The best car? The best bottled water? The best vacation package?

There is an essential assumption for Optimists in thinking, working and expecting only the best.

It's thinking, working and expecting only the best for others, especially the children.

As Friends of Youth, we need to be the very Best Friends we can be.

Only the Best.

- John Fons



STOC Bulletin Board

**Sauk Trails
Club Officers
2018-19**

President: John Fons

Vice President: Liv Sandberg

Secretary: Rick Thomas

Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

Past President: Dan Chart

Board of Directors

- Steve Bailey
- Rick Conne
- Mary Schwartz
- Nancy Hach
- Kathy Johnson
- Todd Geltemeyer

February Birthdays

Jason Kadow	2
Todd Geltemeyer	9
Diane Hoebel	10
Brinda Thompson	10
Gene Spindler	31



SWIS 3rd Quarter Conference
May 10-11, 2019
Kalahari, Wisconsin Dells

Youth Essay & Oratorical Contests
 CCDHH – Communication Deaf
 Hard Hearing
 Winners/Scholarships.
 Saturday May 11th

Registration information:
 Coming in April 2019
www.swisdistrict.org

Newsletter Editor:
 Liv Sandberg
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Terry Lynn Snack Products

Terry Lynn snack products are now available to order anytime, not just before Christmas. Help support STOC via this fundraising effort. Click on link <https://sauktrailsoptimists.terrylynncares.com>

Questions: Rick Thomas rlthomas5914@gmail.com

Date	Speaker	Topic
03/02	Club Social	Progressive Dinner
03/06	Students	Essay Contest Participants
03/12	5:00 p.m. STOC Board & Foundation Board Meeting	Park Bank, 2275 Deming Way, Middleton All members are welcome to attend
03/13	Nicole Moll	Box of Balloons
03/20	Students	Oratorical Contest
03/27	John Fons	Firefighters Recognition
04/03	Bruce Schweiger	Lawn Maintenance by the Calendar
04/09	5:00 p.m. STOC Board & Foundation Board Meeting	Park Bank, 2275 Deming Way, Middleton All members are welcome to attend
04/10	Vicki Sasso	Quilts of Valor
04/17	OPEN	
04/24	OPEN	

Please let us know if you have someone who would like to speak at a lunch meeting.
 Speaker Committee: Mary Schwartz & Steve Bailey

Social Outing – American Players Theater

Kathy Johnson is organizing a STOC Social Event for the summer months. Kathy would like feedback from members that would be interested in going to see 'Twelfth Night' at American Players Theater in Spring Green. She has targeted 3 potential dates: June 27th, July 11th, or August 22nd, each with a 7:30 p.m. performance. Ordering tickets in April gives us a 25% discount. You can e-mail your preference to Kathy at kjohnson@RMSStrategies.net. The goal would be to have the plans organized by late March and sign up by the April 10th meeting.

Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare

A charming young woman proves to be equally charming disguised as a young man, throwing Illyria's collective love life into wild disarray. Not that the denizens of that town were well-arrayed to begin with. In fact, on an island where everyone's in love with someone, but no one's in love with the someone who loves them back, Viola may be just the soul to set them all aright. As Shakespearean comedies go, this is one of the greats; a fun and funny celebration that embraces the insanity of love.

Firefighters Recognition

*STOC will be recognizing firefighters for their dedication to helping people at the **March 27th** luncheon meeting. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.*

SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE

www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org

Current and previous STOC Newsletters are available as PDF's on the www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org website. To acquire the newsletter, CLICK on the 'PDF Download' of CHOICE.

Call for website sponsors.

If you are interested in also being a sponsor of the STOC Website for the 2018-2019 year, and have your business/name in the rotation on our website, please contact Bonnie Spindler. Thanks to the Park Bank of Madison for their continued sponsorship.

The Sauk Trails – Madison Website is constantly being updated with many pictures in addition to those in the newsletter. To become more familiar with the website and the pictures currently available, see below:

Sauk Trails – Madison Website Pictures

In the EVENTS area, click on this link: [CLUB Program Pictures](#) (View 'Photo Galleries')
In the EVENTS area, click on this link: [CLUB Accomplish Pictures](#) ('Read More', scroll description)
In the ABOUT area, click on this link: [CLUB Photo Gallery](#)

If you have any problems acquiring the Newsletter or are NOT receiving the monthly message, please contact me so we can correct that situation. Optimistically, **Bonnie Spindler** bspindler@charter.net 850-9561 (H)

Sauk Trails Website Coordinator

**SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuesday, February 12, 2019
MINUTES

PRESENT: John, Dan, Rick C., Kathy
Others Present via teleconference: Kathy, Todd
Absent: Nancy, Bob, Mary, Rick T., Steve, Liv

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

1. **Addition to Agenda:**
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 1/8/2019.** Dan moved to approve the minutes, Rick C. seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of January Financial Reports:**
No financial reports given in absence of Treasurer Bob Wortinger.
5. **Radison Contract**
Discussion involving contract with Radisson Hotel for current year; no action taken given willingness of club member Carole Klopp's to review the contract and offer suggestion based on her previous experience in dealings with Radisson. John Fons to provide Carole a copy of the contract at regular club meeting February 13.
6. **Progressive Dinner**
Progressive Dinner plans confirmed for March 2: appetizers at Klopp home 3:30pm to 5:15pm, thence dinner and desert at Wortinger home. Committee includes K Johnson, C Klopp, J See, M Schwartz.
7. **Firefighter/EMT Recognition**
Fire Fighter / EMT recognition March 27 discussed. John Fons stated guests from Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin would include PFFW executive director and chair, according to Eric Salzwedel. Madison Fire Chief Davis also scheduled to attend. Amount of OI Foundation grant awarded March 27 to be determined at Foundation meeting March 12.
8. **Future Dates:**
 - a. **Respect for Law** – May 8th
 - b. **Essay Contest** - February 28th deadline
 - c. **Oratorical Contest** – Steve will get the dates, the contest will have to be in March.
9. **Writing Seminar**
John Fons reported his attendance at conference at UW Memorial Union February 6, regarding minor students attending volunteer writing seminar on UW campus with possibility of their competition in 2020 OI Essay Contest
10. **Fundraising Options**
John Fons reported on possible Sauk Trails fundraiser involving Culver's restaurants and impromptu meeting January 15 with Ed Reisch at Culver's on University Avenue. Rick Conne will follow up with Culver's manager at that location.
11. **Adjourn to March 12th at 5:00pm, at Park Bank in Middleton** Dan moved to adjourn, Rick C. seconded, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted as reported by John Fons,
Rick Thomas, Secretary

STO club lunch and activities in pictures

- 1) Our own STOC member, Mary Schwartz, provided a financial update to lunch goes on February 6th. Lt. Governor, Scott Gets (pictured with STOC president John Fons) also attended the meeting.
- 2) Galen Metz provided food for thought regarding Non-Financial Aspects of Retirement to members on February 13th.
- 3) Student of the Month: Samik Partha, pictured with advisor Rick Conne, Samiks Mother, and advisor Carol Klopp. Not pictured: Student of the month recipient, Joanne Martinez who was unable to attend.
- 4) Horizon High School: in a word. WOW! STOC members were humbled by these two young ladies, who shared their life story with us and (with the help of Horizon HS and Traci Goll) have taken charge of their lives, working very hard to move themselves forward toward a better life! Horizon students recite the Optimist Creed with STOC members at the close of the meeting.



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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 your 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.

