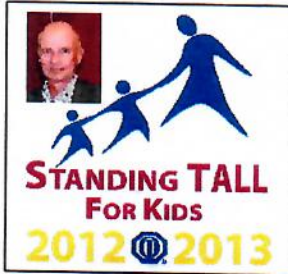




Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



January 2013

**Schedule: Wednesday's 11:45 –
12:45 Noon, Raddison Inn, Madison**

From President Mary:

Happy New Year! Well, the Sauk Trails Optimist Club finished 2012 by performing (according to my calculations) more than 70 hours of service in the month of December!! It's an accomplishment we can be proud of. A couple of our projects involved the SYSJT (Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team). Most of our service assisted families & children in our community – Children's Christmas Party at the Lussier Center and Salvation Army Bell Ringing are two examples. We are helping REACH-a-Child make an impact on a national level.

I invite you to share this opportunity to serve with others. I love our club. We have a solid membership base which has been enhanced by our newest members. Think of the service we could perform with a few more Optimists. Ask a friend to lunch and give them the opportunity to join our club.

Committees:

All STOC members are encouraged to become more involved by joining a committee. The current committees are: Social & Membership; Service & Volunteerism; Finance & Fundraising.

The Social & Membership committee plans member events and assist in recruiting new members.

Service & Volunteerism looks for and organizes service opportunities for club members.

The Financing and Fundraising committee coordinates our existing fundraising events and looks for new opportunities that could benefit the club.

The committees are generally chaired by board members and provide an opportunity for members to contribute to the success of the club. Please let President Mary know which committee you would like to join.

January Speakers:

January 9 – Tammy Andries speaking on pancreatic cancer...she is a pancreatic cancer survivor wonderful woman
January 16 – Royce Bolles, author of books about the Green Bay Packers
January 23 – Susan Bird, Executive Director, Fairy House Foundation
January 30 – Dena Duncan

We sponsored two families in need through Middleton Outreach Ministry by providing Christmas gifts. We received a thank you from Joe & Susan: *"Thanks for sharing your Christmas with us, and for making ours Brighter. God Bless You."*

Editor's note: Tammy and I attend the same church, thus the editorial comment!!

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
STOC Regular Board Meeting
The Radisson – December 18, 2012

Members in Attendance:

President: Mary Schwartz Sec/Treas: Bob Wortinger Past-Pres: Jacci See
Board Members: Dan Bergs, Rick Conne, Diane Hoebel, Carole Klopp
Members Absent: Pete, Liv, Tracey

The meeting was called to order by Mary Schwartz at 4:40 PM. A motion was made by Dan, seconded by Rick, and passed, to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2012 Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Bob asked for questions regarding the November, 2012 financial statements. STOC has an operating cash balance of \$2,733 as of September 30. Foundation cash balances (less an outstanding payable to Bucky Books) total \$12,307 as of November 30. The Bucky Book and Koeze Nut projects are both going well and should be wrapped up in January. A motion was made by Carole, seconded by Jacci, and passed, to accept the November, 2012 Treasurer's Report.

Other Financial Matters

The Board discussed handling of life member discounts. Over the years, STOC has awarded life member status to four current members (Steve, John, Bonnie & Gene). In addition, four came over from the West Madison club (Diane, Mary, Doug, and Frank). STOC's policy has been to reduce quarterly dues equal to the discount provide by OI on STOC's dues payments. Effective October 1, 2012, that discount has increased to \$8.73 per quarter per life member. A motion was made, seconded and approved to pass through the \$8.73 discount to these eight members retroactive to October 1, 2012.

Last year as part of our Respect for Law program, STOC took the approach of paying for a FOO membership for Madison's West District Police Department. Following discussion which included giving future consideration to a similar approach for the University Police Department, a motion was made by Jacci, seconded by Carole, and passed to provide a FOO membership to Madison's West District Police Department for another year beginning in January, 2013.

Membership Report

There are only two STOC members with outstanding dues at this point and both date back to April. Carole and Rick will each follow-up with one of these members prior to the January Board meeting. Mary noted that the Board should be encouraging and leading the effort to bring new members to our weekly lunch meetings. Carole will work with Jacci to prepare a new batch of STOC membership brochures.

STOC's membership as of November 30, 2012 is at 40 regular members plus 6 FOO's for a total of 46 members.

STOC Bylaws and Policies

Mary led discussion on member input received regarding additional changes to the STOC By-Laws and Policies which will be presented to the members for approval on December 19. A motion was made by Rick, seconded by Carole, and approved to make certain proposed changes to these documents subject to member approval.

Service Projects

Diane reported on STOC's monthly Reach-a-Child assistance program. Generally, 4 to 6 members have been joining Paul Gilbertson on the fourth Monday of each month to organize and pack books for his program. It was noted that Paul just sent a shipment of backpacks to the police department in Newtown, Connecticut.

Rick reported on the Children's Christmas Party event which Frank Rath coordinated at the Lussier Center. Several STOC members assisted and the event went well. Approximately 40 children were expected, but the final total ended up around 56. Wayne the Wizard provided entertainment for the event along with Santa Claus. The costs of this year's event were covered by money previously provided by the West Madison club. This money will not be available next year. Following additional discussion, a motion was made by Rick, seconded by Jacci, and passed, to hold this event again next year in December at the Lussier Center with a budget not to exceed \$1,000.

Dan reported on the Day of Service event at the Rosewood Villa assisted living facility. Dan indicated it went well and the STOC members attending enjoyed it. The MOM Christmas Family and Salvation Army Bell Ringing projects are moving forward on a timely basis with no issues to date.

Essay and Oratorical Contests

Mary led discussion whether we want to host either or both of these events this year. Mary will bring this up at the next lunch meeting and ask for volunteers to chair either of these events which should be scheduled for February.

Progressive Dinner

This year's Progressive Dinner event was set as a potluck dinner at three homes (to be determined) on February 10.

The next board meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2013 @ 7:45 at Jacci's First Weber office.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2012-2013

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
STOC Member Meeting
The Radisson – December 19, 2012

A business meeting was held at the regular lunch meeting of the Sauk Trails Optimist Club on December 19, 2012. Seventeen STOC members were present, constituting a quorum.

Following discussion led by President Mary Schwarz regarding upcoming STOC projects, Tracey volunteered to serve as chair of the STOC sponsored Essay contest scheduled for February, 2013 and Bonnie agreed to serve as chair of the Progressive Supper scheduled for February 10.

Mary then opened up discussion regarding the new proposed STOC By-Law and Policy documents. Following discussion and the addition of a couple of changes suggested by Bonnie just prior to the meeting, a motion was made by Carole, seconded by Mark, and passed, to approve the new STOC By-Laws (subject to OI approval). A motion was then made by Carole, seconded by Rick Thomas, and passed to approve the new STOC policies. Final copies of each of these documents reflecting all approved changes will be distributed to members in January.

The business meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2012-2013

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

REACH a Child - Join us to work at the warehouse on Monday, January 28th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. The warehouse is located at 8459 Murphy Drive, #4 in Middleton (located just down the street from UPS). Activities include organizing the books, putting stickers on books, and stuffing backpacks. This is a scheduled activity on the 4th Monday of each month.

JOOI Club News

The Sauk Trails Optimist Club sponsors a JOOI Club at Memorial High School called the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Club. It meets on Wednesdays from 3:45-4:15 in the Fox Neighborhood Center (a.k.a The Fish Bowl) inside Memorial High School. We currently have 4 advisors, 3 from STOC and 1 teacher from Memorial. Our club advisors are: Carole Klopp, Rick Conne, and Rick Thomas. Mr. O'Shea is our in-school advisor.

Every year we have from 150-200 participants who are asked to do a minimum of 15 hours of volunteering within our community. Many of the students do much more than that. The club tracks the students' volunteer hours through all 4 years of high school so that students can be recommended for colleges, scholarships and jobs when they complete high school. Some of the students' favorite projects include: Service Begins at Home, Badger Concessions, Haunted House and serving meals at the Ronald McDonald House. If you are interested in helping with the club, please contact any of the advisors for more information.

Sauk Trails Annual Progressive Dinner!!

Happy New Year 2013. I will have 3 houses for the Progressive Dinner set-up for Feb. 10th, 2013 (Sunday) for the newsletter.

So far its: Rick & Judy Conne (appetizers, 3:30 – 5:00); Bob & Karen Wortinger (main, 5:00 – 6:30); Gene & Bonnie Spindler (desserts, 6:30 – 8:00).

The only thing I'm waiting for is to have Bob get back as soon as he can as to whether his brother-in-law is planning a trip with them leaving on Feb. 10 OR later in the month of Feb. He's trying to find out for sure and if he can't we still can put it in the newsletter with a (tentative) for the Wortinger family. (If they do leave, there will need to be a back-up).

I'll put together the above info with directions to the houses; need to do a drive to Wortinger's house first on mileage besides mapquest. Let me know when you're planning on getting the newsletter out so I can get this all to you.

Bonnie 833-7244 (H)

Thanks to Bonnie foe putting the dinner together again

December Meetings Highlights

Tom Zinnen
Bio Teck Public Outreach Program
BioTeck Center University of Wisconsin



Our Spartan JOOI Students of the Month
Maggie Radl and Charles He
and with proud parents



Ornament edxchange



HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:

Kathy Johnson 1/2, Greg Hermus 1/6

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.

February 2-3 2013	The American Center Holiday Inn	Sun Prairie
May 10-11 2013	The Wilderness Resort	Wisc. Dells
Aug. 16-17 2013	Country Springs and Conference Center	Pwewaukee

**Sauk Trails
Club Officers
2012-2013**

President
Mary Schwartz

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Bob Wortinger

Past President
Jacci See

Vice President
Pete Graven

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Dan Bergs
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Rick Conne
Liv Sandberg
Tracey Ziegler

**2010-11 STOC
Committee Chairs**

Volunteer/Service

Fundraising
Tracey Ziegler
Buckey Books
Rick Thomas
Kozie Nuts

Social

Speakers
Club Members

Membership
Every Club Member

STOC Youth and Community Foundation Meeting
Meeting called to order at 9:15am.

1. JOOI Club membership dues
Pete moves to pay the dues of \$560 for OI dues, Tracey seconds, passes unanimously.
2. MOM adopt a family
Tracey moves to pay up to \$50 person for a family of up to 4 people, Pete seconds, motion passes unanimously. Carole will sign us up and get details to Mary.
3. Foundation Letter
Mary wrote a letter to members asking for foundation donations. Everyone thought the letter was great.
Carole moves to adjourn, Tracey seconds, motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carole Klopp, Secretary Pro Tem

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.**



Lusier Center Christmas Party Optimists and JOOI students