



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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

June 2017

Presidents note

May 30, 2017

We have had a busy month with Special Olympics, Spartan Youth Service Banquet and two fundraisers.

Our Special Olympics volunteers had a picture perfect day in Oregon with our volunteers to stage runners and to help get them to the awards ceremony. Thank you to club volunteers and a special thanks to John Sheerer for leading this event.

A Spartan Youth Service Mexican dinner and induction of officers and board members was hosted last week. Thank you to Rick Thomas for making the food arrangements.

Our club had a busy Memorial Day weekend with two fundraising events – Bratfest and the Madison half marathon. Thank you to club members that worked these events to earn approximately \$450.

We have some engaging speakers for the month of May. Mark your calendars for these dates and speakers:

May 31	John Fons	Rebuilding of His Grandfather's Wagon
June 7	Nancy Lesh	Daughters of the American Revolution
June 14	Steve Schmitt	Madison Mallards

We will not have our regular meeting on June 28. Instead we will host a happy hour and a NOW social at 5:30 located at Twists Bar and Grill in the Radisson. NOW stands for New Optimists Welcome and is a program designed to capture the interest of prospective Optimist Members. Be thinking of friends, business colleagues or relatives that you can invite to meet STOC members and learn of our fine club.

Optimistically,
Mike Grasmick, President

STOC Bulletin Board

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2016-2017

President: Mike Grasmick

Vice President: Dan Chart

Secretary: Rick Thomas

Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

Past President: Carole Klopp

Board of Directors

Steve Bailey
John Fons
Rick Conne
Dashni Sathasivam
Nancy Hach
Kathy Johnson

June Birthdays

Mary Schwartz	2
Rick Conne	5
St. Ray Schmitz	27



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Next District Conference

SWIS 4th Quarter Convention, 2016-17
August 25-26th, 2017
Radison Hotel, Wauwatosa, WI

STOC Calendar

Date	Speaker	Topic
June 7	Nancy Lesh	Daughters of the American Revolution
June 14	Steve Schmitt	Madison Mallards
June 21	Dan Bergs	TBA
June 28	Happy Hour Social	Bring Friends and introduce them to Optimism
July 5	No Meeting	Happy 4 th of July!

Please come to the Wednesday meetings to hear these interesting, fabulous speakers. **Nancy Lesh** will talk about the **Daughters of the American Revolution**, which is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education, patriotism, and honoring the patriots of the Revolutionary War.

Summer is here and that means baseball! **Steve Schmitt** will bring us up to date on what's happening with the **Madison Mallards**.

Mark June 28th on your calendar for our **Happy Hour** at Twist.

We are working on the speaker schedule for July. Please let us know if you, or someone you know, would like to speak. We are happy to contact speakers if you can provide us with a name and idea.

Speaker Committee: Mary Schwartz, Carole Klopp, John Fons, & Steve Bailey

MAY!

WHAT A BUSY MONTH FOR THE VOLUNTEERS IN THE STOC!

Thanks to all who lent a hand, foot, sweat, tears of joy, smiles, sore muscles, and
GOOD TIMES!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS REGIONAL COMPETITION

I'm thankful the event was not this past Saturday with temps of 45 and rainy! A great day was had by all, and we guarantee great weather again next year! I received numerous compliments from coaches and parents as to what a great job all our volunteers did to make the experience super for all athletes.

John Scherer

BRATFEST UPDATE

The following Optimists pitched in this Memorial Day weekend to help raise money for our club: Steve Bailey, Todd Geltmeyer, Diane Hoebel, Mary Schwartz, Diane Hoebel and Bonnie Spindler were master wrappers on Friday evening. The rain cooperated and finished before our evening shift.

Rick Thomas grilled on Saturday and had so much fun he also grilled with his son Zachary on Sunday.

There were also four students from Spartan Youth Service that volunteered their time at the BratFest.

Approximate earnings \$200.00

RUN MAD TOWN UPDATE

We also had a number of Optimists that volunteered to help for the half Marathon.

The following Optimists helped at the Information Booth or Packet Pickup – Friday evening and Saturday: Mike Grasmick, Dan Chart, Diane Hoebel, Kathie Newman and Nancy Hach.

Sunday morning – the rain stopped by the start of the race. Thank you to Mary Breunig, Barb Sheeran-Hill, Nancy Hach and Diane Hoebel for helping in the food tent.

Approximate earnings \$250

Nancy Hach and Vern Endres

Kathy Newman and Diane Hoebel Information booth

Mary Breunig, Nancy Hack, Barb Sheeran-Hill and Diane Hoebel

Mary Schwartz, Bonnie Spindler, and Todd Geltemeyer



LOOKING AHEAD!

Upcoming Volunteer Activity
National Mustard Day
August 5, 2017 in Downtown Middleton

Last year we had over 20 volunteers and are hoping to have another strong showing helping out the National Mustard Museum and providing fundraising dollars for STOC. Barry Levenson, who has spoken to us on several occasions, has sold the business to one of his employees, but is still heavily involved and he and his wife, Patti, will make it another great event.

It is always a fun time with lots of music and food. It will be an excellent opportunity to work together with other Sauk Trials members for a great cause.

Sign-up sheets and opportunities will be coming out in the next few weeks.

FOOTBALL CRAZR

Football Crazr: We have received the Football Crazr tickets for 2017. Last year as a club we sold 66 tickets for which we received \$12 for each ticket sold. I have 70 tickets for the 2017 year. The tickets sell for \$20 and are valid for seventeen weeks of the PRO football season beginning September 10, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017. Have individuals fill out the ticket stubs in BLACK ink and have all information completed and legible. I will have tickets available at lunch meetings beginning May 31st. I will need sold and unsold tickets returned to me by August 23rd so I can return them to Fred Dorn by August 28th. Checks for purchase should be made payable to FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKES. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 608-850-9561. Gene Spindler-Football Crazr Ticket Coordinator.

MAY
Lunch meeting speakers



Katy Schalles May discussed the insights and challenges facing independent business owners in Madison at the May 3rd lunch meeting.

Dashi introduces McKenzie Genin, with MEP, Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing, who gave an excellent talk on geothermal energy at the May 17th lunch meeting.

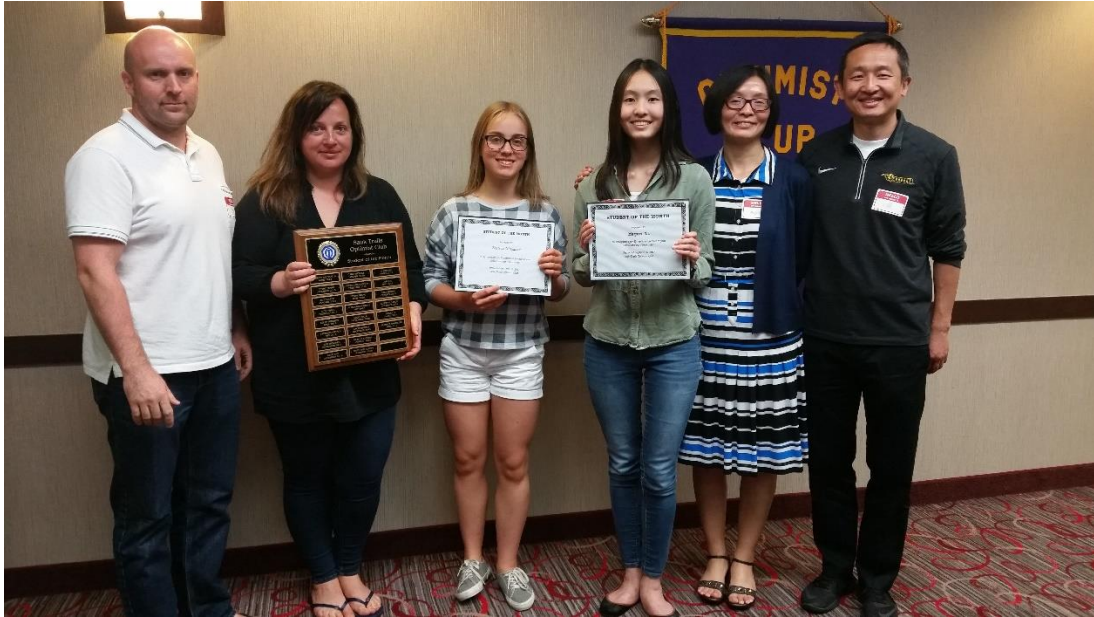


Grace Knutson, Attorney for GWAAR and Guardianship Support Center spoke to the STOC May 24th, sharing an important message to all lunch goes on how the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc is working to help people through legal issues pertaining to their special needs.

Student of the month recognition.

April 26th

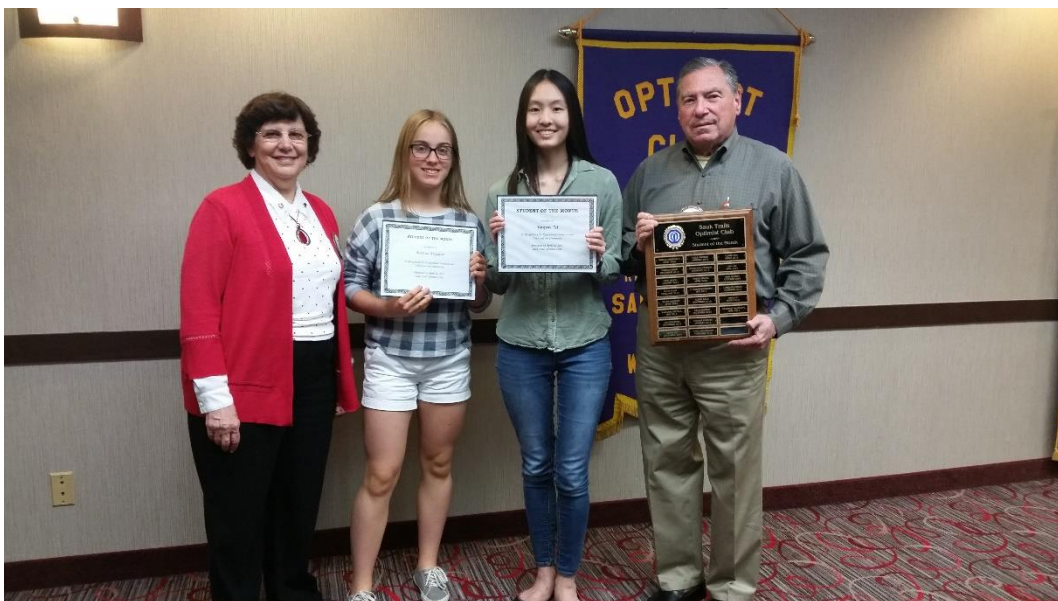
Congratulations to Beatrice Naujalyte (middle left with her parents)
and Megan Li (middle right with her parents)



Student of the month recognition.

JOOI advisors Carole Klopp and Rick Conne with awardees.

Carole Klopp, Beatrice Naujalyte, Megan Li, and Rick Conne



RESPECT FOR LAW
May 10th, 2017

Dustin Paling and Lindsey Ludden





SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, May 09, 2017
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mike, Rick T., Steve, Carole, Nancy, Bob, Dashni

Absent: Rick C., Kathy, John

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

1. **Addition to Agenda:** May 24th SYS Banquet
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 4/11/2017.** Carole moved to approve, Dan seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of April Financial Reports:**
We are in good financial position. Carole moved to accept April financial reports. Dan seconded. Passed unanimously.
4. **Membership Report Update:**
We are at 41 members.
5. **Old Business**
 1. Volunteer opportunities for Brat Fest, Madison Marathon and Special Olympics. There are lots of spaces available
 2. Nominating committee – Dan C., Dan B. and Todd are working on getting nominees. Voting will be via email.
 3. June 21 will be the NOW meeting.
 4. Fundcrazr tickets will be available after this coming weekend. Gene S. will coordinate
 5. Mustard Day is Aug. 5th We will help with the event.
 6. Christmas Party – Rick C. was gone so it was not discussed
 7. Kohl Center opportunity – Dan C. has been in contact with the organization that runs security for events. Nancy and Dan will continue to pursue opportunities.
 8. June 3 – Reach a Child will be having a par 3 and mini golf tournament from 12-3
6. **New Business**
 - A. Respect for Law will be on May 10th
 - B. Nancy presented information regarding opportunities to run a Fireworks tent
 - C. SYS Banquet on May 24th from 5-6:30
 - D. Reach a Child warehouse is May 25 4-6 and 6-8
 - E. Dashni did a great job on the club and zone Oratorical contests
7. Adjourn to June 13th at 5:30, Bob moved to adjourn, Steve seconded, meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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.

Spartan Youth Service Students are keeping busy!

5200 hours of service and 175 members this year.

- SYS Seniors who one Optimist scholarship awards
- SYS graduating senior board members
- Party prep for the SYS Mexican fiesta themed end-of-the-year banquet.
- Advisers enjoying the photo booth
- Some of the SYS board
- Students painting the window to advertise selling final survival kits. Businesses that donated to the kits included Pick-n-Save, Chick-fil-A, Culvers, and Pancho's. All proceeds from this fundraiser were donated to REACH_A_CHILD.



