



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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

July 2018

PRESIDENTS NOTE

Dear STOC Optimist Friends:

Well June just flew by!!! As I get older, the days, weeks and months just seem to race by. Time flies when you are having fun. Just some random thoughts as we move into July.

We had a great time at The Old Saw Mill and Mini Car Museum in Mazomanie on June 20th. The food and camaraderie were great. The car and cycle museums were a special treat!

A friend and co-worker just retired at the end of June. She was kind enough to send me a plaque she had on her desk for years. It was the Optimist Creed. It was special gift from a great person. Greatly appreciated! (She is a Rotarian, but kept our Creed on her desk.) I tried recruiting her but she is a pretty loyal Rotarian. Go figure?

As I was looking at it, the creed really hit home, and made me reflect on what makes this such a special club. To think of only the best, to work only for best and to expect only the best. To be just enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own!

It's cool to think like that. On days when things go awry and they do go awry every now and then!!! I will have the Creed at my desk and will think of what I can do to make the day better.

So...be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

I'm still working on most of that, but it is a work in progress with your help!

Thank you for all you do for the Kids!

Optimistically Yours,

Dan



STOC Bulletin Board

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2017-2018

President: Dan Chart

Vice President: John Fons

Secretary: Rick Thomas

Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

Past President: Mike Grasmick

Board of Directors

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

April Birthdays

Julie Thomas	5
John Scherer	6
John Fons	12
Kathie Newman	22



SWIS Activities

3rd Quarter Conference Report

4th Quarter Conference
Aug 3-4, 2018

Registration information:

www.swisdistrict.org

Radisson Hotel West
Milwaukee, WI

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STOC Calendar

Date	Speaker	Topic
7/4	NO LUNCH MEETING	HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!
7/10	STOC Board Meeting (5:00 p.m.)	Park Bank, 2275 Deming Way, Middleton All members are welcome to attend
7/11	Dan Bergs	Understanding Tax Reform
7/18	Thuy Pham Remmele	From Saigon to Madison
7/25	Fred Dorn	OI Foundation
7/26	VOLUNTEER	At REACH-a-Child
8/1	Linda Armas of Prepare Parents, LLC	Routines Made Easy
8/4	VOLUNTEER	Mustard Days in Middleton
8/8	OPEN	
8/15	OPEN	
8/22	Bruce Schweiger	UW Madison OJ Noer Turfgrass Research
8/29	OPEN	

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

Volunteering at REACH-a-Child: There are volunteer days on the last Thursday of each month. Volunteer slots are from 4:00 – 6:00 or 6:00 – 8:00, or you can stay the whole time if you prefer. They are located at 6501 Watts Road, Suite 217, Madison. You can call their office at 608-285-5221 for more information.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

National Mustard Days

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity

Saturday, August 4, 2018 in Downtown Middleton

One of the more successful fundraisers STOC has adopted over the past few years is volunteer support at National Mustard Day. We have provided over 20 volunteers annually in recent years in exchange for a donation to our Foundation and have offered to provide a similar level of support this year.

Barry and Patti Levenson, long-time friends to many of us, continue to be heavily involved in leading the event through their involvement with the National Mustard Museum Foundation.

It is always a great event with lots of people – young and old – having lots of fun. It is an excellent opportunity to work together with other Sauk Trails members for a great cause. There will be bands, cheap hot dogs, free T-shirts and former Brewer, Gorman Thomas, selling his barbecue sauce!

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Football Crazr

We have received the Football Crazr tickets for 2018. Last year as a club we sold 70 tickets for which we received \$12 for each ticket sold. I have 80 tickets for the 2018 year. The tickets sell for \$20 and are valid for seventeen weeks of the PRO football season beginning September 9, 2018 and ending December 30, 2018.

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 2nd. 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.

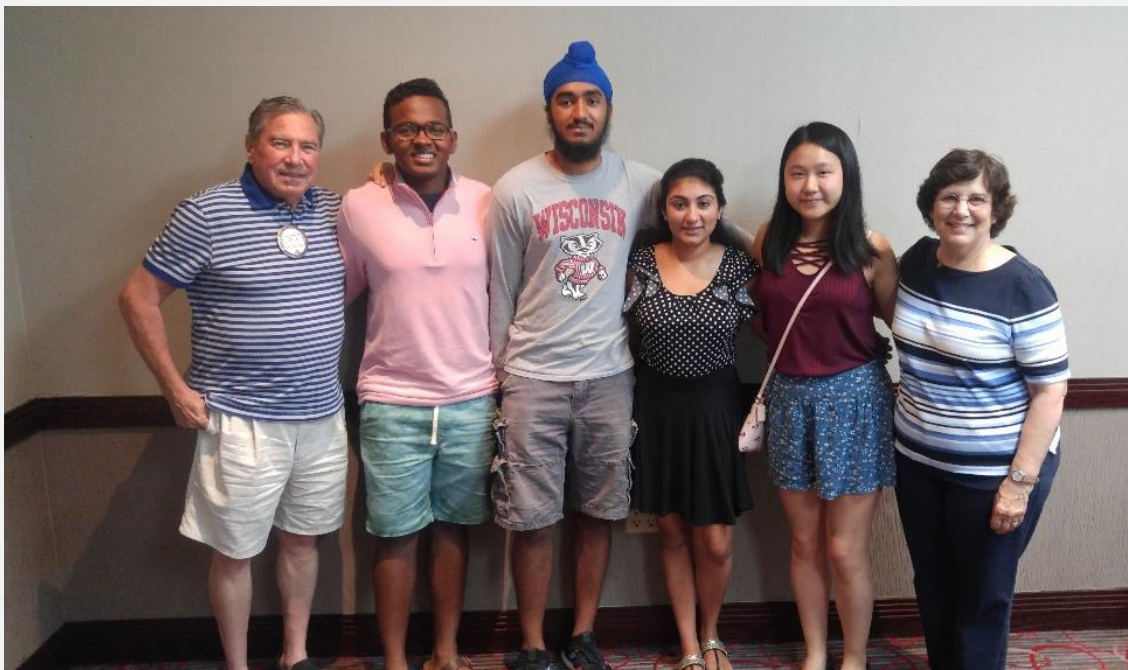
If you have any questions, I can be reached at 608-850-9561. Gene Spindler-Football Crazr Ticket Coordinator.

CONGRATULATIONS! STOC Scholarship Recipients

You have accomplished so much already!

Best of luck to you as you transition into college life and all it has to offer.

The STOC is proud to announce the 2018 Scholarship recipients: Anurag Sandireddy (attending UCLA), Tejvir Mann (UW Madison); Amulya Suresh (UW Madison), Jenny Jiang (Loyola Chicago), and Kelly Wu (MIT Boston – not pictured). Also pictured are STOC advisor Rick Conne and Carole Klopp



STOC Evening Outing

A delightful crowd of twenty-six persons attended the Sauk Trails Optimist social at the Old Feed Mill in Mazomanie the evening of Wednesday, June 20, followed by a special appointment tour of the nearby Midwest MicroCar Museum. The evening included a number of guests, including fellow Optimists from regional clubs and a delegation of international Rotarians from Argentina, the later attending as personal guests of Ted and Jacci See.

The dinner meeting replaced our regular Sauk Trails Wednesday luncheon and featured arrangements

by Old Feed Mill owners Dan and Nancy Viste. Optimists attending from other clubs included dinner

guests Fred and Maggie Dorn from Waunakee and Joanne Ganske from Black Earth, also current Wisconsin

Heights Optimist president Gayle Harrop who dropped by to say hello while attending another event

at the Old Feed Mill.

Other guests included Jane Meyer, program director of the Epilepsy Foundation Heart of Wisconsin of

Madison and recently retired executive director of the Epilepsy Foundation Art Taggart and his wife

Laura, also of Madison.

Conspicuously absent from the event, although suspected to be nearby and constantly watching, was

the Lady in the Blue Dress who legend has it haunts the Old Feed Mill. She is cordially invited to attend

next year's second annual event.

Submitted by John Fons





SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, June 12, 2018
MINUTES

PRESENT: Dan, Mary, Nancy, Rick T., Steve, Bob, Rick C., Kathy, John

Others Present:

Absent: Mike, Todd

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

1. Addition to Agenda: T-shirts, Sept. golf outing, silent auction, speaker gifts
2. Approval of Board Minutes from 5/8/2018. Bob moved to approve the minutes, Nancy seconded,
 - Passed unanimously.
3. Acceptance of May Financial Reports:
 - Bob presented the financials from May. Rick C. moved to accept the financial report, Kathy seconded, -Passed unanimously.
 - Bob moved to transfer \$5000 to the Vanguard Prime Money Market, Kathy seconded, Passed unanimously.
4. Membership Report Update:
 - We remain at 37 members. We started the year at 39.
5. Old Business
 - a. June 20 will be a NOW social event at the Old Feed Mill
 - b. Mustard Day – Saturday, August 4th
 - c. Christmas party planning status – May need extra help this year
6. New Business
 - a. Patches – Dan has them. We need to have them sewn on
 - b. T-shirts – The board would prefer samples for sizing
 - c. Golf outing – We will check on August 25th at Pleasant View
 - d. Silent Auction – We want to create a template for letters to organizations
 - e. Speaker gifts – Running low on plaques. Bob will order more
7. Adjourn to July 10th at 5:00pm, at Park Bank on Deming Way, Kathy moved to adjourn, John seconded, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Thomas, President

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 being a sponsor of the STOC Website for the 2017-18 year, and have your business/name in the rotation on our website, please contact Bonnie Spindler. See contact info below.

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

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.

