



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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

February 2017

Presidents note

Whishhh. January has come and blown through like the wind!

Well, now that we are away from the Holidays and grounded in the new year, our sights are aimed high at the optimistic horizon.

We have had some great speakers this year. Mary Schwartz presented a very informative talk on indicators that are used to predict the health of market. Outlook so far is good. Joyal Holder gave a compelling presentation on the various picture, slides, video and movie media we or our parents have to collected and how to go about archiving these media to DVD. Many media decompose in 20 yrs and Joyal's message was if you have memories you want to preserve, get busy with media (especially VCR videos) transfer to DVDs. He offers this service and uses DVDs guaranteed to last 1000 years!

Upcoming speakers are Liv Sandberg to talk about the supreme athleticism of horses on February 8 and Lannia Stenz, the Executive Director and CEO of Gilda's Club on February 15. Mark you calendars and be sure to attend!

We still desperately need speakers – the calendar is wide open starting February 22 - and would really appreciate all of you sharing in this responsibility. You are of course welcome to speak on anything that you are passionate about including your hobby or a great life story.

Plans are well under way for the Oratorical and Essay contest. Our JOI students will be solicited for both contests as they have been willing to enter both contests previously.

A friendly reminder to mark "Progressive Dinner" on your calendar for March 12. This event is always a highlight of our fellowship activities and will involve host houses for appetizers, main course and dessert. Please invite a guest to join you to experience first hand how nice, interesting, and funny we are! Information will be forthcoming on who the three hosts will be.

I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming meetings and Progressive Dinner!

Optimistically yours,

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

February Birthdays

Mike Grasmick 4th
Bonnie Spindler 11th



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 Liv Sandberg
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Next District Conference
 Focus on Leadership for both the optimist and the business organization.

SWIS 2nd Quarter Conference, 2016-2017
 February 17-18th, 2017 in Janesville, WI
 Register by Feb 15th

**Progressive Dinner
 March 12, 2017**

**Friends!
 Food!
 Fellowship!**

What could be better?

Check for details in the March Newsletter.

SWIS Conference Update:

The District new initiative to attract new members into Optimists clubs:

'Social, Service, and Young Professionals Group'

For more information, please see website for additional information on membership.
<http://www.optimist.org/e/member/membership6.cfm>



Sauk Trail Optimist Club Meetings and Scheduled Events

Feb 1 Joyal Holder – media methods for saving precious memories

Feb 8 The Athletic Horse _ STOC member Liv Sandberg

Feb 15 Lannia Stenz – CEO of Guilda's Club

Feb 22 Speaker needed

March 12 Progressive dinner

Lunch meetings noted in green

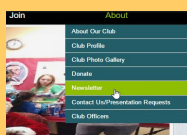


SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE

www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org

There have been some recent questions on the receiving of the monthly STOC Newsletter. The current STOC Newsletter and previous newsletters are available on the www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org website.

The newsletters are in the ABOUT tab under NEWSLETTERS. The Current and Past Newsletters available as PDF's:



To acquire the newsletter, CLICK on the 'PDF Download' of CHOICE.

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)

Bonnie Spindler, Sauk Trails Website Coordinator

MEET OUR MEMBERS

Gene & Bonnie Spindler 36 years Service at Sauk Trails Club & SWIS District



Time of Service/Years in STOC Club:

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| Bonnie joined 8/29/1997 | 19 ½ years of service. |
| Gene joined 9/30/2000 | 16 ½ years of service |
| Bonnie & Gene: | Life Members in 2005. |
| TOTAL: | 36 years of service |

Club Events: Tri-Star Basketball, Special Olympics Bowling and Track, Bike Rodeos, Youth Christmas parties, Club Social Events, Club Essay/Oratorical Contests, Halloween at the Zoo, Meals on Wheels, etc.

District Events: Many SWIS and International Conferences in United States and Canada.

Club Positions:

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| Gene: | STOC Club Treasurer, 8 years | (2002 - 2010) |
| Bonnie: | STOC Club President, | (2001 - 2002) |
| | STOC Newsletter Editor, 8 years | (2002 - 2010) |
| | STOC Club President, | (2013 - 2014) |
| | STOC Club Website | (2015 – 2017) |

SWIS District Positions:

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| Bonnie: | SWIS Newsletter Editor, 9 years | (2001 – 2010) |
| | SWIS Lt. Governor, 2 years | (2007 – 2009) |
| | SWIS Secretary/Treasurer | (2009 - 2010) |
| | SWIS Distinguished Gov. Elect/Governor | (2010 – 2012) |
| | SWIS District Convention Ambassador | (2012 - 2013) |
| | SWIS District Webmaster | (2013 - 2017) |

Favorite Activity: Gene enjoyed the Special Olympics Bowling event. Bonnie enjoyed many events, especially those involved with Essay and Oratorical contest that were sponsored through the SWIS District organization and part of the 'bigger picture' of Optimism.

Why Enjoy Being Part of Club: Seeing new optimists become involved and 'share' the impact that they have on youth in the community. Acquiring many new optimistic friends in the STOC Club, SWIS District, and Regional levels in the organization.

Fun Facts About Ourselves: We'll be having our 50th Wedding Anniversary in June 2017. We've moved recently from our family home of 43 years in Verona to a condo in Waunakee. Our 3 sons 3 daughter –in-laws, and 4 grand-children are very precious to us and we enjoy spending time with all of them. As a family, we enjoy being up-north at our cottage in Minocqua with kayaking, skiing, swimming, boating, and in general enjoying the north woods. We enjoy travelling as much as possible and have visited almost all of the 50 US states in our travels. Gene has bowled from 1970-2015 and maintained over a 200 average. Our entire family has enjoyed music over many years. Bonnie is a member of a Gospellers Choral group and has sung in Germany on two different trips and is preparing for New York concerts in July 2017. We're looking forward to many more years together, doing what we can as a family and with the Club and District optimist organization.

SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, January 10, 2017
MINUTES

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

Others Present:

Absent: Mike, Dashni

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

1. **Addition to agenda:**
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 12/20/2016.** Steve moved to approve, Dan seconded, it was noted that the surplus from the Christmas party was not \$845 but \$1150, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of December Financial Reports:**
Rick C. moved to accept December financial reports. We are in sound financial position. Kathy seconded. Passed unanimously.
4. **Membership Report Update:**
We are at 42 members.
5. **Board Organization**
 - a. Optimist Bylaws and Club Policies – Passed out copies but tabled until next month
 - b. Discussion was had regarding whether the board should meet monthly or bi-monthly. Consensus was that we continue to meet monthly.
 - c. Committee Reports:
 1. Christmas
 2. Service
 - a. Essay contest is being organized by Mike G.
 - b. Oratorical contest was discussed with Steve organizing the contest
 - c. Reach a Child events will be organized on a monthly basis probably on Thursdays
 3. Silent Auction
 4. Social
 - a. Progressive dinner tentatively March 12
 5. Fundraising
 - a. Koeze and Bucky Book were down a little from past years
 - b. Sign up for Brat Fest is coming up
6. **Old Business**
 - a. Shirts – Jacci See will speak with a new vendor
7. **New Business**
 - a. Handing out of Board of Director pins will be postponed until next month.
 - b. New Membership Drive – We need to recruit possibly using social media
 - c. We need speakers for many dates
8. Adjourn to Feb. 7th at 5:30

Kathy moved to adjourn, Nancy seconded, meeting adjourned 6:01 p.m. Next meeting will be February 7th.

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.

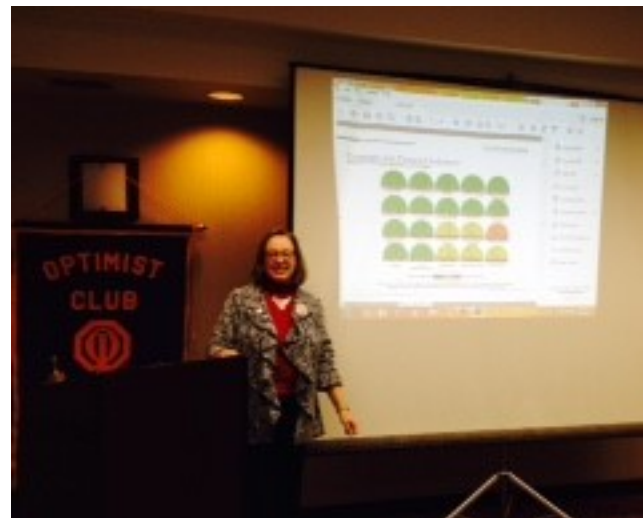
To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

2017 STOC Snap Shots

January in Pictures

**Photos by
Steve Bailey; Dashni
Sathasivam, Liv Sandberg**

STOC member Mary Schwartz provided interesting insight markets and trends over the past years and her thoughts on the markets projections for the future.



Rosalie Migas from Domestic Abuse Intervention services explains to STOC members the vital service they provide for people in need.

Spartan Youth Service Students are keeping busy!

From left to right:

- 1) SYS volunteers, and STOC advisor Rick Thomas, have fund selling baked goods during finals week to raise money for the Canopy Center.
- 2) SYS volunteers taking a photo moment while volunteering at the Oakwood Retirement home.
- 3) SYS volunteers making Puppy Chow during a club meeting
- 4) SYS Youth 4 Youth committee members have fun playing a name game during a committee meeting

