



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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

April 2018

PRESIDENTS NOTE

April, 2018 President's Notes

Well, all is good with the World. Baseball season starts today. Opening Day hope springs eternal for your team on the first day of the season! With baseball comes warm weather, I hope... Sorry if you didn't I'm a big baseball fan.

March just flew by. We had some great events and good speakers. We had our first Bucky Book exchange. I think we need to refine that a little bit, but was fun J. We met some excellent students who participated in our Essay and Oratory contests. My thanks to Mike Grasmick and Steve Bailey for coordinating those contests. Luis Montato from LoMovida Radio, was a speaker in March.

If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, join us. We've had some good programs! A couple of programs coming up, Nancy Viste, from the Preservation & Rebirth of the Old Feed Mill in Mazo.

Also make sure you join us for the Past President's Luncheon scheduled for May 2nd. It will be great to see and honor the Past Presidents who can make it.

Other events coming up include Special Olympic track meet on Saturday May 5th. Brat Fest on May 25th, along with Madison Marathon volunteering the same weekend. For those of us, who took the CSC Training, we have opportunities to work the Badger Spring Football Game, Friday April 13th. Also April 19th -21st, the UW Band Show. Finally, Saturday May 12th is UW Commencement at Camp Randall. It would be great if we could get a group together to work one of these events to get our feet wet.

Thanks for all you do! I have had to miss a couple of meetings because of work. I appreciate everyone backing me up.

Have a great April and go Brewers!!!

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

Doug Poole	11
Jeff Kuchenbecker	12
Dan Bergs	20
Pete Graven	25
Liv Sandberg	25



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SWIS Activities

3rd Quarter Conference

May 4-5, 2018

Registration information:

www.swisdistrict.org

Kalahari in WI Dells

We will be honoring Oratorical and Essay District winners who will be presenting and receiving their various scholarships.

SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE

www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org

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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

Make sure you mark your calendars for the many STOC events that are coming up! We have wonderful speakers and Student of the Month in April. May is one of our busiest months of the year with many social and volunteer activities.

Date	Speaker	Topic
4/4	Nancy Viste	The Preservation & Rebirth of The Old Feed Mill in Mazomanie
4/10	STOC Board Meeting (5:00 p.m.)	Park Bank, 2275 Deming Way, Middleton All members are welcome to attend
4/11	OPEN	
4/18	Bernadette Galvez	Madison Fire Dept.
4/25	Students	Student of the Month
4/26	VOLUNTEER	At REACH-a-Child
5/2	STOC Leaders of Yesterday & Today	Past President's Luncheon
5/5	VOLUNTEER	SPECIAL OLYMPICS
5/8	STOC Board Meeting (5:00 p.m.)	Park Bank, 2275 Deming Way, Middleton All members are welcome to attend
5/9	Madison Police Dept.	Respect for Law
5/16	OPEN	
5/23	OPEN	
5/23	Spartan Youth Service JOI Team	Annual Recognition and Induction Banquet
5/24	VOLUNTEER	At REACH-a-Child
5/25	VOLUNTEER	Wrap Brats at Brat Fest
5/30	OPEN	

Please let us know if you have someone who would like to speak at a lunch meeting.
Speaker Committee: Mary Schwartz, Carole Klopp, 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.

SPECIAL NOTATIONS**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**
BRATFEST

The 2018 Bratfest will be held Friday, May 25th-Monday, May 28. The Bratfest will be held on Willow Island at the Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI. We have eight people signed up to work wrapping brats on Friday from 7-9:30. We also have two people signed up to grill brats on Monday. We get paid \$8.00 an hour. Right now, most positions look like they are filled, however that always changes closer to the Memorial Day weekend. If you are interested in working that weekend, contact Diane Hoebel at hoebels2618@yahoo.com or 334-3112. I will let you know when positions open up.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

May 5th, 2018

The Special Olympics track meet will be held on the 1st Saturday in May this year, so mark your calendars to be at Oregon High school on Saturday May 5. All volunteers are required to sign up online, if you [go to this link](#) it will take you to the track meet page where you can use the link at the bottom to 'Sign up as a volunteer'.

The 'official' listed hours for volunteers are 9am-12:30pm and 12:30pm - 4pm...but really we need volunteers to escort the athletes to and from the track from 10:15a - 12:30p and 12:30p - 3p. Of course, the most fun is to stick around all day (free lunch provided!) and be outside in the guaranteed glorious weather from 10a-3p!

After you sign up online, please also let me or Bob Wortinger know (or sign up on the sheet passed around at lunch) - it's nice to know how many helpers to expect, and we will also send out more detailed information during the week of the event.

As most of you know this is a great event, I hope you will be able to come out and join us.

If you have any questions, please contact me at work 608-829-1010, home 836-0151 or email john@trinfin.com.



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

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

MINUTES**PRESENT:** Dan, Mary, Nancy, Kathy, Rick C., Rick T., Mike, Bob, Steve**Others Present:****Absent:** John, Todd

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

1. **Addition to Agenda:** Past President's lunch, Oratorical contest on March 21
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 2/13/2018.** Kathy moved to approve the minutes, Nancy seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of January/February Financial Reports:**
Bob presented the financials from January and February. Kathy moved to accept the financial report, Nancy seconded, Passed unanimously.
The Vanguard bond fund has not been doing well. Alternatives were discussed. Rick T. and Bob will research alternatives.
4. **Membership Report Update:**
We are at 37 members.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Oratorical contest – 10 students signed up. Meeting will probably run long
 - b. Essay contest – Mike did a great job. 2 students read their essays at the last meeting.
 - c. Patches for deceased members will be ordered and a donation given to the Foundation
 - d. Multiple different shirts were looked at. Kathy will bring them to the next meeting. Cost is probably around \$25.
6. **New Business**
 - a. Past Presidents meeting – Mary is going to work on it for the May 2nd meeting.
7. **Adjourn to April 10th at 5:00pm, at Park Bank on Deming Way,** Bob moved to adjourn, Mary seconded, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Thomas, President

**SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
Youth & Community Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 13, 2018**

MINUTES

Present: Bob, Rick T., Steve, Rick C., Mike, Nancy, Dan, Kathy

Absent: Todd, John

The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm.

1. **Minutes from December 2017 Foundation Meeting.** Rick C. moved to accept with the change in the dollar amount available to \$19,000, Nancy seconded, Passed unanimously.
2. **Financial Report Discussion:** Bob reviewed the financials. We have around \$4500 available to pay out this year.
3. **Scholarships:** Mary moved that we approve \$2200 for 4 scholarships this year. Kathy seconded, Passed unanimously.
4. **Respect for Law:** Scheduled for May 9th. Steve moved that we budget \$325 for Respect for Law, Nancy seconded, Passed unanimously.
5. **Mustard Days:** Steve moved that we work the Mustard Days event this year, Kathy seconded, Passed unanimously.

Bob moved that we adjourn until July, 2018 Nancy seconded, Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Thomas, secretary



February Luncheon Activities

March 28: Luis Montoto and his wife Lupita. Luis is programmer and broadcaster for La Movida Radio of Madison. He talked about the station and media involving the Latino community of Madison.



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.

