



# Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club  
Madison, Wisconsin



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



August 2019

## PRESIDENTS NOTE

Dear STOC Friends

### *Promise Yourself -*

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

Christian Larson wrote the Optimist Creed in 1910. Four years later the world would erupt in World War I and twenty years after it ended, undeterred and unrepentant, the world would do it again.

We know our history. We also know and moreover, we believe, Christian Larson was right.

We can only know history. We can know the dates, the names, the numbers and the explanations, but when we turn toward the future, we cannot know.

We can only believe and in that all important regard, Christian Larson and the Optimist Creed are an Ultimate Creed.

Promise yourself to be large, to be noble, to be strong and to be happy.

And keep your promises.

John Fons

Oh, hello

August

# STOC Bulletin Board

**Sauk Trails  
Club Officers  
2018-19**

**President:** John Fons

**Vice President:** Liv Sandberg

**Secretary:** Rick Thomas


**Treasurer:** Bob Wortinger

**Past President:** Dan Chart

**Board of Directors**  
 Steve Bailey  
 Rick Conne  
 Mary Schwartz  
 Nancy Hach  
 Kathy Johnson  
 Todd Geltemeyer

August Birthdays

Bob Wortinger	4
BJ Bailey	7
Steve Bailey	28



**SWIS 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Conference**  
**August 9-10, 2019**  
**Radisson Hotel West,**  
**Milwaukee, WI**

**Conference details & information:**  
[www.swisdistrict.org](http://www.swisdistrict.org)



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**Do you know someone? or know someone who knows someone?**

If you have ideas of people who would enjoy sharing their passion for helping youth, we would enjoy hearing about it.  
 Please contact Mary Schwartz so she can schedule them to be a presenter for a lunch meeting.  
 Mary Schwartz [schwrtzmry@aol.com](mailto:schwrtzmry@aol.com)

Date	Speaker	Topic
8/7	<b>Pediatric Congenital Heart Association</b>	
8/13	5:00 p.m. STOC Board Meeting	<i>Park Bank, 2275 Deming Way, Middleton All members are welcome to attend</i>
8/14	<b>OPEN</b>	
8/21	<b>OPEN</b>	
8/28	<b>OPEN</b>	
9/4	<b>No Meeting</b>	<b>Happy Labor Day!</b>

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

## **National Mustard Days**

### *Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity*

Saturday, August 3, 2019 in Downtown Middleton

National Mustard Day has turned into one of our most popular and enjoyable fundraisers. STOC has 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 STOC, 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, the Duchess of Mustard, and many other surprises!

Please put this on your summer calendar.

## **SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE**

[www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org](http://www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org)

Current and previous STOC Newsletters are available as PDF's on the [www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org](http://www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org) website. To acquire the newsletter, CLICK on the 'PDF Download' of CHOICE.

### **Call for website sponsors.**

**If you are interested in also being a sponsor of the STOC Website for the 2018-2019 year, and have your business/name in the rotation on our website, please contact Bonnie Spindler. Thanks to the Park Bank of Madison for their continued sponsorship.**

The Sauk Trails – Madison Website is constantly being updated with many pictures in addition to those in the newsletter. To become more familiar with the website and the pictures currently available, see below:

### **Sauk Trails – Madison Website Pictures**

**In the EVENTS area, click on this link:** [CLUB Program Pictures](#) (View 'Photo Galleries')

**In the EVENTS area, click on this link:** [CLUB Accomplish Pictures](#) ('Read More', scroll description)

**In the ABOUT area, click on this link:** [CLUB Photo Gallery](#)

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** [blspindler@charter.net](mailto:blspindler@charter.net) 850-9561 (H)  
Sauk Trails Website Coordinator

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

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

1. **Addition to Agenda:**
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 6/11/2019.** Steve moved to approve the minutes, Kathy seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of June Financial Reports:**  
Rick C. moved to accept the financial reports as presented by Bob, Dan seconded. Passed unanimously.
5. **June 19<sup>th</sup> Election Results:**  
Ted See, Nancy Hach, Kathy Newman to Board, Rick Thomas VP, John Fons, President
6. **Optimist International Convention**  
John will discuss the convention at the July 24<sup>th</sup> program. Honorary members were discussed. John plans to make speakers honorary members as he deems appropriate. No concerns were raised by the board regarding this concept.  
Club within a Club was discussed, working with disadvantaged youth will be explored  
NOW at the Banquet, members should invite guests
7. **Annual Banquet**  
The contract for the Vintage was discussed. Other options were discussed including Imperial Garden, John was given authority to decide on the venue for the event.
8. **Mustard Days 8/3, Culvers fund raiser on 8/6**  
We could use more volunteers for both events
9. **Christmas Party is Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**
10. **Golf Outing –** To be discussed at the next board meeting.
11. **Crazz Tickets**  
We have a lot of tickets left to sell.
12. **Adjourn to August 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm, at Park Bank in Middleton** Kathy moved to adjourn, Bob seconded, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Thomas, Secretary

## STO club lunch and activities in pictures

- 1) July 10: Tom Gross from The Ice Age Trail provided an interesting talk about the history, noting the ice over Madison used to be a mile thick; what happened tens of thousands of years ago and why we get to enjoy the results today.
- 2) July 17: Barry Levinson from the Mustard Musiem in Middleton spoke to the club, highlighten upcoming Mustard Days August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 3) July 24: Jim Kondrasuk, past International President...spoke about the national conference.
- 4) July 31: John Fons (STOC member) spoke on his new found family lineage and his wagon related to history, tracing our genealogy and the progress of the wagon project. It was a very interesting talk about family and an old wagon coming back to life!

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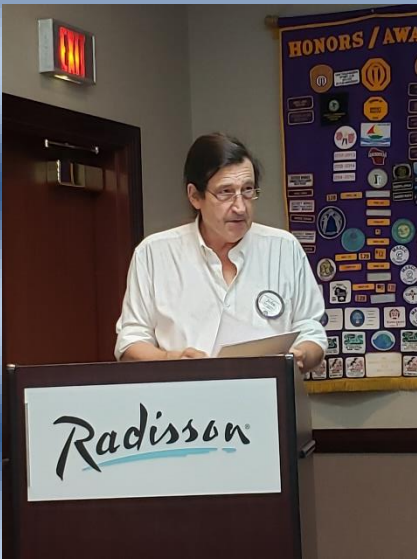
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## The Optimist Creed

### *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.**

