



Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



April 2012

Schedule: Wednesday's 11:45 – 12:45 Noon ; at the Radisson Inn off Odana Road



Hello Fellow Optimists and Friends!

We are in the final planning stages for our Big Event of the Year—the Special Olympics! On May 5th! John Scherer, our Chair of this event, has the following to report:

“Hi All - it's been announced at previous meetings, but I wanted to formally invite all STOC members to help out at the annual Special Olympics track & field meet at Oregon High School on Saturday May 5. We once again will be in charge of the staging areas; one change this year is that escorts will be remaining with the athletes from staging to the finish line to the awards area as opposed to just the starting line as in the past. I think this will be a big improvement in that we'll get to spend more time with the athletes and bond with them a bit more.

As in the past we'll plan to have breakfast before the event, either at DeBroux's downtown where we ate last year or the new 4B's Cafe in the shopping mall near Bill's Supermarket. Breakfast will be 8:30-9:30, then head to the track for the 10am Parade of Athletes. Those who don't want to stop out for breakfast need to be at the track no later than 10:30. Events will run until 3pm.

Please let me know via email if you can make it. This is a great event and the fun gets better the more STOC members join in!

We do need a lot of members for this event, so I hope you can clear your schedules....it's a great and fun day...stay the day if you can, but if not, come and stay as long as you can... As always.....See you on Wednesdays at the Radisson!!

Jacci

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Sauk Trails Optimist Club
First Weber Office – April 12, 2012 Board Meeting

Members in Attendance:

President: Jacci See
Wortinger

Vice-President: Gene Spindler

Secretary/Treasurer: Bob

Board Members: Carole Klopp, Ray Schmitz, Mary Schwartz

Other Members Attending: Tracey Ziegler (1st half of meeting)

The meeting was called to order by Jacci See at 7:50 AM. A motion was made by Carole, seconded by Mary and passed to approve the summarized minutes of the March 7, 2012 Board Meeting with no revisions. Ray, who missed the March meeting due to a conflict, expressed his disagreement with the Board's March actions of writing-off a significant balance due from a past member without taking the matter either to small claims court or to an attorney. He also expressed concerns regarding approval of reduced dues for two additional quarters for a long-time STOC member.

Treasurer's Report

Bob asked for questions regarding the March, 2012 financial statements which were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. There were no outstanding receivable balances as of March 31, 2012. At the mid-point of our fiscal year, we have an operating loss of \$169 which is consistent with our annual budgeted loss of \$400. At March 31, 2012 we have \$3,064 in operating cash and \$12,903 in our Foundation bank accounts. A motion was made by Ray, seconded by Carole and passed to accept the March, 2012 Treasurer's Report.

Membership report

No activity in March - our membership count as of today is 33 + 2 FOOs for a total of 35. STOC started this fiscal year at 30 members (29 + 1 FOO).

Facebook

Tracey updated the board on her efforts and plans in establishing a Facebook "site" for STOC. At this point she would appreciate any historic STOC information and/or pictures which club members could provide her for inclusion on our site. She will be including separate pages for important STOC events such as JOOI, Special Olympics, etc. The Board expressed its appreciation for Tracey's efforts.

Finance/Fundraising

Tracey noted that she has met with Bucky Books and we have signed an agreement to use again them as a fundraising event in the early fall of 2012. Gene noted that he has already received the raffle tickets for the 2012 Football Craze Raffle – they are available at \$20 apiece and will return to NFL games this year.

Weekly Meetings

Jacchi noted that speakers for lunch meetings are currently scheduled through May with the exception of April 25. Jacchi will contact John to see if that day can be used for a Special Olympics track meet prep meeting. May 9 is scheduled for Respect for Law and the next meeting to honor our Students of the Month will be May 23. The Board also discussed plans for summer meetings – the consensus was to continue with weekly lunch meetings over the summer rather than every other week as has been done the past couple of years.

Old Business

Carole noted that she has passed our scholarship information on to Memorial High School and our two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded at the JOOI annual banquet on May 23. John, Greg, and Bob met with Don Wigginton of Special Olympics on 4/11/12 to firm up plans for STOC's involvement in their track meet scheduled for May 5 @ Oregon.

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Service Club Olympics

Jacci led discussion regarding changes being considered for this year's Service Club Olympics event and Mike G's comments at our 4/11 lunch. Jacci will draft a letter indicating the Board's consensus to consolidate the event to probably one day along with the fall service club luncheon and to identify an annual charity to be supported through the event.

Networking/Social Event

The Board members discussed the timing of this event which would likely be held with other west-side Optimist clubs. It was decided to hold it in September as a kick-off event for the fall season.

SWIS 2nd Quarter Conference

The next SWIS Conference is scheduled for May 11 and 12 at the Wintergreen Resort. Gene noted that SWIS was asking for member Optimist clubs to sponsor a youth for the SWIS CCDHH (Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing). Following discussion, a motion was made by Carole, seconded by Gene and passed, to pay \$200 out of the Foundation to sponsor a youth for the 2012 SWIS CCDHH event.

Nominating Committee

Mary reported on her efforts and progress to date on potential officers and Board members willing to run for election for the 2012-2013 SWIS fiscal year. It was noted that returning the number of Board positions to 6 (it was reduced from 4 to 6 for the 2011-2012 fiscal year) would provide more opportunities for STOC members to become involved in club leadership. A motion was made by Mary and seconded by Carole, to return to 6 board members (plus the current 4 officer positions) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Following discussion, this motion was tabled until the May meeting and no vote was taken.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10 @ 7:45 at First Weber.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2011-2012

SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB JOOI SCHOLARSHIPS

Two students, normally one female and one male, from James Madison Memorial High School who are members of the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team are eligible for the two scholarships awarded annually by the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. The actual amount of the scholarship will be determined annually by the Sauk Trails Optimist Club Youth & Community Foundation Board. A list of potential scholarship recipients will be nominated to the James Madison Memorial High School Scholarship Committee for final selection.

Criteria For Selection Process

In order to be considered for this scholarship, students must meet the following criteria:

1. COMMUNITY SERVICE

- a. Student is a member in good standing of the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team at James Madison Memorial High School.
- b. Student has participated in community service for an extended period of time as documented by the JOOI Team advisers.

2. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- a. Student meets academic requirements for high school graduation.
- b. Student has applied for admission to either a 2 year or 4 year college or technical/vocational school.

3. FINANCIAL NEED

- a. Student has applied for scholarships based upon financial need.

The Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team just exceeded 200 members within the last week. This year's Board of Directors are an extremely dedicated group with service project sign-up sheets filling the wall for students to sign up for weekly. This past week JOOI members voted to provide the following donations: \$300 to the The Road Home, \$200 to the Lussier Community Education Center, and \$100 to Middleton Outreach Ministry. Students presented on each non-profit at the Wednesday meeting and the entire club voted on the amounts to be awarded. The money was raised last year at the football concessions. Oh, looking ahead, Friday, April 13th, 2012 will be SPIRIT Day at Memorial = where over 300 students spend the morning volunteering in the community. The JOOI Team will be looking for chaperones to help with that event. If you can help, please let one of the advisers know - Rick Conne, Carole Klopp, Mary Schwartz, or Rick Thomas. Many thanks to all of you for your ongoing support of this dedicated youth group at Memorial!

ANY Sauk Trails Club Optimists

There should be club representation at each quarterly conference to acquire the information for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Please put these dates on your calendar and try to make at least one of these SWIS Conferences.

May 11-12, 2012 3rd Qtr Conference, Wilderness-Dells

Aug. 24-25, 2012 4th Qtr Convention, Sheraton, Madison

2010-11 STOC Committee Chairs

Volunteer/Service
Carole Klopp-liaison
Bonnie Spindler
Pat Beiersdorf

Fundraising
Darrin Sharp-liaison
Kevin Campos
Kathy Johnson

Social
Ray Schmitz-liaison
Alison Scherer

Speakers
Chairs?

Membership
Mary Schwarz-liaison
Chairs?

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2011-2012

President
Jacci See

Secretary/Treasurer
Bob Wortinger

Past President
John Scherer

Vice President
Gene Spindler

Board of Directors
Mary Schwartz
Carole Klopp
Darrin Sharp
Ray Schmitz

HAPPY MARCH & APRIL BIRTHDAYS TO

Jason Kadow-3/2; Kevin Campos-3/5; Brinda Mecham-3/10;
Gene Spindler-3/31; Darrin Sharp-4/20; Pete Graven-4/25; J.
Liv Sandberg-4/25

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The Optimist Creed

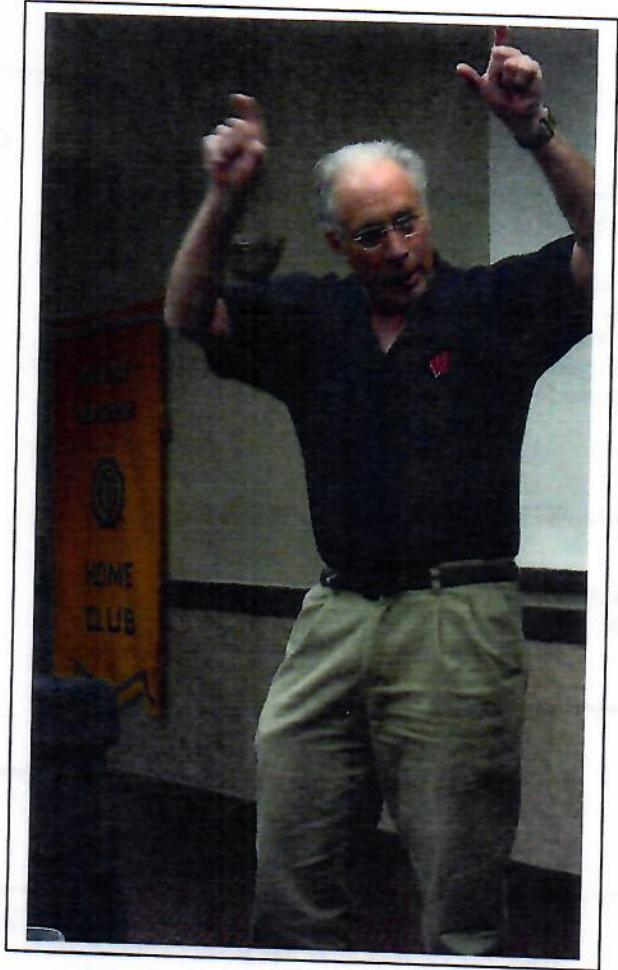
Promise yourself

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.

Dana Barre and Kristen Roosmalen
Hartland Farm Sanctuary



Don't Bug Me! Phil Pelliteri.....
UW Department of Entomology



Lindsay Becher "Love Begins Here"

Rick Thomas invited Beth Moss to speak

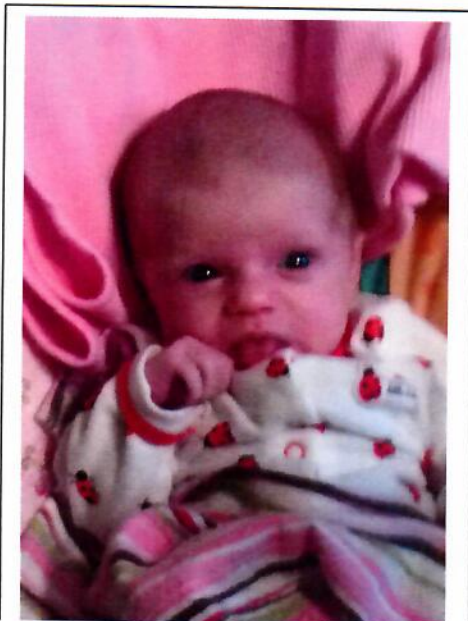


Here's some shots of some of our guests we've had the last couple of months and when I figure out my phone camera and the inserting pictured process.. we'll have more!!!!

Our JOOI Advisors: Rick Conne, Carole Klopp, Rick Thomas and Mary Schwartz



And some of our students of the month



Is This A Cute Baby ..or what!!!!
That' right...Hayden Bailey,,,

Not to be out done we had a special guest on Wednesday...Mr. Jack William Scherer.....

