



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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

April 2015

Greetings Optimists!

It has been a great month of March. I appreciate all your work in making the Sauk Trails Optimist Club a wonderful club to be a part of. I enjoy working with all of you and am excited for some events coming up in the next couple months. We will have a very busy month in May and have some great speakers planned for April as well as a social.

March was a great month. We have decided to give two scholarships to the amazing students at Madison Memorial who are a part of the Spartan Youth Service (JOOI) Club. Thank you so much to the advisors who take time out of their schedule to work with these awesome kids. Carole Klopp, Rick Conne, and Rick Thomas have all been very involved and we greatly appreciate what they have done to help these kids succeed and make our community a better place.

Some other big events we have coming up is a Social on April 22 at Twist, the new bar/restaurant at the Radisson. Diane Hoebel is working on coordinating Bratfest volunteers and also the Badger Band Concert if there is enough interest. Bratfest is Memorial Day weekend and the Badger Band concert is April 16-18. Nancy Hach has done a great job of coordinating volunteering for the Madison Half-Marathon volunteers to raise additional funds for the club. Please contact Diane with any questions on Bratfest volunteering or the Badger Band Concert and Nancy with any questions on the Madison Half-Marathon volunteering event. We are excited for a lot of great volunteer opportunities.

We also would like to offer our condolences to Jeff Kuchenbecker and his family after the passing of his sister. We will keep Jeff and his family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

I hope that everyone can put away their snowblower for good and start getting out their lawnmower. April showers bring May flowers.

Optimistically,
Dan Bergs
Club President
dan.bergs@wegnercpas.com



STOC Bulletin Board

**Sauk Trails
Club Officers
2014-2015**

President: Dan Bergs

Vice President: Kathy Johnson

Secretary: Rick Thomas

Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

Past President: Bonnie Spindler

Board of Directors
 Rick Conne
 Todd Geltemeyer
 Mike Grasmick
 Pete Graven
 Nancy Hach
 Diane Hoebel
 Rebecca Turner

April Birthdays



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



'Spring to Sauk Trails Optimists!'

*Bring a friend and join us for **HAPPY HOUR** from 5:30 to 7:00 at Twist on Wednesday, April 22nd. (Twist is now the name of the newly renovated restaurant & bar in The Radisson.) Our goal is to have everyone bring a potential new member. This social is the perfect opportunity to introduce your friends and family to Optimism. RSVP at a meeting or contact Jacci See (seej@firstweber.com).*

Club Elections will be in May. Speak with President Dan if you are interested in serving in a leadership position.

Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team

The club will hold elections for next year's officers after spring break... STOC members are invited to attend the Recognition & Induction Banquet on May 27th... Because of their service work, SYSJT has been invited to participate in We Day in Chicago on April 30th. It is one of 12 We Days nationwide and will feature many prominent speakers... Spirit Day will be May 20th and the club is asking for STOC members to Volunteer as chaperones.



Students of the Month

Caila Webber and Renee Kar-Johnson were honored as our March Students of the Month.



Caila Webber is a senior who has been a member of SYSJT for 4 years and on the board for the last 2. She plans to major in music education. Caila plays the ukulele, guitar, & piano. She is member of the band Ukulele Wednesday.



Senior Renee Kar-Johnson is currently one of the SYSJT co-presidents and has been a club member for 3 years. She plans to attend UW with the goal of being a director in film. She began the 'Humans of JMM' project, featuring pictures of students at Memorial High School.



SWIS District Conferences

SWIS 3rd Quarter Conference:
 May 2, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Madison

SWIS 4th Quarter Conference: August 2015

97th Optimist International Convention:
 July 9-11, 2015, New Orleans, LA

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Sauk Trails Optimists Club Meetings and Other Scheduled Events

April & May 2015 Planned Activities:

- April 1 Gary Knowles, sponsored by Mike Grasmick
- April 8 Don Samuelson, owner of Tree Care "Everything you want to know about trees but were afraid to ask"
- April 15 Lauren Wojtasiak, Executive Director of Underdog Pet Rescue of Wisconsin, Inc.
- April 22 Evening Social at Twist (in the Radisson) 5:30 - 7:00 (Note: NO LUNCH MEETING)
- April 23 Volunteer at REACH-a-Child anytime between 3:00 and 9:00 p.m.
- April 29 Regina McFarland, Special Olympics
- May 2 Special Olympics track meet
- May 2 SWIS District Conference
- May 6 Respect for Law Luncheon
- May 13 Essay Contest Winners
- May 20 Need speaker
- May 20 SPIRIT Day, sponsored by the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team – Volunteers Needed
- May 27 Need speaker
- May 27 Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team Annual Recognition & Induction Banquet
- (Blue denotes a Wednesday Lunch Meeting)

SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

MINUTES

PRESENT: Dan, Rick T., Rick C., Todd, Bob, Mike, Kathy, Diane

Absent: Rebecca, Pete, Nancy, Bonnie

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

1. Approval of Board Minutes from 2/24/2015: Rick C. moves to approve, Mike seconded,
 - a. Discussed accounts receivable. Passed unanimously
2. Acceptance of January Financial Reports:
 - a. Bob presented the Financial Report. Discussed accounts receivable.
 - b. Speakers will have a choice of a plaque or clipboard.
 - c. \$1347 profit, but several upcoming expenses in Sept. will decrease that number.
 - d. Diane moves to accept the financial report, Rick C. seconds, Passed unanimously.
3. Membership Report Update:
 - a. 47 members and 0 FOO's as of 01/27/2014, Discussed accounts receivable. We will follow up with past guests.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Essay contest was discussed. Medals for top 3 essays. Mike motions to give \$15 gift card to Barnes and Noble to both of the judges. Students and their parents are invited to lunch. Diane seconds. Passed unanimously.
 - b. We still need to review and approve policies and bylaws as a club.
 - c. 60 toys were picked up from Walmart. Rick C. is working on getting donations for this year's Christmas party.
5. New Business.
 - a. There will be a social at Twist on April 22nd
 - b. We will send a card to Jeff Kuchenbecker on the loss of his sister.
 - c. Bratfest and Madison Festivals. Not many spots left for Bratfest but there are spots for the Madison Marathon.
 - d. Special Olympics is on May 2nd this year. John Scherer will be handling the signup.
 - e. Diane is investigating going as a group to the Badger Band concert.
 - f. Reach a Child event on Thursday, March 26th from 3:00-9:00.
6. Adjourn, **next meeting will be April 21st at 5:00 pm. at Wegner CPA's.**
 - a. Bob motions to adjourn, Rick C. seconded. , Passed unanimously.

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS
TRACK MEET,
SATURDAY, MAY 2nd**

For more than 20 years the Special Olympics Track & Field meet has been a signature volunteer activity for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Mark your calendars and join us for the 2015 meet on **Saturday, May 2nd**. The event is rain or shine, so be prepared. (I know it's a month away, but preliminary weather reports predict it will be sunny and seasonably warm that day, with highs in the mid-60s, light winds and no rain!)



The agenda for the day is as follows:

8:30 am - Club breakfast at [DeBroux's Diner](#), 101 S Main St, Oregon (optional)

10:00 am - Parade of Athletes; cheer for all of the athletes as they enter the stadium and the Olympic torch is lit. One of the best parts of the day!

10:30am - 2:30pm - Stage all of the running and walking races for the Region 6 District Track & Field Competition at Oregon High School, 456 N. Perry Parkway, Oregon. Our job is to assist runners in lining up for their races, getting to the starting line in the right lanes, and cheering them on!

To sign up or for more information, contact John Scherer: john@trinfin.com, 829-1010 work, 836-0151 home

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY
@ BRAT FEST

The Brat Fest will be held **Friday, May 22 through Monday, May 25**. This is a popular fund raiser for many groups in Madison, and even though this is only April 1, most of the jobs/shifts have already been filled. Available shifts are on a first come, first served basis. We will be paid \$8.00 for each hour worked. I have posted below jobs/shifts available. If you are interested, please let me know at hoebels2618@yahoo.com. **I will need to know your name, address, phone # and tee shirt size.**

GRILLER

May 22 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM 13 open
6:00 PM – 9:30 PM 5 open

May 23 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM 5 open

May 24 & 25 have a # of shifts are available.

Just let me know what you would be interested in working

KID ZONE HELPERS

May 23 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM 1 open

May 25 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM 8 open

WRAPPER

May 22 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM 3 open

May 23 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM 1 open

May 25 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM 4 open

TAKE YOUR BRAT TO WORK

Wrapper

May 22 5:00 AM – 9:30 AM 9 open

Extra Help 5:00 AM – 9:15 AM 20 open

Volunteer Opportunity at the Madison Half-Marathon!

Eight STOC members can volunteer to work the Packet Pick-Up for the Madison Half-Marathon on Saturday, May 23, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. To sign up, go to the online registration site at (<http://madisonfestivals.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=7684>) & enter **SaukTrails2015** in the text box that says "Have a password? Enter it here." When the volunteers click "Submit," a new job will open, called "Sauk Trails Optimist Club Packet Pick-Up." Then, volunteers can check the box to register for the shift, enter their information, and submit the info.

If you don't want to do Packet Pick-Up, you can register for other shifts, just scroll down and make sure that you are put on list for working for Sauk Trails Optimist. The password is intended for only Sauk Trails Optimist for the reserved Packet Pick-Up shift.

If you sign up, please let Dan (dan.bergs@wegnercpas.com) or Nancy (nancyhach@tds.net) know so they can ensure all of the shifts we have committed to are full. Each volunteer will earn money for the STOC Youth and Community Foundation for every hour worked.

**March in Photos
By Steve Bailey**



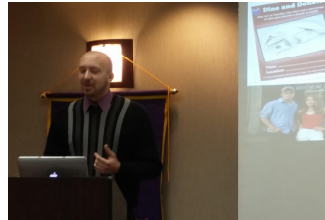
Our Students of the Month with their parents.



Ric Hoerz of Rubicon Systems explained the Science of Discussion by using the DISC assessment. Are you Dominant, Influencer, Steady, or Cautious? For more information go to www.burnthebridges.com.



Julie McCarthy spoke on Emotional Intelligence. It was a nice follow-up to the prior week's program on the DISC system.



Eric Salzwedel gave an update on REACH-a-Child. For more information on how to volunteer or participate in fundraisers check out:
Facebook.com/reachachild
Twitter: @reachachild
Instagram.com/reachachild
www.reachachild.org
Text CHILD to 30364

**SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB Youth & Community Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday March 24, 2015 – MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Bob, Mike, Dan, Diane, Kathy, Rick Conne, Rick Thomas, Todd

Absent: Pete, Rebecca, Bonnie, Nancy

1. The meeting was called to order by President Dan at 5:50pm.
2. **Minutes from Previous December Foundation Meeting.** Bob moves to approve, Rick C. seconds, passed unanimously.
3. **Financial Report Discussion 14-15:** Bob reviewed the financials. Rick C. moves that we approve \$450 for Respect for law. Kathy seconded, passed unanimously
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. We are signed up to do Bucky Books again this year.
 - b. Rick C. already working on this year's Christmas party
5. **New Business:**
 - a. A member would like to make an anonymous restricted scholarship of \$500 to a specific student. Rick C. motions to approve. Rick T. seconded, passed unanimously
 - b. Agreed to keep past fundraisers and continue researching others.

Next meeting will be in June. Kathy moves to adjourn, Mike seconds, meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.

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.