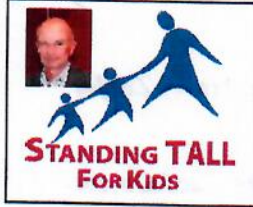




Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison

July 2013

Schedule: Wednesday's 11:45 – 12:45 Noon, Radisson Inn, Madison



Helping Out, Near and Far

Our club has been helping 'REACH a Child' in a number of ways over the past 2 years. By doing this, we help get books in the hands of kids who benefit from them in times of need. Some of these children live right here in Madison, while others live throughout the United States.

We now have an opportunity to help children in far away Burkina Faso, Africa. The UW-Whitewater Student Optimist Club is planning a Service Learning Trip to Burkina Faso in January. They are raising funds to ship an ambulance to the community of Dedougou. The plan is to stuff this ambulance with as many supplies as possible – and that's where we can help. The students are asking for donations of hygiene supplies and suggested that Optimists could gather those sample sizes of soap, shampoo, and lotion when they stay in hotels. We will collect these and pass them along at the August and November SWIS District meetings.

See the article in this newsletter about the UWW Student Optimist Club's plans for their trip.

Optimistically yours,
Mary Schwartz
Club President

Upcoming Meetings:

- July 3rd NO MEETING – HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!!
- July 10th Joel Weitz, Owner of Vitense Golf
- July 17th Mary Anne Browne, local author, shares her journey and secrets to living the life of your dreams. A drawing for an audio copy of RISE ABOVE THE SH**! Down-to-earth thinking from Wisconsin will be held, and books will be available for purchase (cash or check only), with \$5/book and \$10/CD set benefiting The Sauk Trails Optimist Community Foundation.
- July 23rd TBA
- July 31st Dr. John Bonsett-Veal sharing highlights of a recent trip

Event Calendar:

- July 10th STOC Board Meeting 7:45 – All are welcome!
- July 18th Pool Party Social at Ted and Jaci See's Home
- July 22nd Volunteer at REACH a Child Food & Fun at Monk's afterward
- August 14th STOC Happy Hour – Invite your friends!
- August 16-17th SWIS Convention at the Country Springs Inn, Pewaukee, WI
- August 26th Volunteer at REACH a Child Food & Fun at Monk's afterward

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
STOC Regular Board Meeting
First Weber Realty Office – June 12, 2013

Board Members in Attendance:

President: Mary Schwartz Sec/Treas: Bob Wortinger Past-Pres: Jacci See
Board Members: Dan Bergs, Rick Conne, Diane Hoebel, Carole Klopp, Liv Sandberg, Tracey Ziegler
Board Members Absent: Pete

The meeting was called to order by Mary Schwartz at 7:55 AM. A motion was made by Carole, seconded by Jacci and passed, to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2013 Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Bob asked for questions regarding the May, 2013 financial statements. STOC had an operating cash balance of \$4,268 as of May 31 and Foundation cash balances totaled \$9,262. In addition, the Foundation's Vanguard Bond account had a balance of \$3,694. The Board discussed one outstanding accounts receivable balance. Bob noted that we are completely out of STOC pins and after a few weeks of trying he was finally able to get a quote from Championship Awards. A motion was made by Carole, seconded by Liv and approved to order 100 pins (their minimum order) at a cost of approximately \$370 plus tax. Bob noted that a separate checking account has been set-up solely for JOOI club funds. A motion was made by Carole, seconded by Jacci and passed, to accept the May, 2013 Treasurer's Report.

Membership Report

The next evening happy hour/membership event will be on August 14 and will replace that week's lunch meeting. The social/membership committee (Jacci, Liv, and Tracey) will meet with Mary to discuss plans for this event.

STOC's membership remains at 40 regular members plus 6 FOO's for a total of 46 members. The September 30, 2012 numbers were 41 regular members plus 5 FOO's also for a total of 46.

Speaker Schedule

Mary noted that several club members volunteered to fill speaker slots over the next couple of months and we are in pretty good shape there. No meeting will be held on July 3 due to the Fourth of July holiday. Mary noted that we are now operating under a new summer menu arrangement with the Radisson, but their prices will remain the same.

Honor Club Requirements

Mary reviewed the annual requirements for STOC to be an OI Honor Club this year. The big challenge remaining is to increase our membership and/or start a new club. Carole, Dan and Liv will meet with former JOOI club President, Maggie Radl, in the near future to discuss the possibility of starting a new Optimist club at UW-Madison.

UW-Whitewater Optimist Club trip to Burkina Faso

Carole and Mary reported that the UW-Whitewater Student Club has planned a mission trip to Burkina Faso and will be taking an ambulance filled with computer equipment and other items. In connection with this project, they are asking clubs to provide them with hotel toiletry items.

SWIS Update

Mary passed on a report from Bonnie that discussions are being held to determine if the 2nd quarter SWIS Conference (held in February) should be eliminated for the 2013 – 2014 SWIS calendar.

Service/Volunteer Committee

The 4th Monday of the month volunteer program at Reach-A-Child will be held on June 24 followed by a social event (all members and friends are welcome to attend) at Monk's. It was pointed out that Carole has recently become the new Executive Director of Reach-A-Child.

Finance/Fundraising Committee

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STOC Calendar

The STOC summer party was discussed and tentatively scheduled for 6 PM on July 18 at Jacci and Ted's home.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 10 @ 7:45 at Jacci's First Weber office.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2012-2013

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Get your **FOOTBALL FRENZY** Tickets now! They are \$20 each with all club proceeds going to the STOC Youth & Community Foundation. Contact Gene Spindler (genespindler@charter.net) to get yours.

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2012-2013 Committee Leadership

**Social &
 Membership**

Jacci See
 Liv Sandberg
 Tracey Ziegler

**Service &
 Volunteerism**

Carole Klopp
 Rick Conne

Fundraising

Pete Graven
 Dan Bergs

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.

Next item on the Optimist colander is the International Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio July 4-6.

Our District Convention is set for August 17,17 at the Country Springs and Conference Center In Pewaukee, WI.

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2012-2013

President

Mary Schwartz

Secretary/Treasurer

Bob Wortinger

Past President

Jacci See

Vice President

Pete Graven

Board of Directors

Dan Bergs
 Carole Klopp
 Rick Conne
 Liv Sandberg
 Tracey Ziegler
 Diane Hoebel

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS TO:

Julie Thomas 7/5; Dale Kalscheur 7/6;
 John Scherer 7/6, Alison Scherer 7/14
 Lori (Handel) Davis 7/18

This section is for all the new members we'll be adding this year!

The International Convention of Optimist International is being July 4-6 in Cincinnati, Ohio and although we've already passed the early bird registration date of May 1st, it not too late to consider a trip to Cincinnati this summer. You can also refer to the www.optimist.org website, where they can go to the Intl Convention for more info OR the www.swisdistrict.org second quarter newsletter, page 6 for details.

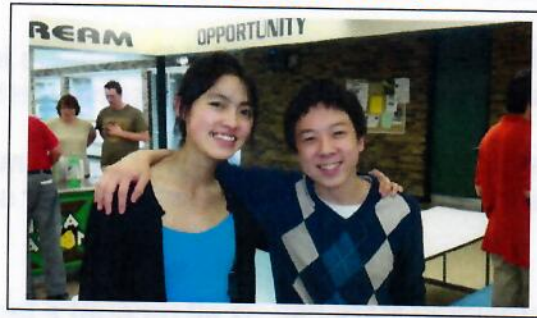
Past Governor Bonnie Spindler is our Convention District Representative.

ATTENTION SAUK TRAILS MEMBERS

- Our President Mary doesn't sound like a broken record when encouraging us to think about inviting a guest or two to one of our meetings, he sounds like an Optimist who wants to see Optimism spread and grow not only in our Sauk Trails areas, but all over the city and state for that matter, so this message of Just Ask is not only for us, but every Optimist in our district. Let's not think of our friends as guests, but also new potential members!

Football Frenzy: Our Club has tickets for the 2013 Football Season from September 8, 2013 through December 29, 2013-17 weeks. The tickets sell for \$20 each and are an excellent fund raiser as we should receive back \$11 or more for each ticket we sell. I have tickets and will be at the weekly meetings to give them to members who are interested in selling. If you are interested in purchasing for yourself or having some to sell to friends and cannot make the luncheon meetings, I can be contacted by phone at 833-7244 or e/mail at genespindler@charter.net

All about JOOI



Co-Presidents Jane and Nathan

JOOI Report

Carole noted that the May 1 Spartan Youth Service (JOOI) induction banquet went well and Mary handled the installation of the club's new Board very well. STOC Board members expressed their appreciation to Carole, Rick Conne and Rick Thomas for doing another great job in leading the JOOI club this year.

Reach-a-Child Monthly Assistance

Board members discussed ways to get more STOC members involved in this effort which is our only service project planned for the summer. At our June Reach-a-Child event we will set up a place for members to meet afterward at a nearby establishment such as Monks.

Football Craze Raffle Tickets

Gene has Football Craze tickets available for sale. His goal is to sell our full allotment of 105 tickets this year. Each STOC member should plan to sell (or buy) at least one raffle ticket. Last year STOC received \$11 per ticket sold.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for either June 12 @ 7:45 at Jacci's First Weber office.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2012-2013

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.

July Meeting Speakers

June 5th Our own Carole Klopp speaking about building assets in our children. Great program...we have some pretty talented and knowledgeable member we can learn from.

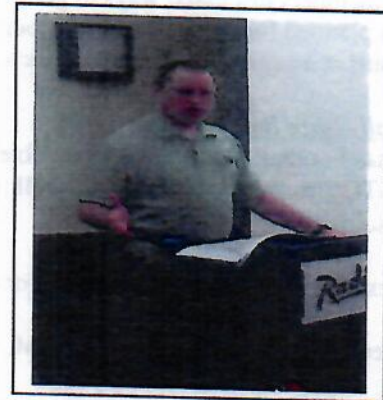
June 12thChristian Gridley introduced us to Rodney Knoll, a marine who recently had brain surgery and is recovering and helping others with similar surgeries. Interesting program.

June 19th ...It's a fun day...president Mary had us all recount a funny vacation story...pretty good stuff!!!!

June 26th ...Steve Bailey invites Lori Wirth of the Madison Fire Department for a talk on the department and fire prevention...good program. Perhaps we can find a way to honor firefighters as we do Law enforcement officers.



Carole Klopp presenting "Are you building assets? In children
Rodney Kroll



Mary starts it off and Kathy Johnson Shares her vacation



Lori Wirth of the Madison Fire Department



Sauk Trails Optimists Pool Party Social

*Thursday, July 18th
Ted & Jacci See's Backyard
6326 Stonefield Rd, Middleton*

Spouses and significant others are invited!

*Refreshments at 5:45 p.m.
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.*

*Our Main Course will be Grilled Chicken Kabobs.
Please bring a side dish, dessert, or beverage.*

*Sign up at a meeting or e-mail
Jacci at seej@firstweber.com*

Be sure to bring your swimming suit & a towel!!



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Club elections were held on May 15th. Congratulations to our new officers and board members.

President - Bonnie Spindler

Vice-President - Dan Bergs

Board Members - Nancy Hach, Diane Hoebel, Pete Graven (2 years)

Mike Grasmick (1 year)

Secretary - Carole Klopp

Treasurer - Bob Wortinger

Their term in office begins on October 1, 2013.

