



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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

February 2018

PRESIDENTS NOTE

Dear STOC Friends-

Happy winter to you all!!! It hasn't been a terrible one but is getting a little long. In February the Ground Hog will let us know how much longer winter will go. Some encouraging signs include Diane Hoebel getting our paperwork ready for Brat Fest. It will be here before you know it. In addition, some of our folks that headed to warmer climates are slowly heading back to Madison. Welcome home, Rick Conne.

We have a full schedule of speakers through mid-March. I want to thank Dan Bergs, John Fons, and Mary Schwartz who all spoke at meetings since the first of the year! I also want to Steve Bailey, Mary Schwartz, and, John Fons for working hard to get great speakers for our programs.

Jacci See and Liv Sandberg are working hard on the Progressive Dinner. The date is 2/25. More details to follow.

Take care and keep warm.

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

February Birthdays

Mike Grasmick 4
 Bonnie Spindler 11



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 Liv Sandberg
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SWIS Activities

2nd Quarter Conference
 Feb 10, 2018
 Registration information:
www.swisdistrict.org
***First English Lutheran
 Church, Platteville WI**



Calendar of Events

Date	Speaker	Topic
2/7	SYSJT Advisers	Student of the Month
2/13	<i>STOC Board Meeting (5:00 p.m.)</i>	<i>Park Bank, 2275 Deming Way, Middleton All members are welcome to attend</i>
2/14	Neil Heinen Editorial Director – Channel 3 & Madison Magazine	Madison in 2018
2/21	J. David Krekeler Attorney at Law	Consumer Laws
2/22	<i>VOLUNTEER</i>	<i>At REACH-a-Child</i>
2/25	Progressive Dinner @ 3:30	Please Join Us
2/28	Stephanie Robinson	Subscribe to Literacy
3/7	Mike Grasmick	Essay Contest Winners
3/13	<i>STOC Board Meeting (5:00 p.m.)</i>	<i>Park Bank, 2275 Deming Way, Middleton All members are welcome to attend</i>
3/14	Social	Bucky Book Coupon Swap!
3/21	OPEN	
3/28	OPEN	
3/29	<i>VOLUNTEER</i>	<i>At REACH-a-Child</i>

*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*

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

FESTIVITIES START @ 3:30PM

Join the fun this year for an Olympic themed dinner shared with fellow Optimists.

OLYMPIC THEME: Let's see how creative we can be! Your appetizer, salad, dish, etc has to originate from another country. No repeats on county of origin please!

*We will be starting at the Wortinger home for appetizers & tasty beverages, (3:30-5:30pm) followed by the main course & deserts at the See's homestead (5:30-8pm) !
Many thanks to the Wortinger's & See's!*

A sign up sheet will be floating around during Wednesday lunch meetings. If you aren't able to sign up during lunch, please contact Liv Sandberg at sandberg@ansci.wisc.edu or 608-335-6223 to let us know you are planning to attend.

*Bob & Karen Wortinger
3926 Caribou Rd
Verona, WI 53593*

*Ted & Jacci See
6326 Stonefield Rd
Middleton, WI 53562*



SPARTAN YOUTH SERVICE

Our Spartan Youth Service JOI Team is well on the way to reaching their goals for the year. They have already banked 160 projects (goal is 250), have accomplished their goal of recruiting 70 Freshmen (they have 71), and are well on their way to their goal of 4500 hours of service - they have accumulated 2137 through the first semester.

A dedicated group of youth, we can proud of their efforts as they represent Optimism at Memorial High School.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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.



SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE

www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org

Current and previous STOC Newsletters are available as PDF's on the www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org website.

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** blspindler@charter.net 850-9561 (H)

Sauk Trails Website Coordinator

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

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

MINUTES

PRESENT: Bob, Rick T., Dan, Mary, Steve, Todd

Others Present:

Absent: Kathy, Rick C., Nancy, John, Mike

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

1. **Addition to Agenda:** Past president's luncheon and banner patches
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 12/12/2017.** 5b. Club members and students would like to continue volunteering at Reach a Child. Bob moved to approve the minutes, Mary seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of December Financial Reports:**
Bob reviewed the financials, Steve moved acceptance, Mary seconded. Passed unanimously.
4. **Membership Report Update:**
We are at 37 members. We are going to investigate getting patches for the 2 members who have passed recently. The patches cost approximately \$100 each. We are going to continue to investigate.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Koeze Sales – We had \$895 in profit. Rick is going to investigate new options for candy sales.
 - b. Bucky Books – There are 7 books left to sell. Giving books to speakers was discussed. Bob moved to sell Bucky Books next year. Todd seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - c. Foundation Rep – We are looking for someone to represent the club.
 - d. Oratorical Contest – Steve is working on it.
 - e. Madison Marathon – Their last payment was short one shift. Dan is contacting them to straighten it out.
 - f. Progressive Dinner – Feb. 25th Liv and Jacci are helping to organize
 - g. Past President's meeting – May 2nd is the tentative date
 - h. Respect for Law – May 9th is the tentative date
 - i. Essay contest – Mike is working on it
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7. **Adjourn to February 6th at 5:00pm, at Park Bank on Deming Way,** Todd moved to adjourn, Steve seconded, passed unanimously. Adjourned at 5:44.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Thomas, secretary

February Luncheon Activities

STO Club members are sure talented!

January 3: STO member John Fons started the speaker line up sharing details about his experiences as an ordained minister.



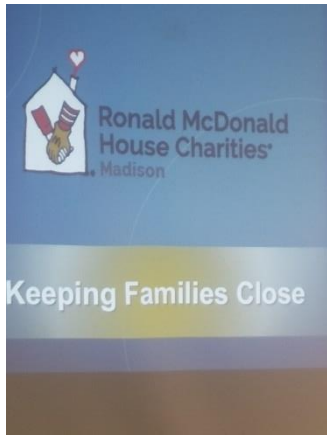
Dan Bergs

Jan 10: Our Tax man, who will be missing in action pretty soon for tax season, helped STO members understand necessary tax changes and needs. Thanks Dan for filling in on short notice!

Mary Schwartz

Jan 17: Our financial planner, stimulated future planning for members as she shared important ideas to consider about **"Sustaining Your Legacy"**





Kevin Huddleston; representing the Ronald McDonald House talked to STO members about their mission and the important work they are doing to help children and families.

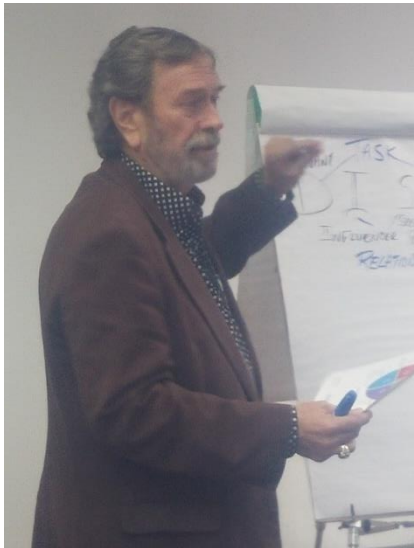


How you can help our local Ronald McDonald House carry out their mission:

- Financial contributions
- In-Kind Contributions
 - See www.rmhcmadison.org for wish list
- Volunteer on-site
- Collect pop-tabs



Ric Hoertz, an Executive Coach for Rubicon Systems, Inc. who is a career business coach, shared great insight to the STO lunch members on Jan 31.



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.

