



Pathways

# Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



**JANUARY 2011**

**Schedule: 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of Month, 5:30 PM  
Evening; other Wednesday's, 11:45 –  
12:45 Noon, SPRECHER'S, Middleton**



## TAKING STOC...AGAIN

I hope that everyone had a healthy and happy holiday season. Let's keep that spirit of giving, sense of community, and warmth of fellowship alive by being active Optimists in 2011. We've got some great speakers coming up this month and the always fun Progressive Dinner on January 30 (on the 'off' weekend for the football playoffs!) - please make a point to get out and join your fellow Optimists this month.

And speaking of speakers, please help our speaker chair Jacci See fill our schedule by combing through your contacts and keeping your eyes open for potential speakers. I'm sure that every member of our Club knows at least one person who would make a great lunchtime presenter - if each of us would commit to bringing one of those people in to speak, we'd have a full slate of very interesting presentations. Thanks in advance for helping with this effort.

Best wishes for 2011 - John

## ATTENTION SAUK TRAILS MEMBERS

- Our President John 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! There are probably one or two people you've been thinking about asking for some time now, and how about now is the time to do just that....ask!!

Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC  
 John Scherer's Home - November 30, 2010 ("December" Board Meeting)  
 Meeting Summary (6:25 PM – 10:00 PM)

Members in Attendance: John Scherer, Jeff Hosking, Bob Wortinger, Carole Klopp, Kevin Campos, Ray Schmitz, Darrin Sharp, Bonnie Spindler  
 Absent: Kathy Johnson, Gene Spindler

The minutes of the November 10, 2010, Board Meeting were reviewed and passed with no revisions.

#### Membership Report

Club membership remains at 40 regular members plus 2 Friends of Optimists.

The board discussed various situations involving members with outstanding balances due. Jeff/John will be following up with these members.

#### Financial Report

The Financial Report was presented for November, 2010 and approved. The level of annual contribution to be made from our fundraising account to the OI Foundation for the 2010-2011 fiscal year was approved at \$125, an increase of \$25 from the previous year.

#### Fundraising Report

We are still waiting for the \$150 of additional sponsorships "promised" for The Optimist Fitness Challenge which would bring the total project net profit to \$1,930.

As of today, receipts have been received for 62 Bucky Books giving us a profit of \$970. An update was also provided on Koeze Nuts activity.

#### Service Events and Social Committee Report

Darrin and Carole provided an update on JOOI activities. It was noted that the Orphan Train project being considered as a service activity in Costa Rico has been removed from consideration and the club is looking at other possible projects there.

Janine, Pat and Ricki are working on the Christmas Family sponsorship project. We will be working with a four member family and using a budget of \$200 (\$50 per family member).

John reported that a Progressive dinner will again be held for club members on Sunday, January 30. The goal will be to have two or three club member's homes involved.

#### By-Law and Club Policies Review

Following discussion regarding proposed changes to STOC's By-Laws, a motion was approved to make the revisions discussed to the By-Laws and send them to club members (after typing) for final approval.

John led a review of the existing club policy handbook including a number of proposed changes which he had sent to board members prior to this meeting. Following a lengthy review and a number of revisions, two or three sections were assigned to various Board members for further changes with the plan to get them rewritten and typed along with the rest of the club policy revisions and distributed to Board members for final review and approval as soon as possible. Policy revisions include a "suspended membership" provision and a clarification on handling of outstanding fees. The goal is to get the By-Laws and updated STOC Policies approved in final form by the Board and distributed to club members no later than the January, 2011 board meeting.

#### Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 10:30 AM at Sprechers.

Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2010-2011

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### Sauk Trails Club Officers 10 - 11

#### President

John Scherer

#### Secretary/Treasurer

Bob Wortinger

#### Past President

Carole Klopp

#### Vice President

Jeff Hosking

#### Board of Directors

Gene Spindler  
 Kathy Johnson  
 Darrin Sharp  
 Bonnie Spindler  
 Ray Schmitz  
 Kevin Campos

### 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.

February 5<sup>th</sup>

May 7<sup>th</sup>

August 6<sup>th</sup>

Madison Area

Wisconsin Dells

Milwaukee Area

**2010 Koeze Nut Fundraiser**

Another year of successful Koeze nuts sales is over, and as in past years, a hearth "Atta Boy" "Way To Go" is in order for Rick Thomas. Many thanks to Rick for his time and energy spent on this important fundraiser.

**Boy I sure wish I knew how to put a smily face here!!!**

**Bucky Book Fundraiser**

As long as we're giving out kudos,, here's another one!!! Many thanks to Kevin Campos for his efforts and energy spent on this years Bucky Books sale. Fundraising is a very important part of any organization's survival and we are blessed with both Kevin and Rick who give so much to our club. Thanks again.

Kevin Campos, 235-1030 (cell)  
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 Bucky Book Coordinator

**UW Band Concert** (deadline is *next Monday*

*January 10*)– We have an opportunity to purchase some really great seats on the center floor for the band concert on Saturday April 16. These are the same tickets we've had in the past and they are made available to our Club through the Wisconsin Newspaper Association. Please contact Bonnie Fechtner, WNA Director of Member Services at 608.283.7622 or [Bonnie.Fechtner@WNAnews.com](mailto:Bonnie.Fechtner@WNAnews.com) to reserve your tickets. Note that we received late notice and orders must be in by next Monday, January 10.

Date	Speaker	Topic	SPRECHERS Menu's
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Reed	Dane County Transitrion School;	Menu 1
			Menu 2
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Ellen Ellefsen	"How To Speak Teenager"	Menu 3
			Menu 4

**SPRECHER'S MENU CHOICES for Lunch**

**Lunch Cost/Evening Hors d' oeuvres: (\$12.00 includes entrée, beverage, tax, & tip)**

Menu 1	Menu 2	Menu 3	Menu 4
½ Sprechers Chicken Wrap, with side and soup	½ Roast Turkey Sandwich, with side and soup	Ratatouille with Soup	Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo with soup
Rueben with soup or side	Meatloaf with soup	Sprechers Chicken Sandwich with soup or side	Classic Cobb Salad
Chicken Caesar Salad with soup	Classic Cobb Salad with soup	Chicken Caesar Salad with soup	Pork Sliders with side and soup

**Progressive Dinner –  
Sunday January 30**

1. Appetizers – Rick & Judy Conne's home
2. Dinner – Carole & Reid Klopp's home
3. Dessert – Jacci & Ted See's home

Look for an internet sign up sheet to let everyone know what you are going to bring – coming shortly.

**HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:**

**Kathy Johnson January 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Greg Hermus January 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Heywood Simmons-January 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Jeff Hosking-January 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Russ Scott-January 30<sup>th</sup>**

You should have in your e-mail boxes the schedule for the Kohl center events the downtown club has signed up for. As you may or may not know, the stands at Camp Randall are run by the Downtown club, they are not ours, we just get to work them for our fundraising. Check the dates and get back to me as soon as you can if you can work any of them. The Janesville club wants to work too, so I need to know how many and who!!! Thank you.

Steve Bailey

This section is for all the new members we'll be adding this year! Here's our first for the year, he's Jim Campbell. His company name is J.Campbell Signature Ho mes. Welcome Jim!

**Childhood Cancer Meal Serving**

The Sauk Trails Optimist Club will be providing 2 Optimists, who will join a West Madison Club Optimist, to help serve meals at the UW Children's Hospital. Following are the Sunday dates where you can volunteer from 11:15 AM - 1:30 PM.

**March 20, April 17, May 15, Sept 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20**

Check your schedule which date would work best for you. There will be future sign-ups and e-mails coming for these dates, but please call or e-mail if there is one that works for you at this time.

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Service Event Coordinator

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