



# Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club  
Madison, Wisconsin



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

**January 2018**

## PRESIDENTS NOTE

Dear STOC Friends-

As we reach the end of 2017, I want to say Thanks to all of you for the things you do! It's been a great year. We accomplished a lot of things in 2017. Some of things we do are pretty special, such as the Christmas Party, Special Olympics, the Spartan Youth program, the contests, scholarships, donations to non- profits. I am very proud to be part of this group.

I had the pleasure of attending my first Lussier Christmas Party on December 1st. Special thanks to Rick Conne and Frank Rath for again organizing this a great event. I don't know who had more fun? Those of us who attended the event and worked or the kids attending the event!

Finally, the ornament exchange was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December. Lots of fun was had by all. Singing Christmas Carols and stealing ornaments from one another.

Once again, a big Thank You for all you do, and here's to a Happy and Healthy New Year!!!

God Bless!

Optimistically,  
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

January Birthdays

Kathy Johnson            2  
 Frank Rath                2



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**SWIS Activities**

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Conference  
 Feb 10, 2018  
 Registration information:  
[www.swisdistrict.org](http://www.swisdistrict.org)  
 Country Inn Suites, Golf  
 Course, Platteville WI



*Calendar of Events*

| Date | Speaker            | Topic                  |
|------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1/3  |                    |                        |
| 1/10 | Stephanie Robinson | Subscribe to Literacy  |
| 1/17 | Mary Schwartz      | Sustaining Your Legacy |
| 1/24 | Kevin Huddleston   | Ronald McDonald House  |
| 1/31 | <i>OPEN</i>        |                        |
|      |                    |                        |

*We have many speaking opportunities in the New Year. 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*



## SPARTAN YOUTH SERVICES UPDATE

Our Spartan Youth Service JOI Team at Memorial HS ended 2017 with a Holiday Party that had our youth making Holiday Cards for the Vets at our VA Hospital, coloring lunch bags for the Meals on Wheels program, and celebrating reaching their goal of 70 Freshmen in SYS. The students also reached a membership of 200 and have already accomplished over 100 service projects this first semester. Every time we hear of youth going astray, we can remember that there are a lot of youth who are not and are doing many things well in addition to giving back to our community in many ways! We can be proud of our JOI Team and they thank you for the support they receive from STOC. Happy New Year from JOI!!

Carole Klopp



### SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE

[www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org](http://www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org)

Current and previous STOC Newsletters are available as PDF's on the [www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org](http://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](mailto:blspindler@charter.net) 850-9561 (H)

Sauk Trails Website Coordinator

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

Tuesday, December 12, 2017  
MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Mike, Rick C., Bob, Rick T., Dan, Nancy, Mary, John, Steve

**Others Present:**

**Absent:** Kathy, Todd

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

1. **Addition to Agenda:** 5 c. and d. should be moved to Foundation meeting
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 11/14/2017.** Bob moved to approve the minutes, Rick C. seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of November Financial Reports:**  
Bob reviewed the financials, Steve moved acceptance, John seconded. Passed unanimously.
4. **Membership Report Update:**  
We are at 38 members. Mary moved to regretfully accept Mary A.'s request to drop her membership, Nancy seconded, Passed unanimously. We are going to investigate getting patches for the 2 members who have passed recently. We sadly acknowledge the loss of our long time member Sherri Rath.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Christmas party – Rick presented the expenses and income from the Christmas Party. We have a reserve balance of \$141.63. The party went very well this year. The Lussier staff was very helpful this year.
  - b. Service – Carole and Bob are no longer on the board of Reach a Child. Students would like to continue volunteering for the organization. We will follow up with dates of future volunteer opportunities. Mike is going to look into essay contest. Steve will help organize the Oratorical contest.
  - c. Bucky Books – There are 11 books left to sell.
  - d. Koeze – Order will hopefully be delivered on Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>
  - e. Shirts – Still working on it.
6. **New Business**
  - a. Past presidents – Bob passed out a list of past presidents. We will plan a lunch or dinner to honor them.
  - b. Progressive Dinner – February 25<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date
  - c. A donation to the Rath's will be made in the Foundation
  - d. Mary reported that the audit committee approved the financials from last year.
7. **Adjourn to January 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm, at Park Bank on Deming Way,** Bob moved to adjourn, Mike seconded, passed unanimously. Adjourned at 5:40.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Thomas, secretary

**SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB  
Youth & Community Foundation  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, December 12, 2017**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Bob, Rick T., Steve, Rick C., Mike, Nancy, Dan, John

**Absent:** Todd, Kathy

The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm.

1. **Minutes from September 2017 Foundation Meeting.** Rick C. moved to accept with the change in the dollar amount available to \$19,000, Nancy seconded, Passed unanimously.
2. **Financial Report Discussion:** Bob reviewed the financials. We actually only had around \$19,000 available in the Foundation at the time of the last meeting
3. **OI Representative –** We are looking for a club representative.
4. **Fundraising –**
  - a. Madison Marathon check will be coming soon.
  - b. CSC opportunities were sent out. Many opportunities over the winter
  - c. We are a little lower in fundraising. Many opportunities for future fundraising.
5. Rick C. moved that we donate \$50 to Sherri Rath's Memorial, Mike seconded, Passed unanimously.

Bob moved that we adjourn until March, 2018 Mary seconded, Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Thomas, secretary



**December Luncheon Activities**

**December 13- Dr John Kaminski, book author and historian, provided a very interesting presentation about Alexander Hamilton. He graciously agreed to return for a second presentation. stay tuned!**



### December Activities

The STO club was super busy in December bringing cheer to others and enjoying the Holidays with fellow club members.

Photos of the fun!

Several STOC members helped decorate Rosewood Villas, setting up trees with lights. The residents also got to have fun finishing the decorating. Yummy donuts kept fortified them as they worked!



Master tree trimmers Rick and Mary didn't seem to have a problem with the lights. Steve and John seem to be having issue but are still smiling and optimistic they will get it done. Maybe they need another donuts!



Much fun was had by all at the Lussier Christmas party. The kids and parents were fed dinner, decorated cookies, and had a visit from Santa! STOC members and JOOI youth had a grand time in the kitchen and organizing presents for all the kids.



STOC kitchen crew Lussier Holiday party.



STOC kitchen and present crew Lussier



Party crew and kids with Santa



STOC ornament exchange! A MERRY time was had by all.  
Bob and Dan added extra cheer!





No Peeking Ted!



Don't admire it too long Carole!  
Someone may steal it!



## 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.**

