



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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

May 2018

PRESIDENTS NOTE

Dear STOC Friends,

May is here!!! I hope it's safe to say we can put away our snow shovels, finally.

May starts out with a bang! On May 2nd we have our Past Presidents luncheon. We have had a great response from former Presidents and should be a great time. Many thanks to Mary Schwartz for taking the lead on this event.

On May 5th is the Special Olympics Track Meet in Oregon. A number of us, will be volunteering down there. It is always a rewarding volunteer event. There is also a SWIS District convention at the Kalihari in the Dells the same weekend. Many thanks to Bonnie, Gene and Steve for representing us at that event.

May 9th is Respect for Law day. Steve reports that we could have as many as 13 Madison Police officers there that day. Let's have a good turnout for that event! The Club will pay for your guest if you choose to invite one. Let's at least out number our guests.

We have speakers lined up for the rest of the Month so come to a meeting you don't know what you've been missing!

My thanks to all who are volunteering at Brat Fest and the Madison Marathon on Memorial Day weekend.

Enjoy the May weather coming up.

Optimistically yours,

Dan

STOC Bulletin Board

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2017-2018

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April Birthdays

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SWIS Activities

3rd Quarter Conference

May 4-5, 2018

Registration information:

www.swisdistrict.org

Kalahari in WI Dells

Steve Bailey, Bonnie & Gene Spindler and John Fons will all be attending the conference.

They will be honoring Oratorical and Essay District winners who will be presenting and receiving their various scholarships, funded by the Optimist International Foundation. .

Three Oratorical Contest Scholarships will be awarded (\$2500, \$1500, and \$1000), Essay contest (\$2500) and Communication for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (\$2500).

SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE

www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org

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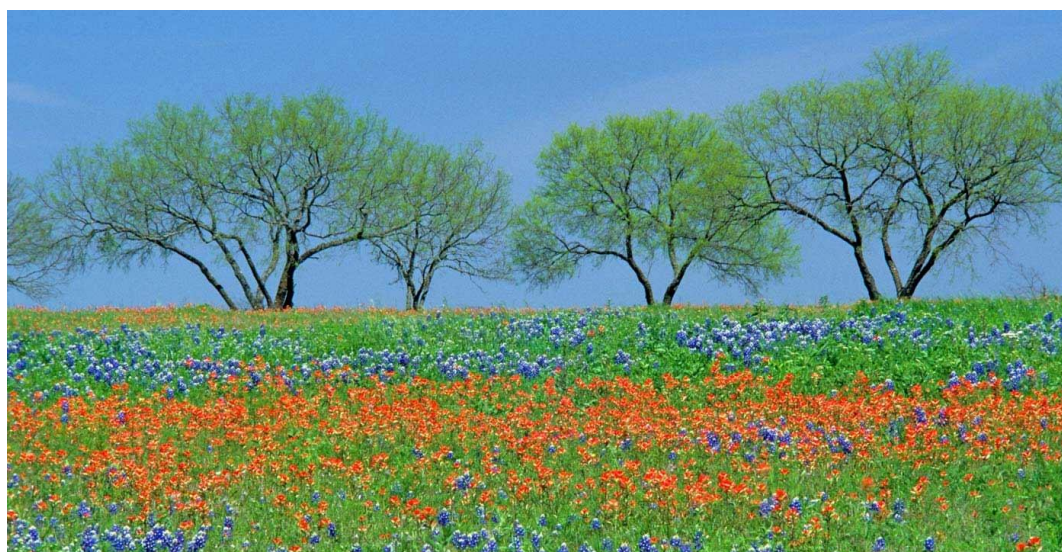
Call for website sponsors.

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)

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Date	Speaker	Topic
5/2	STOC Leaders of Yesterday & Today	Past President's Luncheon
5/5	VOLUNTEER	SPECIAL OLYMPICS
5/8	STOC Board Meeting (5:00 p.m.)	Park Bank, 2275 Deming Way, Middleton All members are welcome to attend
5/9	Madison Police Dept.	Respect for Law
5/16	Nancy Viste	The Preservation & Rebirth of The Old Feed Mill in Mazomanie
5/23	Henry Hawkins	Creativity Consultant & Coach of Ascent Creativity
5/23	Spartan Youth Service JOI Team	Annual Recognition and Induction Banquet
5/24	VOLUNTEER	At REACH-a-Child
5/25	VOLUNTEER	Wrap Brats at Brat Fest
5/25-5/27	VOLUNTEER	Madison Half-Marathon
5/30	OPEN	

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



SPECIAL NOTATIONS**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**
BRATFEST

The 2018 Bratfest will be held Friday, May 25th-Monday, May 28. The Bratfest will be held on Willow Island at the Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI. We have eight people signed up to work wrapping brats on Friday from 7-9:30. We also have two people signed up to grill brats on Monday. We get paid \$8.00 an hour. Right now, most positions look like they are filled, however that always changes closer to the Memorial Day weekend. If you are interested in working that weekend, contact Diane Hoebel at hoebels2618@yahoo.com or 334-3112. I will let you know when positions open up.

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.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

May 5th, 2018

The Special Olympics track meet will be held on the 1st Saturday in May this year, so mark your calendars to be at Oregon High school on Saturday May 5. All volunteers are required to sign up online, if you [go to this link](#) it will take you to the track meet page where you can use the link at the bottom to 'Sign up as a volunteer'.

The 'official' listed hours for volunteers are 9am-12:30pm and 12:30pm - 4pm...but really we need volunteers to escort the athletes to and from the track from 10:15a - 12:30p and 12:30p - 3p. Of course, the most fun is to stick around all day (free lunch provided!) and be outside in the guaranteed glorious weather from 10a-3p!

After you sign up online, please also let me or Bob Wortinger know (or sign up on the sheet passed around at lunch) - it's nice to know how many helpers to expect, and we will also send out more detailed information during the week of the event.

As most of you know this is a great event, I hope you will be able to come out and join us.

If you have any questions, please contact me at work 608-829-1010, home 836-0151 or email john@trinfin.com.

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

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

MINUTES**PRESENT:** Dan, Mary, Nancy, Rick C., Rick T., Steve, Todd, Kathy, Bob**Others Present:****Absent:** John, Mike

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

1. **Addition to Agenda:**
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 3/13/2018.** Rick C. moved to approve the minutes, Mary seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of March Financial Reports:**
Bob presented the financials from March. Steve moved to accept the financial report, Nancy seconded, Passed unanimously.
Rick T. moved that we transfer our reserve fund to the Vanguard Wellington Fund, Rick C. seconded. Passed unanimously
4. **Membership Report Update:**
We are at 37 members.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Oratorical contest – Zone contest went well. Student from Cross Plains won.
 - b. Speakers – We are in pretty good shape. Respect for Law is May 9th.
 - c. Special Olympics will be May 5th.
 - d. Volunteer opportunities – Mustard days (8/4), Brat Fest, CSC, Half Marathon
 - e. Past Presidents meeting – May 2nd Mary moved that the club pay for lunches for past Presidents that are no longer members only, Todd seconded, Passed unanimously.
 - f. Frank Rath – Hopefully still willing to help Rick C. with Lussier X-mas party. Walmart is going to give \$2500 grant for the party. Patches are going to be ordered with the name on it.
 - g. Still working on new shirts. Jaci will bring in samples for club members to look at.
6. **New Business**
 - a. Nomination committee – Todd, Steve, Dan and Kathy on the committee.
 - b. Respect for Fire Fighters Day – Due to budget constraints we plan to hold off until next year.
 - c. Respect for Law – We should push for additional guests.
 - d. Meals – Dan will be speaking with the Radisson regarding the meals.
 - e. Social Meeting – Vintage in Sauk City is the tentative location.
7. **Adjourn to May 8th at 5:00pm, at Park Bank on Deming Way,** Kathy moved to adjourn, Mary seconded, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Thomas, President

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.

