



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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

October 2016

Greetings All!

Well, here it is, my last newsletter letter and I can't believe it! It's been an amazing year and I hope you all have felt the amazing Optimist spirit abounding in our club!

We started out by setting the goals of adding 5 new members net (meaning more than the 49 we started the year with) and raising \$8000 for our foundation. We weren't able to accomplish our first goal, but we knocked our second goal out of the park!! We were able to support the OI Foundation, REACH-A-Child, Horizon High School, Lussier Community Education Center, DAIS, and ARC.

Additionally, we gave 2 JOOI students \$1000 scholarships and 1 student received \$250. Pretty amazing for a club our size and we should all be very proud of our accomplishments this past year!!

But a recap would be remiss if we didn't also remember our social outings – the Progressive Dinner, our TWIST NOW meetings, wrapping for the presents for our Lussier Christmas party, and the Pool Party at See's home. We also volunteered for REACH-A-Child, Special Olympics, our JOOI club, and for Mustard Days. Gosh, we're a pretty great group of volunteers!

Finally, our Recognition and Induction Banquet took place on Tuesday, September 24th. Many thanks to Kathy Johnson, Dennis Norton, and Rick Conne for the FAB Silent Auction items! We made over \$600 for our Foundation, beating last year's amount!! Outgoing board members were recognized and thanked – they were Vice President: Mike Grasmick, Secretary: Rick Thomas, Treasurer: Bob Wortinger, Past President: Dan Bergs AND Board Members-Dan Chart, Diane Hoebel, Rick Conne, Todd Geltemeyer, Steve Bailey, Nancy Hach AND Kathy Johnson. Past Governor, Jeff Kuckenbecker, inducted the new 2016-17 Board: President: Mike Grasmick, Vice President: Dan Chart, Secretary: Rick Thomas, Treasurer: Bob Wortinger, Past President: Carole Klopp and Board Members -Steve Bailey, Rick Conne, John Fons, Nancy Hach, Kathy Johnson and Dashni Sathasivam. We also recognized our 2016 Volunteer of Year – Bob Wortinger – an honor long overdue!

It's been quite a year and I'm looking for to an even more spectacular 2016-17! See you at the Radisson!

Cheers,
Carole Klopp, President (for the last time)
Sauk Trails Optimist Club

STOC Bulletin Board

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2015-16

President: Mike Grasmick

Vice President: Dan Chart

Secretary: Rick Thomas

Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

Past President: Carole Klopp

Board of Directors

- Steve Bailey
- Rick Conne
- John Fons
- Nancy Hach
- Kathy Johnson
- Dashni Sathasivam


Recognition and Induction Banquet:
 Look at those happy volunteers; optimistically ready to serve for the 2016-17 year.



More photos in 'STO snap shot' section.

October Birthdays

Rick Thomas	21
Ted See	28



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'FOOTBAAAAAAL!!!'





Don't forget to check you Football Crazyers' Tickets!

Sauk Trails Optimists Club Meetings and Other Scheduled Events

October 5

October 11 Next Board meeting: 5 pm Park Bank

October 12

October 19

October 26

Weekly lunch meetings in red.

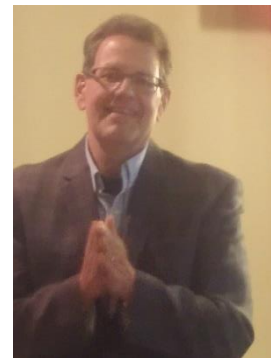
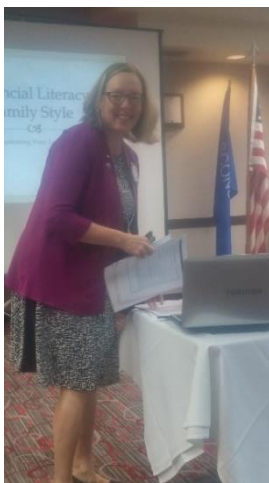
STOC Members & Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team

Serving at Reach-a-Child fund raiser event.

Several Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team member, advisors Dashni Sathasivum, and Carole Klopp served Reach-a-Child benefit banquet attendees. See more photos in STOP Snap Shots.



LUNCH SPEAKERS: who informed and educates STOC member in September. L – R STOC member Mary Schwartz: Shannon Becker, Dog Academy Director and assistant: Randy Gross, Energy=Wellness Photos taken by Steve Bailey.



SAUK TRAILS – Madison Optimist Club WEBSITE

There have been some recent questions on the receiving of the monthly STOC Newsletter. The current STOC Newsletter and previous newsletters are available on the www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org website.

The newsletters are in the ABOUT tab under NEWSLETTERS. The Current and Past Newsletters available as PDF's:



To acquire the newsletter, CLICK on the 'PDF Download' of CHOICE.

On a Monthly basis, I have been e-mailing a message from the STOC Website which has a 'link' directly to ABOUT area where a selection of newsletters can be made. Click on that LINK 'SAUK TRAILS *month* News' to acquire the location in the STOC website where ALL the Newsletters are located. (Scroll down for access to ALL Newsletters).

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 OPTIMIST CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, September 13, 2016
MINUTES

PRESENT: Dan C., Rick T., Carole, Steve, Bob, Dan B., Mike, Todd, Rick C.

Others Present: Bonnie, Dashni, John

Absent: Kathy, Nancy, Diane

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

1. **Addition to agenda:** none

2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 8/9/2016.** Steve moved to approve, Mike seconded, Passed unanimously.

3. **Acceptance of August Financial Reports:**

There was discussion regarding several members who are behind in their dues. They will be contacted by several board members to see if they wish to continue as members.

Mike moved to accept August financial reports. Kathy seconded. Passed unanimously.

4. **Membership Report Update:**

We are at 46 members.

5. **Board Organization**

a. We are behind on membership goal but close on fundraising.

b. Bylaws were sent in to OI

6. **Committee Reports**

a. Service

1. Reach a Child is moving to 6501 Watts Rd., Madison, WI. They will need help with the move.

b. Christmas party will be December 9th from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

c. Social

1. August 24th Pool Party went well

2. Golf outing has been canceled. We will retry next summer.

d. Fundraising

1. We are close to reaching our goal of \$8000 for the year.

e. End of Year Banquet

1. Sept. 27th from 5:30-9:00

2. Mike moved that the cost be \$20 per person. Dan seconded. Passed unanimously

7. **New Business**

a. Todd and Diane will be leaving the board. Dashni and John will be joining the board next month. Incoming and outgoing board members were thanked for their service.

b. Board meetings should continue to, the 2nd Tues. of each month at Park Bank.

8. Adjourn, next meeting will be October 11th at 5:00 pm. at Park Bank. Bob moved to adjourn, Mike seconded, Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Thomas, Secretary

**SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
Youth & Community Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016**

Present: Bob, Rick T., Dan C., Carole, Steve, Rick C., Mike, Todd

Absent: Dan B., Nancy, Diane, Kathy

The meeting was called to order at 5:50pm.

1. **Minutes from June 2016 Foundation Meeting.** Bob moved to approve, Rick C. seconded.
2. **Financial Report Discussion:** Bob reviewed the financials. We are within \$150 of our fundraising goal. We have \$5000 available for donations. Dan moved to accept the treasurer's report, Mike seconded, Passed unanimously
3. **New Business**
 - a. The following charities were nominated to receive donations: Horizon, ARC, Lussier, Mellowood, DAIS, Reach a Child, MOM.
 - b. It was suggested we have groups make requests for donations by August 15th each year in the future.
 - c. \$1000 donations for Horizon, Lussier, and Reach a Child
 - d. \$500 donations for Dais and ARC
 - e. \$250 donation for Mellowood
 - f. Rick C. moved to accept the donations, Steve seconded, Passed unanimously
 - g. Carole was thanked for her work as President this past year.

Mike moved that we adjourn until December 13th , Bob seconded, Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Thomas, secretary

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.

Reach –a- Child Fundraiser Dinner



Recognition and Induction Banquet @ Craftsman Table and Tap

Incoming President Mike Grasmick thanking outgoing president Carole Klopp. Volunteer of the Year Bob Wortinger! Outgoing Board. Incoming Board. They look like they're going to be a lot more fun!!!



Rick Conne and Kathy Johnson with final touches on the silent auction!!!
A winning table of 4 lovely ladies!
The Birthday ladies! Queens for a day!
Banquet FUN!!!!

