



# Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club  
Madison, Wisconsin



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

**December 2016**

Happy Holidays!

As we come into the Holiday season, we can delight in spending precious time with family and friends, participating in Holiday activities, and giving to others to spread cheer. There are many volunteer opportunities for the STOC this month, (noted in the newsletter) giving us time to enjoy friends while serving others. It is also a time many of us reflect on what we value and our beliefs. This year, there was a wonderful soloist at the Madison Symphony Christmas concert who shared with the audience that one of her favorite Christmas songs is a contemporary song, titled 'Grown-Up Christmas list'. Her love for the song was not related to the music, but very appropriately connected to the lyrics, in particular, the refrain.

“So here's my lifelong wish,  
My grown-up Christmas list,  
Not for myself, but for a world in need:

No more lives torn apart,  
Then wars would never start,  
And time would heal all hearts.  
And every one would have a friend,  
And right would always win,  
And love would never end  
This is my grown-up Christmas list.”



May you all find peace and joy through out the holiday season and the coming year!

Your fellow optimist,

Liv Sandberg

## STOC Bulletin Board

### Sauk Trails Club Officers 2016-2017

**President:** Mike Grasmick

**Vice President:** Dan Chart

**Secretary:** Rick Conne

**Treasurer:** Bob Wortinger

**Past President:** Carole Klopp

#### Board of Directors

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

### Lussier Christmas Party

The Christmas Party is set for December 9, 2016, from 4 to 8. There will be dinner, balloon animals, magic, face painting, and, of course, Santa.

We are expecting 140 children from Lussier and the Meadowood Neighborhood Centers. A volunteer sheet will be passed around in the coming weeks.

For more information, contact Rick Conne.

### December Birthdays

Mike Gustafson 5<sup>th</sup>  
Dennis Norton 7<sup>th</sup>  
Barb Sheeran Hill 20<sup>th</sup>



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### Christmas Gift Wrapping!

**Wednesday Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm @ the Radisson hotel.**

**Bring your dexterous fingers and show off your elf wrapping talent as we get the presents wrapped for Lussier Christmas party on Friday.**



Red Cross Bell Ringing volunteers needed.

Friday and Sat evenings times are available to help Spartan Youth ring bells for the Red Cross, Red Kettle. Friday and Saturday shifts

Contact Dashni for times and details.

[badger018@gmail.com](mailto:badger018@gmail.com)

**'Tis the Season to Volunteer.**

Watch for upcoming opportunities.

## Sauk Trails Optimists Club Meetings and Other Scheduled Events

- Dec 7th Lunch meeting
  - Dec 7th NO Lunch meeting
  - Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Gift wrapping 5:30pm at Radisson Hotel room
  - Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Koeze nuts sales due
  - Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Lussier Christmas Party, 4-8 pm at the Lussier Center on Gammon Road
  - Dec 14<sup>th</sup> TBA
  - Dec 21<sup>st</sup> Annual ornament exchange
- Regular Wednesday meetings are in blue.

### Bucky Books

Thanks to those who sold Bucky Books for our Foundation fundraiser. We still have complimentary books to sell for 100% profit!  
Contact Dan Berg

### Next District Conference

SWIS 2nd Quarter Conference, 2016-2017  
February 17-18th, 2017 in Janesville, WI

### SWIS Conference Update:

Carole Klopp, Steve Bailey and Bonnie Spindler attended the SWIS conference, Nov 18-19 and invite other STOC members are welcome to attend future district conferences.

The District conference highlighted a new initiative to attract new members into Optimists clubs:

#### 'Social, Service, and Young Professionals Group'

For more information, please see website for additional information on membership. <http://www.optimist.org/e/member/membership6.cfm>.

### SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE

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

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](http://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.

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)

**Bonnie Spindler**, Sauk Trails Website Coordinator

SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Tuesday, November 8, 2016  
MINUTES

PRESENT: Dan C., Rick T., Carole, Steve, Bob, Mike, Kathy, Dashni, John  
Others Present: Bonnie  
Absent: Nancy, Rick C., Mike

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

1. **Addition to agenda:** JOI dues, shirts
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 10/11/2016.** Steve moved to approve, Dashni seconded, Bob noted some changes with Bob and John put in a Special Olympics sub-committee, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of September Financial Reports:**  
Kathy motioned that the foundation will pay the JOI bill, Dan C. seconded, Passed unanimously.  
Dan C. moved to accept October financial reports. Dashni seconded. Passed unanimously.
4. **Membership Report Update:**  
We are at 42 members.
5. **Board Organization**
  - a. Optimist Bylaws and Club Policies – Rick T., Bob, Mike and Carole will work to resolve differences and present results to the board in December
  - b. Committee Reports:
    1. Christmas Things are progressing well
    2. Service Reach a Child may have an upcoming project
    3. Silent Auction
    4. Social Dec. 7 gift wrapping event
    5. Fundraising
6. **Old Business**
  - a. Bucky Books – We have sold 49 so far with about 25 still out
  - b. Koeze Nuts –
  - c. Audit Committee – Mark and Mary Schwarz completed the audit. They recommended and the board discussed that a separate account be created for the Christmas Party. Steve moved that we accept the audit report and thank Mark and Mary for their service. Kathy seconded. Passed unanimously
  - d. Membership committee will be tabled until next month
7. **New Business**
  - a. Handing out of Board of Director pins will be postponed until next month.
  - b. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> is the District convention. Club will pay entire registration fee.
  - c. Shirts – We are almost out of shirts. Rick C. will be asked to talk to his contact at Top Promotions

Bob moved to adjourn, Dashni seconded, meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Thomas, Secretary

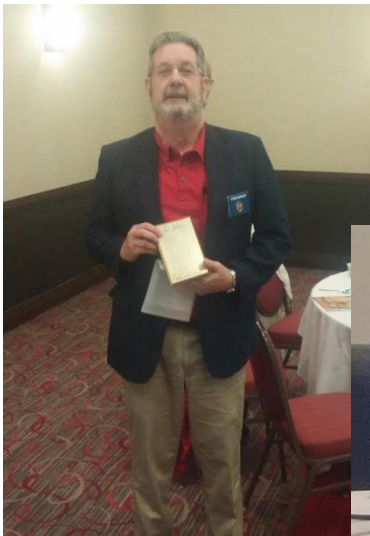
## STOC Snap Shots

**October  
in  
Pictures**

**Photos by  
Steve  
Bailey**



Kevin Richard of August publications talks to STOC members during a lunch meeting



Steve Bartlett brings wonderful recognition to the incredible Honor Flight program during a November lunch meeting.



STOC member John Fons presents an interesting insight about the Jet Charter business.



## 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.

