



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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



April 2014

Sauk Trails Optimists:

We're right in the midst of 'March Madness' Basketball season. The snow is finally melting and it looks like spring is around the corner. It'll be nice to see the little flowers peeking their heads out and sharing the sunshine with all of us this season.

The 7th tenet of the creed is: Promise yourself: To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future. A quote from the author in the 'Power of Creed' book is: *'In order to win in the game of life, you must learn from your mistakes and the temporary setbacks, and then forget them. The secret to this mode of thinking is that failure is not possible because everything you do produces a result. That result allows you to learn in order to improve the performance for the next time.'*

We had very interesting speakers in March at our lunch get-togethers. It was great to hear about Steve Bailey's hobby of 'ship building'. We also honored our Student of the Month from Memorial High School and had 2 different Essay winners read their essays to the club. (*The club winning essay has been submitted to SWIS District to compete for a \$2500 scholarship*). That was followed by a very interesting presentation about Peru from Claudia Cabrera. It was also great to acquire more input on 'fundraising' needs and opportunities for the future from Optimists.

There are 14 signed up for the UW Band Concert scheduled for April 24th. In this newsletter there will be more information about 'Spirit Day' on May 1st and Special Track Olympics on May 10th. Please sign-up to support the kids in these events.

There will also be a SWIS 3rd Quarter Conference at The Abbey near Lake Geneva on April 26th. See the www.swisdistrict.org website for more information. There will also be a 'Leadership Summit' on May 17th in Madison. See the www.optimist.org website for information about that event.

As the SWIS co-Membership Chair, **'Thank-You'** for being 'an Optimist'. **That's what we're all about, serving the kids and enhancing our personal lives as we do it.** Think about that friend, relative, neighbor, business associate who you could invite to any lunch and/or social event on June 4th to share in our fun times.

We're always looking for input from optimists on ways to be able to enhance the club activities and in turn the kids that are served. As the year progresses, if there is an idea or event you have for the club to participate in, please be sure and share that with me and/or any member of the board or better yet attend a board meeting. If you're interested in serving on the board in the 14-15 year, please let me know. (There will be a 'Nominating Committee' set-up in April to address the needs for various officers and board positions).

Optimistically,
Bonnie Spindler

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STOC Bulletin Board

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2013-2014

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April Birthdays



Doug Poole	11
Paul Gilbertson	16
Dan Bergs	20
Pete Graven	25
Liv Sandberg	25



STOC Youth & Community Foundation Update

The Foundation lost a major source of revenue when the W Club lost the concession contract at Camp Randall. The Club is exploring different options to replace the revenue in order to maintain our scholarships and other grants to community projects. Discussion so far has favored a donation request added to the quarterly billing and participating in fundraising activities such as BratFest, where members donate their time & talent. If you have any ideas or thoughts, please contact President Bonnie.

Club Elections will be in May. Speak with President Bonnie if you are interested in serving in a leadership position.

Special Olympics Track Meet

Saturday, May 10


See More Details in this Newsletter!

ESSAY CONTEST

Madelyn was announced as the winner of the STOC Essay Contest. She read her essay at the March 12th lunch meeting. The student in second place also read her essay. This year's theme was "How Dreams Lead to Success."



Madelyn



Thanks to Mike Grasmick for organizing a great competition!

Mark your calendar

STOC Happy Hour Social
Wednesday, June 4, 2014

Invite your friends to learn more about Optimism!

2014 SWIS Conference Dates

April 25 - 26 The Abbey, Lake Geneva
August 9 - 10 The Sheraton, Brookfield

2014 Optimist International Dates

May 17 OI Summit, Madison
July 9 - 12 OI International Convention, Las Vegas, NV

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Sauk Trails Optimists Club Meetings and Other Scheduled Events

Date	Optimist Volunteer	Speaker and Topic <i>(Lunch, 11:45 AM at Radisson unless indicated)</i>	Lunch Choices
4-2-14	John Schroder and Jacci See	Jeanne Duffy, WCCN – Working Capital for Community Needs Pgm (projector)	Club Sandwich with Chips OR Chicken Mandarin Salad
4-9-14	Jeannie Betterworth	Speaker of Library Seed Exchange Program	Bruchetta Chicken Wrap with chips OR Chef Salad
4-16-14	Bonnie Spindler	Maureen Crombie, Optimist on OI Foundation Club Updates	Baked Chicken/Mashed Potatoes with Gravy/Green Beans OR Chicken Caesar
4-23-14	Claudia Cabrera	Todd Rogg, Dante Viscarra on Millennium Soccer Club for low income. (projector)	Taco Salad Buffet
4-30-14	Bonnie Spindler	Rebecca/Madelyn Spindler, co-authors of Children Books	Broccoli Cheese Soup with Deli Meats Buffet
5-1-14	All Optimists	SPIRIT DAY with the JOOI Club	
5-7-14	Rick Conne	Students of the Month (tentative)	2 pieces 'fried cod', baked potato, coleslaw or Chef Salad
5-10-14	All Optimists	SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRACK MEET at Oregon High School	
5-14-14	Steve Bailey	West Madison Police Officers Honored	Lasagna Buffet, one with meat one vegetarian
5-21-14	Bonnie Spindler	Lt. Gov., Rochelle Robkin, sharing on SWIS and Crane Foundation Project	Barbeque Pork/Roll/Chips OR Chicken Caesar Salad
5-28-14	TBA		Tomato Bisque Soup with Deli Meats Buffet
6-4-14	OPTIMISTS	SAUK TRAILS EVENING SOCIAL	TBD by Social Team

Shaded Purple = Wednesday Lunch Meeting

Sauk Trails Optimist Board of Directors Meeting - March 4, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Bonnie. The minutes from the Feb. 11th meeting were approved. Bob gave the financial report. The Club's financial position is stable. He is currently working to finalize the Bucky Book figures. The financial report was accepted.

Membership Report: We are currently at 43 members plus 2 Friends of Optimists. Bonnie reviewed the membership incentives from SWIS. The 'New Optimists Welcomed' Happy Hour has been moved to June 4.

Old Business: Rick reported that the Lussier X-mas Party will be on a Friday this year. He is working on grants for the food and the committee is considering a different entertainer for the kids. SPIRIT Day: there is a need to start recruiting chaperones. A STOC member will need to step forward and take a leadership position for Special Olympics on May 10.

New Business: We have decided to attend the UW Band Concert in late April as a club social activity; Bonnie noted that those interested need to sign up by mid-April to attend the SWIS & JOOI Conference on April 26th.

There were no other committee reports. The meeting was adjourned.

The next STOC Board meeting will be Tuesday, April 22, 2014, 7:30 a.m. at Wegner CPA's.

(If you would like the official minutes of the board meeting, please contact Carole Klopp, Club Secretary, at klopp@chorus.net.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRACK MEET, SATURDAY, MAY 10th

For more than 20 years the Special Olympics Track & Field meet has been a signature volunteer activity for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Mark your calendars and join us for the 2014 meet on **Saturday, May 10th** (preliminary weather reports predict it will be sunny and seasonably warm that day, with highs in the mid-60s, light winds and no rain!)



The agenda for the day is as follows:

8:30 am - Club breakfast at **DeBroux's Diner**, 101 S Main St, Oregon (optional)

10:00 am - Parade of Athletes; cheer for all of the athletes as they enter the stadium and the Olympic torch is lit. One of the best parts of the day!

10:30am - 2:30pm - Stage all of the running and walking races for the Region 6 District Track & Field Competition at Oregon High School, 456 N. Perry Parkway, Oregon. Our job is to assist runners in lining up for their races, getting to the starting line in the right lanes, and cheering them on!

To sign up or for more information, contact John Scherer: john@trinfin.com, 829-1010 work, 836-0151 home



April 2014 Reflection: *Promise Yourself: To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.*

Each of us has experiences in our lives that we wish we could 'do over'. Each mistake has as an experience to offer that we can learn from to press on to greater achievements in the future. If there is a 'do over' situation that you would like to share briefly as part of the 'Happy Dollar' program during April your input will enhance this promise to yourself and your Optimist friends.



SPirit DAY is Thursday, May 1st! Volunteer to chaperone Memorial High School students as they perform community service at area grade schools. You will meet at JMMHS at 8:30 a.m. & accompany students as they are bussed to their destinations. You will return to the high school by 4:00. Contact Carole Klopp if you are interested. klopp@chorus.net

The Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team is working on a project in memory of Bruce Dahmen. They are considering a walk to raise money for the scholarship fund that has been established in his name.

SYSJT meets in the Fox Neighborhood Center in Memorial High School on Wednesday's after school. Drop in for a visit!

**March in Photos
By Steve Bailey**



Rutvi is the March Student of the Month. Rick Conne presents her with the SOM Certificate.

Steve Bailey (a man of many talents) discusses his model ship building hobby.



Member Claudia Cabrera shares information about her native Peru.



STOC members listen attentively as Rutvi is recognized as Student of the Month.

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.