



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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



June 2019

PRESIDENTS NOTE

Dear STOC Friends

Promise Yourself –

“To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.”

I lost my beloved greyhound Stetson two weeks ago Friday night when I returned late from the Optimist district conference at the Dells. Stetson met me at the door and as he followed me into the house, collapsed to the floor. He never got up.

I learned a lot from Stetson in our ten year run together, but never more than after his departure. He taught me loyalty and good humor, wit and elegance. He never said no to anything we might do together and the simple act of taking a walk became an enthusiastic adventure out into the neighborhood. He loved people and he loved children and they loved him because he wagged his tail and gave them his undivided attention and he never gave up, because he didn't know how. He just kept going all the way to the finish.

So this week when I settled down for a nap and our cat started scratching at the door to be let in, I thought, “Why bother?” until I remembered Stetson. Then I thought, “Here's a living creature who wants to be near me,' so I got up and let him in.

And I smiled.

John Fons

STOC Bulletin Board

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2018-19

President: John Fons

Vice President: Liv Sandberg

Secretary: Rick Thomas

Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

Past President: Dan Chart

Board of Directors

- Steve Bailey
- Rick Conne
- Mary Schwartz
- Nancy Hach
- Kathy Johnson
- Todd Geltemeyer

June Birthdays

Mary Schwartz	2
Rick Conne	5
Ray Schmitz	27



SWIS 4th Quarter Conference
August 9-10, 2019
Radisson Hotel West,
Milwaukee, WI

Conference details & information:
www.swisdistrict.org



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 Liv Sandberg
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Date	Speaker	Topic
6/5/2019	Katie Brietzman	NewBridge
6/11/2019	5:00 p.m. STOC Board Meeting	Park Bank, 2275 Deming Way, Middleton All members are welcome to attend
6/12/2019	OPEN	
6/13/2019	American Players Theater	Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare 7:00 p.m.
6/19/2019		Bikers Against Child Abuse
6/26/2019	Chief Davis	Madison Fire Department
7/3/2019	NO LUNCH MEETING	HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

Please let us know if you have someone who would like to speak at a lunch meeting.
 Speaker Committee: Mary Schwartz & Steve Bailey

THAT'S A WRAP!

We had a great weekend of having fun and making money at the same time. We had 9 expert brat wrappers – (not rappers) work Friday evening at the brat tent. We were worried about storms in the area, but they did not appear during our shift from 5-9. The expert brat wrappers were Mary Schwartz, John Fons, Steve Bailey, Mary Breunig, Nancy Hach, Kathie Newman, Dan Chart and Mike Grasmick. John, Mary and Steve were even featured on channel 27 news Friday evening and Saturday morning. Then on Saturday morning, our grillers composed of Rich Thomas, Zach Thomas and John Olson (Rick's friend) volunteered for grillers. They actually like to stand behind those hot grills!!

We had another excellent crew Saturday and Sunday volunteer for the RunMadtown event. This is the Madison Half Marathon. Dan Chart, Mike Grasmick, Diane Hoebel, Mary Breunig and Nancy Hach worked Saturday at the Monona Terrace. We helped runners at the information booth, pick up their bib numbers and tee shirts and register runners. A special thank you to Nancy Hach who also worked Sunday in the beer tent. We earned approximately \$500 between the two events.

Diane Hoebel

Catch the fun in picture: see photo section.

National Mustard Days

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity

Saturday, August 3, 2019 in Downtown Middleton

National Mustard Day has turned into one of our most popular and enjoyable fundraisers. STOC has provided over 20 volunteers annually in recent years in exchange for a donation to our Foundation and have offered to provide a similar level of support this year.

Barry and Patti Levenson, long-time friends to STOC, continue to be heavily involved in leading the event through their involvement with the National Mustard Museum Foundation.

It is always a great event with lots of people – young and old – having lots of fun. It is an excellent opportunity to work together with other Sauk Trails members for a great cause. There will be bands, cheap hot dogs, free T-shirts, the Duchess of Mustard, and many other surprises!

Please put this on your summer calendar. More information will be coming out in the July newsletter.

Social Outing – American Players Theater

Kathy Johnson is organizing a STOC Social Event for the summer months. Kathy would like feedback from members that would be interested in going to see 'Twelfth Night' at American Players Theater in Spring Green. She has targeted 3 potential dates: June 27th, July 11th, or August 22nd, each with a 7:30 p.m. performance. Ordering tickets in April gives us a 25% discount. You can e-mail your preference to Kathy at kjohnson@RMSStrategies.net. The goal would be to have the plans organized by late March and sign up by the April 10th meeting.

Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare

A charming young woman proves to be equally charming disguised as a young man, throwing Illyria's collective love life into wild disarray. Not that the denizens of that town were well-arranged to begin with. In fact, on an island where everyone's in love with someone, but no one's in love with the someone who loves them back, Viola may be just the soul to set them all aright. As Shakespearean comedies go, this is one of the greats; a fun and funny celebration that embraces the insanity of love.

SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE

www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org

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Call for website sponsors.

If you are interested in also being a sponsor of the STOC Website for the 2018-2019 year, and have your business/name in the rotation on our website, please contact Bonnie Spindler. Thanks to the Park Bank of Madison for their continued sponsorship.

The Sauk Trails – Madison Website is constantly being updated with many pictures in addition to those in the newsletter. To become more familiar with the website and the pictures currently available, see below:

Sauk Trails – Madison Website Pictures

In the EVENTS area, click on this link: [CLUB Program Pictures](#) (View 'Photo Galleries')
In the EVENTS area, click on this link: [CLUB Accomplish Pictures](#) ('Read More', scroll description)
In the ABOUT area, click on this link: [CLUB Photo Gallery](#)

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 Website Coordinator

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

Tuesday, May 14, 2019
MINUTES

PRESENT: John, Dan, Nancy, Mary, Rick T, Steve, Kathy

Others Present:

Absent: Bob, Rick C., Todd

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

1. **Addition to Agenda:**
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 4/9/2019.** Steve moved to approve the minutes, Kathy seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of April Financial Reports:**
Mary moved to accept the financial reports as provided by Bob, Nancy seconded. Passed unanimously.
5. **Scholarship winners were announced**
There will be 5 scholarship winners that will be attending the May 29th meeting.
6. **Fundcrazr**
We need a new coordinator as Gene will be unable to do it this year. Dan and Steve will help sell tickets at the weekly meetings.
7. **Mustard Days**
We need 20 volunteers at Mustard Days which is on August 3rd this year.
8. **Election of Officers/Nominations**
The nominating committee recommends the following:
John will be nominated to serve again as President
Rick T. will be nominated as Vice-President
Kathy will be nominated as Secretary
Nancy will be nominated to continue as a board member
Liv will be nominated to take over Kathy's 2nd year as board member
We are still in need of one other nominee
9. **Special Olympics/Respect for Law/ Summation**
Both events went smoothly and were well attended.
10. **SWIS District Conference, May 10-11, 2019**
John passed around the goals and proposed rezoning of the SWIS District for 2019-2020. It has been proposed that the fall 2020 zone meeting be held in Madison..
11. **Brat Fest 5/24-5/26, Marathon 5/24-5/26, International Conference 6/30-7/3/19**
12. **Program Schedule**
There are still spots available in June
13. **Adjourn to June 11th at 5:00pm, at Park Bank in Middleton** Kathy. moved to adjourn, Dan seconded, passed unanimously.

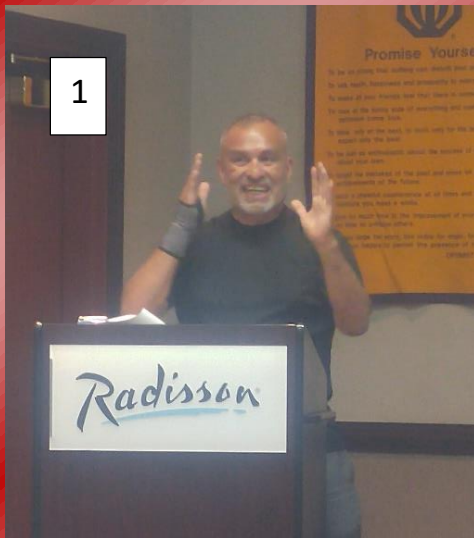
Respectfully submitted,
Rick Thomas, Secretary

STO club lunch and activities in pictures

- 1) Oscar Mireles Madison's Poet Laureate provided a wonderfully entertaining presentation for STOC members during over lunch.
- 2) Lt. Jimmy Ahn from Firefighters Burns camp returned to present information about the department and ongoing operations to insure safety and fire prevention awareness in our growing city.
- 3) Essay contestant, Emma Brittner, was honored for receiving 3rd place in the essay contest.

Many Thanks:

Steve Bailey, Carol Klopp, Mary Schwartz, and Liv Sandberg for contributing photos.



STOC members having a fun time volunteering at both Brat Fest and Madison run events held over Memorial Day weekend.



Well, our Spartan Youth Service JOI Team ended another very successful year of service (5200 hours given) on May 22nd with our End of Year Recognitions & Induction Banquet. Outgoing Officers and Board members were recognized with Co-Presidents Megan Li & Beatrice Naujalyte being award the 1st Annual "Shining Star" award by the Advisers – Carole Klopp, Rick Conne and Rick Thomas. With his usual flair, STOC President inducted the new Officers and Board members who will take office June 1 and lead next year's club. Many thanks to the STOC members who joined us and helped to make this banquet a very memorable event for all!! NOTE: We'll take off June, but start planning in July for the August 8th & 9th Retreat where the kids will plan the 2019-2020 school year – which just happens to be the 25th Anniversary of SYS-JOI at Memorial. Submitted by Carole Klopp



Shruti Sathish, Student of the Month



1



Beatrice Naujalyte, \$1000 Scholarship



2



3



Garrett Kennedy, \$500 Schol.



Megan Li, \$500 Schol.



4

Lily Lowndes, \$500 Schol. In front of Beatrice, Garrett, And Megan



5



Shruti, Beatrice, Megan, Garrett & Lily



Scholarship Winners:

Beatrice Naujalyte, Megan Li,

Garrett Kennedy & Lily Lowndes

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 your 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.