



# Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club  
Madison, Wisconsin



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

**November 2017**

## **PRESIDENTS NOTE**

Dear STOC Friends

We finally have gotten a taste of fall, after a great stretch of weather in October. Winter is just around the corner!!

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, we had the pleasure of hosting representatives from some of the non-profits that the Foundation donated to in 2017.

Mellowhood Foundation- Coach Assad \$500.00

DAIS – Ali Jarocki \$700.00

Lussier Community Education Center – AB Orlick \$1300.00

Reach A Child –Curt Fuzzard \$1500.00

Each of them had the opportunity to speak about what their particular organization did and they all spoke with passion. The common theme throughout was kids. Whether they were at risk kids, or kids, that needed a safe place to lay their heads, or kids that were in the middle of a traumatic situation, It made me proud to see that Sauk Trails Optimist do make a difference in Kids lives in so many ways.

Sometimes when I am working at Madison Marathon, or selling Koeze Nuts or Bucky Books , I forget that what we are doing is earning the \$\$\$ to help kids.

So thanks for all you do, because it does make a difference.

Optimistically,

Dan

# STOC Bulletin Board

**Sauk Trails  
Club Officers  
2017-2018**

**President:** Dan Chart

**Vice President:** John Fons

**Secretary:** Rick Thomas


**Treasurer:** Bob Wortinger

**Past President:** Mike Grasmick

**Board of Directors**  
Steve Bailey  
Rick Conne  
Mary Schwartz  
Nancy Hach  
Kathy Johnson

November Birthdays

Karen Wortinger 25



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Date	Speaker	Topic
11/1	Rick Conne	Student of the Month
11/8	Liv Sandberg	Travels in Norway
11/15	OPEN	
<b>11/22</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b>	<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>
11/29		Gift Wrapping for Lussier Xmas Party
12/1		Lussier party
12/6		
12/13		
12/20		Holiday Party with Ornament Exchange
<b>12/27</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b>	<b>HAPPY HOLIDAYS!</b>

*Please let us know if you have someone who would like to speak at a lunch meeting. Thanks to all STOC members who have provided speakers, or who have spoken themselves.*

*Speaker Committee: Mary Schwartz, Carole Klopp, John Fons, & Steve Bailey*

**Volunteer opportunity:**  
STOC Friends,  
We have at least 10 people for the CSC training on 11/6 at 4:30 in Middleton, at the Park Bank  
Thanks to everyone who signed up for either date. If anyone else can make it that would be great, contact Dan Chart. I will buy Pizza that night.  
Thanks again.  
Dan Chart [dchart@PARKBANK.com](mailto:dchart@PARKBANK.com)

### SWIS Conference Update

Steve Bailey, Dan Chart, and Bonnie Spindler attended the SWIS –Southern Wisconsin Conference on October 28<sup>th</sup>. We participated in a short 'Fall/Halloween' Ice-Breaker sharing our creativity. We shared with about 50 other Optimists representing about 20 different clubs, being led by Optimist International - OI Regional Great Plains Vice President, Roger Lofeski and Patsy Garner, OI Trainer. Sharing included the results of questions: What is one thing in your club that is positive?; If resources for your club was not an issue, what would you want to do to improve your club? What are the obstacles that have held you back in your club? Amongst other questions. There was also training for new Lt. Governor's and new club President's. Sharing between clubs is very valuable to help with the improvement of each of our clubs. SWIS District has 54 clubs, of which Sauk Trails – Madison is one of them. We learn from each other and the conferences are the environment to do that. The next conference will be on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> in Platteville. Every Optimist is welcomed to meet other optimists, share their ideas and learn about what other clubs do in their communities.

Bonnie Spindler



### SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE

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

Current and previous STOC Newsletters are available as PDF's on the [www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org](http://www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org) website.  
To acquire the newsletter, CLICK on the 'PDF Download' of CHOICE.

### 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](mailto:blspindler@charter.net) 850-9561 (H)

Sauk Trails Website Coordinator

## MEET OUR MEMBERS

Rick and Judy Conne



My name is Rick Conne, and I have been a member since 2005, or who knows. We all know how time flies when we are having fun. I have been volunteering since junior year of High School, when I was working with Blind Children, in a summer Day Camp. Even though I was not trained, the little things that I could help with, were so gratifying. Through the years, I have worked with the American Cancer Society, Temple Beth El, West Madison Little League, and currently with Lussier Community Education Center, STOC, and Spartan Youth Service. I love the passion that our club members have, for the many great events that we do. I always have said, we could join a money club , and donate, or be part of an activity club, where we receive the joy and smiles from the youth we serve.



Dan Chart, holding his first meeting as the STOC president: left to right

Bob Wortinger, Kathy Johnson, Dan Chart, Mike Grasmick, Rick Conne, Rick Thomas (off picture) and Bonnie Spindler's head

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

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

**MINUTES****PRESENT:** Mike, Steve, Carole, Kathy, Rick C., Bob, Rick T., Dan**Others Present:** Gene and Bonnie Spindler**Absent:** John, Nancy, Mary

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. **Addition to Agenda:** none
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 9/14/2017.** Bob moved to approve, Rick C. seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of September Financial Reports:**  
Bob reviewed the financials. Football Craazr was \$50 higher than predicted, Rick C. moved acceptance, Steve seconded. Passed unanimously .
4. **Membership Report Update:**  
We are at 39 members. Lori and Dashni have been taken off the roles.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Christmas party – Rick C. gave an update. Meadowood will not be invited to this year's party. Approximately 130 children are expected for the party. There will not be an entertainer this year. Looking for balloon people. Event will be on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 5-8.
  - b. CSC Training – Dan is going to put out dates for training
  - c. Foundation Awards – All recipients are expected on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - e. "A Greater Madison Vision" with one of the I-Plan workshops in lieu of the Wednesday meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>
  - f. Madison Marathon is November 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> pays \$9/hour
6. **New Business**
  - a. Bucky Book sales – We have paid for 70.
  - b. Koeze – Rick T. is working on it
  - c. Budget discussion
    1. 30 shirts are in the budget
    2. We will continue to buy lunches for speakers
    3. Website – It does get a lot of traffic. Currently 1 sponsor but we are looking for more. Kathy moved that we renew the website, Rick C. seconded, Passed unanimously.
    4. November 1<sup>st</sup> lunches will go back to \$13  
Steve moved to accept the revised budget showing a net loss of \$700, Mike seconded, Passed unanimously.
  - d. October 28<sup>th</sup> – SWIS district meeting will be at Deer Valley in Barneveld
  - e. Kathy is exploring restaurants that would be willing to make donations for dining in their restaurants
  - f. Kathy is exploring donation programs from KWIK Trip
  - g. Rick C. motioned that we will forgo our annual bylaws review this year, Mike seconded, Passed unanimously.
7. **Adjourn to November 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm, at Park Bank on Deming Way**, Bob moved to adjourn, Kathy seconded, meeting adjourned at 5:51pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Thomas, secretary

**October Luncheon Activities**

**October 4<sup>th</sup> – Cheryl Vickroy and Mitch Hadens shared details about their trip to the Galapagos Islands**

**October 11<sup>th</sup> – Community Foundation awards were given to for DIAS (Ali Jarocki); Mellowhood (Coach Assad); & Reach-a-Child (Curt Fuszard); 4<sup>th</sup> recipient not pictured, Lussier center**



### October Luncheon Activities

October 18 – Matt Covert and Melissa from the Dane County Planning Commission held a workshop with STOC members, who provided input while interacting via the planning game

October 25<sup>th</sup> – Paul Johnson, retired journalist of the State Journal, shared some of his experiences



## 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.**

