



# Pathways

## Sauk Trails Optimist Club Madison, Wisconsin



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

**September 2016**

Happy Labor Day To All!

Well, it's been an awfully busy August – with Mustard Days, the JOOI Retreat, and, of course, our annual Pool Party at the See's House. Many thanks to Bob Wortinger for organizing all the volunteers for Mustard Days. We had a great time and made \$500 for our Foundation. The JOOI Retreat (2 days) found Rick Thomas, Rick Conne, Dashni Sathasivum, Mary Schwartz and me working and playing with our 16 JOOI Board members as we planned for the upcoming school year. The kids picked up the baton from last year and have already arranged for numerous volunteer activities for club members in September and October. And, last, but not least, many thanks to Jacci & Ted See for hosting us at their home on Stonefield Road for a wonderful Hawaiian Luau! The pork was delicious as was all the yummy food brought by members! Thanks also to Liv Sandberg and Kathy Johnson for helping Jacci to plan this –dare I say it – end of summer event!

And now, on to September and the beginning of Fall...please mark your calendars now for our Recognition and Induction Banquet to be held on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Craftsman Restaurant in Middleton (with thanks to Mike Grasmick and Rick Thomas for making the reservation). It should be just as much fun as last year's dinner as Kathy Johnson is already on the hunt for fun and exciting Silent Auction items. She's even recruited Rick Conne to help out – so you know, it's going to be the hit of the evening. Jeff Kuchenbecker has agreed to be our "District Official" for the induction of our new President, Mike Grasmick, and the rest of our Board. More information to follow in upcoming emails from our event organizers.

Finally, this is my next to last newsletter as your President and it's been quite the year! I'll wait until my last one for all my thanks, but I cannot wait to say a heartfelt thanks to my fellow JOOI Advisers – Rick, Rick, Dashni, and Mary. Their devotion and dedication to our youth is amazing and I'm proud to be a member of the JOOI advising team! Thank you ALL!

Here's hoping your summer has been bright and cheerful! Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesdays at our regular lunch meetings.

Optimistically,

Carole Klopp  
President



# STOC Bulletin Board

**Sauk Trails Club Officers 2015-16**

**President:** Carole Klopp

**Vice President:** Mike Grasmick

**Secretary:** Rick Thomas

**Treasurer:** Bob Wortinger

**Past President:** Dan Bergs

**Board of Directors**  
 Steve Bailey  
 Dan Chart  
 Rick Conne  
 Todd Geltemeyer  
 Nancy Hach  
 Diane Hoebel  
 Kathy Johnson




**'MAHALO' to Ted and Jacci See for hosting our annual STOC Summer Social. We appreciate your time and efforts in making it an enjoyable evening for all!**

**More photos in 'STOC snap shot' section**

**September Birthdays**

Carole Klopp	4
Mark Kraemer	9
Mary Bruenig	20
Dan Chart	22
Sherri Rath	23
Nancy Hach	27
Jacci See	27



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**STOC Golf Outing **DATE CHANGE!!!****  
**Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Nine holes at Pleasant View Golf Course in Middleton**

Stay for lunch in the clubhouse after the round.

Open to all members and their spouses or significant others.


If you are interested, please contact Bob Wortinger at [rwortinger@tds.net](mailto:rwortinger@tds.net). By **Sept 20<sup>th</sup>**

**(By the way, the Badger play at Michigan.)**

**Football Crazer Results:**

For the 1016 football season our club sold 66 tickets. For this we should receive for our Foundation \$10 or \$11 for each ticket sold. Thanks to all who participated in this activity.

*Thanks to Gene Spindler for his work to gathering the 'Crazers' \$\$ for the Foundation.*



**Sauk Trails Optimists Club Meetings and Other Scheduled Events**

<b>September 7</b>	<b>STO own: Mary Schwartz</b>
September 13	Next Board meeting: 5 pm Park Bank
<b>September 14</b>	<b>Shannon Becker, Dog Academy Director</b>
<b>September 21</b>	<b>Randy Grosse: Energy = Wellness</b>
September 27	Annual Recognition & Induction Banquet at Craftsman Restaurant Middleton
<b>September 28</b>	<b>NO LUNCH MEETING</b>
October 1	Golf Outing

Weekly lunch meetings in red.

**Sauk Trails Optimist Club**  
**Annual Recognition & Induction Banquet**

**Tuesday, September 27, 2016**  
**Craftsman Restaurant Table and Tap**  
**6712 Frank Lloyd Wright Ave, Middleton**  
***5:30 Cash Bar & 6:30 Dinner with Program to Follow***

***Silent Auction Fund Raiser***

*All STOC members (and their spouses or significant others) should plan to attend!*

RSVP by Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

Sign up at a lunch meeting or by contacting Carole Klopp at [klopp@chorus.net](mailto:klopp@chorus.net).

**Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team**

Spartan Youth Service JOOI Retreat - August 3rd & 4th

Well, at 8:30am on Wednesday morning, all 16 students arrived at Carole Klopp's house for transport to the Comfort Suites for the JOOI Retreat. Thus began our 2 day adventure as the Advisers (Rick Thomas, Rick Conne, Dashni Sathasivum, Mary Schwartz and Carole) joined the students in planning for the 2016-17 school year. We talked about organization, project planning, parliamentary procedure, club organization, and played games!. The pictures are of the kids at breakfast and then playing a fun game "Building the Highest Tower" possible with spaghetti, string, tape, and a marshmallow! All in all, it was an extremely successful retreat and the students are ready to go for the new school year!

See Photos in 'STOC Snap Shots'

SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Tuesday, August 9, 2016  
MINUTES

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

Others Present:

Absent: Todd, Kathy

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

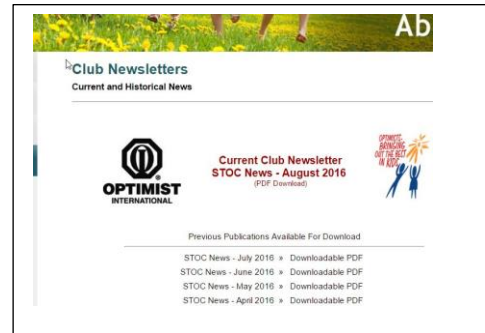
1. **Addition to agenda:** none
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 7/12/2016.** Nancy moved to approve, Steve seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of July Financial Reports:**  
Diane moved that we pay the website bill. Steve seconded. Passed unanimously  
Dan C. moved to accept July financial reports. Rick C. seconded. Passed unanimously.
4. **Membership Report Update:**  
Bob moved that we approve Dennis Norton as a member. Mike seconded. Passed unanimously
5. **Board Organization**
  - a. We are behind on some goals but are doing well.
  - b. We need to send in Bylaws and Policies to OI
6. **Committee Reports**
  - a. Service
    1. Carole discussed the kickball tournament on August 20.
  - b. Social
    1. August 24<sup>th</sup> Pool Party
    2. Golf outing, tentatively Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, probably at Pleasant View. Bob and Steve are co-chairs
  - c. Fundraising
    1. Football Craze tickets are due August 24
    2. We had 21 volunteers at Mustard Days. We will be getting \$500 for the work done.
    3. Taste of Madison and a Marathon in the Fall
  - d. Nominating committee did a great job.
7. **New Business**
  - a. Many open speaker spots
  - b. End of Year Banquet locations being investigated for Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> probably at Craftsman in Middleton. Rick T. and Mike will help plan
  - c. Bob investigated getting shirts made. It will be tabled until September
  - d. 2016 board meetings scheduled for Sept. 13
8. Adjourn, next meeting will be September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. at Park Bank. Diane moved to adjourn, Bob seconded, Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Thomas, Secretary

## 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](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.

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.

Thanks for all your support.

Optimistically, **Bonnie Spindler**  
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## 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.**

# 'STOC SNAP SHOTS'

Photos taken by several Optimistic photographers. Thanks to all for capturing the fun!



Mustard Days: A tasty fun time was had by all who helped raise \$500 for the Foundation. Circle L to R  
Kathy herding mini mustard goers.  
Ted and Jacci See  
Diane looking for action.  
Carole is confused as to what mustard is?  
Karen " It's the yellow stuff, Carole!!!"  
Steve: "Steady now. "



Spartan Youth Service JOOI Retreat



# ALOHA !!!



"Pretty please Dennis? "  
 That doesn't look like a fruity Hawaiian drink!  
 Rick, Judy and Nancy.  
 "OOOOO! That's tasty!"  
 Mary, John, Gene, Steve, & Bonnie enjoying.  
 The Hawaiian Hostess, Jacci.  
 John taking a break from kid duty to eat.  
 Alison, hiding in the dark to eat.  
 Pool side bunch.

