



Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison

NOVEMBER 2011

**Schedule: Wednesday's 11:45 A.M.-
12:24 P.M. at The Vintage on Whitney
Way Madison**



Hello Optimists!

Our new venue and location at The Vintage is working good—we have tables set for 24 so have room for members and guests! With the food served buffet style, we are able to eat, socialize and still have plenty time for our speakers:

Don Severson, our speaker on October 26, had a lot of information for us about Charter Schools and the Madison Metropolitan School District. Don has formed the Active Citizens for Education, is a wealth of information of our education systems and can readily direct us to where we can get information about the education of our youth! For more information, go to www.activecitizensforeducation.org.

Royce Boyles gave a fabulous presentation to us on November 2; with Dave Robinson, he has co-authored The Lombardi Legacy and just-released The Lombardi Impact and he spoke about the people in these books and his experiences in a most entertaining manner! As a humorist, author, great speaker and potential Friend of Optimists, this was a not-to-be-missed meeting!

Our Board of Directors will be calling every member this month with a verbal survey as to whether we should continue to have our meetings every Wednesday noon or only twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Please give this your consideration—if you have not been contacted, we need to hear from you with a call or email this month. Our Club needs the support of all its members to continue the fabulous work we do with the JOOI club at Memorial High School and with the work we do to continue our motto of being a **Friend of Youth!**

Jacci See

Speaking of football.....I know we weren't, but let's do anyway!!!! We have done well this year at Stand "A" and in fact last week at the Perdue game we did \$10,300!!WOW! I don't k now if that is a record, but it's close....we should do well on our commission this year as the numbers have been very good. We have one more game, Penn State November 26th and as I mentioned in an earlier letter, we have to do it all by ourselves as we lost one Janesville Club that usually helped us. We did it for the UNLV game in September and I know we can do it again. I need 7 adults and 7 JOOI students for the game, and I can't tell you yet what time the game will be; let's hope for an afternoon game! PLEASE, I know its Thanksgiving weekend, but I really need you members too come through for the club

November 26th *1:00 PM (need 14) against Penn State

* not sure of the report time or the game start time

ANY Sauk Trails Club Optimists

There should be club representation at each quarterly conference to acquire the information for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Please put these dates on your calendar and try to make at least one of these SWIS Conferences.

Feb. 10-11 2012 2nd qtr. Conference Middleton

May 11-12 2012 3rd qtr. Conference, Wilderness

Aug. 24,25 2012 4th qtr. Conference, Madison

2011-12 STOC Committee Chairs

Volunteer/Service

Bonnie Spindler
Pat Beiersdorf

Fundraising

Kevin Campos
Kathy Johnson

Social

Alison Scherer

Speakers

Jacci See

Membership

Jeff Hosking

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2011 - 12

President

Jacci See

Secretary/Treasurer

Bob Wortinger

Past President

John Scherer

Vice President

Gene Spindler

Board of Directors

Mary Schwartz
Carole Klopp
Darrin Sharp
Ray Schmitz

Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC
First Weber Office – November 3, 2011 Board Meeting Summary

Board Members and Officers in Attendance: Jacci See, John Scherer, Bob Wortinger, Carole Klopp, Mary Schwartz, and Darrin Wortinger

Motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2011 Board Meeting with no revisions.

MASCC Luncheon

Jacci noted that there have been 10 member sign-ups to date for the MASCC luncheon on November 16. As approved at the Board's October meeting, STOC will pay \$10 of each \$22 luncheon charge.

Board held an informal discussion in response to a request to provide feedback to MASCC which is currently discussing future changes or even discontinuance of their annual service club Olympic event. Jacci will forward comments.

Vintage / Weekly Meetings

Board members discussed our first three meetings at the Vintage. The consensus was that the food and meeting room have worked out well. Jacci will discuss with them the possibility of rotating among three or four menu choices over the course of a month. Members also discussed a suggestion to consider meeting every two weeks rather than weekly. Jacci will bring it up for discussion at a November or December lunch meeting. Following discussion, Board members volunteered to contact STOC members who attend meetings rarely to determine what might make it easier for them to attend and get their thoughts regarding meeting every other week. Jacci noted that so far members have signed up for all lunches through early February to bring in speakers.

New Member

Ted See has completed an application to join STOC. Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve Ted as a new member of STOC effective immediately. With this addition, club membership as of November 3, 2011 is 30 regular members plus 1 FOO.

SWIS Quarterly Conferences

Jacci gave a report on the October conference which she attended in Wisconsin Dells along with several other STOC and JOOI members. The next SWIS conference is February 11 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Madison. Remaining SWIS conferences for the year are on May 11 and August 24.

At the SWIS conference, clubs were strongly encouraged to make a contribution to support the JOOI annual convention July 12 – 14 in Milwaukee. The suggested contribution is \$5 per member or about \$150 for STOC. It was noted that Jacci has collected an average of \$8 per week during the President's purse portion of our luncheon meetings. A motion was made by John, seconded by Carole, and approved, to contribute the first \$150 of proceeds generated by the President's Purse to the 2012 annual JOOI convention.

JOOI Scholarship Program

A lengthy discussion was held regarding our scholarship program at Memorial and whether or not this should be officially designated as JOOI scholarships. A motion was made and seconded to make our two Madison Memorial scholarships "JOOI Scholarships". Following additional discussion, this motion was tabled to a future Board meeting to get additional input from Greg Hermus and others involved with our scholarship program.

Foundation Budget for 2011-2012

The minutes of the October Board meeting indicated that the Foundation budget would be approved at our March, 2012 meeting. Jacci pointed out via e-mail to Jacci that this may be too late to address the 2012 scholarship payouts. Thus, the approval of the Foundation budget for the current fiscal year will be done at the Board's February meeting.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8 @ 7:45 at Jacci's First Weber office.

Darrin Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2010-2011

ATTENTION SAUK TRAILS MEMBERS

- Our President Jacci See doesn't sound like a broken record when encouraging us to think about inviting a guest or two to one of our meetings, he sounds like an Optimist who wants to see Optimism spread and grow not only in our Sauk Trails areas, but all over the city and state for that matter, so this message of Just Ask is not only for us, but every Optimist in our district. Let's not think of our friends as guests, but also new potential members!

This section is for all the new members we'll be adding this year!

Ted See sponsored by you know who!!!

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July Newsletter Articles
Due by 6/30/2011

Childhood Cancer Meal Serving

The Sauk Trails Optimist Club will be providing 2 Optimists, who will join a West Madison Club Optimist, to help serve meals at the UW Children's Hospital. Following are the Sunday dates where you can volunteer from 11:15 AM - 1:30 PM.

Nov. 20

Check your schedule which date would work best for you. There will be future sign-ups and e-mails coming for these dates, but please call or e-mail if there is one that works for you at this time.

Bonnie Spindler 833-7244
Service Event Coordinator

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HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO

NOBODY

- **48th Annual Madison Area Service Clubs Luncheon, Wednesday November 16**

To: Service Club Presidents

From: Jenny Meicher Santek—2011 Chair (Optimist—Downtown)

We invite your club to participate in the 48th Annual Madison Area Service Clubs Luncheon. At this event we honor the Ruth Gordon recipient. The Ruth Gordon Award is given to a current or past individual member, living or deceased, of a service club who, over a period of time, has exemplified the concept of volunteer service for the betterment of the community, either individually or through their service club. Nominations for the Ruth Gordon Award are due by **October 19, 2011**. Nomination form is available at: Madisonserviceclubs.org (under Fall Luncheon tab) The Luncheon will be held Wednesday, November 16, 2011, beginning at Noon in Mendota Rooms 5 through 8 in the Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center. Luncheon tickets are \$22 and need to be ordered through each club. The \$22 cost includes salad, vegetable, dinner roll, entrée, carrot cake, beverage, tax, tip and facility fees (including parking). The entrée is **Sun Dried Tomato and Basil Stuffed Chicken on Fettuccine with Light Garlic Cream Sauce**. Alternate selection is **Vegetarian Lasagna**. **We do not print special tickets for the vegetarian selection, so please be sure to record the number of vegetarian meals you need on your club's ticket order form.**

All the documents you need are posted on the MASCC website: www.madisonserviceclubs.org under the Fall Luncheon tab. They include:

✓ Keynote Speaker's Bio—Bettsey Barhorst, President—MATC

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.