



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



June / July / August, 2021

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear STOC Optimist Friends,

To all my Optimistic Friends!

What a great Optimist Club we have ! We have continued to meet weekly throughout the year despite the challenges we have had.

Let's continue to grow our relationships and our club to enrich all of our lives and the lives of those we have made better through the JOI Club activities, the scholarships, and donations.

I am looking forward to all the great things we can accomplish together in the future!

Your President,
Kathie

Optimistically, Kathie Newman

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Adventures In Optimism:

William Adams – Honor Student

There's a new star on the academic horizon. Meet William Adams, 19, recent graduate of Horizon High School and now enrolled in the Honors Program on scholarship to Marian University in Fond du Lac. A few years ago William had no academic credits before he enrolled in Horizon where Traci Goll is principal and Sauk Trails Optimist Jacci See serves on the board of directors. Sauk Trails also contributes to Horizon through our Foundation Grant program. William will now receive a laptop computer through an anonymous Optimist contribution to help with his studies at Marian. The computer will be presented to him at the Sauk Trails meeting this Wednesday, August 25, at Vintage Brewing. Please plan to attend and hear from William how he intends to apply his studies and his subsequent career to help others and keep Optimism alive.



Unsung Hero Award

Sauk Trail’s own Bonnie Spindler received the SWIS District Unsung Hero Award on May 8th at the 3rd Quarter District Conference in Platteville from District Governor Maxine Lane. The citation reads, in part:

“(Bonnie) is the epitome of Optimism. A member of Sauk Trails-Madison Club, joining in 1997 ... Life Member in 2005, she has served her club and/or the District in some capacity since 2002. District Governor 2011-12... (and) instrumental in providing training, guidance, words of wisdom and her expertise to incoming SWIS District Governors...”

“Bonnie is always willing to step in.”

STOC Bulletin Board

**Sauk Trails
Club Officers
2019-2020**

President: Kathie Newman

Vice President: Rick Thomas

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Board of Directors

Steve Bailey
Rick Conne
Nancy Hach
Ted See
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August Birthdays


Bob Wortinger	4
Steve Bailey	28

September Birthdays

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

October Birthdays

Rick Thomas	21
Ted See	28



**SWIS 1st Quarter Conference
2021-2022**

Saturday, November 6

**North Star Conference Center,
DeForest, WI**

Exec Mtg: Fri, 11-05, 7PM;

Conf: Sat, 11-06, 9:00am-3pm

Guest Speaker - Art Taggart

**Former Exec Director – Epilepsy
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John Fons
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“Prove It.”

The Passing Scene

On May 9 the Special Olympics were held in Edgerton at the High School. Sauk Trails Optimist Mike Grasmick traveled there to help those with disabilities of any and every sort make their mark as athletes and champions of perseverance and determination.

On Saturday, August 7 newly joined Sauk Trails members Barry and Patti Levenson held their Mustard Days at the National Mustard Museum in Middleton. It rained, only the third time in the 25 year history of the event it has done so. Yet undeterred, some twenty-two volunteers from Sauk Trails Optimists showed up to sell and guide, help and celebrate the Mustard extravaganza to success. Bob Wortinger wore his waterproof smile through the crowds, gathering cash receipts from the various booths and Steve Bailey, our own Voice of Renown, stood ankle deep in water flowing along the curb as he cooked brats and hot dogs for hours in the rain. He later received the coveted Dry Sock Award at the next regular Sauk Trails meeting.

This summer Bonnie Spindler has brought husband Gene to Sauk Trails luncheon meetings at Vintage Brewing in his wheelchair, because Gene wants to be sure no one shows up at our meetings without their Optimism. With Bonnie’s help he has enough to share. #



Middleton Optimist Club president Steve Britt, left, welcomed current Zone 6 Lieutenant Governor Bonnie Spindler and SWIS District Governor Designate John Fons to a Middleton breakfast meeting at Sofra Family Bistro in Middleton on Wednesday, August 18.



Esther Cepeda, newspaper columnist and teacher, spoke to Sauk Trails Optimists Wednesday, August 18, at the invitation of Paul Johnson. She received an honorary degree from prestigious Poupon U. with a Doctor of Diddley-Squat diploma from Barry Levenson, Doctor of Mustard Jurisprudence.

Fanfare Department

Sauk Trails Optimists Welcome the following New Members

Barry Levenson

Patti Levenson

Dori Van Houten

Amber Bormann

Kathie Newman, Sauk Trails President 2020-21 has accepted a new post within the Optimist District of Southern Wisconsin. Kathie was installed Saturday, August 14, as Lieutenant Governor of Zone 6 which includes: Sauk Trails, Cross Plains, Middleton, Verona, Mazomanie-Wisconsin Heights and Fitchburg.



John Fons, former Sauk Trails Optimist President and Lieutenant Governor has been installed as Governor Designate 2021-22 of the fifty-two club, approximate 1,450 member Southern Wisconsin (SWIS) Optimist District. Installation ceremonies took place August 14 at the quarterly SWIS District conference in Fort Atkinson.



Big Dates and Current Events

Sauk Trails Optimists meet every Wednesday at 11:45am at Vintage Brewing located at Whitney Way and Odana Road. Reservations should be emailed to club president Kathie Newman each Monday beforehand to allow lunch preparations.

Watch for email announcements of special guest speakers.

Meetings are recorded for later viewing.

Sauk Trails annual banquet is being planned for the evening of Wednesday, September 29 at Imperial Gardens, 2039 Allen Blvd., Middleton, with silent auction at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:30pm and installation of club officers.

Bucky Books are on the way! Forty of the volumes will be delivered soon for purchase by members and friends of Sauk Trails Optimists. Don't forget to buy one of them and buy one of them often.

!Remember, Please!

Use Amazon Smile

When you go online to make a purchase.

It's safe and easy as club members will attest and

A percentage of each transaction goes to our

Sauk Trails Optimist Club

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And when you're going Nuts,

Remember <https://sauktrailsoptimists.terri Lynn.com>

make your Terri Lynn Purchases any time of year!!

September 10 is the deadline for Sauk Trails Foundation Grants. Know a worthy charity or institution in need of funds? We want to help! Contact Rick Thomas: rlthomas5914@gmail.com

SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE

www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org

Current and previous STOC Newsletters are available as PDF’s on the www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org website. To acquire the newsletter, CLICK on the ‘PDF Download’ of CHOICE.

Call for website sponsors.

If you are interested in also being a sponsor of the STOC Website for the 2020-2021 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’)
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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

Respect for Law Observance August 4



Madison Police Department Operations Officer Lieutenant Reggie Patterson stands with Madison Police Officer Alyssa Souza, left, and Madison Police Sergeant Jen Hannah, right, as Sauk Trails President Kathie Newman holds the MPD West District Honor Plaque on which the officers’ names have been inscribed.

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.