



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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



September 2019

PRESIDENTS NOTE

The Still Small Voice

Dear Sauk Trails Optimists,

In the last few weeks, this club has undertaken dynamic programs and great voluntary participation. We sent volunteers to Mustard Day and the Madison Marathon. We were at the Brat Fest and sent club members to attend at the Burn Camp visitor's day near East Troy and adult sponsors went weekend camping with members of our JOI Club. We had thirty-five guests and members in attendance at last Wednesday's luncheon meeting and we deliver Meals on Wheels

So now what?

In the Old Testament book of First Kings there is the story of an optimist named Elijah who endured wind, earthquake and fire after a hard day's work and found no comfort in any of them. All he wanted was a little rest and appreciation.

What he got was a still small voice and in that still small voice came inspiration.

What we do as Optimists begins quietly within us and proceeds outward to the activities we accomplish. It doesn't work the other way around.

As we have no regular meeting this week in observance of Labor Day, as we rest momentarily from our labors and congratulate ourselves on what we've done, let's consider why we do it and quietly rededicate ourselves to the best that is yet to come.

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

August Birthdays

Carole Klopp	4
Marh Kraemer	9
Mary Breunig	20
Dan Chart	22
Nancy Hach	27
Jacci See	27



SWIS 1st Quarter Conference

October 18-19, 2019

Wyndham Garden

Madison/Fitchburg

Conference details & information:

www.swisdistrict.org

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Date	Speaker	Topic
9/4	NO MEETING	HAPPY LABOR DAY
9/11	John Schwartz	How Technology has Improved Farm Yields
9/17	<i>5:00 p.m. STOC Board Meeting and STOC Community & Youth Foundation Meeting</i>	<i>Park Bank, 2275 Deming Way, Middleton All members are welcome to attend</i>
9/18	Ken-Adi Ring	"Beyond Measure: an Introduction to Hypnotic Powers of Mindfulness"
9/25	ANNUAL BANQUET	NO LUNCH MEETING
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9/4	NO MEETING	HAPPY LABOR DAY

Do you know someone? or know someone who knows someone?

If you have ideas of people who would enjoy sharing their passion for helping youth, we would enjoy hearing about it.

Please contact Mary Schwartz so she can schedule them to be a presenter for a lunch meeting.

Mary Schwartz schwrtzmry@aol.com

STOC ANNUAL BANQUET

It's time to mark your calendars for the Annual Sauk Trails Optimist Banquet to be held Wednesday, September 25 at 6:30pm at Imperial Gardens restaurant, 2039 Allen Boulevard, Middleton, WI 53562.

This is your opportunity to enjoy the experience of being an Optimist throughout the year, to relive the events that have made our club important in the life of our community and envision prospects for the year to come. It isn't confined to club activities. Getting ready to start a business, take a trip, buy a home, sell your motorcycle? Be Optimistic and share your optimistic plans with the club. We want to know.

Special guest in charge of installation of Sauk Trails officers will be former International Optimist President Jim Kandasuk. He will be joined by other guests, including the ones you invite to this festive evening.

Please confirm your attendance as soon as possible by return email and come ready to celebrate. The cost will be \$20 per person as Imperial Gardens serves their gourmet menu, including appetizers and five entrees plus rice, tea and fortune cookies.

Of course, we're already very fortunate.

SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB**Youth & Community Foundation**

To Whom It May Concern:

The Sauk Trails Optimist Club's Youth & Community Foundation will be considering requests for funding in September of 2019. If your non-profit organization would like to submit a request to our Foundation, it is helpful for us to have all requests in the enclosed format. Please attach proof of your organization's non-profit exempt 501(c)(3) status. No grant distributions will be made without this proof. Please complete this application form and return by mail, or e-mail, no later than September 10, 2019 to the following:

Sauk Trails Optimist Club's Youth & Community Foundation

Attention: Rick Thomas

Address: 5914 Raymond Rd.

Madison, WI 53711

Email: rlthomas5914@gmail.com

Grant Criteria**Types of Projects Favored:**

1. Disadvantaged Youth
2. Youth

Types of Expenditures Favored:

1. Innovative Projects
2. Startup Projects
3. Equipment

Other Considerations:

1. Operational expenses are generally not favored
2. Projects should benefit The Greater Madison area
3. Projects benefitting only one individual will not be funded.

Please note: Our grants usually range between \$250 and \$1,500.

GRANT REQUEST APPLICATION

1. **Name and address of organization:**

2. **Executive director and grant contact person(s) name and contact information:**

3. **Primary function or mission statement of organization:**

4. **Amount of assistance requested: \$_____.**
 - 4a. **Please describe your project and how this grant would be used.**

 - 4b. **How many people will benefit or be served by your project?**

 - 4c. **What percentage of those served would be youth?**

5. **Will continuing support likely be required in subsequent years for the same project?**

6. **What percentage of the funds will be used for management and/or administration? Please send a year-end report from your organization.**

7. **The Sauk Trails Optimist Club Youth and Community Foundation requires a report evaluating your progress and results by August 1, 2020. We would also like a copy of your agency newsletter if you have one. Do you understand that we must receive the report for you to be considered for future grants?**

8. **Any additional comments you would like to make?**

Application completed by: _____ Date: _____

Reviewed by Sauk Trails Optimist: _____ Date: _____

Sauk Trails Trio Attend Burn Camp Day

Three members of the Sauk Trails Optimist Club attended the annual Visitor's Day at the Camp for Burn Injured Children sponsored by the Wisconsin Professional Firefighters Charitable Foundation on Thursday, August 15 near East Troy, Wisconsin.

Sauk Trails president John Fons and members Steve Bailey and Ken Adi-Ring witnessed the parade of emergency vehicles involving fire departments from the region and impressive number of motorcyclists from the Fire and Iron club involving retired first responders. Perfect weather contributed to the enthusiasm of a spectator crowd numbering hundreds along the parade route.

Visitor's Day at the camp included memorabilia, free ice cream and a lunch provided by the WPFCE, followed by a color guard presentation and program in recognition of children who have suffered life altering burns, their camp counselors and those organizations and individuals who, through generous contributions, have made the camp a compassionate reality for twenty-five years.

Sauk Trails Optimists help support the Burn Camp through a donation first authorized by their Foundation this year and presented during a special recognition ceremony on March 27. This special event included Madison Fire Chief Steven Davis and also commemorated the 100th anniversary of Optimist International, a fitting tribute to the ongoing work of Optimists as Friends of Youth.

Pictured: Steve Bailey and David Miser, both past District Governors



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 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** bspindler@charter.net 850-9561 (H)

Sauk Trails Website Coordinator

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

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

MINUTES**PRESENT:** John, Mary, Rick T, Steve, Kathy, Bob, Rick C., Dan, Todd, Liv**Others Present:****Absent:** Nancy

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

1. **Addition to Agenda:** Foundation Grants
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 7/9/2019.** Rick C. moved to approve the minutes, Dan seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of July Financial Reports:**
Steve moved to accept the financial reports as presented by Bob, Kathy seconded. Passed unanimously. Three Barnes and Noble gift certificates were returned and will be used for student of the month this fall.
5. **Isadex:**
Renewal fee for website was discussed.
6. **Sauk Trails Polo Shirts**
Jacci has placed the initial order.
7. **Badger Optimist Club**
The \$100 check we gave them has not been deposited. We have been unable to reach the leadership of the club. We are going to wait a little while longer before stopping payment.
8. **Annual Banquet**
Scheduled for Sept. 25th at 6:30 at Imperial Garden. They are charging us \$24.95. Bob moved that we charge \$20 for members and guests. Dan seconded, passed unanimously.
9. **Respect for Law**
A Jeff Newman Commemoration was suggested. Different options were suggested. A donation to OI for a patch on the banner was suggested.
10. **Holy Wisdom lunch and tour**
A lunch and tour was suggested. John will follow up.
11. **Bucky Books/Culver's**
Dan Berg is willing to organize Bucky Books again this year. Rick C. will speak with Culver's about doing it again.
12. **Football Craze**
There are 8 left to sell. Dan will turn them in this week.
13. **Golf Outing**
Due to a lack of open dates we are not going to have an outing this year.
14. **Adjourn to September 17th at 5:00pm, at Park Bank in Middleton** Kathy moved to adjourn, Bob seconded, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Thomas, Secretary

JOI Retreat A Success...AND Lots of Fun!

Early August found 17 JOI students (11 Girls and 6 Boys), and 4 Advisers (Carole Klopp, Rick Conne, Rick Thomas and Mary Schwartz) at the local Comfort Suites playing games, sharing, learning, and getting to know one another as they planned for another successful year of Spartan Youth Service! Service projects were planned, learning how to run a meeting was practiced, and discussion centered around the 25th Anniversary of Spartan Youth Service. The officers and board members are ready to dig in and get going as we return for our first project - Penny Wars - a fundraiser to support the food pantry at Memorial. Stay tuned, STOC members, for ways you can help JOI and ways JOI can help STOC!





Many thanks to Deb Gerrits and Cassandra Krajnik (pictured with president John Fons) from the Pediatric Congenital Heart Association who provided a very interesting presentation during a weekly lunch meeting.



Many thanks to Craig Culver for inspiring everyone and for all your efforts to give back to the community, including providing fundraiser opportunities to clubs like STOC.

What a crew?
STOC members hustled orders of food to waiting customers, raising funds for the STOC Foundation!



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.

