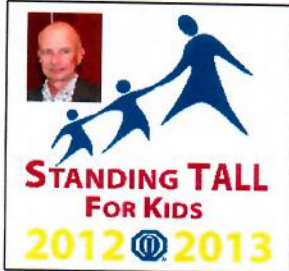




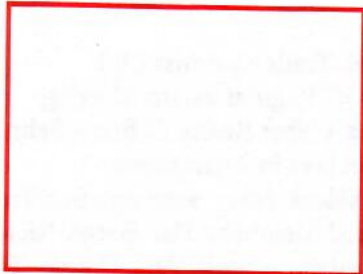
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Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



March 2013

**Schedule: Wednesday's 11:45 –
12:45 Noon, Raddison Inn, Madison**



Greetings Optimists!

March – the Optimist in me believes it will come in like a lion and go out like a lamb. An easy transition into spring, that's what I'm ready for. Spring brings more opportunities to do service. Go ahead, check out the events calendar and get involved. Speak with me (or a board member) if you know of a worthwhile project we should consider taking on.

By the end of the month, I will be half-way through my term as your president. Time flies and it's already time to think about passing the torch. Let me know if you would like to serve as a leader for your club.

Optimistically yours,
President Mary

Meeting Calendar:

- March 6 *Share a Joke and Laugh (Bring your favorite joke to the lunch meeting)*
- March 13 *Student of the Month*
- March 20 *Speaker to be announced (Tracey)*
- March 27 *Nina Gehan from the Lussier Community Education Center*
- April 3 *Dena Duncan from Three Gaits Inc.*

Event Calendar:

- March 6 *Oratorical Contest – Jefferson Middle School*
- March 9 *Boy's State Basketball Tourney Concession Booth*
- March 13 *STOC Board Meeting, 7:45 a.m., Jacci See's Office*
- March 25 *Volunteer at REACH a Child, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.*
- April 18 *SPIRIT Day (Spartan Youth Service Team)*
- April 22 *Volunteer at REACH a Child, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.*
- May 11 *Special Olympics Track Meet – Oregon High School*
- May 10-11 *SWIS District Meeting – Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells*

Sauk Trails Optimist Youth & Community Foundation

Thanks to all STOC members who have contributed toward the Foundation. Many of you have participated in fund raising activities such as Bucky Books, Football Craze Tickets, and Koeze Nuts either by selling or purchasing (or both). Others have worked in the concession stand at Badger Football Games. Special thanks go to those who helped to organize our fundraisers: Tracey, Gene, Rick, and Steve. We are very appreciative of your time and effort.

A number of members have also made cash donations to the Foundation. These donations since last fall total \$590 and will allow us to have an even bigger impact on our community. One hundred percent of the tax deductible donations to the Sauk Trails Optimist Youth & Community Foundation are used to benefit the community. Contact Bob Wortinger if you would more information.

Check out our Facebook page! Just type Sauk Trails Optimist Club in the Facebook search engine.
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Sauk Trails Optimist Club
STOC Regular Board Meeting
First Weber Realty Office – February 13, 2013

Members in Attendance:

President: Mary Schwartz Sec/Treas: Bob Wortinger Past-Pres: Jacci See

Board Members: Dan Bergs, Rick Conne, Diane Hoebel, Liv Sandberg

Members Absent: Pete, Carole, Tracey

The meeting was called to order by Mary Schwartz at 7:55 AM. A motion was made by Diane, seconded by Dan, and passed, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2013 Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Bob asked for questions regarding the January, 2013 financial statements. STOC had an operating cash balance of \$2,448

as of January 31 and Foundation cash balances totaled \$9,111 as of January 31. In addition, the Foundation opened a Vanguard Bond account with a balance of \$3,700 as of January 31. A motion was made by Rick, seconded by Dan, and passed, to accept the January, 2013 Treasurer's Report.

Membership Report

There continue to be only two STOC members with overdue outstanding dues at this point. Board members will continue

to follow-up with these members. Jacci continues to work with Carole to prepare new STOC membership brochures.

A request was received from Pat Beiersdorf to resign from STOC. A motion was made by Jacci, seconded by Rick, and passed to approve Pat's request.

STOC's membership as of February 13, 2013 is at 38 regular members plus 6 FOO's for a total of 44 members. The September 30, 2012 numbers were 41 regular members plus 5 FOO's for a total of 46.

Mary and Liv led discussion regarding holding a NOW meeting at Basie's at the Radisson in April. Tentative dates are the evening of either April 17 or April 24. Mary will ask for feedback on these dates at an upcoming lunch meeting.

Essay and Oratorical Contests

Mary noted that Tracey is the STOC chair for the Essay contest. She also reported that we received a request from Don Haasl of the Madison Breakfast Optimist Club to assist them with their oratorical contest, as they have over 30 applicants.

Steve Bailey has agreed to serve as chair and STOC's event will be held on March 6. Don will be working with Steve to split up the candidates between the two contests (Madison Breakfast's contest is scheduled for March 7).

Tri Star Basketball

Mary reported that we will not be doing this event this year. Rick will discuss the possibility of scheduling this event next

year with Rick Thomas.

JOOI Report

Rick reported that Spirit Day is scheduled for April 18 and there will be a need for "chauffeurs" to transport Memorial students to other schools. It is expected that around 200 students will be participating. Rick also reminded the Board that all STOC members are welcome to attend a JOOI meeting – they are held each Wednesday afternoon at 3:45. The meeting room is easy to find by entering through the main doors and following the purple tiles. There are presently 189 JOOI club members.

New Business – STOC Calendar

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

REACH a Child - Join us to work at the warehouse on Monday, January 28th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. The warehouse is located at 8459 Murphy Drive, #4 in Middleton (located just down the street from UPS). Activities include organizing the books, putting stickers on books, and stuffing backpacks. This is a scheduled activity on the 4th Monday of each month.

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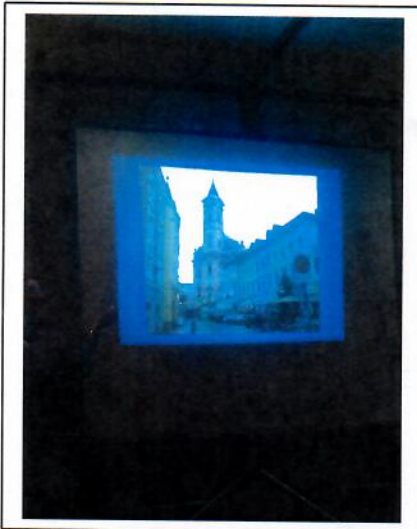
February Meetings Highlights

Our February 6th meeting was especially exciting as we got to go along with Mary and John as they Cruised the Danube. Great pictures and stories from Mary. Never did determine whether or not the Danube is really "Blue"!

Our February 13th meeting was really great too, as we got to honor Jacci See with her Distinguished awards as she was unable to attend the conference where Past-Governor Bonnie presented the others their awards. It was to be a surprise e meeting and it was! Current Governor Larry Barbera was there too. Mary planned some Valentines day fun as well.

Our February 20th meeting speaker was Will Green from Mentoring Possibilities. Eight years ago, Will also founded Mentoring Positives, Inc. a mentoring program for at-risk youth, as a tribute to his mother who passed away from breast cancer at the age of 46. In November 2011 Will Green was honored in Madison Magazine's People of the Year edition as one of 35 people who made Madison a better place to live. Mentoring Positives, Inc. was also recognized by the Madison Police Department with the Outstanding Support Award in May 2012.

Sarah Pickard was our February 27th speaker, she is with "Girls On The Run" 'Girls on the Run' is a positive youth development program which combines an interactive curriculum and running to inspire self-respect and healthy lifestyles in pre-teen girls. They have 2 programs: girls on the Run for grades 3-5 and Girls on Track for grades 6-8.



Yes Mary is there and since we all know what she looks like, I thought a picture of one of her pictures would be in order!!!



Jacci See "Distinguished"



Will Green



I know it's out of focus, but this is our current Governor Larry Barbers and his lovely wife

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 Conferences3

May 10-11 2013	The Wilderness Resort	Wisc. Dells
Aug. 16-17 2013	Country Springs and Conference Center	Pewaukee

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2012-2013

President

Mary Schwartz

Secretary/Treasurer

Bob Wortinger

Past President

Jacci See

Vice President

Pete Graven

Board of Directors

Dan Bergs
Carole Klopp
Rick Conne
Liv Sandberg
Tracey Ziegler
Diane Hoebel

2010-11 STOC Committee Chairs

Volunteer/Service

Fundraising

Tracey Ziegler
Buckey Books
Rick Thomas
Kozie Nuts

Social

Speakers

Club Members

Membership
Every Club Member

Happy Birthday List for March
Jason Kadow 3/2; Brinda Mecham 3/10
Gene Spindler 3/31

STOC Youth and Community Foundation Meeting
Meeting called to order at 9:15am.

1. JOOI Club membership dues

Pete moves to pay the dues of \$560 for OI dues, Tracey seconds, passes unanimously.

2. MOM adopt a family

Tracey moves to pay up to \$50 person for a family of up to 4 people, Pete seconds, motion passes unanimously. Carole will sign us up and get details to Mary.

3. Foundation Letter

Mary wrote a letter to members asking for foundation donations. Everyone thought the letter was great.

Carole moves to adjourn, Tracey seconds, motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carole Klopp, Secretary Pro Tem

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.



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**As the saying goes.....a good time was had by all!!!!
Oh! Pray tell of what does he speak?**

Our Progressing dinner.....

**Many thanks to Riuck Conne, Bob Wortinger, and Bonnie & Gene
For opening their homes to us.**

**This is an annual event and we'd like to see every member attend,
don't know where we'd put all of us, but what a great problem to
have.....**

Here are some pictures of the evening's festivities!

