



Pathways



Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



May 2012

Schedule: Wednesday's 11:45 –
12:45 Noon, Radisson Hotel, Madison



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Hello Fellow Optimists and Friends!

Sauk Trails Optimist Club invites you to attend a special combined-club meeting next Wednesday, May 30th at the Radisson Hotel, 517 Grand Canyon Drive, Madison at 11:45-12:45 p.m. This combined meeting with Sauk Trails, Madison West, Middleton, and Madison Breakfast Clubs can be treated as a N.O.W. meeting (New Optimists Wanted) so you are welcomed and encouraged to bring a guest and prospective member!

What a great way to introduce a guest to optimism: where else can people get the opportunity to learn about their local community like this while at the same time supporting local youth and hearing from a great speaker: Gary Close, UW Madison Assistant Basketball Coach!



We will need a count by 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 29 to me at see@firstweber.com or 608-828-5105. Our menu will be Southern Bar-B-que pork or Chef's Salad at a cost of \$12.00.

Gary Close

Gary Close, entering his 27th season in Division I, will begin his eleventh season with the Badgers in 2012-2013. Close was an assistant for 16 years at Iowa and Stanford before joining UW's staff in the spring of 2003.

"From the first time I met Gary at Stanford, I knew he was someone with exceptional teaching and coaching skills," Head Coach Bo Ryan said. "The University of Wisconsin will benefit greatly from his addition to our staff and we are looking forward to working together for many years to come."



The Close File

Hometown

Moorestown, N.J.

Family

Wife, Kellie

Son, Sam; daughter, Ellen

Education

B.S., Business-Agriculture (P.E. minor), Arizona St., 1978

M.S. Athletic Administration & Coaching, Arizona St., 1982

Coaching Experience

Assistant Coach, Wisconsin (2003-present)

Head Coach, Regina [Iowa] H.S. (2000-03)

Assistant Coach, Iowa (1986-99)

Assistant Coach, Stanford (1983-86)

Among Close's many responsibilities with the Badgers is coordinating UW's player development workouts. The veteran coach was named one of the top 25 assistants in the country by Rivals.com in 2007.

This will be a special meeting—do come!

Sauk Trails Optimist Club

First Weber Office – May 10, 2012 Board Meeting

Members in Attendance:

President: Jacci See Vice-President: Gene Spindler Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

Past President: John Scherer

Board Members: Carole Klopp, Ray Schmitz

The meeting was called to order by Jacci See at 7:50 AM. A motion was made by Carole, seconded by Gene and passed

to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2012 Board Meeting with the correction of one typo related to the date of the next Scheduled Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Bob asked for questions regarding the April, 2012 financial statements which were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. We have an operating cash balance of \$2,841 as of April 30 and Foundation cash balances total \$13,718. A motion was made by Ray, seconded by Gene and passed to accept the April, 2012 Treasurer's Report.

Membership report

Jacci read a letter from Darrin Sharp indicating that due to his schooling and other responsibilities he feels it is necessary to submit his resignation both from the Club and from the Board effective immediately. The Board members noted their appreciation for Darrin's many contributions to the Board and STOC over the past two and ½ years. A motion was made by John, seconded by Carole and passed to accept Darrin's resignations. This leaves our membership count at 32 + 2

FOOs for a total of 34. STOC started this fiscal year at 30 members (29 + 1 FOO).

Special Olympics John reported that the Special Olympics track meet on May 5 went well. STOC had 11 volunteers there (Lori, Jacci, Ted,

Steve, Liv, Kathy, Dan, Rick T, Greg, John, and Bob) and handled both the blue and red staging areas plus Greg served as track announcer.

Weekly Meetings

Jacci noted that speakers for lunch meetings are currently scheduled through the first week of June. We will be honoring

JOOI students at our May 23 lunch (their induction banquet is scheduled for 5 PM on May 23). Wisconsin assistant basketball coach, Greg Close, will be our speaker on May 30 and elections for the 2012-2013 fiscal year (beginning October 1, 2012) will be held on June 6. Weekly lunch meetings will continue over the summer with no meeting scheduled for July 4, which is a Wednesday. The Board also discussed recent visitors and opportunities for adding some of these guests as new members. Jacci will follow-up with The Radisson regarding the handling of unused meals.

Finance/Fundraising

Carole reported that Rick Thomas has agreed to chair the Koeze Nuts fundraiser again this fall (Thanks, Rick!).

Tracey is chairing the upcoming Bucky Books project. Gene has already received the raffle tickets for the 2012

Football Craze Raffle – they are available at \$20 apiece and will return to NFL games this year. It appears that STOC may not have an opportunity to run a UW football concession stand this fall as the stand normally run by the Downtown Optimists is under

construction and they may take over the stand which they have let Steve and STOC operate for several years. Steve is monitoring this situation. The concession stand generated over \$1,700 in revenues for both STOC and the Memorial

JOOI club this fall. Board members will continue to brainstorm regarding new fundraisers for the coming year.

SWIS 2nd Quarter Conference Eight STOC members are signed up for the SWIS Conference to be held May 11 & 12 at the Wintergreen Resort.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 14 @ 7:45 at First Weber. A Foundation Board meeting will be

held following the regular STOC meeting to discuss donations, fund-raising, and related matters.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2011-2012

Here are a couple of our guest speakers along with our Respect for Law Officers luncheon

Jacci and Officer Solon McGill



Lt. John Peterson, C apt. Wahl, Jacci
Lt. Jane Stoklasa, Officer Solon McGill



Mr. Joe Xanthopoulos
C.E.O. Oakwood Village



Mr. Madison Radio... Mitch Henk
WIBA AM "Outside The Box"



A truly JOOIful experience
by our own Spartan Youth
Service JOOI Team, as we
were treated to their club
presentation



"The Team of Presenters"



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.

Aug. 24-25, 2012 4th Qtr Convention, Sheraton, Madison

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY
Joel Wischoff 5/25

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2011-2012

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

2010-11 STOC Committee Chairs

Volunteer/Service
Carole Klopp-liaison
Bonnie Spindler
Pat Beiersdorf

Fundraising
Darrin Sharp-liaison
Kevin Campos
Kathy Johnson

Social
Ray Schmitz-liaison
Alison Scherer

Speakers
Chairs?

Membership
Mary Schwarz-liaison
Chairs?

Editor's note: we had a big shindig at Memorial High School Last Wednesday... "End of Year" Banquet and awards . I had too many pictures for this letter, so I'll Be sending an addendum To the May letter...coming soon, maybe tonight, if I can stay awake!!

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June Newsletter Articles
Due by 6/6/2012

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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2011-2012 SYSJOOI Banquet and Awards Ceremony!

The 2011-2012 Club Officers and advisors.



The 2012-2013 Club Officers and board members



And here's the board she introduced



Here's some of Our club members in attendance...by the way, for those who didn't make the banquet..you really missed one!!



Couldn't resist this one...the "Ice Cream Gang" at the Kohl Center!!!!



Club Advisors and Memorial teacher Michael O'Shea



Rick Conne names Advisor/volunteer of the year!
Congrats Rick!!



Carole Klopp working the mic introducing the Board.



I couldn't figure out how to rotate this, so tip your head sideways and it'll be fine!

