



# Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club  
Madison, Wisconsin



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

July 2016

*Greetings Optimists!*

*I hope everyone had a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend and that you all had time to celebrate our countries freedom, honoring those who have and continue to provide that luxury for the United States.*

*Hopefully you have fun summer activities and vacation plans scheduled. The club continues to be busy over the summer as well, with volunteer opportunities and social activities scheduled over the next few months. Please take some time from your busy schedules to share time with STO friends and participate in some scheduled STO events.*

*Optimistically,  
Newsletter editor  
Liv Sandberg*



## STOC Bulletin Board

### Sauk Trails Club Officers 2015-2016

**President:** Carole Klopp

**Vice President:** Mike Grasmick

**Secretary:** Rick Thomas

**Treasurer:** Bob Wortinger

**Past President:** Dan Bergs

#### Board of Directors

Steve Bailey  
Dan Chart  
Rick Conne  
Todd Geltemeyer  
Nancy Hach  
Diane Hoebel  
Kathy Johnson



### July Birthdays



5 Julie Thomas  
6 Dale Kalscheur  
6 John Scherer  
10 Joseph Marty  
12 John Fons  
14 Alison Scherer  
18 Lori Davis  
22 Kathie

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## Don't Forget to Get Your Football Crazr Tickets

**Football Crazr:** At the Optimist Conference on April 30th we received the Football Crazr tickets for 2016. Last year as a Club we sold 72 tickets for which we received \$11 for each ticket sold. I have 100 tickets for the 2016 year. The tickets sell for \$20 and are valid for seventeen weeks of the pro football season beginning September 11, 2016 and ending January 1, 2017. Have individuals fill out the ticket stubs in black ink and have all information on the ticket complete and legible. I will need sold and unsold tickets returned to me by August 17, so it is best to start with our sales as soon as we can. I will have tickets available at most lunch meetings each Wednesday beginning May 4<sup>th</sup> or you can reach me at 833-7244 and we can schedule a time and place to get tickets to you for selling. Checks for purchase should be made payable to FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKES. Gene Spindler-Football Crazr Ticket Coordinator.

## Sauk Trails Optimists Club Meetings and Other Scheduled Events

July 3 – No Lunch meeting  
July 8 – Todd Berry, Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance  
July 15 – Need speaker  
July 21 – Board Meeting (5pm @ Wegner CPAs)  
All are welcome.  
July 22 – Doug & Mary Poole – Arizona winter  
vacation  
July 29 – Need speaker  
*Wednesday Lunch Meetings are in Red.*

### 2016 SWIS District Happenings:

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Convention –  
Aug. 26-27 in Brookfield, WI

SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Tuesday, June 14, 2016 MINUTES

PRESENT: Dan C., Rick T., Carole, Steve, Rick C., Diane, Bob, Nancy,

Others Present:

Absent: Mike, Todd, Kathy, Dan B.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

1. Addition to agenda: none
2. Approval of Board Minutes from 5/10/2016. Rick C. moved to approve, Steve seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. Acceptance of May Financial Reports: There are a fair number of outstanding balances that we expect to be paid this month.  
Diane moved to accept May financial reports. Dan C. seconds Passed unanimously.  
Steve moved to reimburse \$158.24 to Bob for Quick Books. Nancy seconded. Passed unanimously.
4. Membership Report Update:  
No changes from last month
5. Board Organization
  - a. We are behind in our membership goal
  - b. We have 45 regular members and no FOOs
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Service
    1. Rick C. discussed the Christmas party. The entertainer may have to be changed due to a scheduling conflict.
  - b. Social
    1. August 24<sup>th</sup> Pool Party
    2. Possibility of golf outing, tentatively Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> , Bob and Steve are co-chairs
  - c. Fundraising
    1. Football Craze tickets will be handed out starting this week.
    2. Possibility of Mustard Days fundraiser, Bob moved that we help from 9:30-4:00 on August 6<sup>th</sup> , Steve seconded, there was some concern we might not be able to find enough members to volunteer, Passed unanimously
    3. Taste of Madison and a Marathon in the Fall
  - d. Nominating committee did a great job.
7. New Business.
  - a. Many open speaker spots
  - b. End of Year Banquet locations being investigated for Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>
  - c. The board decided not to fund the Huegel student
  - d. 2016 board meetings scheduled for July 12, August 9, and Sept. 13
8. Adjourn, next meeting will be July 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. at Park Bank. Rick C. moved to adjourn, Bob seconded, Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Thomas, Secretary

**SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB  
Youth & Community Foundation  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, June 14, 2016  
MINUTES**

**Present:** Bob, Nancy, Rick T., Diane, Dan C., Carole, Steve, Rick C., Mike

**Absent:** Todd, Kathy, Dan B.

The meeting was called to order at 5:50pm.

1. **Minutes from March 2016 Foundation Meeting.** Bob moved to approve, Diane seconded, passed unanimously.

2. **Financial Report Discussion:** Bob reviewed the financials. We are within \$500 of our goal with the scheduled fundraisers. Steve moved to accept, Dan seconded, Passed unanimously

**3. New Business**

- a. Allocation of Bratfest and Marathon funds – Bob moved that 30% of the JOOI hours will go to the JOOI club and the rest will go to the Foundation. Mike seconded, Passed unanimously.
- b. Contributions to the OI Foundation was discussed. Rick C. moved that we make a \$150 donation to the Foundation, Mike seconded, different amounts were discussed, 3 yabs, 5 nays, motion failed. Diane moved that we donate \$250 to the OI Foundation, Steve seconded, Passed unanimously
- c. There was a \$250 restricted donation for scholarships.
- d. 2-\$1000 scholarships and 1-\$250 scholarship were awarded in May
- e.

Bob moved that we adjourn until Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, Diane seconded, Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Thomas, secretary

**SAUK TRAILS – Madison Optimist Club WEBSITE**

CHECK OUT the Sauk Trails – Madison Optimist Club Website at: [www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org](http://www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org).

The screenshot shows the website's layout. On the left is a navigation menu with 'Meetings', 'Events', 'Join', and 'About'. Below it is a calendar for May 2016 with the 7th and 25th highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Club Accomplishments' and features three articles, each with a small image and a 'Read More' link:

- Lussier - Madison Christmas Party**: Presents, Santa, Juggler, Food for Youth Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison both Optimists and Memorial High School JOOI Youth coordinated a Christmas Party for over 125 youth at the Lussier Center in Madison. Each child received a present, there was a juggler, Santa appeared, pictures were taken, and food was enjoyed by all present.
- Essay Contest Participants**: Essay Contestants Participate, Compete & Share with Club. Youth provide essays for competition in judging. The winning essay was sent to SWIS District. All those participating will be sharing at a lunch meeting and will be given club gifts.
- Respect for Law for West Madison Police**: Honoring Police Officers at Lunches Annually Sauk Trails-Madison Optimist Club honors police officers for their service.
- Spartan Youth Service Team - SYSJT, JOOI Optimists**: SYSJT, Memorial High School JOOI Optimists Sauk Trails Optimist - Madison Club sponsors a JOOI Club of 282 members at Memorial High School, Madison, WI.

There are currently ‘two’ sponsors for the website and ‘two’ more opportunities available.

Looking for VOLUNTEERS for a New **FUN** Fund raising activity!  
@ the Mustard Day Celebration

Our club's Board members have been actively looking for new fundraising opportunities to reach the Board's ambitious fundraising goal for this year.

In connection with that, we recently received and accepted an offer from the National Mustard Museum to provide volunteers for their Mustard Day celebration in downtown Middleton on August 6. Barry and Patti Levenson have run the National Mustard Museum and its Foundation for many years and Barry has served as a speaker for our Sauk Trails lunch meetings on more than one occasion. In return for our assistance, they have pledged to give our Foundation a donation of at least \$500 depending on how many volunteers we come up with and will be promoting STOC in their publicity for the event. (I have included a copy of their most recent press release for National Mustard Day.)

Full shifts run from 9:30 to 4:00 and they are looking for our club to cover 10 - 12 full shifts (and hopefully more!). So far we have eleven members signed up to help which is great! However, we only have seven full shifts covered so we need more people. If you can help out either morning, afternoon or for a full shift that would be very helpful. Jobs include running game and food stands and virtually every stand has two or more people working there, so if you'd like to work with a friend or another STOC member that will be possible. Since many of the games involve children, they love to have high school or college students as volunteers. Carole is working with JOOI to come up with some volunteers, but if you have other young people who could help out that would be greatly appreciated.

It is always a fun event with lots of music and food! It will also be a great opportunity to get together with other Sauk Trails club members for a great cause.

If you have already signed up with Bob - Thank you! We have provided Patti Levenson with your e-mail address and she will be contacting you to assign to an activity you should enjoy - she is very accommodating. If you are interested and have not yet signed up, please let Bob know at [rwortinger@tds.net](mailto:rwortinger@tds.net)

### National Mustard Day

#### OUR NEXT CELEBRATION IS AUGUST 6, 2016!

**National Mustard Day** is celebrated annually at the National Mustard Museum on the first Saturday in August. It is a fun-filled day for the whole family and has traditionally included music, games and other entertainment with hot dogs, brats, FREE mustard sampling, and more. The Mustard Museum has been the official sponsor of this event since 1991.

This year's National Mustard Day fundraising efforts will benefit the **Sauk Trails Optimist Club** — as well as the nonprofit National Mustard Museum — and will support their mission to bring out the best in kids and their communities through hope and positive vision.

In 2010, the event was moved to the current home of the Museum in Downtown Middleton, Wisconsin. With more than 6,000 enthusiastic mustard lovers in attendance annually (2015 was the biggest ever!), this event has raised thousands of dollars for local charity. From the Restoring Hope Transplant House and the Friends of the Middleton Library and to the Middleton Cardinals Booster Club and LOV Dane, there have been many who have benefited from this glorious golden goose.

# JUNE IN PICTURES



Our scholarship winners this year - Juliana Epstein and Maryann Rehani



Lunch speaker: Alyssa Hirsher Executive Director, Pregnancy Helpline and Occupational Therapist Meriter Child/Adol



Lunch speaker: STO member, Dennis Norton, with President Carole Klopp, provided a very interesting talk about flag



Nick Jarmusz, Director of Public Affairs with AAA of Wisconsin. Nick provided a lot of insightful information pertaining to safety while driving, focusing on teen phone use.

The Sauk Trails Optimist club would like to thank the following members who volunteered their time over the Memorial Day weekend by working various shifts at the Madison Marathon! Thank you Dan Chart, Michael Grasmick, Nancy Hach, Kathie Newman, Bonnie Spindler and Diane Hoebel for taking the time to help raise money for our club!

By volunteering for this great event, these members helped the club bring in more monetary funds for our projects.

We look forward to seeing more club members sign up to work at the Taste of Madison and the November Marathon. We make \$9.00 an hour and all this money goes directly to Sauk Trails Optimist club. If you are interested in helping with the Taste of Madison and the November Marathon please contact Optimist member Nancy Hach.





BRATFEST 2016

I want to thank all the following volunteers who helped raise funds for our club by working at the Bratfest this year.

Rick Thomas, Mary Breunig, Mike Grasmick, Nancy Hach, Diane Hoebel, and Kathie Newman.

Also, thank you to Rick Conne, for organizing volunteers from the JOOI club.  
Diane Hoebel

