



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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



May 2020

PRESIDENTS NOTE

Dear STOC Friends

To Zoom or Not to Zoom:
That's Not The Question

How long has it been now? Is anyone counting? Well, Sauk Trails Optimists had their last regularly scheduled meeting on March 11 and our guest speaker that day let it be known the University of Wisconsin, where she had just come from after conducted a class, closed its main campus until further notice. No classroom courses would be held due to the pandemic that had begun to make its presence known. She appreciated speaking at our club, but she declined to shake hands. That gave us our first clue.

Then the Radisson Hotel informed our club it would close its doors to all and every scheduled group event until further notice, thus negating our Wednesday luncheons. They laid off their wait staff and kitchen crew. Then the Governor of Wisconsin declared a state of emergency and ordered all non-essential business closed. So it went.

There were well meant and well received suggestions that Sauk Trails Optimists should resort to Internet meetings, but frankly I hesitated. I didn't want to transform our Happy Band of Optimists into another virtual social media event automatically. Call me old fashioned.

As the weeks rolled by, however, the magnitude of our historic predicament began to assert itself. We would lose immeasurable good fellowship and opportunities to communicate as a club if we didn't get on board some kind of social media bandwagon and sure enough it Zoomed into view. Likewise, our Board of Directors will have the opportunity to conduct our next monthly meetings via the social media format, because to do otherwise is simply to do nothing or fail to take advantage of the tools we have to be Optimists.

All this has happened with breathtaking rapidity. It adds to the challenge. No one knows how long the pandemic will last, but therein lies the opportunity for us to devise ways to do more than simply endure or maintain a remedial schedule by emergency methods. We can grow as a club through this experience and certainly grow in our appreciation for one another throughout this time we are compelled to remain apart.

John Fons

STOC Bulletin Board

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- Steve Bailey
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May Birthdays

Mary Poole	17
Ken-Adi Ring	17



*SWIS Conference
May 8-9, 2020
Kalahari, WI Dells WI*

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Date	Speaker	Topic

Speakers for Zoom lunch calls are currently being organized.

Please watch for detail notices from president John Fons.

STOC Save the Date: future events

Date	Event
July	Culvers fund raiser
August 1 Pending	Mustard Days

SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 2020
NO Board meeting was held

SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE

www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org

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Sauk Trails – Madison Website Pictures

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Sauk Trails Website Coordinator











The Optimist Creed

Optimist Creed *(Revised – to think about as we struggle with the coronavirus)*

Promise ~~Yourself...~~ **MYSELF**

To **be** so strong that nothing can disturb ~~your~~ **MY** peace of mind.

To **talk** health, happiness and prosperity to every person ~~you~~ **I** meet.

To **make** all ~~your~~ **MY** friends feel that there is something in them.

To **look** at the sunny side of everything and make ~~your~~ **MY** optimism come true.

To **think** only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To **be** just as enthusiastic about the success of others as ~~you are about your~~ **I AM ABOUT MY** 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~~ **I** meet a smile.

To **give** so much time to the improvement of ~~yourself~~ **MYSELF** that ~~you~~ **I** 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.

