



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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

November 2015

Greetings All,

Well, the clock has been turned back and we're getting ready for winter, BUT STOC is not hibernating as we have already added new members...a special welcome to Dashni Sathivasum and Karen Wortinger! We will also be welcoming Laura Wilson in the coming weeks!

I also want to highlight our two goals the board has set for us for this coming year. We agreed that we would add 5 new members, NET, and raise \$8000 for our foundation. These are, perhaps, lofty goals for us, but I know we can do it!! (We even wrote those goals down!) So, as we do our fundraisers, please keep those goals in mind as they are worthy of our efforts. By the way, last year we gave out 3 scholarships and I'm in hopes that we can do that again this year. The students in our JOOI Club are truly worthy scholars to be helping as they move on to the next stage of life.

In the meantime, we've got the Koezee Nuts and Bucky Book fundraisers underway this month under the leadership of Rick Thomas and Dan Bergs. AND, please note that Diane Hoebel and Nancy Haak will be working hard on service projects for our club to be involved in as Service Projects Committee co-chairs. Kathy Johnson, Jacci See and Liv Sandberg will be heading up our social events committee. Many thanks to them for stepping forward to lead these committees.

Finally, we'll end this month with Thanksgiving and I want to say a big *Thank YOU* to our members who volunteer to be on the board, at our service projects, and with our JOOI club! We are a wonderful and inspiring club because of your efforts and a good reason to give thanks!

Optimistically Yours,
Carole Klopp
Club President
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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

Lussier Christmas Party

The Christmas Party is set for December 11, 2015, from 5 to 8. There will be dinner, balloon animals, magic, face painting, and, of course, Santa.

We are expecting 140 children from Lussier and the Meadowood Neighborhood Centers. A volunteer sheet will be passed around in the coming weeks.

For more information, contact Rick Conne.

November Birthdays

Karen Wortinger 25



Newsletter Editor:
Mary Schwartz
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KOEZE NUTS

We will once again be selling Koeze Nuts as a major fundraiser for our foundation. In the past, we have raised upwards of \$1500 to be used to help the youth in our community. Koeze Nuts are a very high quality product that are appropriate for family gift giving, employee appreciation and client gifts.

Some of the feature products include: Colossal Cashews, Milk and Dark Chocolate Puddles and Chocolate-dipped Dried Fruit.

Our order deadline this year will be December 2nd, 2015. Items ordered should be available for pickup on Wednesday, December 9th. Please give your orders to Rick Thomas at a lunch meeting or by email at: rlthomas5914@gmail.com



Bucky Book Fundraiser



A reminder to get your Bucky Books from Dan. Support your club by selling OR buying a Bucky Book (or both!). The club keeps \$15 from each book sold. Money is due by November 11th. New coupons this year – including grocery stores. Check it out!

**'Tis the Season to
Volunteer.**

**Watch for upcoming
opportunities.**

Sauk Trails Optimists Club Meetings and Other Scheduled Events

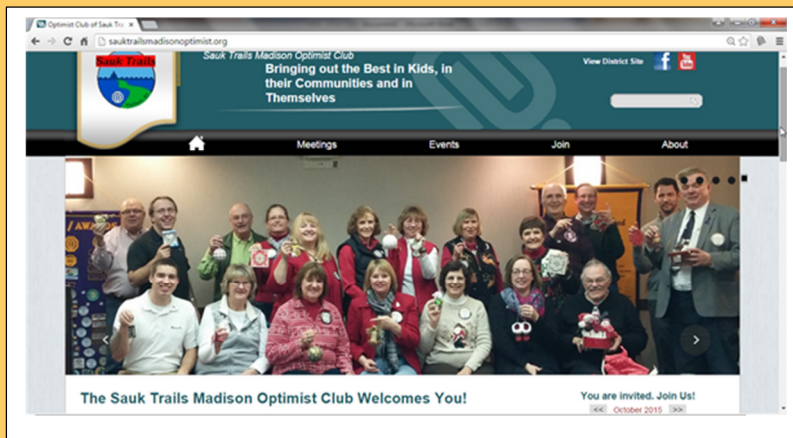
- November 4 Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team Update by the JOOI kids
- November 10 STOC Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m., Park Bank. All are welcome.
- November 11 Lori Hurckes, Dane County Time Bank
- November 18 Fatou Ceesay, Home Care Provision
- November 25 NO MEETING - Happy Thanksgiving to ALL!!
- December 2 OPEN - Need Speaker
- December 9 OPEN - Need Speaker
- December 11 Lussier Christmas Party, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Lussier Center on Gammon Road
- December 16 STOC Holiday Cheer Party!!

Regular Wednesday meetings are in purple.

SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE

www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org

Our NEW Sauk Trails website has been developed and will be updated through the year with various club events and accomplishments besides information from the SWIS District. Thanks to Rick Thomas, the Sauk Trails Facebook page is being updated and has a 'feed' directly into the website.



This website is constantly updated, so visit it often to see what is going on in our club. The registration process was used for the MASCC sign-up and we continue to fine tune this feature. There are many more features which will be used on a regular basis going forward, including a distribution process to ALL Club members and other interested potential members.

If you have any updates or additional events/activities that you would like to have included, either call or e-mail me the information and pictures.

Bonnie Spindler, Sauk Trails Website Coordinator

Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team

SYSJT is well underway, working toward their goals and helping the community. You are welcome to attend their weekly meetings held in the Fox Neighborhood Center on Wednesdays after school. Feel the energy!

**SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, October 13, 2015
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Dan C., Rick T., Bonnie, Bob, Carole, Diane, Kathy, Steve, Dan B.
Absent: Rick C., Mike, Kathy, Nancy, Todd

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

1. **Approval of Board Minutes from 9/22/2015:** We changed "several" to 3 outstanding balances and date of prior month's meeting to August 22, 2015. Steve moves to approve, Dan seconded, Passed unanimously
2. **Acceptance of August Financial Reports:** Bob presented the financial reports. \$4800 cash balance going into the new year. Denise and Rebecca will probably be dropping their memberships. \$448.21 net income last year. Football Craze was lower than past years but still a good fundraiser. Rick C. moves to accept the financial report, Dan seconds, Passed unanimously.
3. **Membership Report Update:** 49 members and 0 FOO's as of 10/1/2015. Bob motions that we waive the new member fee for Laura W., Diane seconds, passed unanimously. Bob moves that we admit Dashni S. at the rate of \$25/quarter, Rick C. seconds, passed unanimously.
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. Bylaws changes from last year:
 - i. Article V, Section II. Secretary Treasurer are separate positions
 - ii. Article VII, Section I, ...and no more than 8 elected Directors
 - iii. Article X, Section 2, Club member who have a spouse as a regular member of the club shall be a charged a special spouse/family rate of \$25 per quarter (\$100/year)
 - iv. Article X, Section 6: ...an annual audit
 - v. Bob moves that we make the changes effective Nov. 1 subject to the October 28th meeting of the club, Kathy seconds, passed unanimously
 - b. Policies:
 - i. #3 "by the board.
 - ii. #4 ...at the discretion of the president and treasurer
 - iii. #5 ...or family member
 - iv. #5 ...per quarter
 - v. #7 Treasurer not secretary
 - vi. #7 strike secretary in 2 places
 - vii. #8 correct secretary and treasurer
 - viii. #11 Annually
 - ix. Bob motions to approve with changes, Diane seconds, passed unanimously
 - c. Club goals:
 - i. Increase membership by net 5 members
 - ii. Fundraising goal of \$8000 for the foundation
 - iii. Dan C. makes the motions to set the goals, Diane seconds, passed unanimously
 - d. Committee Chair Assignments:
 - i. Service: Diane and Nancy
 - ii. Social: Kathy, Liv, Jackie
 - iii. Fundraising: Steve, Rick T.,
 - e. Dan gave an update on Bucky Books, They are due Nov. 13
 - f. Koeze deadline will be Dec. 2
 - g. Audit committee: Gene and Mark K.
 - h. MASCC luncheon will be Oct. 21 at the Sheraton
 - i. Madison Marathon is mostly full
 - j. We need a newsletter replacement for Mary
 - k. Rick C. gave an update on the Christmas party. We may need to use our entire balance due to uncertain donations
5. **New business**
 - a. 2015-2016 budget, Bob presented the proposed budget for 2015-2016. Dan moves that we accept the budget, Steve seconds, passed unanimously.
 - b. SWIS District Conference: Carole, Bob, Steve and Gene attended
6. **Adjourn.** Next meeting will be November 10th at 5:00 pm. at Park Bank. Kathy moves to adjourn, Dan C. seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Thomas, Secretary



**October
in
Pictures**

**Photos by
Steve Bailey**



New member Dashni Sathisvasum shares the path she took from SYSJT member to college to world travel to working with high school students in Milwaukee to joining STOC and becoming an advisor to the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team.

STOC members attended the **MASCC Luncheon.**



Those who attended enjoyed entertaining stories from author Doug Moe. He spoke of people he interviewed and books that he wrote.

Dr. Robert DeCock presents on the correct way to plan for college expenses.



Don't be shy, volunteer to speak at a meeting! We love hearing about what fellow members are up to.



Welcome to new members Karen Wortinger & Dashni Sathisvasum .

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 at 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.