



## Pathways



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

**April 2017**

### Presidents note

A long-awaited spring is upon us and opportunities have sprung up to help our club raise money. Sign up for Brat fest, May 26-29 through Diane Hoebel after April 1. Go on line soon to [runmadtown.com](http://runmadtown.com) to sign up for events of the half-marathon. I have participated in both of these events and they are both fun!

Be sure to mark your calendar for two highlighted guest speakers in May. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will host Madison Mayor Paul Soglin and on May 10<sup>th</sup> we will hold 'Respect for Law.'

Our speaker calendar is still open and we could use your help. Contact either Carole Klopp or Mary Schwartz with any possible names or dates that you have in mind.

Optimistically,  
Mike Grasmick, President



## STOC Bulletin Board

### Sauk Trails Club Officers 2016-2017

**President:** Mike Grasmick

**Vice President:** Dan Chart

**Secretary:** Rick Thomas

**Treasurer:** Bob Wortinger

**Past President:** Carole Klopp

#### Board of Directors

Steve Bailey

John Fons

Rick Conne

Dashni Sathasivam

Nancy Hach

Kathy Johnson

### April Birthdays

Doug Poole	11
Jeff Kuchenbecker	12
Dan Bergs	20
Pete Graven	25
Liv Sandberg	25



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### Next District Conference

SWIS 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference, 2016-2017

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Kalahair, WI

Come and see the Oratorical winners from across all the Zones compete for a \$2500 scholarship.

[http://swisdistrict.org/client/client\\_images/uploads/ndfc/newsletters/DISTRICT\\_NI\\_29622.pdf](http://swisdistrict.org/client/client_images/uploads/ndfc/newsletters/DISTRICT_NI_29622.pdf)

### Run Mad Town

May 27-28, 2017

STOC Fundraiser opportunity

Mark your calendars and watch for further details.

## Special Olympics Regional

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Location: Oregon High School track field**

The Special Olympics track meet is just six weeks away! We need as many volunteers as possible to make this another great event. We will once again be escorting athletes from the staging area to their races and then to the awards ceremonies from both the red and blue race tracks. We all must sign up to volunteer directly with Special Olympics Wisconsin at <http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org/volunteer-events/r6-regional-athletics-oregon/>

It's most helpful if people can stay the entire day, once you get in the rhythm of the event it goes pretty smoothly – and lunch is included for free! But there are options for working half of the event as well. The 'official' times for partial days are 9am-1pm and 12:30pm – 4pm. The reality is that races don't start until almost 10:30a and should be complete around 3pm, so the times we really need people are 10:30-1p and 1 – 3:30p.

We'd love to have a STOC breakfast again, if we get enough people who will be there and want to gather for social purposes before the even we will make arrangements. Please contact John Scherer with any questions.

John 608-829-1010 [john@trinfin.com](mailto:john@trinfin.com)

Sauk Trail Optimist Club Meetings and Scheduled Events

Date	Speaker	Topic
April 5		Fun & Games
April 12	Students	Essay Contest Winners
April 19	Joel Weitz	Vitense Golfland
April 26	Rick Conne	Student of the Month
May 3	Mayor Paul Soglin	The City of Madison
May 10	Respect for Law	Honoring Madison Police Officers
May 17	Grace Knutson	Wisconsin Guardianship Support Center
May 24	Open	
May 31	Open	

Check out the list of fabulous speakers we have lined up for our regular weekly lunch meetings! We are joined by students to hear their essays and to honor their service work. A local business encourages us to get outside and swing the clubs.

Special Guests in May...MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Madison Mayor, Paul Soglin will join us on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Invite your friends, family, and co-workers to this wonderful opportunity to hear the Mayor. Let’s have a great turnout! Then, the very next week we have our annual Respect for Law program to honor two officers from the Madison West Precinct.

Thanks to those members who have presented to the club or have invited others to speak! If you know of someone who would be interested in talking to the club, please let us know and we would be happy to contact them.

*Speaker Committee: Mary Schwartz, Carole Klopp, John Fons, & Steve Bailey*

**SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE**

[www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org](http://www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org)

There have been some recent questions on the receiving of the monthly STOC Newsletter. The current STOC Newsletter and previous newsletters are available on the [www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org](http://www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org) website.

The newsletters are in the ABOUT tab under NEWSLETTERS. The Current and Past Newsletters available as PDF’s:



**To acquire the newsletter, CLICK on the ‘PDF Download’ of CHOICE.**

If you have any problems acquiring the Newsletter or are NOT receiving the monthly message, please contact me so we can correct that situation. Optimistically, **Bonnie Spindler** [bspindler@charter.net](mailto:bspindler@charter.net) 850-9561 (H)

**Bonnie Spindler**, Sauk Trails Website Coordinator

## MEET OUR MEMBERS

### Bob & Karen Wortinger 25 years of Service at Sauk Trails Club



#### **Time of Service/Years in STOC Club:**

Bob joined STOC in December 1993 on the same day as Jaci See 23 years and counting  
Karen joined STOC in September 2014 to get us to Honor Club status and has been with us ever since.

**Club Events:** Special Olympics Regional Track meet , Lussier Center Christmas Parties, Special Olympics Bowling, and many STOC social events

#### **District Events:**

STOC & SWIS District positions

Bob Board or director several years

Club treasurer since 2010

SWIS district Chair of Finance Committee since it started in 2011

**Favorite Activity:** The regional Special Olympics Track meet at Oregon High School is always a highlight. Usually we have a beautiful spring weather (and a couple of torrential downpour years have been memorable too!) The best part is the joy and enthusiasm of the athletes regardless of their ages. I always leave this event in a much better frame of mind than the day started with.

**Why Enjoy Being Part of Club:** Karen has learned to love the Progressive Dinner each winter and loves to put her creative talents to use in hosting one of the shifts. Going to weekly lunches and visiting weekly with 10-15 good and long-time friends is always enjoyable. Our leadership in recent years has come up with a number of new opportunities to serve youth which is what we should be all about.

#### **Fun Facts About Ourselves:**

Bob retired after 34 years as a CPA and Partner at Kiesling Associates in 2010 and Karen retired after nearly 30 years of teaching in 2013 – most of them at Our Lady Queen of Peace School in Madison WE both love to play trivia. We play a couple times a week with friends on a team called "The Brains That Wouldn't Die" WE finishes second in a state contest back in December and won a state contest a couple of years ago. Bob and our son, Nate, both love sports and have been to every major league baseball stadium! Finally, we love to travel and cruise. We recently returned from two weeks in Australia and New Zealand and this summer are planning our fourth European cruise since 2013.

## In Memory of Roberta Sprain



*We lost a wonderful optimist when Roberta passed away. Roberta was a long time member of the Optimist Club of West Madison. When the club dissolved she joined the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Roberta was active in the Optimist club supporting her husband Ken in his various leadership roles including Governor of the WISUM district. A true creative spirit, Roberta sang in the Madison Symphony Chorus for 38 years. An accomplished oil painter, she exhibited at the Steenbock Center as well as local banks and art fairs. She worked at Yost Kessenich's Fabrics in downtown Madison and managed the Kessenich's Fabrics store in the Hilldale shopping center for 13 years. She then opened and ran Roberta's sewing basket in Middleton for six years, and finally worked at Vera's Bridals until she retired. In retirement, she used her creative skills as the head costume designer for the Madison Savoyards as well as designing costumes for the Madison Opera. On Monday, February 27, at age 89 Roberta passed away peacefully at the Oakwood Village East's Prairie Ridge Center in Madison. She will be missed.*

SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Tuesday, March 14, 2017  
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mike, Rick T., Steve, Kathy, Carole, Rick C., Nancy, John, Bob

Others Present:

Absent: Dan, Dashni

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. **Addition to Agenda:** Nominating committee
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 2/7/2017.** Carole moved to approve, John seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of February Financial Reports:**  
Carole moved to accept February financial reports. Steve seconded. There was some discussion of the Vanguard Bond Fund. We have had some no shows for lunches that we get billed for. Passed unanimously.
4. **Membership Report Update:**  
Longtime Optimist Roberta S. passed away in February. Steve will explore getting an honor patch for our banner to honor her many years of service to Optimism. We are at 41 members.
5. **Board Organization**
  - a. Committee reports
    1. Service – Oratorical contest went well. We are looking for judges for the district competition. Rick C. moved that each judge will get a \$30 honorarium. Steve seconded. Passed unanimously.  
Essay contest also went well. Winners will be honored at a luncheon.
    2. Christmas Party –
    3. Fund raising – Run Madtown is the new name of the marathon Memorial Day weekend, Bratfest spots are also available
6. **New Business**
  - a. Carole moved that we approve the Optimist bylaws, Steve seconded. We will be following the OI template. Passed unanimously
  - b. STOC Policies – Rick moved that we approve the STOC policies as amended. Steve seconded. Passed unanimously
  - c. Club social meeting will be May 24<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Respect for Law will be May 10<sup>th</sup>
  - e. Nomination committee – Dan C., Dan B., and Todd will be asked to be on the committee
  - f. Concerns were raised about the lunch menu and quality
7. Adjourn to April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, Carole moved to adjourn, Bob seconded, meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Thomas, Secretary

**SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB****Youth & Community Foundation****Board of Directors Meeting****Tuesday, March 14, 2017****MINUTES**

**Present:** Bob, Rick T., Carole, Steve, Rick C., Mike, Kathy, John

**Absent:** Dan C., Dashni

The meeting was called to order at 6:20pm.

1. **Minutes from Sept. 2016 Foundation Meeting.** Bob moved to approve, Carole. seconded. Passed unanimously.
2. **Financial Report Discussion:** Bob reviewed the financials Carole moved to accept the treasurer's report and the budget, Nancy seconded, Passed unanimously
  - A Essay contest budget will be \$215
  - B. Oratorical contest budget will be \$220
  - C. Respect for Law budget will be \$275
  - D. Scholarship budget will be \$2000
3. **New Business**

Mike moved that we adjourn until June 13' 2017 Bob seconded, Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Thomas, secretary

### **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.**

## Spartan Youth Service Students are keeping busy!

From left to right:

- 1) SYS volunteers, painting the windows for the upcoming Youth for Youth beach fiesta themed ice cream sundae fundraiser.
- 2) SYS volunteers selling daffodils during lunch for Daffodil Days. 170 daffodils were sold and all proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society.
- 3) SYS volunteers helping out at the Lussier Carnival in the game room.
- 4) SYS Youth volunteering with various carnival games at the Olson Splash.





## 2017 STOC Snap Shots

STOC members welcomed lunch speaker, Jody Whelden representing 'Care of the Spirit'



STOC members enjoying friends, food, and fun at the annual Progressive Dinner.

Judy Conne tries her hand at ring toss to win a bottle of wine.

Bob & Karen Wortinger (sporting a St Patricks day hat) and Steve Bailey.

**Thank you to all three hosts:**

**Mary and John Schwartz, Bob and Karen Wortinger, and Ted and Jaci See!**

