



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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

August 2017

AUGUST IS A GREAT MONTH TO SHARE YOUR OPTIMISM WITH OTHERS!

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.



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

July Birthdays

Bob Wortinger 4
BJ Bailey 7
Steve Bailey 28
Dashni Sathasivam 30



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Next District Conference

SWIS 4th Quarter Convention, 2016-17
August 25-26th, 2017
Radison Hotel, Wauwatosa, WI
The convention will feature Personal
Development training & and President
training for incoming STOC president, Dan
Chart.

<http://swisdistrict.org/conferences/default>.

Date	Speaker	Topic
8/2/2017	Matt Covert	Capital Area Regional Planning Commission
8/5/2017	VOLUNTEER	National Mustard Day
8/9/2017	Steve Bailey	My Voice Over Career
8/16/2017	TBA	TBA
8/23/2017	Mark Kraemer	Vintage Brewing Co.
8/30/2017	TBA	TBA
8/31/2017	VOLUNTEER	REACH A CHILD
9/6/2017	No Meeting	Happy Labor Day!

Please let us know if you have someone who would like to speak at a lunch meeting. Thanks to all STOC members who have provided speakers, or who have spoken themselves.

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

FOOTBALL CRAZR

Football Crazr: We have received the Football Crazr tickets for 2017. Last year as a club we sold 66 tickets for which we received \$12 for each ticket sold. I have 70 tickets for the 2017 year. The tickets sell for \$20 and are valid for seventeen weeks of the PRO football season beginning September 10, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017. Have individuals fill out the ticket stubs in BLACK ink and have all information completed and legible. I will have tickets available at lunch meetings beginning May 31st. I will need sold and unsold tickets returned to me by August 23rd so I can return them to Fred Dorn by August 28th. Checks for purchase should be made payable to FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKES.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 608-850-9561.
Gene Spindler-Football Crazr Ticket Coordinator.

MEET OUR MEMBERS



Diane Hoebel

I joined the Optimist Club of West Madison in 1988, when I was Manager of the Anchor Bank-Hilldale Office. Our meetings were at the Cuba Club and I was one of the first female members of the club. Women were allowed to join the Optimists beginning in 1987. When the West Madison Club dissolved, I became a member of the Sauk Trails Club.

I was club President 2X and Lt. Governor 2X – once for the WISUM (Wisconsin Upper Michigan District) and once for the SWIS District. I was also the Chair of the Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and co-chair of the District Optimist International Foundation. I co-chaired the District registration for a number of years. I also served on the board of directors for the West Madison and Sauk Trails club.

I enjoy all the friendships I have made at the club and the great speakers we have had. I enjoy volunteering for all our fund raising events and the wonderful Christmas party we host at the Lussier Center.

I love to golf, hike, and snowshoe. My goal is to hike the 1200 mile Ice Age Trail (ten year goal).

One of the most exciting International Conventions I attended was in Anaheim, California – where we had a 7.4 earthquake. We experienced aftershocks the entire convention.

Congratulations Howard!

SWIS District 15-16 Governor Howard Crofoot (second from the left) was Awarded Distinguished Governor in Albuquerque, NM at the International Convention the beginning of July.



In Memory Caroline Heath

It is with sadness that we note the passing of former Sauk Trails Optimist Club member Caroline Heath from natural causes, on June 29, 2017, with her family by her side. Caroline was an active member of STOC, serving on the Board and as our 2000-2001 Club President. She participated in many club activities, always smiling and happy to help out.

She left the club when she moved to Virginia Beach, Virginia, to serve as a chaplain with Sentara Hospital, Hospice Care, & Eastern Shore Episcopal Church. Caroline will be missed by her four boys, seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and all her family and friends worldwide.

Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com. Her family has notified us that they will be planning a celebration of life to honor Caroline. We will pass along that information when we receive it.



Caroline is Inducted as President – September 2000



Bike Safety Day

May 2000



Clowning Around at the Children's Zoo Jubilee

May 2000



Ricki Hoefler, past STOC President, stopped by for lunch on July 26th. She was a charter member of the Sauk Trails Optimist Club and served the club as a volunteer, board member, and officer. Ricki and her husband, Phil, are moving to South Carolina to enjoy warmer weather and the ocean. They invite any Optimists travelling in that area to look them up.

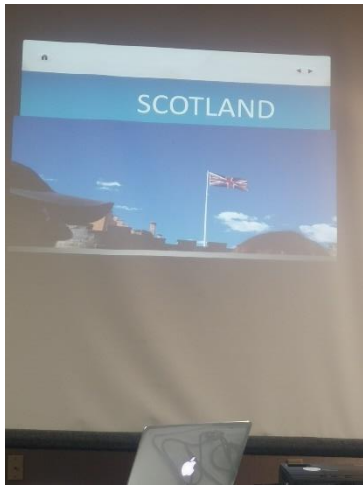
Phil & Ricki Hoefler
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 Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466
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 mobile: 608-512-6462



JULY
 Lunch meeting speakers and activities.

- 1) Anne Knezexic : Teaching English as a Second Language & Millennium Soccer
- 2) Students with advisors, Carole Klopp and Rick Thomas.
- 3) Ms. Tetzner, Van Tetzner (\$1000), Jessica Wolynec (300), Jonathan Wolynec (300), Mrs. Wolynec and Mr. Wolynec

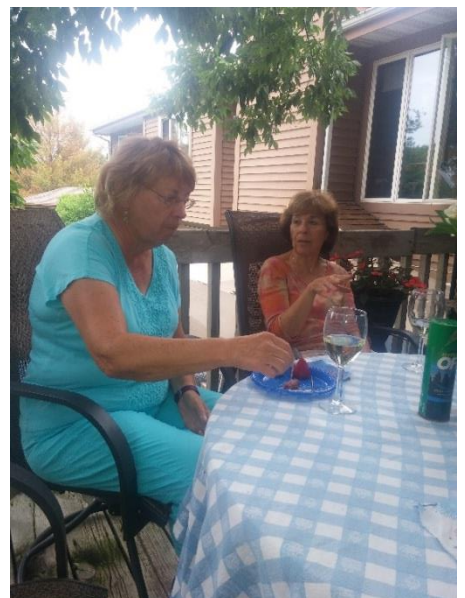




STOC Members Jacci & Ted See shared memories from their recent trip to Scotland.



Jacci & Ted See also shared their home to host the annual pool party. Even though the party had to be rescheduled due to weather, fun times and smiles were had by all!!!



SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, July 11, 2017
MINUTES

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

1. **Addition to Agenda:** Koeze Nuts
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 6/13/2017.** Bob moved to approve, Carole seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of June Financial Reports:**
Financials were tabled but Bob gave a summary of what is currently happening.. Carole moved acceptance, Rick C. seconded, Passed unanimously
4. **Membership Report Update:**
We are at 41 members.
5. **Old Business**
 - A. Mustard Day – August 5th We currently have 14 people signed up but need a few more
 - B. Christmas party – planning status – no news from Walmart but a meeting is scheduled with Sam's. Carole will send in a grant request with Summit
 - C. Kohl Center opportunity – Dan C. was absent. Updates will come next month.
 - D. Silent Auction – We are looking for a replacement for Dashni
 - E. Banquet will probably be the week of Sept. 20th
 - F. Scholarship awards will be July 19th Right now only 1 student coming but another might be able to
 - G. Madison Marathon will be happening again on November 12th which is a great opportunity to raise more funds
 - H. Speaker gifts were discussed
6. **New Business**
 - A. Kathy moved that we do Koeze nuts again this year, Steve seconded, Passed unanimously
 - B. September 20/21 will be the installation banquet
7. Adjourn to August 11th at 5:30, Carole moved to adjourn, Dashni seconded, meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Thomas, Secretary

**SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
Youth & Community Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, July 11, 2017
MINUTES**

Present: Bob, Rick T., Carole, Steve, Rick C., Mike, Kathy, Nancy, Dashni

Absent: Dan C., John,

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

- 1. Minutes from March 2017 Foundation Meeting.** Carole moved to approve, Nancy seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2. Financial Report Discussion:** Bob reviewed the financials. We currently have approximately \$15,400 in the foundation. Carole moved to accept the treasurer's report, Kathy seconded, Passed unanimously
- 3. New Business**
 - A. Procedures for applying for grants was discussed. Rick T. will put together a grant application form to be sent to potential recipients

Kathy moved that we adjourn until Sept. 13, 2017 Dashni seconded, Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Thomas, secretary

SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE

www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org

There have been some recent questions on the receiving of the monthly STOC Newsletter.

Current and previous STOC Newsletters are available as PDF's on the www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org website.

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** blspindler@charter.net 850-9561 (H)

Sauk Trails Website Coordinator