



## Pathways



Sauk Trails Optimist Club  
Madison, Wisconsin

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

### March 2017

#### Presidents Note

We have winners for both the Essay Contest and Oratorical Contests. These students will now compete at the district level for a chance at scholarships.

Remember to mark your calendar for our Progressive Party on March 12. This event is always a highlight of our fellowship activities. We will start at Mary Schwartz's house for appetizers, move to the Wortinger's house for the main course and on to the See's house for dessert. Please invite a guest or your significant other to join us to experience first hand how nice, interesting, funny and intelligent we are!

We are in need of speakers. Other than March 29 when Reverend Jody Wheldan will speak, the calendar is wide open. You are of course welcome to speak on anything that you are passionate about including your hobby or a great life story. Please give some thought towards you you might invite or what topic that you could speak on and forward dates and names to me.

I look forward to Marching through the rest of the month with you in fellowship and optimism.

Optimistically,  
Mike Grasmick, President

### **PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

#### **MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>**

*Join the fun this year for a St Patrick's Day themed dinner shared with fellow Optimists. We will be starting at the Schwartz home for appetizers, followed by the main course at the Wortinger's, and finishing with desserts at the See's home.*

*There is a sign up sheet available for all who are planning to attend. Bring a dish to share. Please contact Carole Klopp if you are planning to attend.*

*A HUGE thank you to all three for sharing their homes for the event!!!*

*Appetizers: 3:30-5pm @ Mary & John Schwartz  
1805 Tyrol Terrace, Mt Horeb*

*Dinner: 5:00-6:30 @ Bob & Karen Wortinger  
3926 Caribou Rd, Verona*

*Dessert: Jacci & Ted See  
6326 Stonefield Rd, Madison*

## 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

### March Birthdays

Jason Kadow 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Mary Amundson 4<sup>th</sup>  
Diane Hoebel 10<sup>th</sup>  
Brinda Mecham 10<sup>th</sup>  
Gene Spindler 31<sup>st</sup>



### Next District Conference

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

May 13<sup>th</sup>, at th Kalahai in WI  
Dells, WI

Newsletter Editor:  
Liv Sandberg  
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### Reach-a-Child

Work nights: 4th Thursday of the month  
4-6pm and 6-8 pm

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRACK MEET DATE

MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

LOCATION: OREGON High School track field

**Mark your calendars and watch for further details.**

### Run Mad Town

May 27-28, 2017

**STOC Fundraiser opportunity**

### Sauk Trail Optimist Club Meetings and Scheduled Events

March 1 Lunch meeting: Oratorical contest  
March 8 Speaker TBA  
March 12 Progressive dinner  
March 15 Jane Meyer: Program Director Epilepsy Foundation  
March 22 Need speaker  
March 29 Reverend Jody Wheldan  
May 13 SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRACK MEET  
May 27-28 Run Mad Town – volunteer workers needed  
Weekly lunch meetings in green

## MEET OUR MEMBERS - Steve Bailey

I joined OI in 1981 at the Downtown Optimist club which I served as President in 1987-88. I finished the building of our Sauk Trails club in 1992 because the man building the club moved and they gave me the job. Great job as it turned out. I held dual club membership for a year or so, then I dropped downtown club. My optimist life consists of in part, Club President, District Lt. Governor, Assistant Governor, Governor, International JOOI Committee. My favorite job was Governor and my favorite activity now is Respect for Law program we run, and emceeding the district oratorical content at the third quarter meeting. I enjoy all our great members and the fun and fellowship we have as a club. Oh, I don't play golf...I play AT golf. Big difference :-)



## SWIS Conference Second Quarter Update:

There was a conference in Janesville on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> which was attended by about 60 Optimists from all over Southern Wisconsin. Steve Bailey, Mike Grasmick and Bonnie Spindler represented our Sauk Trails – Madison Optimist Club at this conference.

Our club received a 'Bringing Out the Best in Kids' patch for the 15-16 year for satisfying all the needed requirements. A 'Professional Development Program' was shared at the conference including: Project Management; Marketing; Continuous Improvement; Organizational Knowledge & Culture; Communication Skills. With some definitions of the work ethic and values of each generation, there were breakout sessions about 'How we can work together' and the mixing of optimists to discuss those needs. A Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Rebecca Bradley shared about how the court system works with especially aged 10 -16 year old children and some of the many experiences she has had. Our own, Jim Kondrasuk, Optimist International President shared about some of the new programs such as: Club within Clubs; JOI > College Club planning; Rotary & other organizations sharing in Membership opportunities; International Convention in Albuquerque, NM, July 6 -8 and other future planning.

The next conference will be at the Kalahari, May 13<sup>th</sup> with the emphasis on the Oratorical and Essay Youth Programs besides other Professional Development programs for Optimists. These conferences are for ALL optimists who would like to learn more about what other clubs are doing, their own personal development, and how they can support the youth in their communities.

Bonnie Spindler, Past SWIS District Governor 2011-2012

## 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** [blspindler@charter.net](mailto:blspindler@charter.net) 850-9561 (H)

**Bonnie Spindler**, Sauk Trails Website Coordinator

SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Tuesday, February 7, 2017  
MINUTES

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

Others Present:

Absent: Bob

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

1. **Addition to agenda:** Bucky Book letter of intent
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 1/10/2016.** Dan moved to approve, Dashni seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of January Financial Reports:**  
Carole moved to accept January financial reports. Kathy seconded. Passed unanimously.
4. **Membership Report Update:**  
We are at 42 members.
5. **Board Organization**
  - a. Committee reports
    1. Service – Reach a Child will be the last Thursday of February, Essay Contest will have several entries, Oratorical contest also has several entrants and judges lined up
    2. Christmas Party – Rick moved that we continue the Christmas Party at Lussier, Nancy seconded, many positive comments were made about the program, passed unanimously
    3. Fund raising – Run Madtown is the new name of the marathon Memorial Day weekend, Kathy discussed options for getting more bidding on silent auction items
6. **Old Business**
  - a. Shirts – Jacci See will speak with a new vendor
  - b. Progressive dinner is March 12<sup>th</sup>
7. **New Business**
  - a. Board of Director pins were handed out.
  - b. Weather related cancellations at Radisson – Kathy moved that we follow the Madison School District cancelation policy and cancel our meetings if the schools are closed, Dashni seconded, passed unanimously
  - c. We will have a social evening meeting May 17<sup>th</sup> bring a guest
  - d. SWIS District meeting is Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> in Janesville
  - e. Carole moved that Dan sign the letter of intent for the Bucky Book, Steve seconded, passed unanimously
  - f. Special Olympics track meet is May 13<sup>th</sup>
8. Adjourn to March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, Kathy moved to adjourn, Nancy seconded, meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

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.

## 2017 STOC Snap Shots

### December in Pictures

Photos by  
Steve Bailey; Dashni  
Sathasivam, Liv Sandberg

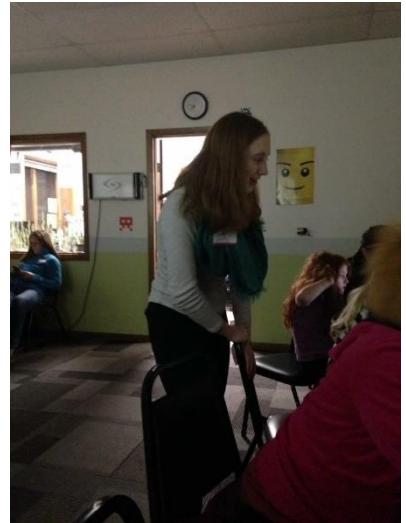
Youth Services students hard at work.



STOC members are grateful to our lunch speakers who shared their time to present enlighten us about their organizations. Landia Stenz from Gilda’s Club in Madison and Joyal Holder of Holder Printworks.



Spartan Youth Services students in action.



**Spartan Youth Services (SYS) students in action.**

SYS volunteers having a blast helping out at the Badger Bots Scratch Party.

Enjoying kites and s'mores event on Lake Mendota

Volunteering at Paws Fur a cause.

