



# Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club  
Madison, Wisconsin



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

**August 2015**

Greetings Optimists!

I hope that everyone is having a terrific summer. It is a great opportunity to take some vacations and enjoy time with family. I know I am always very busy getting together with family and friends during the summer.

The club is not as busy this time of the year so everyone can enjoy the summer weather. We had some really interesting speakers come in July and provide some great information. The big event this month for club members and their guests is the summer social on August 12<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Jaci and Ted See. A sign-up sheet will be at the weekly meetings. If you cannot make the weekly meetings, then please let them know if you would like to attend so they have an estimate.

August 11th and 12th is the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Club retreat. Thank you to Carole, Rick C., and Rick T. for working so closely with these kids and for all of your hard work. I also want to thank Mary Schwartz for her commitment and dedication to produce a high quality newsletter every month. She works very hard on the newsletter and it shows. Thank you, Mary, for your great work.

We have been getting some better attendance at club meetings and hope to improve attendance this coming month and into the fall. I am encouraging all of you to try and attend our meetings to catch up with friends and fellow Optimists. Also, you are always encouraged to bring guests to our meetings so we can share Optimism with others. Plus our club is filled with a lot of awesome people!!!

Stay joyful and enthusiastic for the rest of the summer. Before we know it, fall will be upon us.

Optimistically yours,  
Dan Bergs  
Club President



# STOC Bulletin Board

**Sauk Trails Club Officers 2014-2015**

**President:** Dan Bergs


**Vice President:** Kathy Johnson

**Secretary:** Rick Thomas

**Treasurer:** Bob Wortinger

**Past President:** Bonnie Spindler

**Board of Directors**  
 Rick Conne  
 Todd Geltemeyer  
 Mike Grasmick  
 Pete Graven  
 Nancy Hach  
 Diane Hoebel  
 Rebecca Turner



**Last Call For Football Crazz Tickets!**

Support the STOC Youth & Community Foundation!


Buy or Sell  
Only \$20 each!

Gene says your last chance will be August 19<sup>th</sup> He needs any unsold tickets returned by then.

Contact Gene Spindler - at 833-7244

**August Birthdays**

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Bob Wortinger | 4  |
| BJ Bailey     | 7  |
| Steve Bailey  | 28 |



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Mary Schwartz  
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## Join us for FUN!!

**Pool Party at Ted and Jacci See's home  
Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m.**



**Main dish will be provided. Please bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert.**

**Club members and their spouses or significant others are welcome.**

**Sign up at a meeting or  
RSVP to Jacci at [seej@firstweber.com](mailto:seej@firstweber.com).  
Don't forget your swimming suit!**

**Newsletter Editor Wanted.**

Here's your chance to serve your club by becoming the next *Pathways* newsletter editor. It takes about 3-4 hours a month. Templates and training available. ☺ The position would start October 1. Contact Mary if you are interested ([schwrtzmry@aol.com](mailto:schwrtzmry@aol.com)).

**2015 SWIS District Happenings:**

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Convention – Aug. 14-15 in Brookfield

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Convention – Oct. 9-10 in Middleton

## Sauk Trails Optimists Club Meetings and Other Scheduled Events

August 5 – Jeff Kuchenbecker – Report from the OI Convention & Update on the SWIS District

August 12 – Summer Social at the See's in the evening (No Lunch Meeting)

August 19 – Rick Thomas – Home roasting of coffee

August 25 – STOC Board Meeting – 5:00 p.m. at Wegner CPA's - All are welcome

August 26 – Need speaker

August 27 – Volunteer at Reach-A-Child

September 26 – Golf Outing

October 1 – Annual Recognition & Induction Banquet (Tentative date)

(Wednesday Lunch Meetings in Red.)

### *Volunteer Opportunity!*

We are looking for STOC members to sign up for the *Taste of Madison* volunteer opportunities. This is a great chance to earn money for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club Youth and Community Foundation. Check out the website listed below and sign up under Sauk Trails Optimist. The volunteer opportunities are quickly being filled, so make sure you sign up soon! When you're done volunteering at the Taste you can take a stroll around the square and enjoy the great food and free entertainment. What better way to spend your Labor Day weekend (September 5 & 6) than by giving your time to help the youth in our community!

Click on this link:

<http://madisonfestivals.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=9876>

Questions? Contact Nancy Hach ([nancyhach@tds.net](mailto:nancyhach@tds.net))



### **SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – MINUTES**

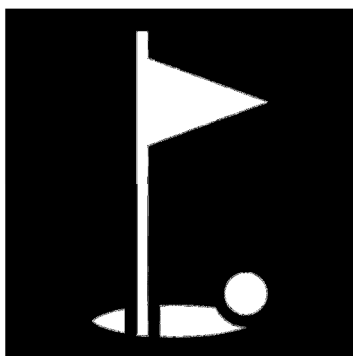
Wednesday, July 21, 2015

PRESENT: Dan, Rick T., Bob, Bonnie, Rick C., Nancy, Mike

Absent: Rebecca, Todd, Diane, Kathy, Pete

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

1. Approval of Board Minutes from 6/17/2015: Bob moves to approve, Bonnie seconded, Passed unanimously
2. Acceptance of June Financial Reports:
  - a. Bob presented the Financial Report. Good cash position.
  - b. 2 members have outstanding balances and will be called.
  - c. Rick C. moves to accept the financial report, Mike seconds, Passed unanimously.
3. Membership Report Update:
  - a. 47 members and 0 FOO's as of 7/1/2015. We will follow up with past guests.
4. Old Business:
  - a. Meals on Wheels training was done. First group from SYS has started. We will look into training more volunteers maybe during a club lunch.
  - b. Volunteer opportunities at Taste of Madison are limited but some are available. Website will be sent out to the club.
  - c. Scholarships were discussed.
  - d. Policies and bylaws need to be voted on by the club
5. New Business.
  - a. Summer social will be August 12<sup>th</sup> at the See's
  - b. More speakers needed for club meetings
  - c. We need replacements for Dan on August 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>
  - d. New STOC website will: SaukTrailsMadisonOptimist.org
  - e. Age limits will be changing on Oratorical contest
  - f. We need to set up Induction banquet for September
  - g. SWIS convention August 15<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>
  - h. Golf outing will be Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>
  - i. We need a newsletter replacement for Mary
6. Adjourn, next meeting will be August 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. at Wegner CPA's. Bob motions to adjourn, Nancy seconded. Passed unanimously.



## SAVE THE DATE

**STOC Golf Outing**  
**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

Details are pending, but it will be a 9-hole  
 scramble format in the morning

### **Southern Wisconsin (SWIS) District & Future Sauk Trails-Madison Websites**

If you haven't already, take a look at the new [www.swisdistrict.org](http://www.swisdistrict.org) website. One of the main purposes of the website is to have a place where clubs can share their upcoming events and accomplishments. Below is the Accomplishments being shared of our Spartan Youth Service Team JOOI Optimists.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [swisdistrict.org/clubs/accomplishments\\_details.asp?cid=44&uid=CBF6DC0C-4F6D-41E1-A546-3C6769AA72E9](http://swisdistrict.org/clubs/accomplishments_details.asp?cid=44&uid=CBF6DC0C-4F6D-41E1-A546-3C6769AA72E9). The page content includes a banner for 'CLUBS support members, youth & community', a 'Join Now' button, and a section for 'Spartan Youth Service Team - SYSJT, JOOI Optimists'. The text describes the team's community service efforts, mentioning 282 members, 4,699 SYSJT JOOI hours, and 1,862 Outside hours. A photo of the team is shown with the caption 'Spartan Youth Service-JOOI Team Annual Banquet'. The sidebar contains a 'Contact Club' button, 'View Club Site', 'Photo Gallery', and a calendar for July 2015.

Please look around at the website. There are Facebook feeds, U-tube entries, information about many Youth Programs both for District and Clubs, SWIS leader information/pictures, supporting resources for clubs, revolving banners, revolving events/accomplishments, SWIS District Optimist Clubs in Wisconsin by a map, etc. These are just some of the many features of the new website.

A Sauk Trails Madison Optimist Club website has been approved and is in development to coincide with the Southern Wisconsin – SWIS District website, starting October 1 of the 2015-16 year. It will have 'Facebook' feeds from both the Sauk Trails site and the Spartan Youth Service Team JOOI sites.

*Bonnie Spindler, Sauk Trails Madison Optimist and SWIS Webmaster 2014-15 and 2015-16.*



Ed Emmeneger shared his experiences from the fall of 2014 when he walked 775 km across Spain on the French route of the Camino de Santiago. It took him 34 days to make his way from St. Jean Pied de Port, France, to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. The Camino de Santiago originated centuries ago as a pilgrimage to the tomb of St. James.



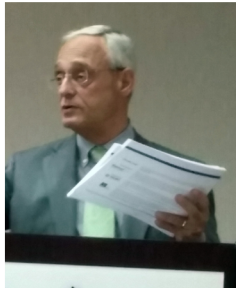
Steve Hanrahan from Habitat for Humanity ReStore spoke about their nonprofit home improvement & donation centers. You can find them in Madison on Odana Road and Monona Drive.

**July In Pictures**

**Photos by Steve Bailey**



Todd Berry from the nonpartisan Wisconsin Taxpayer Alliance gave us an update on the Wisconsin budget including the way we finance transportation.



Doug and Mary Poole shared information about what it’s like to winter in Arizona. Doug told us about volunteering they did at Sunshine Acres Children’s Home in Mesa. The facility opened in 1954 and is now the residential home to 70 children, who may be as young as 3 and can stay as long as they need to, sometimes through college. Truly inspirational.

**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.**