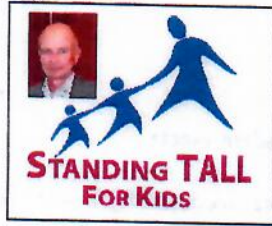




Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



August 2013

**Schedule: Wednesday's
11:45 – 12:45 Noon,
Radisson Inn, Madison**



Dear STOC Members and Friends,

One of the best parts of the Wednesday luncheons is when I present a plaque with the Optimist Creed to our guest speaker. Our guest is surprised by the gift and they often comment on how wonderful and meaningful the creed is.

If you are a regular at lunch, you often say (and think about) the Creed. If you haven't had the opportunity lately, take a minute to find it in this newsletter and give it a read.

My favorite line is the first one. *Promise yourself...to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.* What's yours?

Optimistically,
Mary Schwartz
Club President

P.S. Don't forget our Sauk Trails Optimist Happy Hour on Wednesday, August 14th!!



Upcoming Meetings:

- August 7** TBA
- August 14** No Lunch Meeting – Happy Hour 5:30 – 7:00
- August 15** Board Meeting – All are Welcome
- August 21** Jodi Farritor – What's going on at Epic?
- August 28** President Mary – Wrapping it Up

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
STOC Regular Board Meeting
Wegner CPAs Office – July 10, 2013
(Pending Board Approval)

Board Members in Attendance:

President: Mary Schwartz Vice-President: Pete Graven Sec/Treas: Bob Wortinger
Board Members: Dan Bergs, Rick Conne, Diane Hoebel, Carole Klopp
Board Members Absent: Liv, Jacci, Tracey Others Attending: Bonnie Spindler (President-elect)

The meeting was called to order by Mary Schwartz at 7:55 AM. A motion was made by Carole, seconded by Diane and passed, to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2013 Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Bob asked for questions regarding the June, 2013 financial statements. STOC had an operating cash balance of \$3,885 as of June 30 and Foundation cash and investment balances totaled \$13,336. The Board discussed one outstanding account receivable balance – Jacci will be asked to follow-up on this. A motion was made by Rick, seconded by Dan and passed, to accept the June, 2013 Treasurer's Report.

Membership Report: The next evening happy hour membership event will be on August 14 and will replace that week's lunch meeting. There will be a \$5 charge to members only for this event which will be billed in October. STOC's membership remains at 40 regular members plus 6 FOO's for a total of 46 members. The September 30, 2012 numbers were 41 regular members plus 5 FOO's also for a total of 46.

Speaker Schedule: Our July 17 meeting speaker, Mary Anne Brown, has invited several friends to attend our lunch meeting and listen to her presentation – they will be paying for their own meals.

Service/Volunteer Committee: The June Monday at Reach-a-Child event went well with approximately 8 members attending and working and then going to Monk's afterward. Volunteers prepared handwritten postcards which were sent to potential corporate sponsors. Excessive heat is an issue during the summer months at their warehouse.

The Board discussed other service projects which STOC members could participate in. Carole will bring a list of JOOI projects planned for the coming school year for discussion at a future STOC Board meeting. Rick and Carol noted that there are currently six JOOI committees with each of our three advisors leading two. More STOC members could be involved to cut down on the number of committees per advisor. This will be brought up at future lunch meetings.

Summer Pool Party: The STOC summer party remains on track for the evening of July 18 at Jacci and Ted's home. This will be a potluck except for the main course. Following discussion, a motion was made by Carole, seconded by Rick, and passed, to increase the 2012-2013 operating budget for this line item from \$100 to \$150.

Finance/Fundraising Committee: It was noted that the W club did not get this year's contract to handle UW concessions. It is not yet known if the new vendor will be using local clubs. Concession stand revenues accounted for over 25% of our 2012-2013 fundraising.

Mary will send letters to STOC members by September reminding them of the importance of donations to our Foundation.

Social/Membership Committee: The Committee members met with Mary to discuss approaches to attracting younger members to STOC. Various approaches were discussed including using Craig's List (came out of the February, 2013 SWIS Conference). This topic will be a discussion item at an upcoming lunch meeting.

STOC Calendar: The next STOC Board meeting is scheduled for 7:45 on August 15. The September Board meeting will be held on September 11 at 5:30 at Basie's and the October Board meeting is scheduled for October 15 at 7:45 AM. The STOC annual banquet is scheduled for September 25.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2012-2013

Not sure yet if this would work.

Event Calendar:


- August 14** *STOC Happy Hour – Invite your friends!*
- August 16-17** *SWIS Convention at the Country Springs Inn, Pewaukee, WI*
- August 24** *Volunteer at Ride for REACH a Child*
- Sept. 25** *Recognition/Induction Banquet*
- October 9** *MASCC Luncheon*

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ANY Sauk Trails Club Optimists

There should be club representation at each quarterly conference to acquire the information for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Please put these dates on your calendar and try to make at least one of these SWIS Conferences.

Our District Convention is set for August 16-17, at the Country Springs and Conference Center In Pewaukee.



**2012-2013
 Committee
 Leadership**

Social & Membership
 Jacci See
 Liv Sandberg
 Tracey Ziegler

Service & Volunteerism
 Carole Klopp
 Rick Conne

Fundraising
 Pete Graven
 Dan Bergs

**Sauk Trails
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 2012-2013**

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 Mary Schwartz

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 Jacci See

Vice President
 Pete Graven

Board of Directors
 Dan Bergs
 Carole Klopp
 Rick Conne
 Liv Sandberg
 Tracey Ziegler
 Diane Hoebel

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS TO:

Bob Wortinger 8/4
B.J. Bailey 8/8
Steve Bailey 8/28
Christian Gridley 8/31

Many Thanks to Ted and Jacci See for opening their home and POOL to us for our annual pool party. 30 or so people enjoyed fabulous kabobs and great fellowship. A good time was had by all!! Thanks again to Jacci & Ted!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Football Frenzy: Our Club has tickets for the 2013 Football Season from September 8, 2013 through December 29, 2013-17 weeks. The tickets sell for \$20 each and are an excellent fund raiser as we should receive back \$11 or more for each ticket we sell. I have tickets and will be at the weekly meetings to give them to members who are interested in selling. If you are interested in purchasing for yourself or having some to sell to friends and cannot make the luncheon meetings, I can be contacted by phone at 833-7244 or e/mail at genespindler@charter.net

Ride 4 REACH a Child – Saturday, August 24th at Capital Brewery. Our club is providing volunteers for this important fundraiser. The event begins in the morning and ends early afternoon. We will help register participants and serve lunch. Watch for more details!

Happy Hour – Wednesday, August 14th – 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Basie's at The Radisson, 6617 Grand Canyon Drive

Nacho Bar & Half-Price Drinks!

Drinks are BYOW (Bring Your Own Wallet)

There will be a \$5 charge for members only.

All Optimists, Spouses/Significant Others, & Friends

RSVP if possible to Jacci See at 608-828-5105 or seej@firstweber.com.

Deb Jacobson, RN Clinical Outreach Coordinator for Agrace HospiceCare, spoke at the July 24th luncheon. She wanted to share her contact information to STOC club members in case any of us have a need or would like to learn more about Agrace and the services they offer.

Deborah.jacobson@agrace.org

Phone: (608) 276-4660

<http://www.agracehospicecare.org>

All about JOOI



Co-Presidents Jane and Nathan

ADVISERS WANTED!!!

This is your opportunity to become more involved with our JOOI Club, The Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team. We need 2 or 3 Optimists who can act as mentors to JOOI committees at the SYSJT meetings, Wednesdays after school at 3:45. You will provide guidance as students plan and carry out their projects. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Rick Conne at rjconne@charter.net.

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The SYSJT officers and board members will have their annual leadership training and planning retreat on August 13 and 14. The students work with their advisers to get ready for the upcoming school year. The first club meeting will be Wednesday, September 11th.

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.**

July Meeting Speakers

July 3rd No speaker...holiday.

July 10th Diane Hoebel invited Joel Weitz from Vitense Golf and Country Club to come and share all that's been going on there.

July 17th Author Mary Anne Brown on "The Secrets of Living The Life of Your Dreams" We had some extra guests as she put out a notice of her talk via social media.

July 24th. Barb Sheeran Hill invited Deb Jacobson from Agrace Hospice Center.

July 31st. Kathy Johnson has a good eye for a speaker...it's her Optometrist Dr. John Bonsett-Veal speaking on his adventure to Morocco with Leadership Wisconsin.



Joel Weitz of Vitense Golf and Country Club



Mary Anne Brown



Deb Jacobson from Agrace Hospice Center



Dr. John Bonsett-Veal

