



Pathways



# Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



**January 2012**

**Schedule: Wednesday's 11:45 –  
12:45 Noon ; January 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> we  
will meet at Denny's West Towne**



Hello Optimists!!

We're off to a rather good start with over 14 members attending our noon meetings this past month—and that's close to 50% of our membership! We do have a new member, who is familiar to most of you, and that is my best friend, Ted See; Ted has attended all the meetings so far and will be an asset to our club, I know! Now it is your turn, everyone of you, to bring your spouse, friend, acquaintance to join us and grow our club!

Several members responded to our informal survey regarding meeting every week or meeting 2 weeks/month. Most were okay with either way, although some thought we might have better attendance with 2/month; the Board discussed this at our monthly meeting on December 8 and has decided to keep our programs on a weekly basis. For those of you who cannot make every meeting, perhaps you can set a New Year's Resolution to make at least 1/month or better yet, 2 times/month!! We want to see you!

Our meetings have certainly been interesting and enjoyable! With every member in charge of a program, we are getting a lot of variety. The schedule for January and the first two weeks of February is as follows:

- January 18: Steve Bailey
- January 25: Mark Kraemer
- February 2: Rick Thomas
- February 9: Mary Schwartz

If you are not on the list, please let me know what week you would like to be in charge of the speaker—whether you invite someone in to speak or whether you would like to tell us more about yourself and your work. Not only are we Friends of Youth, but we are friends! And that is what makes our club strong and still going!! Let's make it better with even more friends!

Editors note: since this Wednesday is my week for a speaker, I thought I'd promo him now...He is Jay Wilson of Channel 3 Sports. He will have a short presentation, but he really likes Q & A, so invite guests and come with some good questions. We will be meeting at Denny's across from West Towne this Wednesday and next. See you there.

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Sauk Trails Optimist Club  
First Weber Office – January 12, 2012 Board Meeting

Members in Attendance:

President: Jacci See

Past President: John Scherer

Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

Board Members: Mary Schwartz, Darrin Sharp, Gene Spindler

The meeting was called to order by Jacci See at 7:45 AM. A motion was made by John, seconded by Mary and passed to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2011 Board Meeting with no revisions.

Treasurer's Report

Bob asked for questions regarding the December financial statements which were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. There are still 2 receivables outstanding for Koeze Nut sales to finish that project. When these are received, our profit for this year should be \$1,438 compared to about \$1,700 last year. Thanks to Rick for coordinating another successful sales drive. Kathy and Ray were neck and neck each with over \$1650 in sales (35% of our total sales each!) and Steve had nearly \$600 in sales (13%). Discussed 3 current members with receivables outstanding from October – John will follow-up with each of them. Another letter will be sent this week to a former member who still has a significant receivable owed to STOC. STOC membership remains at 30 regular members plus one FOO. A motion was made by John, seconded by Gene and passed to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Weekly Meetings

Jacci led discussion regarding alternatives for a new location. We are no longer meeting at The Vintage and while the food and service were good the last two weeks at Claddaugh, they do not have a private room and it has been too noisy. Following discussion, it was agreed to have the next two lunches at Denny's across from West Towne and the following two at Bella Vita (the old TGI Fridays also across from West Towne). We will also consider Johnny's Italian Steakhouse, The Radisson and Pedro's as possible options for permanent locations.

Jacci noted that members have been doing a good job of coming up with speakers. Steve has lined up Channel 3 Sports Director, Jay Wilson, as our speaker for next week!

Website

John and Jacci are working on a website option for STOC. If we have any in-house experts please let one of them know.

Progressive Dinner

Mary volunteered to organize this year's progressive supper. It is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, February 19.

SWIS Optimist Essay Contest

John volunteered to attend the next JOOI club meeting on January 18 to provide them with information on the upcoming Essay contest. Three STOC members will be needed to act as judges for this event. Our due date to receive essays is currently set for February 8. John will also be encouraging JOOI involvement to assist STOC at the May 5 Special Olympics and will comment on our scholarship program.

Service Club Olympics

Jacci reported on correspondence she received from MASCC looking for feedback on how to revitalize this event. The general consensus from MASCC so far is to cut the event way back with either an evening or luncheon banquet to honor the "Olympian of the Year" and perhaps only 5 – 10 competitive events with no overall team competition. Jacci will be sending this out to STOC members for additional feedback which she will be forwarding to MASCC.

SWIS 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Conference

Jacci noted that the next SWIS District Conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 11 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Middleton. Concerns were expressed that while we want to encourage very strong attendance for this event, after the November conference which is only 1 of 4 District conferences, we have used \$180 of our \$400 budget and it does not appear that we are going to have an overall budget surplus at the end of the year to provide a cushion here. A motion was made by John, seconded by Darrin and passed that effective immediately STOC will pay 50% of the registration fee for each club attendee at SWIS District conferences and the attendee will be responsible for the other half. The total registration fee for the February conference is expected to be \$30.

Other

Jacci noted that Dan Bergs, Tracy Ziegler, and Rich Schultz were all recent visitors at lunch meetings. It appears that Dan will be filling out an application to join STOC.

John reported on a recent meeting he and Alison had with Jeanne Harrelson of Breakfast Optimists. Their club meets Tuesday mornings at the Lussier Center and their membership mix and activities seem to be relatively similar to STOC. We will continue dialogue there.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9 @ 7:45 at First Weber.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM. Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2011-2012

## SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB JOOI SCHOLARSHIPS

Two students, normally one female and one male, from James Madison Memorial High School who are members of the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team are eligible for the two scholarships awarded annually by the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. The actual amount of the scholarship will be determined annually by the Sauk Trails Optimist Club Youth & Community Foundation Board. A list of potential scholarship recipients will be nominated to the James Madison Memorial High School Scholarship Committee for final selection.

### Criteria For Selection Process

In order to be considered for this scholarship, students must meet the following criteria:

#### 1. COMMUNITY SERVICE

- a. Student is a member in good standing of the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team at James Madison Memorial High School.
- b. Student has participated in community service for an extended period of time as documented by the JOOI Team advisers.

#### 2. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- a. Student meets academic requirements for high school graduation.
- b. Student has applied for admission to either a 2 year or 4 year college or technical/vocational school.

#### 3. FINANCIAL NEED

- a. Student has applied for scholarships based upon financial need.

The Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team just exceeded 200 members within the last week. This year's Board of Directors are an extremely dedicated group with service project sign-up sheets filling the wall for students to sign up for weekly. This past week JOOI members voted to provide the following donations: \$300 to the The Road Home, \$200 to the Lussier Community Education Center, and \$100 to Middleton Outreach Ministry. Students presented on each non-profit at the Wednesday meeting and the entire club voted on the amounts to be awarded. The money was raised last year at the football concessions. Oh, looking ahead, Friday, April 13th, 2012 will be SPIRIT Day at Memorial = where over 300 students spend the morning volunteering in the community. The JOOI Team will be looking for chaperones to help with that event. If you can help, please let one of the advisers know - Rick Conne, Carole Klopp, Mary Schwartz, or Rick Thomas. Many thanks to all of you for your ongoing support of this dedicated youth group at Memorial!

## Sauk Trails Progressive Dinner Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** for our annual Sauk Trails Progressive Dinner. Optimists and their spouses or significant others are welcome. This is one of our best social events!

**Appetizers from 3:45 to 5:00 PM**

**Main Entrée from 5:15 to 6:30 PM**

**Dessert from 6:45 to 8:00 PM**

We are currently looking for members to host each course. Please contact Mary Schwartz at [schwartzmry@aol.com](mailto:schwartzmry@aol.com) or 576-5711 if you would like to volunteer your home.

We ask that those attending each bring a dish to pass at one of the 3 houses. Watch for the sign-up coming soon.

### 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.

Feb. 10-11, 2012 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr Conference, Middleton

May 11-12, 2012 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr Conference, Wilderness-Dells

Aug. 24-25, 2012 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr Convention, Sheraton, Madison

### 2010-11 STOC Committee Chairs

#### Volunteer/Service

Carole Klopp-liaison  
Bonnie Spindler  
Pat Beiersdorf

#### Fundraising

Darrin Sharp-liaison  
Kevin Campos  
Kathy Johnson

#### Social

Ray Schmitz-liaison  
Alison Scherer

#### Speakers

Chairs?

#### Membership

Mary Schwarz-liaison  
Chairs?

### Sauk Trails Club Officers 2011-2012

#### President

Jacci See

#### Secretary/Treasurer

Bob Wortinger

#### Past President

John Scherer

#### Vice President

Gene Spindler

#### Board of Directors

Mary Schwartz  
Carole Klopp  
Darrin Sharp  
Ray Schmitz

**HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS  
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November Newsletter  
Articles Due by  
10/30/2011

Hello,

Just wanted to give everyone an update on Bucky Books.

First I'd like to Congratulate our top Bucky Books sellers for 2011. **Congratulations for the 2nd year in a row to Alison and John Scherer.** Can you believe they SOLD 25 Bucky Books for our Club. Great Job!! Thanks also to John and Alison for donating the 4 books they got for free for selling all those books. STOC will profit 100% on the sale of those books. We appreciate your donation.

All of our 67 books have been spoken for but that doesn't mean you have to stop selling now. If you have anyone that does want to buy one from you just send them to [www.buckybook.com](http://www.buckybook.com) to order their book and it will be shipped right to them. Tell them to make sure they give credit to **Sauk Trails Optimist Club** upon checkout and we will still get the \$15 sent to our club. What a great deal!

Also, remember that you can go on the site at anytime and print off coupons.

There are a couple people that still owe money for the books they took. If that's you please talk to Bob Wortinger to get squared away asap so we can close the books on the original order.

Thanks again to everyone who SOLD books this year, we appreciate it very much. After all books are paid for our profit will be \$1145.

Thanks and have a great day!

Kevin Campos

## **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.**