



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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

July 2015

Greetings Optimists!

Summer is now upon us. Things have slowed down for STOC in the month of June. School is now done for summer and the Spartan Youth Service Club is also taking a break. Here's something to look forward to – watch for our club social in July or August.

I hope that everyone has some time to spend with their families and taking some vacations for the summer. I am looking forward to some fun events during the summer and enjoying some more time off.

We would like to have some more attendance at the club meetings. I know summer schedules are hectic, but we have had some really interesting speakers come from a wide variety of non-profits. At the next Youth & Community Foundation meeting in September, the board will be working on deciding which organizations we would like to donate to for this year.

The club might add another volunteer opportunity by working with the Evening Meals on Wheels program. We will likely bring in the trainer for a lunch meeting to get everyone trained who would like to participate in this program.

I hope that everyone has a great 4th of July weekend. Thanks for all of your work that you do for our wonderful club and community.

Optimistically,
Dan Bergs
Club President
dan.bergs@wegnercpas.com



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



Everyone should have the opportunity to serve their club. That's why I'm giving some lucky STOC member the chance to become 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).

July Birthdays



- 5 Julie Thomas
- 6 Dale Kalscheur
- 6 John Scherer
- 14 Alison Scherer
- 18 Lori Davis
- 22 Kathie Newman

Newsletter Editor:
 Mary Schwartz
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Sauk Trails Optimist Club Youth & Community Foundation

Fundraising

It was difficult to lose the money we raised at the Badger concession stand at the UW Football games. It greatly affected our ability to provide scholarships and other financial contributions to worthy community causes.

Thanks to Diane Hoebel & Nancy Hach, we have a new opportunity to raise money through Madison Festivals. STOC members can volunteer at community events, 'earning' money for our Foundation. Examples are BratFest, the Madison Marathon, and the upcoming Taste of Madison. There are a variety of tasks and hours available.

Nancy is currently working to organize our options for The Taste of Madison, September 5th & 6th. Watch for your opportunity to volunteer. Just think of the money we could raise if every club member volunteered a couple of hours.

If you have questions, contact Nancy at nancyhach@tds.net or Diane Hoebel at hoebels2618@yahoo.com.

Don't Forget to Get Your Football Frenzy Tickets!

Only \$20 each!

Contact Gene Spindler

Your friends probably want some, too!

2015 SWIS District Happenings:

4th Quarter Convention –
 Aug. 14-15 in Brookfield

1st Quarter Convention –
 Oct. 9-10 in Middleton

Sauk Trails Optimists Club Meetings and Other Scheduled Events

July 1 – Ed Emmenegger, Trip to Spain for Camin de Santiago pilgrimage

July 8 – Todd Berry, Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance

July 15 – Need speaker

July 21 – Board Meeting (5pm @ Wegner CPAs) All are welcome.

July 22 – Doug & Mary Poole – Arizona winter vacation

July 29 – Need speaker

Wednesday Lunch Meetings are in Red.

Meet & 'Play Ball'

Two fun Optimist events on Saturday, August 15th. Do one or both!

The **SWIS 4th Quarter Convention** will be held on **Saturday, August 15th** at The Sheraton Hotel in Brookfield. All Optimists are encouraged to check it out. For more information, click <http://swisdistrict.org/conferences/current.asp>

After the meeting, head on over to **Miller Park** where the **Brewers will take on the Phillies at 6:10 p.m.** – the **tailgating starts at 4:30**. Extra bonus – **Goo Goo Dolls concert after the game!** New this year, choice of seats available. Get a discounted price if you sign up before July 19th.

For more details, click http://swisdistrict.org/clubs/calendar.asp?event_date=8/15/2015

SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

MINUTES

PRESENT: Dan, Rick T., Bob, Bonnie, Kathy, Pete, Rick C., Nancy

Absent: Rebecca, Mike, Todd, Diane

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.
2. **Approval of Board Minutes** from 5/19/2015: Kathy moves to approve, Bonnie seconded, Passed unanimously
3. **Acceptance of May Financial Reports:** Bob presented the Financial Report.
 - a. Good cash position.
 - b. 2 members have outstanding balances. Bonnie moves to accept the financial report, Pete seconds, Passed unanimously.
4. **Membership Report Update:**
 - a. 47 members and 0 FOO's as of 6/1/2015. We will follow up with past guests.
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. Bratfest went well but clean up wasn't well organized or explained.
 - b. Madison Marathon went well.
 - c. Meals on Wheels training was done. First group from SYS starts tomorrow. We will look into training more volunteers.
 - d. JOOI Banquet went well. 3 scholarships were given
6. **New Business.**
 - a. Summer social will be in late July or early August
 - b. We are pretty good on speakers for the summer
 - c. Bonnie moved that we vote for Jim for OI President-elect. Bob seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - d. Bonnie presented information for STOC website. Bonnie moved to pay for a 1 year contract. Rick C. seconded. Passed unanimously.
7. Adjourn, **next meeting will be July 21st at 5:00 pm** at Wegner CPA's. Bob motions to adjourn, Nancy seconded. Passed unanimously.

SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
Youth & Community Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 17, 2015
MINUTES

Present: Bob, Nancy, Dan, Rick Conne, Rick Thomas, Pete, Bonnie

Absent: Rebecca, Diane, Mike, Todd

The meeting was called to order at 5:50pm.

1. **Minutes from Previous December Foundation Meeting.** Bob moves to approve, Rick C. seconds, passed unanimously.
2. **Financial Report Discussion 2014-15:** Bob reviewed the financials. We should have some money left over at the end of the year for some donations.. Kathy seconded, passed unanimously
3. **Old Business:**
-Several new fundraisers this year such as Bratfest, Taste of Madison and Madison Marathon
4. **New Business:**
-No new fundraisers needed. We need more people to participate in the ones we have.
-We will table Foundation donations until next meeting.

Next meeting will be in September. Pete moves to adjourn, Nancy seconds, meeting adjourned at 5:56pm.

Southern Wisconsin (SWIS) District Website

If you haven't already, take a look at the new 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 with other clubs besides providing a lot of support information for both clubs and SWIS District.

All Club Leaders, can go into the Leaderboard area, obtain a password, and be able to update the Sauk Trails – Madison Optimist Club Profile, add upcoming events, and put in club accomplishments / pictures to share with other clubs. There is a 'revolving Club/District Events and Accomplishments', on the Home Page to share with other clubs. Below is a screen shot of our club Profile Page for June?



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.

There is also a 'model' Club website which is available that coincides 'seamlessly' with the new SWIS District website. I'll be looking at those features, which includes 'Face book' feeds, as a communication tool for our club membership and also the SWIS District. The evaluation of the 'features' will be proposed for discussion at a future board meeting.

The SWIS 4th Quarter Convention will be held on August 15th at the Sheraton in Brookfield, WI. Optimist Day at Miller Park is planned for 4:30 PM after the convention. (Information and sign-up for the game, is available on the www.swisdistrict.org website. Scroll down on the Home page to the calendar, and click on the August 15th date. NOTICE all the various Upcoming Club EVENTS along the way)

Bonnie Spindler, Sauk Trails – Madison Optimist and SWIS Co-Webmaster 2014-15

June In Pictures

Photos by Steve Bailey



Ted and Jacci See shared their experiences from their Rotary Exchange Trip to Sweden last summer.



Rick Conne presents Helen Zhang with plaque listing her as the May Student of the Month. Helen graduated from Memorial High School and plans to study at UW this fall.



Ed Janus presented a history of dairy farming in Wisconsin going back to the late 1800's. If you would like to learn more, check out Ed's book, Creating Dairyland.

Diane Feest from CareNet shared information about the programs they have available for young women who are or think they may be pregnant. If you would like to volunteer or know someone who may benefit from CareNet, contact www.carenetdane.org or call 608-259-1605.



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.**