



# Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club  
Madison, Wisconsin



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

**December 2017**

## **PRESIDENTS NOTE**

Dear STOC Friends:

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving full of food, football and shopping!! While I avoided the shopping part of that equation, I certainly ate enough food and watched enough football to last me for a while.

By the time you read this, the Christmas present wrapping party and the Lussier Christmas Party will be in our rear view mirror. I want to thank Rick Conne and Frank Rath for all their efforts to make this the great event for the kids at Lussier. It is greatly appreciated!

Again, it is a pleasure to be involved with a group that dedicates their time and talents to making sure that kids have opportunities that they may not always have without our efforts. Thanks for all you do!

Regarding some housekeeping notes, we still have 10 to 12 Bucky Books to sell, and Koeze orders need to be in by Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention our friend Sherri Rath, who passed away last week. On behalf of the Club, I want to extend our prayers and condolences to Frank and his Family.

Finally, I want to wish you all a Blessed and Happy Holiday Season!

Optimistically,  
Dan



# STOC Bulletin Board

**Sauk Trails  
Club Officers  
2017-2018**

**President:** Dan Chart

**Vice President:** John Fons

**Secretary:** Rick Thomas

**Treasurer:** Bob Wortinger

**Past President:** Mike Grasmick

**Board of Directors**  
 Steve Bailey  
 Rick Conne  
 Mary Schwartz  
 Nancy Hach  
 Kathy Johnson

December Birthdays

Mike Gustaafson	5
Dennis Norton	7
Barb Sheeran Hill	20



**Newsletter Editor:**  
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**SWIS Activities**

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Conference

Feb 9-10, 2018

Country Inn Suites, Golf  
 Course, Platteville WI



## Calendar of Events

Date	Speaker	Topic
12/1	VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY	Lussier Christmas Party
12/6	Ken-Adi Ring	Tri-Unity Wellife
12/9	VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY	Xmas Decorating at Rosewood Villas
12/13	Dr. John Kaminski	Alexander Hamilton
12/20	<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>With Ornament Exchange</b>
12/27	<b>NO MEETING</b>	<b>HAPPY HOLIDAYS!</b>

*We have many speaking opportunities in the New Year. Please let us know if you have someone who would like to speak at a lunch meeting.*  
 Speaker Committee: Mary Schwartz, Carole Klopp, John Fons, & Steve Bailey

*Many thanks to these STOC members have spoken or provided speakers in 2017: Jon, Steve, Carole, Mary, Mike, Dan C., Dashni, Liv, Bob, Diane, Jacci, Ted, Rick C., Dan B., and Mark.*



### Contemporary Services Corporation: Fund Raising Opportunity

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, a group of 12 STOC members, met with Peggy Sechtig of Contemporary Services Corporation, regarding a fund raising opportunity. (the guys in the yellow black uniforms at UW events). We were in training for scanning tickets, or ushering at Camp Randall, the Kohl Center, or the UW Field house. We will have opportunities to work at football games, men and women's basketball games, hockey, graduation, band show, etc.

We will earn at least \$9/hr that will go to the Club coffers. The club will be notified before the event of needs that CSC has for that week, and all 12 can sign up or 1 depending on who is available for that event.

It ended up being good night. Pizza was served, we learned a lot about the jobs we would be performing and the Club was paid for all participants that night!



### SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE

[www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org](http://www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org)

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To acquire the newsletter, CLICK on the 'PDF Download' of CHOICE.

### **Call for website sponsors.**

**If you are interested in being a sponsor of the STOC Website for the 2017-18 year, and have your business/name in the rotation on our website, please contact Bonnie Spindler. See contact info below.**

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)

Sauk Trails Website Coordinator

**SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuesday, November 14, 2017  
MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Mike, Rick C., Bob, Rick T., Dan, Nancy, Mary, John

**Others Present:**

**Absent:** Kathy, Steve, Todd

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

1. **Addition to Agenda:** Past presidents invitation
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 10/10/2017.** Todd was absent and Carole no longer on board, Rick C. said we will forgo reviewing bylaws and policies, Nancy moved to approve, Rick C. seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of October Financial Reports:**  
Bob reviewed the financials. , Mary moved acceptance, Nancy seconded. Passed unanimously. Bob moved that we pay \$560 JOI club dues out of the Foundation. Mary seconded, Passed unanimously.
4. **Membership Report Update:**  
We are at 38 members. Mary moved to regretfully accept Mary A.'s request to drop her membership, Nancy seconded, Passed unanimously.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Christmas party – Event will be on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 5-8. We will wrap gifts on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:00
  - b. CSC Training – 11 people were trained. Several events available for those that want to volunteer
  - c. Bucky Books – Nancy suggested a coupon exchange so people get more use out of the book
  - d. Koeze – 1 big order so far, deadline is Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>
  - e. Madison Marathon – Several people worked the event. Thanks to those that helped out
  - f. Speakers – We have had excellent speakers this fall. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> is still open and we need speakers for January.
  - g. Shirts - Tabled until December
6. **New Business**
  - a. Past presidents – Bob passed out a list of past presidents. Still need to fill in a couple of holes in the list of past presidents - Bob will work on this. Further action tabled for next Board meeting. There was also a discussion of having a lunch honoring them.
  - b. OI Foundation Rep – Board discussed who our current rep is or should be.
  - c. Thirsty Goat and Kwik Trip are possible places for fundraisers
  - d. Other ideas for group fundraisers were discussed
7. **Adjourn to December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm, at Park Bank on Deming Way,** John moved to adjourn, Mike seconded, meeting adjourned at 5:47pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Thomas, secretary

**November Luncheon Activities**

**November 1- Student of the Month recognition: Amulya Suresh and Audrianna Wu.**

**Pictured below with JOOI advisors: Rick Conne, Amulya, Carole Klopp, Audrianna, and Rick Thomas and again with their proud parents**

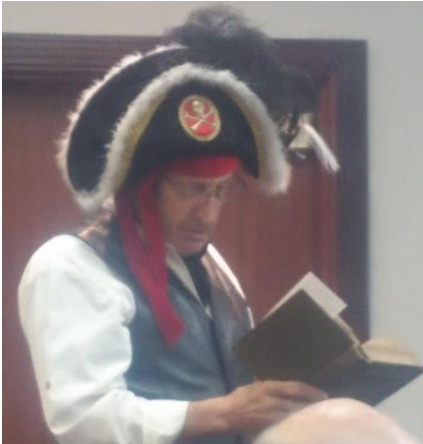


### November Luncheon Activities

November 8 – STOC member, Liv Sandberg, took the club on a virtual trip through Norway, with pictures from her trip in August.

November 15<sup>th</sup> – Andrew Jourdre, President of the Madison Capitals hockey, educated members and shared details about the organization.





STOC member John Fons provides some humor during a luncheon meeting



STOC members enjoyed an evening together wrapping gifts for the Lussier Holiday party.

## **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.**



# Happy Holidays

\* Wishing you all  
the peace and joy  
in this Holiday Season.