



# Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club  
Madison, Wisconsin



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

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**June 2016**

Summer HAS Arrived!

Can't believe it, but the temp hit over 80 degrees today and it was darn hot walking the dog!! Also had brats for dinner – the first ones of the year always taste the best! But, on to STOC news....

This was an exciting month for our club. We recognized 2 students of the month – Claire Sun and Livia Xie! Both wonderful students at Memorial and members of our JOOI Club since they were Freshmen. It's always great when the kids are with us for lunch! We also recognized two officers from the West Precinct for outstanding service to our community at our Respect For Law Luncheon. Captain Vic Wahl gave us a timely update and it was great as always to welcome our local First Responders at lunch.

We also had a NOW meeting this month where we inducted Jessica Grattie and voted for our 2016-17 Officers and Board. They are: President Mike Grasmick, Vice President Dan Chart, Treasurer Bob Wortinger, Secretary Rick Thomas and Board Members: Many thanks to those who have agreed to serve! AND Finally, the NOW Meeting was even more special as Dennis Norton, Kathy Johnson's boyfriend, got down on one knee and asked Kathy to marry her! After she recovered from her shock, she said YES! Many Congratulations to Kathy and Dennis!

Last, but not least, we attended the JOOI Club End of the Year Recognition and Induction Banquet on May 25<sup>th</sup>. The kids decorated and did a great job organizing this event. Many thanks to all the Optimists who came and served dinner to over 60 youth! It was a great evening and fun end of the year event with 18 youth being inducted as the 2016-17 Officers and Board of Directors.

There was also a lot of volunteering this month as helped at the Regional Special Olympics Track and Field event at Oregon HS, we served at Bratfest, the Madison Marathon AND also helped out at REACH-A-Child! This is a wonderful club with many dedicated members who are making a difference for our youth! I know we're all busy, but am hoping to see many of you who haven't been able to make it in the upcoming weeks. There's always room for one more at STOC meetings where "bringing out the best in youth" is our mission!

Looking Forward to Seeing Y'all on Wednesdays!  
Carole Klopp, President ☺



# STOC Bulletin Board

**Sauk Trails  
Club Officers  
2015-2016**

**President:** Carole Klopp

**Vice President:** Mike Grasmick


**Secretary:** Rick Thomas

**Treasurer:** Bob Wortinger

**Past President:** Dan Bergs

**Board of Directors**  
 Steve Bailey  
 Dan Chart  
 Rick Conne  
 Todd Geltemeyer  
 Nancy Hach  
 Diane Hoebel  
 Kathy Johnson

## June Birthdays



Mary Schwartz	2
Rick Conne	5
Ray Schmitz	27
Roberta Sprain	28



## Volunteerism

Thanks to all who have given their time and talents to help our Sauk Trails Optimist Club make an impact in the community. It is your efforts that make the difference! All members should watch for more opportunities to get involved.



## ***'RESPECT FOR LAW' RECOGNITION***

### Respect For Law

Captain Vic Wahl gave an update on the Madison Police Department. MPD covers an areas of over 28 sq mile, 116 public parks and 17 public school districts. Having significantly outgrown their current facilities, intended to house 56 officers but currently housing 93), Captain Wahl reemphasized the importance of a new precinct station on the near west side that is currently in the planning stages. He also provided insight regarding the benefits and challenges of all officers equipped with body cameras.

**Josh Acker** has been with the force for several years and was selected to receive the honor for his dedicated service to the department and his work on the 'Special Events Team.'

**Stephanie Drescher** was honored not only for her outstanding work as an officer, but more notably for patience and abilities as a Field Training officer.



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STO president Carole Klopp honoring Respect for Law awardees Josh Acker and Stephanie Drescher

**Sauk Trails Optimists Club Meetings and Other Scheduled Events**

June 1

June 4 Reach-a-Child Mini Golf Putt Putt Challenge

June 8 TBA

June 14 STOC Board Meeting 5:00 p.m. Park Bank All are welcome.

June 15 TBA

June 22 TBA

June 29 TBA

Club lunch meetings are in blue.

If you have ideas for speakers for lunch meetings, please share with Carole and Mike!

**SWIS District Conferences**

**SWIS 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Convention: August 26-27, at The Sheraton in Brookfield:  
7pm (Fri) & 8:30am (Sat) For details see [www.swisdistrict.org](http://www.swisdistrict.org).**

**98<sup>th</sup> Optimist International Convention: June 30-July 2, 2016, Quebec City, QC, LA**

***Congratulations to our newly elected officers and board members!***

President (1 year term) – **Mike Grasmick**

Vice-President (1 year term) – **Dan Chart**

Board members:

**Rick Conne, Steve Bailey, John Fons, Nancy Hack, Kathy Johnson, Dashni Sathavasium**

Immediate Past President – **Carole Klopp**

*Appointed Positions (by the President):*

Secretary (1 year term) – **Rick Thomas**

Treasurer (1 year term) – **Bob Wortinger**

***Thank you for volunteering your leadership!***



## Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team

It's been a very hectic end of the year for our Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team. Here are the highlights:

### End of Year Banquet

A fun time was had by all at the Spartan Youth Service End of Year Banquet: Hollywood edition. Thank you to all of the Optimists that attended and helped serve food. It was a veritable feast of pizza, subs, salad, and, most importantly, ice cream! The old board was presented with certificates and the new board inducted. The meeting was capped off with everyone reading the Optimist Creed.

Although the school year is wrapping up, the students on the board will attend a leadership retreat in August to prepare for the upcoming year.

### SPiRiT Day 2016

Students had fun at SPiRiT Day where they volunteered at 9 different elementary and middle schools around Madison. When students returned from their service sites they enjoyed presentations about the importance of service in an international and local context. This year's speakers included Lori Diprete Brown, a UW-Madison professor and the Associate Director for Education and Engagement of the Global Health Institute and Police Chief Mike Koval.



Photos:  
Left: Incoming JOOI Officers  
Right: Carole Klopp inducting the new officers



1. & 2. Volunteers set up for carnival at local school and working at the Olson Splash activity.
3. Volunteers helping at Bingo night.
4. Volunteers packaging drawstring bags at Reach a Child warehouse.
5. Volunteers working at the phone bank



STUDENT OF THE MONTH



JOOI Students of the Month recipients from the Spartan Youth Service at Memorial High School are recognized and awarded certificates noting their dedication and four years of service to the club and community. Pictured are together with the recipients Claire Sun and Livia Xie are Spartan Youth Service youth advisors Carole Klopp, Rick Conne, Dashni Sathavasium, & Rick Thomas.



Advisor Rick Conne presenting Student of the Month award to Claire Sun.

Photos by Rick Thomas



Youth Advisor Dashni Sathavasium honoring Student of the Month Livia Xie at a STO lunch meeting.

**How do you turn NOW to WOW?**

**Ask Dennis!**



You really missed a WOW!!! event if you missed the May NOW event! Dennis Norton proposed to STO member Kathy Johnson in front of many friends at the STO NOW meeting. We were all delighted to witness his proposal, with a couple phone camera's rolling to record the moment so they could share the event with family. Tears flowed and cheers went out to the happy couple. And she did squeak out a YES!!! through the tears of joy!

Congratulations to Dennis and Kathy!!!

July Newsletter will feature many photos of our STO members volunteering at both the Madison Marathon and Bratfest activities held over Memorial day.


Here's one teaser.



Diane, Bonnie, and Nancy volunteering at the Madison Marathon.

## SAUK TRAILS – Madison Optimist Club WEBSITE

CHECK OUT the Sauk Trails – Madison Optimist Club Website at: [www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org](http://www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org).



The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with options: Meetings, Events, Join, and About. Below the menu is a calendar for May 2016. The 'Club Accomplishments' section features three articles:

- Lussier - Madison Christmas Party**: Presents, Santa, Juggler, Food for Youth. Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison both Optimists and Memorial High School JOOI Youth coordinated a Christmas Party for over 125 youth at the Lussier Center in Madison. Each child received a present, there was a juggler, Santa appeared, pictures were taken, and food was enjoyed by all present. [Read More](#)
- Essay Contest Participants**: Essay Contestants Participate, Compete & Share with Club. Youth provide essays for competition in judging. The winning essay was sent to SWIS District. All those participating will be sharing at a lunch meeting and will be given club gifts. [Read More](#)
- Respect for Law for West Madison Police**: Honoring Police Officers at Lunches Annually Sauk Trails-Madison Optimist Club honors police officers for their service. [Read More](#)
- Spartan Youth Service Team - SYSJT, JOOI Optimists**: SYSJT, Memorial High School JOOI Optimists Sauk Trails Optimist - Madison Club sponsors a JOOI Club of 282 members at Memorial High School, Madison, WI. [Read More](#)

In the Events > Accomplishments area, there is a general description of some of the past Club Accomplishments. Pictures were recently taken for these 'yearly' accomplishments. Please get me any pictures taken so they can be put on the STOC Website for these annual 2016 events.

Letters to potential 2016-17 STOC Website Sponsors have been sent to businesses. (One approval so far with others anticipated soon). Thanks for all your support.

Optimistically, **Bonnie Spindler**

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**Football Crazz:** At the Optimist Conference on April 30th we received the Football Crazz tickets for 2016. Last year as a Club we sold 72 tickets for which we received \$11 for each ticket sold. I have 100 tickets for the 2016 year. The tickets sell for \$20 and are valid for seventeen weeks of the pro football season beginning September 11, 2016 and ending January 1, 2017. Have individuals fill out the ticket stubs in black ink and have all information on the ticket complete and legible. I will need sold and unsold tickets returned to me by August 17, so it is best to start with our sales as soon as we can. I will have tickets available at most lunch meetings each Wednesday beginning May 4<sup>th</sup> or you can reach me at 833-7244 and we can schedule a time and place to get tickets to you for selling. Checks for purchase should be made payable to FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKES. Gene Spindler-Football Crazz Ticket Coordinator.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Tuesday, May 10, 2016 MINUTES

PRESENT: Dan C., Rick T., Carole, Steve, Rick C., Diane, Bob, Kathy, Nancy, Dan B.

Others Present: Bonnie, Vern

Absent: Mike, Todd

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

1. Addition to agenda: none
2. Approval of Board Minutes from 3/8/2016. Steve moved to approve, Diane seconded, #7 changed to, "adjourn to May 10", Passed unanimously.
3. Acceptance of April Financial Reports:  
Kathy motioned to accept April financial reports. Dan C. seconds. Bob reviewed April's financials. \$225 rescinded from last month but we did spend \$248. Passed unanimously.
4. Membership Report Update:  
No changes from last month
5. Board Organization
  - a. We are behind in our membership goal
  - b. We have 45 regular members and no FOOs
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Service
    1. Oratorical contest- A plaque will be given to the Zone winner
    2. Bratfest – We have 17 people filling 19 shifts
    3. Madison Marathon sign ups are ok but lots more spots available
    4. Reach-A-Child: Mini golf sign ups open for June 4<sup>th</sup> event
    5. Special Olympics Track meet was May 7<sup>th</sup> We had 8 Optimists sign up
    6. Respect for Law is May 11<sup>th</sup>
    7. May 25<sup>th</sup> is the end of year recognition banquet at Memorial
  - b. Social
    1. May 19<sup>th</sup> – Twist NOW Meeting
    2. June 4<sup>th</sup> – Reach a Child mini golf tournament
    3. August ??? Pool Party
  - c. Fundraising
    1. Basketball lottery – There will be no contest this year.
    2. Taste of Madison and a Marathon in the Fall
  - d. Nominating committee will be meeting in the next week
    1. Every position but President and Vice-president is filled
    2. We need to file with OI by May 20<sup>th</sup>
7. New Business.
  - a. Many open speaker spots in June
  - b. Vern brought a request for \$250 sponsorship for an autistic child at Huegel. The board will discuss via email and at the June Foundation meeting
  - c. Dan B. moved to approve the entertainer for the X-mas party, Nancy seconded, passed unanimously
  - d. Payment for Respect for Law lunches will come from the Foundation. We are on budget for the other expenses
  - e. 2016 board meetings scheduled for June 14, July 12, August 9, and Sept. 13
8. Adjourn, next meeting will be June 14 at 5:00 pm. at Park Bank. Diane moved to adjourn, Dan seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Thomas, Secretary

Addition to minutes from the club meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> :  
The following people were unanimously elected to serve on the board for the 2016-2017 Optimist year.



President- Mike G, Vice President – Dan Chart, Treasurer- Bob W, Secretary- Rick T, Past President- Carole K  
Board-Rick C, Board-Steve Bailey, Board John Fons, Board-Nancy Hach, Board-Kathy J, Board-Dashni

### **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.