



# Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club  
Madison, Wisconsin



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

**September 2018**

## PRESIDENTS NOTE

Dear STOC Optimist Friends:

Another month has flown by. August was a great month in many ways. Mustad Days was a lot of fun and it was really nice to see so many STOC Optimists volunteering at the event. I learned how to make balloon animals and now feel like I have a viable retirement career lined up 😊 All kidding aside, Mustard Days is a great fund raiser for us also. We earned \$500.00.

Many thanks to Bob Wortinger for arranging the golf outing on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Even though he 'sand bagged' his team, who just happened to win the outing. It was a lot of fun, thanks to all who participated!

Just a reminder, Foundation Grant Applications are due back to Rick Thomas by the first week in September.

There were some challenges in August with torrential rains and flooding. There were a couple days that the Optimist creed came in real handy while I was moving my office around as we were flooded out. I hope all of you were OK and didn't have too much flooding of your own.

Finally, Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the Banquet. Please save the date. It will be at the Vintage in Sauk City. We thought it would be a good opportunity to see Mark's new place! You can RSVP to me. I will also send out an official reminder this week.

Thanks so much for all you do. It's been a great year.

Optimistically Yours,

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  
Todd Geltemeyer

### April Birthdays

Carole Klopp	4
Mark Kraemer	9
Mary Breunig	20
Jacci See	27
Nancy Hach	27



### SWISS Conference

***Heidel House in Green Lake  
October 12-13<sup>th</sup>, 2018***

***Registration information:***

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

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### SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE

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

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### **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

### STOC Calendar

Date	Speaker	Topic
9/5	NO MEETING	HAPPY LABOR DAY
9/11	STOC Club Board Meeting followed by the STOC Foundation Board Meeting 5:00 p.m.	Park Bank, 8001 Excelsior Dr, Madison, All members are welcome to attend Note the change of address
9/12	OPEN	
9/19	OPEN	
9/26	Bruce Schweiger	UW Madison OJ Noer Turfgrass Research
10/3	STOC Recognition & Induction Banquet	At The Vintage in Sauk City (see details elsewhere in this newsletter)

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: I know that we have members that have interesting hobbies and professions. Please contact me if you would like to talk at a meeting, or if you know of another interesting speaker. We need speakers for fall. **You can help!**  
Mary Schwartz tele. 608-576-5711 or e-mail. [schwrtzmry@aol.com](mailto:schwrtzmry@aol.com)

### **Volunteering at REACH-a-Child:**

There are volunteer days on the last Thursday of each month. Volunteer slots are from 4:00 – 6:00 or 6:00 – 8:00, or you can stay the whole time if you prefer. They are located at 6501 Watts Road, Suite 217, Madison. You can call their office at 608-285-5221 for more information.



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

Thursday, August 16, 2018

**MINUTES****PRESENT:** Dan, Mary, Rick T., Steve, Bob, Rick C., John, Nancy**Others Present:****Absent:** Mike, Kathy, Todd

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

1. **Addition to Agenda:** Bucky Books, Facebook, website
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 7/10/2018.** Bob moved to approve the minutes, Rick C. seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of July Financial Reports:**  
Bob presented the financials from July. Quick Books still working so he hasn't purchased a new license. Mary moved to approve the minutes Rick C. seconded, Passed unanimously.
4. **Membership Report Update:**  
We remain at 37 members. We started the year at 39.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Grant Applications – 2 in so far. They are due on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. Christmas Party Update – Rick C. is working with Frank to plan the party which is on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Banquet – We are looking at the Vintage in Sauk City. Tentatively planned for October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - d. Volunteer Opportunities – Taste of Madison and Madison Marathon.
  - e. STOC Golf Outing – August 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:35

**New Business**

- a. Bucky Books – Dan and Bob possibly picking up books at the end of August. Rick C. moved that we include the Bucky Book fundraising as part of our fundraising program. Mary seconded. Passed unanimously.
  - b. Website – John is going to talk to Bonnie about the website.
  - c. Facebook – We need to update it more regularly. Mary is willing to help with it.
7. **Adjourn to September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm, at Park Bank on Deming Way**, Bob moved to adjourn, John seconded, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Thomas, President

Spartan Youth Service JOI Team Annual Retreat

Once again, the Spartan Youth Service JOI Team Officers & Board of Directors and their STOC Advisers got together for a 2-day retreat in Madison to:

1. Get to know and bond with new Board members;
2. Review operational guidelines (bylaws, etc.);
3. Have fun and play games;
4. Agree on communication strategies;
5. Pick Committee Co-Chairs; and
6. Plan, plan, plan for the new school year including setting Club goals (around number of projects, service hours and number of members), new Member Recruitment and service projects for September.

The Group works hard all day, but takes time to play some games and enjoy each other.

With Grateful Thanks to their Advisers: Carole Klopp, Rick Conne, Rick Thomas and Mary Schwartz! Also, many thanks to Mrs. Schwartz for taking the pictures!!



### STOC Annual Golf Outing a Success

Thanks to some beautiful weather and some equally wonderful golf shots (at least in a few instances!) a great time was had by all.

Pleasant View was surprisingly dried out, although the road was actually closed right in front of the golf course! We had three four-person teams and the team of Liv, Mary S, Joe, and Bob managed to emerge victorious in a tight battle for first.

Everyone went home with prizes and a fun-filled morning. We look forward to even better attendance next year!



**The winning team, yes Bob's sandbag team, had a great time!  
Unfortunately, no other teams took pictures or just didn't want to  
submit them for print! LOL 😊**



National Mustard Day Results in Another Successful Fundraiser for STOC

August 4 proved to be a hot but fun day for over 20 STOC members and friends who turned out to help the National Mustard Museum and their Foundation have another successful National Mustard Day event.

Gorman Thomas (ex-Brewer) was there selling his barbecue sauce and there was lots of musical entertainment led by the Red Hot Horn Dawgs. It was also very enjoyable to see lots of familiar STOC faces helping both kids and adults in the community have a fun-filled day!

In addition, we raised \$500 for the STOC Foundation! Thanks for your support everyone!

Bob Wortinger







STO club lunch meetings.

1<sup>st</sup>: Linda Armas from Prepare Parents, LLC talked making routines easy. Pictures with STOC president Dan Chart

8<sup>th</sup>: Blue birds! Members learned were treated to presentation about bluebirds.

15<sup>th</sup>: Trivia anyone? STOC member and trivia buff, Bob Wortinger provided a fun lunch meeting activity.

22<sup>nd</sup>: speaker had to cancel due to flooding

29<sup>th</sup>: Past International Optimist president, Jim Kondras, spoke to members.



## 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 your 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.

