



# Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club  
Madison, Wisconsin



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

**September 2017**

September 3, 2017

This summer has flown by and fall is around the corner. It is that time of year again to recognize our new officers at our Installation Banquet. This ceremony will be held 6:00 PM on September 20 at Imperial Gardens. In conjunction with this meeting, we will also have a NOW gathering. NOW stands for New Optimists Welcome and is a program designed to capture the interest of prospective Optimist Members. So be sure to reserve this date and bring a guest so they can see what fun people we are and learn what our club does for youth in our community. We will have a silent auction at this event headed up by Kathy Johnson and Steve Bailey. If you have any ideas for donations to this auction let Kathy or Steve know.

We will not have a meeting on September 6. Happy Labor Day! We will not have a meeting on September 20 because of Installation meeting that night.

Optimistically,  
Mike Grasmick, President

*Installation of Officers*

# STOC Bulletin Board

**Sauk Trails  
Club Officers  
2016-2017**

**President:** Mike Grasmick

**Vice President:** Dan Chart

**Secretary:** Rick Thomas

**Treasurer:** Bob Wortinger

**Past President:** Carole Klopp

**Board of Directors**

Steve Bailey  
John Fons  
Rick Conne  
Dashni Sathasivam  
Nancy Hach  
Kathy Johnson

September Birthdays

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| Carole Klopp | 4  |
| Mark Kraemer | 9  |
| Mary Breunig | 20 |
| Dan Chart    | 22 |
| Sherri Rath  | 23 |
| Nancy Hach   | 27 |
| Jacci See    | 27 |



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**SWIS District Conference Schedule**  
**Anyone is welcome to attend!**

Fall conference #1: Oct 27-28, 2017  
Deer Valley Lodge, Barneveld, WI

Winter Conference #2: Feb 9-10, 2018  
Platteville, WI

Spring Conference #3: May 4-5, 2018  
Kalahari, WI Dells

Summer Convention #4: Aug 2018  
Milwaukee, WI

<http://swisdistrict.org/>

| Date  | Speaker               | Topic  |
|-------|-----------------------|--|
| 9/6   | <b>No Meeting</b>     | <b>Happy Labor Day!</b>  |
| 9/13  | Open                  |  |
| 9/20  | <b>Annual Banquet</b> |  |
| 9/27  | Dan Chart             | Member Input Session   |
| 9/28  | <i>Volunteer</i>      | <i>At REACH-a-Child</i>  |
| 10/4  | Cheryl Vickroy        | Travels to the Galapagos Islands                                 |
| 10/11 | Open                  |  |
| 10/18 | Matt Covert           | A Greater Madison Vision<br>Interactive Workshop<br>11:45 – 1:30 |

*Please let us know if you have someone who would like to speak at a lunch meeting. Thanks to all STOC members who have provided speakers, or who have spoken themselves.*

*Speaker Committee: Mary Schwartz, Carole Klopp, John Fons, & Steve Bailey*

**Coming In October...** Matt Covert from the Dane County Regional Planning Commission is coming back to facilitate an interactive workshop on October 18th. This is a follow-up to the presentation he gave in August entitled "A Greater Madison Vision." The workshop is designed to have participants give their input on various regional planning scenarios. The meeting time has been adjusted to 11:45 to 1:30 to allow Matt enough time to properly conduct the workshop. More details in next month's newsletter.

Mark your calendars!

September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Installation banquet for new officers

Silent auction

NOW meeting (New Optimists Welcome)

### FOOTBALL CRAZR UPDATE

**Football Crazr:** The club was successful in selling 70 Football Crazr tickets which have all been turned into Fred Dorn. Last year we received \$12.50 per ticket, however this amount varies each year depending on how many were sold in total by SWIS. (\$875 estimated total earned at \$12.50/ticket)

Thanks to everyone who sold and bought tickets!

Enjoy playing all season and good luck!  
Gene Spindler-Football Crazr Ticket Coordinator.

### SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE

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

Current and previous STOC Newsletters are available as PDF's on the [www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org](http://www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org) website.  
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

**August**

Lunch meeting speakers and activities.



Matt Covert, Capital Area Regional Planning Commission

STOC Steve Bailey Volunteering isn't the only thing Steve does. STOC members were given an overview of the process of being 'voice for hire'.

Mark Kramer Vintage Brewing. New Brewery in Sauk City

Tom Still president of WI Technology Council talking about the FoxCon deal and what it would mean to WI.

**Matt Covert**



**Steve Bailey**

**Mark Kraemer**



**Tom Still**

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

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

**MINUTES****PRESENT:** Mike, Steve, Carole, John, Nancy, Kathy, Dashni**Absent:** Bob, Rick T., Rick C.

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

1. **Addition to Agenda:** JOI Report
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 7/11/2017.** Kathy moved to approve, Steve seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of July Financial Reports:**  
Bob was gone, but shared financials were tabled. Wondered about Bob's comment about Koeze Nuts. With both Rick and Bob gone, should discuss next month. Dan moved acceptance, John seconded, Passed unanimously. Carole questioned the cost of the website when we're part of the district site. Bob will ask Bonnie for clarification.
4. **Membership Report Update:**  
We are at 41 members.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Christmas party – planning status. Rick was not present. No news.
  - b. Kohl Center opportunity – Dan didn't have anything new to report.
  - c. Silent Auction – Dashni replacement? She is irreplaceable! Rick and Steve will help. Have a large donation from Frank Distributors.
  - d. Paid opportunity to earn money through Iron Man – Nancy. There aren't any volunteer opportunities, but Nancy noticed there are "grant" opportunities. Missed this year, but we can write for next year.
  - e. "A Greater Madison Vision" with one of the I-Plan workshops in lieu of a Wednesday meeting. 10+ people for 1.25 – 1.5 hrs. Carole explained the process. Kathy moved to participate, Dan second, discussion ensued. The motion passed unanimously. Mike will ask Mary and Jacci to lead this effort.
  - f. Reminder -Installation of Officers and Silent Auction - 6PM, Sept. 20 at Imperial Gardens. Cost is \$20 per person. All are welcome!
6. **New Business**
  - a. Taste of Madison - Sept 2 & 3. \$10/hr – opportunities to volunteer will be identified at the Wednesday meetings.
  - b. Madison Marathon - November 12. \$9/hr
  - c. JOI Club Retreat went well and the students are working on getting the Obamas for SPIRIT Day in April, 2018.
7. **Adjourn to September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm,** Kathy moved to adjourn, Dashni seconded, meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carole Klopp, Secretary Pro Tem

SYS Student Youth Services

Pictures from the annual summer SYS board retreat. It looks like they not only get work done, but have some fun too!

Advisors: Dashni Sathasivam, Rick Thomas, Carole Klopp, Mary Schwartz, Rick Conne



NO advisors were hurt while taking these photos! 😊



Many STOC members volunteered again this year at the Annual Mustard Days as a club fundraising event.





## 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.