



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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



January 2019

PRESIDENTS NOTE

Dear STOC Friends

Promise Yourself –

“To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.”

“Why don’t you go out and make some friends?”
You’ve heard it said.

‘Make’ is the operative word.

Otherwise you’d just go out and find friends ready made and ready to plug conveniently into your life. Friends take work. You have to make them. Some take more work than others, but they all reap what you sow.

Which leads to the ‘all’ part, assuming you’ve got any friends at all. If you don’t have more friends than you need, then someone who needs you for a friend hasn’t been given the chance to make you their friend.

See how it works?

- John Fons



STOC Bulletin Board

**Sauk Trails
Club Officers
2018-19**

President: John Fons

Vice President: Liv Sandberg

Secretary: Rick Thomas

Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

Past President: Dan Chart

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

January Birthdays

Frank Rath	2
Kathy Johnson	2



Second Quarter SWIS Conference
Feb 15-16, 2019
QBE Sun Prairie WI

Registration information:
www.swisdistrict.org



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Date	Speaker	Topic
01/02	NO MEETING	HAPPY NEW YEAR
01/08	STOC Board Meeting 5:00 pm	Park Bank, 8001 Excelsior Dr., Madison, All members are welcome to attend
01/09	Pauli Sitomaniemi	From Finland to Madison
01/16	Traci Goll	Horizon High School
01/23	Galen Metz	The Non-Financial Aspects of Retirement
01/30	OPEN	

*Please let us know if you have someone who would like to speak at a lunch meeting.
 Speaker Committee: Mary Schwartz & Steve Bailey*

Lussier Christmas Party Report

Once again, Rick and Frank and all the elves provided a wonderful Christmas party for the kids at the Lussier Center on December 7th at the Lussier Center.

There were 142 kids and several adults that joined the festivities. Everyone enjoyed a meal and fun activities such as face painting, decorating cookies, balloon figures, and of course, the main attraction: SANTA! Who brought a gift for all the kids.

Thanks to all who made the event a great time for the families and a fun time for STOC members as well.

See pictures in the photo section of the Newsletter.

Rick Conne & Frank Rath

SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE

www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org

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Call for website sponsors.

If you are interested in also being a sponsor of the STOC Website for the 2018-2019 year, and have your business/name in the rotation on our website, please contact Bonnie Spindler. Thanks to the Park Bank of Madison for their continued sponsorship.

The Sauk Trails – Madison Website is constantly being updated with many pictures in addition to those in the newsletter. To become more familiar with the website and the pictures currently available, see below:

Sauk Trails – Madison Website Pictures

In the **EVENTS** area, click on this link: [CLUB Program Pictures](#) (View 'Photo Galleries')

In the **EVENTS** area, click on this link: [CLUB Accomplish Pictures](#) ('Read More', scroll description)

In the **ABOUT** area, click on this link: [CLUB Photo Gallery](#)

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Sauk Trails Website Coordinator

**SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
Tuesday, December 11, 2018
MINUTES

PRESENT: John, Dan, Mary, Rick T., Steve, Rick C., Kathy, Liv, Todd, Bob

Others Present:

Absent: Nancy

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

1. **Addition to Agenda:** Update on shirts, Progressive dinner
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 11/13/2018.** Kathy moved to approve the minutes, Steve seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of November Financial Reports:**
The board reviewed the financials from November 2018, Dan moved to accept the financials, Liv seconded, Passed unanimously.
4. **Membership:**
Bob moved to accept Ken–Adi Ring as a member, Mary seconded, Passed unanimously.
5. **Christmas Party Recap and Comments:**
Rick C. discussed this year's Lussier X-mas Party. The party went smoothly and on budget. There were 143 kids present. We ran out of mac 'n cheese and were 2 presents short, but Lussier was able to find some to give to the kids.
6. **Bylaw Vote Wednesday, December 12**
 - a. A reminder of the changes that will be voted on was made..
7. **Progressive Dinner, shirts, and past President's lunch:**
 - a. We need to decide on a date in March for the Progressive dinner. Liv, Mary and Jaci will help organize the event.
 - b. Jaci has shirts she will bring to the December 19th meeting.
 - c. Past President's lunch will be held every other year.
8. **Radisson contract – Cost increase**
John spoke with them. They want to keep the menu the same, but will increase the price to \$15/per person. Kathy moved that we give a \$25 tip to Rosa, Liv seconded, Passed unanimously.
9. **Foundation:**
Bob moved that we waive the quarterly Foundation meeting, Kathy seconded, Passed unanimously.
10. **Wheelhouse Studios sponsorship for Writing Seminar**
John spoke with Wheelhouse Studios regarding sponsoring a writing seminar on campus.
11. **Adjourn to January 8th at 5:00pm, at Park Bank on Old Sauk Rd.** Liv moved to adjourn, Steve seconded, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Thomas, President

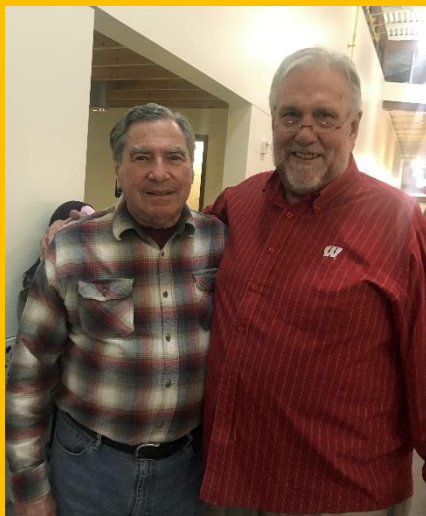
STO club lunch and activities in pictures

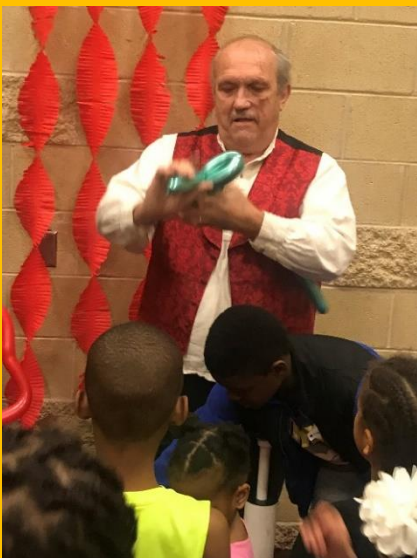
- 1) Erik Salzwedel from Professional Fire Fighters spoke to the STOC members. STOC may be partnering with PFF, planning a Firefighter/EMT annual recognition event.
- 2) Photos from the wrapping party – sorry, were stolen by the Grinch.
- 3) Photos from the Lussier Christmas Party
- 4) Photos from the Annual Ornament exchange luncheon.

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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.

