



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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

September 2015

Greetings Optimists!

I hope that everyone is having a great finish to your summer. Katie and I recently returned from some travels in Colorado and Missouri. It was a great break to enjoy some of the beautiful nature that we have in our country. This year has gone by very fast as September will be my last month as the president of the club.

The month of August is here and gone. School has started back in session. Thank you to our club members who assist with the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team at Madison Memorial. The officers and board members had their leadership training meeting during August and are already working on lots of volunteer activities for the year. SYSJT historically has surpassed 200 members on an annual basis and provides thousands of hours of service, with the vast majority of those hours served in our local communities.

Jacci and Ted See hosted the summer social and a great time was had by all. Thanks to Jacci and Ted for being gracious hosts once again.

We also are starting to do an evening Meals On Wheels program on Wednesdays. Please let Rick Conne know if you are interested in participating. Our year end is coming up September 30th and it has been a great year. This is the time of year we make our club donations from our Youth & Community Foundation. Please let me know if you have suggestions of worthwhile organizations.

Let's close this year out with a bang! Try to attend our weekly club lunch meetings and bring guests to join us. We are always looking for new members to join our fun club. It has been great serving as the President of the Sauk Trails Optimist Club and I look forward to staying involved in the future. Thanks to all of you for being wonderful members and for your support throughout this year.

Optimistically,
Dan Bergs
Club President
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Thank
You

STOC Bulletin Board

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2014-2015

President: Dan Bergs

Vice President: Kathy Johnson

Secretary: Rick Thomas

Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

Past President: Bonnie Spindler

Board of Directors

Rick Conne
 Todd Geltemeyer
 Mike Grasmick
 Pete Graven
 Nancy Hach
 Diane Hoebel
 Rebecca Turner



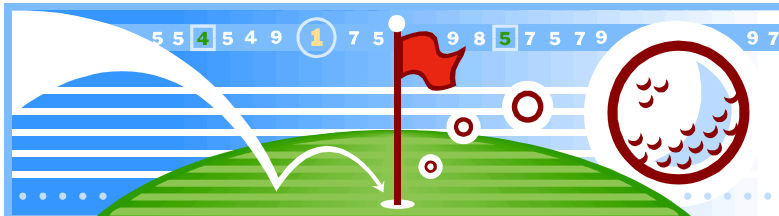
Thanks to Ted and Jacci See for hosting our annual STOC Summer Social. We appreciate your time and efforts in making it an enjoyable evening for all!

September Birthdays

Carole Klopp	4
Jeannie Bettesworth	9
Mark Kraemer	9
Mary Bruenig	20
Dan Chart	22
Sherri Rath	23
Nancy Hach	27
Jacci See	27



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STOC Golf Outing
Saturday, September 26th
Nine holes starting at 10:00 a.m.
at Pleasant View Golf Course
in Middleton

Stay for lunch in the clubhouse after the round.

Open to all members and their spouses or significant others.

If you are interested in signing up, please contact Bob Wortinger at rwortinger@tds.net.

(By the way, no conflict with the Badger game – they play at 7:00 p.m.)

Bucky Books are here!

Pick them up at a lunch meeting or contact Dan Bergs. The Books cost \$35, with \$15 going to the club. Checks can be made payable to Sauk Trails Optimist Club.

Sales will continue through September.

Support the STOC Youth & Community Foundation – buy one or sell many.

Sauk Trails Optimists Club Meetings and Other Scheduled Events

September 2	Laura Wilson, Transferring your Value – not just Money to Next Generation
September 9	Janelle Higgins, data security
September 16	Greg Markle, Operation Fresh Start
September 22	Club Board Meeting @ 5pm @ Wegner CPAs (the Youth & Community Foundation board meeting will follow)
September 23	Bonnie Spindler, new SWIS website
September 26	STOC Golf outing @ Pleasant View 10:00 a.m.
September 29	Annual Recognition & Induction Banquet at Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano
September 30	NO LUNCH MEETING

Weekly lunch meetings in red.

Sauk Trails Optimist Club Annual Recognition & Induction Banquet

Tuesday, September 29, 2015
Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano
601 Junction Road, Madison

5:30 Cash Bar & 6:30 Dinner with Program to Follow

Watch for more details...

All STOC members (and their spouses or significant others) should plan to attend!

RSVP by Wednesday, September 23rd

Sign up at a lunch meeting or by contacting Carole Klopp at klopp@charter.net.

Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team

The officers and board members gathered for leadership training on August 11 & 12. By the end of the very productive session, the students had learned about Optimism, Robert's Rules of Order, & how to effectively run a committee. They also set goals for the year that include (1) 300 members; (2) 6,000 hours of service; and (3) 100% volunteer turn-out. They organized their first service projects, many having to do with the students coming back to school. Oh yes, there was also time for fellowship during dinner and later at the pool. The kids worked hard and the advisors were proud. Looks like the SYSJT could accomplish great things this year!

SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, August 25, 2015
MINUTES

PRESENT: Dan, Rick T., Bonnie, Rick C., Nancy, Carole, Diane, Mike, Kathy

Absent: Rebecca, Todd, Pete, Bob

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.
2. Approval of Board Minutes from 7/21/2015: Rick C. moves to approve, Bonnie seconded, Passed unanimously
3. Acceptance of July Financial Reports: Dan presented the financial report prepared by Bob. Good cash position. 2 members have outstanding balances who will be contacted. Diane moves to accept the financial report, Mike seconds, Passed unanimously.
4. Membership Report Update: 47 members and 0 FOO's as of 8/1/2015. 1 new member turned in application last week. Mary A. Bonnie motions to accept her as a new member, Rick C. seconds, passed unanimously. We are even for the year.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Meals on Wheels training was done last week at the meeting. First group from SYS has started. They may take on a 2nd night.
 - b. Summer social was well attended and went over well
 - c. Volunteer opportunities at Taste of Madison are limited but some are available. Website will be sent out to the club.
6. New Business.
 - a. 70 tickets for Football Crazr have been sold
 - b. Taste of Madison <http://madisonfestivals.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=9876>
 - c. Bucky Books will be picked up this week by Dan
 - d. Banquet will be the last week of September at Biaggi's
 - e. We need to set up Induction banquet for September
 - f. Bonnie will present on new SWIS and new STOC websites
 - g. MASCC luncheon will be Oct. 21 at the Sheraton
 - h. Golf outing will be Sept. 26th
 - i. Rick C. reported on status of Christmas party planning, Dec. 4th or 11th from 5:00-8:00
 - j. We need a newsletter replacement for Mary
7. Adjourn, next meeting will be **September 15th at 5:00 pm.** at Wegner CPA's. Kathy motions to adjourn, Bonnie seconded. Passed unanimously.

2015 SWIS District

Happenings:

1st Quarter Conference – Oct. 9-10 at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton

If you haven't ever attended a conference, this one is close to home and would be a good one to attend. There is more information available at the www.swisdistrict.org website in the District Conferences area. While in the website, look around to see what else is there. Also check out the Optimist Club area where the Featured Club is our own Sauk Trails Madison Optimist Club.

August In Pictures

Photos by Steve Bailey



SWIS Governor & STOC member, Jeff Kuchenbecker gives us an update on how the SWIS District is working to spread Optimism.

Vice-President Kathy Johnson fills in for vacationing President Dan.



Bonnie and Jeff in action at the recent SWIS District Convention.



Rick Thomas shared information about his hobby of roasting coffee beans. He gave great information about the variety of beans available & different roasting techniques. He finished off with some great coffee samples.



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 at 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.**