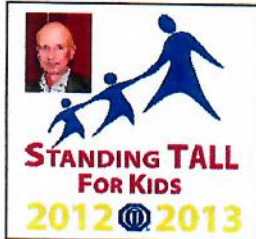




Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison

February 2013



Schedule: Wednesday's
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Radisson Inn, Madison



“Promise Yourself...

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.”

The second line of our Optimist creed asks us to spread Optimism by talking to ‘every person you meet.’ I love our club and am proud of the way we enthusiastically make a difference in our community, so why am I not telling more people the story of Sauk Trails Optimist Club?

I think we can all agree that it would be easier for people to join our club if they know about it. I’m challenging myself and each of you to invite at least one guest to a meeting during the month of February. Let’s fill the room. Our club can do more with more members. Just ask someone if they want to be a part of us.

President Mary

Upcoming Lunches (and opportunities to invite guests!):

February 6th Cruising the Danube: Vacation Tales by Mary Schwartz

February 13th Valentine’s Day Fun

February 20th Will Green from Mentoring Possibilities

February 27th Sarah Pickard from Girls on the Run

Do you know someone who would like to share information at a lunch meeting?? Our best speakers are introduced by our members. Speakers should have a topic that is youth-oriented or provides information that could be of service to club members. We also invite club members to share information about themselves. Please contact President Mary (schwrtzmry@aol.com) to reserve a date or with information about a potential speaker.

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
STOC Regular Board Meeting
First Weber Realty Office – January 9, 2013

Members in Attendance:

President: Mary Schwartz Sec/Treas: Bob Wortinger Past-Pres: Jacci See
Board Members: Dan Bergs, Diane Hoebel, Liv Sandberg, Tracey Ziegler
Members Absent: Rick, Pete, Carole

The meeting was called to order by Mary Schwartz at 7:55 AM. A motion was made by Jacci, seconded by Diane, and passed, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2012 Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Bob asked for questions regarding the December, 2012 financial statements. STOC had an operating cash balance of \$2,799 as of December 31. Foundation cash balances (less an outstanding payable to Bucky Books) totaled \$10,943 as of December 31. A motion was made by Tracey, seconded by Diane, and passed, to accept the December, 2012 Treasurer's Report.

Other Financial Matters

The Board discussed moving a portion of the Foundation funds currently held in Savings to a Vanguard bond fund. Following discussion, a motion was made by Tracey, seconded by Jacci, and passed, to authorize the STOC Secretary-Treasurer and an additional person as designated by the Board to open a Vanguard Short-Term Bond Fund account for STOC and to act as authorized signatories for this account. The initial investment will be \$3,700. The account balance will be reviewed and discussed at least annually at the beginning of each fiscal year and will be included in the Treasurer's monthly reports. Additionally, the balance of JOOI funds should continue to be maintained in a STOC checking or savings account. A motion was made by Jacci and seconded by Dan, and approved, to name Dan Bergs as the second authorized signatory for the Vanguard investment account.

Consistent with the original approved motion from the May 11, 2011 STOC Board Meeting, a balance of 75% of funds raised in the previous year plus a \$2,000 buffer should be maintained in checking. This calculation using September 30, 2012, balances results in an amount to invest of \$3,724 resulting in the \$3,700 approved by the Board.

Membership Report

There continue to be only two STOC members with outstanding dues at this point and both date back to April. Board members will continue to follow-up with these members. Carole is working with Jacci to prepare a new batch of STOC membership brochures.

Tracey and Mary led discussion regarding holding a NOW/"Business Blitz" meeting in the west Madison/Madison Memorial area. This will be planned for March or April (March 13 was tossed out as a preliminary date) and discussed

further at the next Board meeting.

A request was received from Kevin Campos to terminate his membership with STOC. Following discussion and recognition of Kevin's outstanding contributions to STOC including serving as President, a motion was made by Jacci, seconded by Tracey, and passed to approve Kevin leaving STOC.

STOC's membership as of January 9, 2013 is at 39 regular members plus 6 FOO's for a total of 45 members. The September 30, 2012 numbers were 41 regular members plus 5 FOO's for a total of 46 members.

Essay and Oratorical Contests

Mary noted that Tracey previously volunteered to serve as club leader for the Essay contest. Mary is still looking for a leader for the oratorical contest to determine if we can generate enough interest to hold this event.

Progressive Dinner

This year's Progressive Dinner event is again a potluck, scheduled for February 10 at the homes of Rick Conne (appetizers), Bob Wortinger (main course), and Bonnie and Gene (dessert). Bonnie is in charge of this event and is handling sign-ups.

Facebook

Tracey noted that she continues to need new information from members to keep our Facebook site up-to date.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

REACH a Child - Join us to work at the warehouse on Monday, February 25th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. The warehouse is located at 8459 Murphy Drive, #4 in Middleton (located just down the street from UPS). Activities include organizing the books, putting stickers on books, and stuffing backpacks. This is a scheduled activity on the 4th Monday of each month.

Special Olympics Track Meet - Save the Date - Saturday, May 11th. More information to follow.

JOOI Club News

The Sauk Trails Optimist Club sponsors a JOOI Club at Memorial High School called the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Club. It meets on Wednesdays from 3:45-4:15 in the Fox Neighborhood Center (a.k.a The Fish Bowl) inside Memorial High School. We currently have 4 advisors, 3 from STOC and 1 teacher from Memorial. Our club advisors are: Carole Klopp, Rick Conne, and Rick Thomas. Mr. O'Shea is our in-school advisor.

Every year we have from 150-200 participants who are asked to do a minimum of 15 hours of volunteering within our community. Many of the students do much more than that. The club tracks the students' volunteer hours through all 4 years of high school so that students can be recommended for colleges, scholarships and jobs when they complete high school. Some of the students' favorite projects include: Service Begins at Home, Badger Concessions, Haunted House and serving meals at the Ronald McDonald House. If you are interested in helping with the club, please contact any of the advisors for more information.

Committees

Committees are an important part of our club. They offer members an opportunity to become involved and to play an important role in making our club successful. Please choose the committee you would like to join.

Social & Membership – Plans social events for club members and develops ways to build club membership.

Service & Volunteerism – Helps to organize volunteer opportunities for club members.

Fundraising – Develops ways to raise funds for the Youth & Community Foundation.



January Meeting Highlites

Our January 9th speaker was Tammy Andries; Affiliate Coordinator National Pancreatic Cancer Action Network Volunteer Advisory Council Member, National Survivor & Caregiver Network Volunteer Affiliate of the year 2011, Dr. Randy Pausch Award nominee-2009 Very informative talk along with her personal testimony as a 7 year cancer survivor.

Our January 16th speaker was author Royce Bolles for a return trip talking about his new Green Bay Packer book, and some great stories about our beloved Pack!

Our January 23rd speaker was Susan Bird, Executive Director of The Fairy House Foundation. A very moving presentation about the Fairy House Foundation and what it provides, but her personal testimony of the murder of her two children was very emotional and the reason for starting the foundation. If you weren't there, you missed a great meeting.

Finally for January we thought we'd horse around a bit!!!! Well that's what we thought we were going to do, but because of the snowstorm her visit was postponed. Looking forward to getting back in the saddle again!!LOL. Dena Duncan, Executive Director of Three Gates Foundation spoke about their mission to provide therapeutic horsemanship for children, youth, and adults with disabilities and special needs.



Tammy Andries



Tammy and President Mary



Royce Bolles



Susan Bird



Royce Bolles



Calling All Sauk Trails Club Optimists

There should be club representation at each quarterly conference to acquire the information for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Please put these dates on your calendar and try to make at least one of these SWIS Conferences.

May 10-11 2013	The Kalahari Resort	Wisc. Dells
Aug. 16-17 2013	Country Springs Inn & Conference Center	Peewaukee

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LIST FOR FEBRUARY:

Bonnie Spindler 2/11

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2012-2013

President
Mary Schwartz

Secretary/Treasurer
Bob Wortinger

Past President
Jacci See

Vice President
Pete Graven

Board of Directors
Dan Bergs
Carole Klopp
Rick Conne
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Tracey Ziegler
Diane Hoebel

2012-2013 Committee Leadership

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Volunteerism
Carole Klopp
Rick Conne

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Dan Bergs

February Calendar:

- 2.2 SWIS Conference
- 2.10 Progressive Dinner (see the next page for more information)
- 2.13 Board Meeting 7:45 a.m. Jacci See's First Weber office. All members welcome
- 2.25 Volunteer at REACH a Child 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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.

Sauk Trails Optimist Club Progressive Dinner Sunday, February 10, 2013

Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 10th for our Annual Sauk Trails Progressive Dinner – one of the best social events of the season! Optimists, spouses and significant others are welcome. Please sign-up to participate and to bring a dish to pass at one of the 3 houses. RSVP with a type of dish (appetizer, main course, or dessert) to Bonnie Spindler at blspindler@charter.net or sign-up at a lunch meeting.



Appetizers from 3:45 – 5:00 p.m.

Rick and Judy Conne's Home, 5 Oxwood Circle, Madison, WI 53717

Home phone: 833-3795

Directions: From the beltline, proceed on Mineral Point Road into Madison and at the light by West Towne/Anchor Bank, turn left onto Westfield Road. Proceed for 1 mile, and then turn right onto Oxwood Circle.



Main Course from 5:15 – 6:30 p.m.

Bob and Karen Wortinger's Home, 3926 Caribou Road, Verona, WI 53593

Home phone: 698-3926

Directions: From Conne's Home, go back to Mineral Point road and turn right. Go under the beltline, proceed 3.7 miles through a round about and turn right onto Caribou Road. (4th right turn after Kwik Trip). Proceed .7 of a mile, their home is the 2nd house on the right after the 2nd stop sign.



Dessert from 6:45 – 8:00 p.m.

Gene and Bonnie Spindler's Home at 3460 Hickory Hill Road, Verona 53593

Home phone: 833-7244

Directions: From Wortinger's Home, go back to Mineral Point road turn left. Proceed 1.2 miles turn right on to Pioneer Road, next road past the Kwik Trip. At the end of Pioneer Road turn right onto Valley View Road and then take an IMMEDIATE left on Hickory Hill Road. The Spindler's home will be on the left.

Drive time of 15 minutes is scheduled between each of the 3 homes. If you can only make it to some of the houses and time frames, please come to those.

A special thanks to the Conne's, Wortinger's and Spindler's for opening their homes to us.

We hope to see everyone there!