



Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



September 2013

**Schedule: Wednesday's
11:45 – 12:45 Noon,
Radisson Inn, Madison**



STOC Members and Friends,

Wow, that was one quick year. It seems like only yesterday that I was being inducted as your club president and now it's time to pass the gavel onto Bonnie.

Our Club has grown in the past year, adding new members and new projects. I estimate that we performed over 800 hours of community service. We also raised funds to give scholarships to 2 deserving students, buy Christmas gifts for those in need, honor 2 great Madison police officers, and support the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team.

I hope that each of you have enjoyed the past year as much as I have. Please join us on September 25th to support Bonnie as she takes us into 2014!

Yours in Optimism,
Mary Schwartz
Club President

Upcoming Club Meetings:

September 4 Katherine Perreth & her son Ben – Discussing her book *Making Lemonade with Ben: The Audacity to Cope*. This is the story of Ben's survival of a mysterious brain hemorrhage when he was just 7 years old. Copies of the book will be for sale.

September 11 Learn about a new alternative high school.

September 18 Liv Sandberg - Kayaking the Apostle Islands

September 25 No Lunch Meeting - Recognition/Induction Banquet

Event Calendar:

September 11 Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team Meeting 3:45 @ Memorial High School

September 11 STOC Board Meeting & STOC Youth & Community Foundation Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at Basie's. All members are welcome to attend

September 25 Recognition/Induction Banquet

October 9 MASCC Luncheon

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
STOC Regular Board Meeting
First Weber Realty Office – August 15, 2013
(Pending Board Approval)

Board Members in Attendance:

President: Mary Schwartz

Past-President: Jacci See

Sec/Treas: Bob Wortinger

Board Members: Dan Bergs, Diane Hoebel, Carole Klopp, Liv Sandberg

Board Members Absent: Rick, Pete, Tracey Others Attending: Bonnie Spindler (President-elect) & Steve Bailey

The meeting was called to order by Mary Schwartz at 7:55 AM. A motion was made by Carole, seconded by Diane and passed, to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2013 Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Bob asked for questions regarding the July, 2013 financial statements. STOC has an operating cash balance of \$3,229 as of July 31 and Foundation cash and investment balances total \$13,364. The Board discussed one outstanding account receivable balance – Jacci will follow-up on this. Bob pointed out that we just purchased 100 new STOC pins at \$3.70 a piece. Following discussion, the consensus was to set the price for purchasing a new club pin at \$4. It was noted that the budget includes \$238 for the upcoming SWIS Convention, but at this point there are only three STOC members planning to attend. The fee is \$35 per participant. A motion was made by Liv, seconded by Diane and passed, that STOC pay the full \$35 fee for each of these three attendees for the August 2013 SWIS Convention. A motion was made by Carole, seconded by Jacci and passed, to accept the July, 2013 Treasurer's Report.

Membership Report

Jacci and Liv reported on the Happy Hour event held August 14. There were 20 people in attendance including one guest and three family members. The next evening happy hour event was tentatively set for October 23 at the Radisson.

STOC's membership remains at 40 regular members plus 6 FOO's for a total of 46 members. The September 30, 2012 numbers were 41 regular members plus 5 FOO's also for a total of 46.

Concerns Regarding Lunch Meals

Some concerns have been expressed recently regarding the quality of food at lunch meetings. Following discussion, Mary indicated that she and Bonnie will be meeting with a manager at the Radisson to discuss these concerns.

Service/Volunteer Committee

Carole noted that she is looking for volunteers to assist at a cycling fundraiser to be sponsored by Reach-a-Child on August 24. Carole also noted that Reach-a-Child is looking at a future fundraiser using scratch cards – she will provide more information on this at a future STOC Board meeting to see if this could be a viable option for STOC.

Carole and Mary reported on the JOOI Retreat which was held on August 13 and 14 at the Comfort Suites in Madison. 16 of the 17 JOOI Board members for the coming year attended along with Carole, Mary, Rick Thomas, and Rick Conne.

The Board discussed other service projects which STOC members could participate in. Carole was asked to bring a list of JOOI projects planned for the coming school year for discussion at a future STOC Board meeting.

Badger Concessions Stands

While the new vendor (replacing the W club) has asked local service clubs to again "run" concession stands, they have new contracts with additional insurance provisions and other restrictions. Based on the additional costs of meeting these insurance requirements and other concerns, Steve acknowledged that the Downtown Optimist club, who we have shared our concession stand duties with for many years, plans to vote against continuing. Steve also indicated that after running a stand for STOC for many years, he is very comfortable with discontinuing this fundraiser for the club. A motion was made by Carole, seconded by Liv, and passed that STOC will not be working at UW concession stands this year.

On behalf of the STOC Board, Mary expressed our great appreciation to Steve and BJ for all their efforts over the years in making this a very successful fundraiser for STOC.

STOC Annual Banquet – September 25

Bonnie confirmed that the annual banquet will be September 25, although the venue has not been finalized yet. Following discussion regarding handling of meal costs and our past practices, a motion was made by Carole, seconded by Jacci and passed, to have members pay \$15 for attendance at the banquet, while guests will be charged full price up to \$25.

Annual MASCC Luncheon on October 9

The annual MASCC luncheon is scheduled for October 9 at the Alliant Energy Center. This year's speaker will be Brian Ziegler from the Badger Honor Flight. Following discussion, a motion was made by Jacci, seconded by Carole and passed, that STOC will cover the full \$25 lunch fee only for veterans in our club. Other STOC members attending will be assessed the \$25 fee with our October billing statement.

Next STOC Board Meeting

Mary is still working on scheduling for the next STOC Board meeting which will include a Foundation Board meeting to determine additional donations to be made for the 2012 – 2013 fiscal year which ends September 30.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2012-2013

2012-2013 Committee Leadership

Social & Membership

Jacci See
Liv Sandberg
Tracey Ziegler

Service & Volunteerism

Carole Klopp
Rick Conne

Fundraising

Pete Graven
Dan Bergs

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HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

Carole Klopp, 9/4
Mark Kraemer 9/9
Jacci See 9/27

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Football Frenzy: Our Club has done it!!!! You have sold all our allotted tickets and Gene Spindler is a happy man... Thanks to Gene for undertaking this fund raiser for our club!!

Ride 4 REACH-a-Child – Saturday, August 24th at Capital Brewery. Several Club Members volunteered for most of the day and all had a good time. Watch for our next volunteer opportunity with REACH-a-Child.

2013 Madison Area Service Club Council Luncheon

The 50th Annual MASCC Fall Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2013, at NOON, at the Alliant Energy Center.

The speaker this year will be **Brian Ziegler from the Badger Honor Flight**, a regional hub of the national Honor Flight Network. The purpose of the [Honor Flight Network](#) is to ensure that WWII and terminally ill veterans from any war have the opportunity to see the memorials that have been erected in their honor. The Honor Flight Network provides all amenities to the veterans, including all transportation, meals and lodging because of how much they have sacrificed for this great country already.

In conjunction with this year's speaker, we would like to **pay tribute to all the veterans in our clubs**. We would like to do so by:

- Veterans will receive a red ribbon to wear at the luncheon
- Veterans will stand for recognition at the program
- Moment of silence to honor those who have fallen in the line of duty
- Attendees are encouraged to wear their red, white and blue as tribute
- *STOC will subsidize the meal tickets of their veterans, as voted by the board.*

At the event we will also honor the **Ruth Gordon** and **Community Youth Volunteer** recipients.

COST: \$25 which includes salad, vegetable, dinner roll, entrée, dessert, beverage, tax, tip and facility fees which includes parking. The entrée is **Chicken Marsala** and the vegetarian option is **Vegetable Lasagna**.

Registration Deadline: September 18, 2013 at Sauk Trails Lunch sign-up or let Mary know (schwrtzmry@aol.com).

Sauk Trail Optimist Club Recognition & Induction Banquet

Please join us on Wednesday, September 25th, at Fitzgerald's in Middleton, as we celebrate our accomplishments of the past year and induct our leaders for the upcoming year. All members are encouraged to attend this enjoyable evening. Spouses and significant others are welcome to join us.

We will meet in the lounge for cocktails (cash bar) at 5:30 p.m. A delicious buffet dinner will be served at 6:30. Our Recognition & Induction Program will follow.

Dinner will be \$15 for club members and \$25 for guests. The menu includes Prime Rib Slices, Broasted Chicken, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Tossed Salad, Bread, Dessert, & your choice of Coffee, Tea, Milk, or Soda.

Please RSVP by Friday, September 20th. You can sign up at a meeting or e-mail Bonnie at blspindler@charter.net.

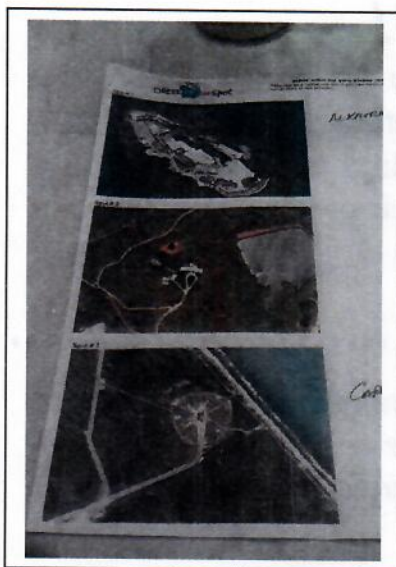
August Meeting Speakers

August 7th No speaker ,but President Mary had a great game for us along the lines of "Where In The World Is Carmen San Diego?" Great fun!

August 14th No noon meeting, but we did have another "Happy Hour" at Basie's .

August 21st We had an "EPIC" program as our guest was Jodi Farritor from Epic sharing with us what's new and going on there...VERRY interesting..Bonnie Spindler inviter her.

August 28th No speaker, but President Mary was looking for feedback about the club; West Club members..programs..etc. good meeting Mary.



Mary's fun gams of "Where In The World are These Places?"



Jodi Farritor

"Happy Hour"

