



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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

November 2016

{GIVE THANKS}

for each new morning
with its light
FOR REST AND SHELTER
OF THE NIGHT
for health and food
for love and friends
FOR EVERYTHING
THY GOODNESS SENDS

~ralph waldo emerson~



STOC Bulletin Board

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2015-2016

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

Lussier Christmas Party

The Christmas Party is set for December 11, 2015, from 5 to 8. There will be dinner, balloon animals, magic, face painting, and, of course, Santa.

We are expecting 140 children from Lussier and the Meadowood Neighborhood Centers. A volunteer sheet will be passed around in the coming weeks.

For more information, contact Rick Conne.

November Birthdays

Karen Wortinger 25



Newsletter Editor:
Liv Sandberg
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KOEZE NUTS

It is Koeze Nut fundraiser time again! We kicked off the event with samples of cashews, turtles and chocolate covered fruit on October 26th. Rick Thomas is coordinating the sale, but we need everyone's help in selling the product. You can find an online catalog at Koeze.com, and you can get a paper catalog and order sheet from Rick Thomas at any weekly meeting. Orders need to be placed by December 7th so we can deliver them by December 14th. This is one of our largest fundraisers of the year so please try to get a couple of orders in to Rick either at a weekly meeting or by emailing it to him at rlthomas5914@gmail.com



Next District Conference

SWIS 1st Quarter Conference, 2016-2017
Sheraton Madison Hotel

Friday November 18th, 2016 through
Saturday November 19th, 2016

'Tis the Season to
Volunteer.

Watch for upcoming
opportunities.

Sauk Trails Optimists Club Meetings and Other Scheduled Events

November 23rd NO MEETING - Happy Thanksgiving to ALL!!

November 30th Speaker TBA

Dec 7th Speaker TBA

December 7th Koeze nuts sales due

December 9th Lussier Christmas Party, 4-8 pm at the Lussier Center on Gammon Road

December 14th TBA

December 21st TBA

Regular Wednesday meetings are in green.

SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE

www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org

There have been some recent questions on the receiving of the monthly STOC Newsletter. The current STOC Newsletter and previous newsletters are available on the www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org website.

The newsletters are in the ABOUT tab under NEWSLETTERS. The Current and Past Newsletters available as PDF's:



To acquire the newsletter, CLICK on the 'PDF Download' of CHOICE.

On a Monthly basis, I have been e-mailing a message from the STOC Website which has a 'link' directly to ABOUT area where a selection of newsletters can be made. Click on that LINK 'SAUK TRAILS *month* News' to acquire the location in the STOC website where ALL the Newsletters are located. (Scroll down for access to ALL Newsletters).

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 850-9561 (H)

Bonnie Spindler, Sauk Trails Website Coordinator

Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team

SYSJT is well underway, working toward their goals and helping the community. You are welcome to attend their weekly meetings held on Wednesdays after school. Feel the energy!

SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, October 11, 2016
MINUTES

PRESENT: Dan C., Rick T., Carole, Steve, Bob, Mike, Kathy, Dashni
Others Present: Bonnie
Absent: Nancy, Rick C., John

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

1. **Addition to agenda:** Shirts, SWIS District Conference on Nov. 19, JOI report
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 9/13/2016.** Steve moved to approve, Dan seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of September Financial Reports:**
We have a strong balance sheet. Bond account has had a low return the last few years. We raised \$8400 for the Foundation last year.
Carole moved that we bill \$13 for the annual banquet instead of \$20. Kathy seconded. Passed unanimously.
We finished the year \$1006 in the black.
Carole moved to accept August financial reports. Dashni seconded. Passed unanimously.
4. **Membership Report Update:**
We are at 42 members. Carole moved that we remove Alison Scherer from membership, Dan seconded, Passed unanimously.
5. **Board Organization**
 - a. Bylaws and Policies – Rick T., Bob, Carole and Mike will work to resolve differences and present results to the board in November
 - b. Club Goals: Carole moved to approve, Bob seconded, Passed unanimously.
 1. +3 members
 2. \$9000 fundraising
 - c. Committee Chair Assignments:
 1. Christmas Rick C. and Frank Rath
 2. Service Dashni, Bob, Steve, John Scherer(Special Olympics)
 3. Silent Auction Kathy Johnson, Rick T. and Dennis
 4. Social Jackie See and Liv Sandberg
 5. Fundraising Diane, Dan Chart, Ted See
6. **Old Business**
 - a. Bucky Books – We have sold 25 so far.
 - b. Koeze Nuts – Oct. 26th
 - c. Audit Committee – Mark and 1 more needed
 - d. Induction Banquet – We negotiated a lower price due to problems
7. **New Business**
 - a. 2016-17 Budget Adoption – Kathy moved that we transfer \$2000 to the Foundation, pay 100% of registration for conferences up to \$300 budget and lower the price of lunches to \$12, Carole seconded, Passed unanimously.
Carole moved adoption of the 2016-17 budget, Dashni seconded, Passed unanimously.
 - b. Board meetings will continue on 2nd Tuesdays of the month, at 5:30.
 - c. JOOI has been changed to JOI
 - d. SWIS District is on November 19th
Carole moved to adjourn, Kathy seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Thomas, Secretary

STOC presents donations for 2016 to worthy organizations.

**October
in
Pictures**

**Photos by
Steve
Bailey**



STOC member Rich Thomas presents a donation of \$250 to representatives from Mellowhood.

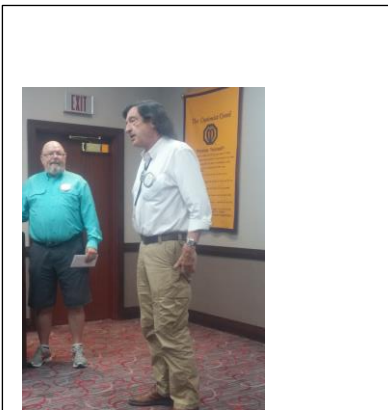


Jacci See accepts \$1000 donation given to Horizon HS.



Paul Terranova from the Lussier Community Educational Center offers thanks for the \$1000 donation provided by STOC.

Curt Fuszard, REACH-a-Child director receiving \$1000 donation from Carole Klopp.



John Fons accepting the donation of \$550 for ARC.





Dawn Westhoff speaks to STOC members during a lunch meeting.



Behind the scenes STOC board members hard at work.

Spartan Youth Service Students working hard on the Pave a Pathway project at John Muir Elementary School.



Spartan Youth directors getting in to the spirit of Halloween at their board meeting.



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.