



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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

October 2015

Happy New Year All!

Yes, I know it's not January, but it is the beginning of our Sauk Trails Optimist new year - - new President, new Vice-President, new Board – but our Treasurer and Secretary are continuing! Many thanks to Rick Thomas for staying on as Secretary and extra special Thanks to Bob Wortinger for continuing as Treasurer – a post he has performed brilliantly for the past few years!

So, with our new year, our first order of business is to remind everyone that we do meet every Wednesday at 11:45am at the Radisson on Grand Canyon to enjoy fellowship, good food and hear interesting speakers! By the way, if you haven't been by recently, please do drop in as the Radisson hired a new chef and he's doing a bang-up job with our lunches. Apparently he enjoys trying out new dishes on our group!

Our second thought of the day is that we need someone to volunteer to do the newsletter! Mary Schwartz, our current editor, really did not sign up to do it forever! So, especially for those who want to still help and can't make many meetings, please put your hand up and volunteer! The job isn't hard and Mary will be delighted to assist you in the transition.

Finally, we had a wonderful gathering (35 members) on September 29th at Biaggi's for our Recognition and Induction Ceremony. If you weren't there, you missed our Raffle! Kathy Johnson did a bang up job of soliciting fun and creative items and much fun was had while we partied and celebrated the outgoing board and cheered the incoming board! Many thanks to our retiring board members and welcome to our 2015-2016 Board and Officers!

Looking forward to seeing you next Wednesday!

Always in the Optimistic Spirit,

Carole ☺☺
Club President
Klopp@chorus.net



STOC Bulletin Board

**Sauk Trails
Club Officers
2015-2016**

President: Carole Klopp

Vice President: Mike Grasmick

Secretary: Rick Thomas

Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

Past President: Dan Bergs

Board of Directors
 Steve Bailey
 Dan Chart
 Rick Conne
 Todd Geltemeyer
 Nancy Hach
 Diane Hoebel
 Kathy Johnson

**Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Youth and Community Foundation**

The following grants were approved by the board in September:

REACH-a-Child	\$2,000.00
Lussier Community Education Center	\$1,000.00
Special Olympics	\$ 350.00
Optimist International Foundation	\$ 150.00
Three Scholarships (awarded in May)	\$2,500.00

This is the largest dollar amount of grants ever awarded by the STOC Youth Community Foundation!



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 Mary Schwartz
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51st Annual MASCC Luncheon

Wednesday, October 21
12:00 Noon
The Sheraton on John Nolen Drive

The Keynote Speaker is Doug Moe,
 former columnist for the Wisconsin State Journal


**The Ruth Gordon Service Award and
 Community Youth Volunteer Award
 recipients will be honored.**




Sign up by October 14th
 Cost \$22.00 (you will be postbilled)

Menu: Grilled Chicken Breast & Penne Pasta with Roasted Red Peppers, Hearts of Palm, Mushrooms , and Fresh Artichoke Cream. A chef's choice vegetarian and gluten free selections are available as alternative entrees. The entrées will be accompanied by salad, vegetable, dinner roll, dessert, & beverage.

October Birthdays

Rick Thomas	21	
John Schroder	27	
Ted See	28	

Bucky Book Fundraiser



A reminder to get your Bucky Books from Dan. Support your club by selling OR buying a Bucky Book (or both!). The books are \$35 each, with checks payable to Sauk Trails Optimist Club. The club keeps \$15 from each book sold. Our goal is to sell 80 books.

Contact Dan at
dan.bergs@wegnercpas.com to pick up your books today!

Sauk Trails Optimists Club Meetings and Other Scheduled Events

- October 7 Robert DeCock, Parents Planning for College
 October 9-10 SWIS District 1st Quarter Conference @ Marriot West in Middleton
 October 13 STOC Board Meeting 5:00 p.m. Park Bank. All are welcome.
 October 14 Dashni (former JOOI Club member) "Life after SYS – how being in SYS affected my life"
 October 21 MASCC luncheon (see page 2 for details) – NO LUNCH MEETING AT THE RADISSON
 October 28 Need speaker

Red = Wednesday Lunch Meeting

We Have a New Website!

Bonnie gave a presentation of the SWIS Website at a lunch meeting on September 23rd, including a little on the upcoming Sauk Trails Website. Our NEW Sauk Trails website has been developed and will be constantly updated through the year with various events and accomplishments of our club. Thanks to Rick Thomas, the Sauk Trails Facebook page is being updated and has a 'feed' directly into the NEW Sauk Trails Website. With a change of officers effective on October 1, 2015, the updated information will be down-loaded from Optimist International and should be available early in October.

Click on these links:

SWIS District website: www.swisdistrict.org

Sauk Trails Club website at: www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org .

Sauk Trails Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Sauk-Trails-Optimist-Club-235606866536599/timeline/>

If you have information you would like posted to the website, contact Bonnie Spindler at blspindler@charter.net or 608-833-7244 (H)

Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team

The start of the new school year has SYSJT on the move. The officers and board members are working hard to recruit new members and to get the club off to a fast start. Their plan is working because the students have already have 10 service projects underway with more to come!

STOC members are welcome to visit the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team! They meet Wednesday at 3:45 p.m. in the Fox Neighborhood Center at Memorial High School.



Thanks to Bob Wortinger for planning the STOC Golf Outing, held at Pleasant View Golf Course on September 26th. It was a perfect day & great fun!

Save the Date

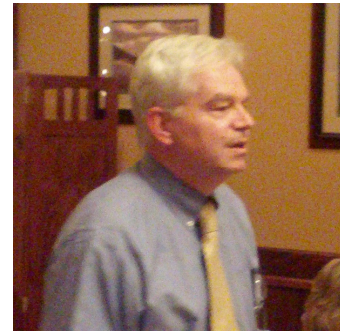
Lussier Christmas Party

December 11, 2015

*Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Recognition and Induction Banquet
September 29, 2015*



The Banquet was held at Biaggi's Italian Ristorante. President Dan gave his farewell address, listing our many accomplishments. SWIS Governor (and STOC member) Jeff Kuchenbecker inducted the new officers and board.



**New President
Carole Klopp looks
forward to her year
leading the club.**

Come to a Wednesday
Lunch meeting to
find out how you
can make a difference.



*Mary Schwartz was awarded
The President's Citation
as the STOC Optimist of the Year.*



**Many thanks to Kathy
Johnson for organizing
the raffle. We raised
\$411 for the Youth &
Community Foundation.
She contacted many
businesses for donated
items.**



SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, September 22, 2015
MINUTES

PRESENT: Dan, Rick T., Bonnie, Bob, Carole, Diane, Kathy, Nancy, Todd
 Absent: Rebecca, Pete, Rick C., Mike

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

1. Approval of Board Minutes from 7/21/2015:
 - a. Diane moves to approve, Bonnie seconded, Passed unanimously
2. Acceptance of August Financial Reports:
 - a. Bob presented the financial reports. Good cash position. Several outstanding balances that need to be addressed. 72 tickets sold for Football Crazz. Kathy moves to accept the financial report, Nancy seconds, Passed unanimously.
3. Membership Report Update:
 - a. 48 members and 0 FOO's as of 9/1/2015. We will try to encourage prospects to join by the end of September. We are even for the year.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Meals on Wheels has started on Wednesday nights. We are looking towards possibly adding another night.
 - b. We need to push for volunteers for the Madison Marathon
5. New Business.
 - a. Bucky Books are in
 - b. Banquet will be September 29th at Biaggi's, cost is \$20/person
 - c. Bonnie will present on new SWIS and new STOC websites
 - d. Audit Committee needs to be formed
 - e. MASCC luncheon will be Oct. 21 at the Sheraton
 - f. Golf outing will be Sept. 26th
 - g. Nancy moves to nominate Rick C. for the Ruth Gordon award, Bonnie Seconds, Passed unanimously
 - h. Bonnie moves that we do the Koeze Nut fundraiser again this year, Kathy seconds, passed unanimously
 - i. Carole is looking to move the meetings to the west side of Madison possibly Park or Capital Bank
 - j. We need a newsletter replacement for Mary
6. Adjourn, next meeting will be October 13th at 5:00 pm. at Park Bank. Diane moves to adjourn, Bob seconded. Passed unanimously.



SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
Youth & Community Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, September 22, 2015
MINUTES

Present: Bob, Nancy, Rick Thomas, Bonnie, Todd, Diane, Dan, Carole

Absent: Rebecca, Mike, Rick C., Pete

The meeting was called to order at 5:50pm.

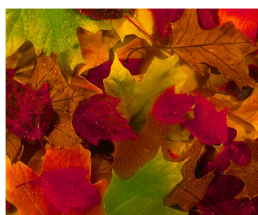
1. **Minutes from June 2015 Foundation Meeting.** Bob moves to approve, Nancy seconds, passed unanimously.
2. **Financial Report Discussion 14-15:** Bob reviewed the financials. Bob moves to transfer \$1000 from the club to the Foundation, Todd seconds, passed unanimously
3. **Old Business:** None
4. **New Business:**
 - a. Bonnie motions (Kathy seconds) that we make donations of
 - i. Reach a Child -\$2000
 - ii. Lussier - \$1000
 - iii. Special Olympics -\$350
 Vote = passed unanimously
 - b. Bonnie moves (Todd seconds) that we make a donation to OI for \$150,
 Vote = 6 in favor, 2 opposed, motion passes
5. Next meeting will be in December. Kathy moves to adjourn, Nancy seconds, meeting adjourned at 5:56pm.

**September
in
Pictures**

**Photos by
Steve Bailey**



Laura Wilson spoke on ways to pass your values onto younger generations. She gave examples of ways she works with her young grandson, teaching him how to manage his money.



Janelle Higgins gave a presentation on data security.



Dan welcomes our newest member, Mary Amundson.



Bonnie Spindler showed members how to access the new SWIS and STOC websites. Find more information on page 3 of this newsletter. Thanks, Bonnie, for all your hard work on this!!

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.