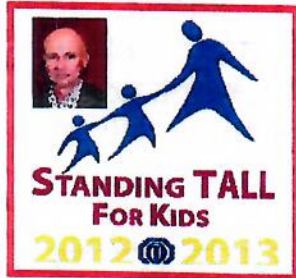




# Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



**May 2013**

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



## Spring Brings Optimism & Activity

The month of May finds us working on two of our 'signature' projects: the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team and Special Olympics.

May 1<sup>st</sup> we recognized two Memorial High School students for their community service work at our Student of the Month luncheon. Then, later in the day, I had the honor of inducting the new officers and board members of the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team. I am proud that we serve as role models for this impressive group of students.

The Special Olympics track meet (on May 11<sup>th</sup>) is a volunteer activity that has been part of the Sauk Trails Optimist Club since our inception. Over the years we have gone from simply helping out to playing a major role in organizing the day. This year's event will be no different. I hope you will be able to join us for this rewarding volunteer activity.

Happy Spring (Finally!),  
Mary Schwartz  
Club President

### Upcoming Meetings:

- May 1<sup>st</sup> Student of the Month
- May 8<sup>th</sup> Respect for Law
- May 15<sup>th</sup> Elections
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> SPEAKER NEEDED
- May 29<sup>th</sup> SPEAKER NEEDED

**WE NEED SPEAKERS** – please volunteer to arrange for a speaker OR to speak about something that interests you.

### Event Calendar:

- May 11<sup>th</sup> Special Olympics Track Meet
- May 11<sup>th</sup> SWIS District Meeting at the Kalahari, Wisconsin Dells
- May 15<sup>th</sup> Club Elections
- June 24<sup>th</sup> Volunteer at REACH a Child

**Special Olympics Track Meet – Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**, at Oregon High School. We will meet for breakfast and then head over to the high school for the parade of athletes at 9:30. The shifts will be from 10:00 to 3:00. We will assist in the athlete staging area and escorting athletes to their events. This is an outside event, so please dress appropriately for the weather and don't forget your sunscreen! Watch for an e-mail with the breakfast location.

**REACH a Child – NEXT DATE WILL BE JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>**. 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 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. (Yes, there is heat in the building.)

### 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.

We will have one of the major Optimist events next week; Respect For Law week. In our five purposes of an Optimist Club you will find the line that reads to, "to inspire respect for law." Optimists all over have been honoring police officers every year and we are proud to be among those that do. Please make a special effort to come to the meeting this Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup>. We'll honor two officers from the West Division of the Madison Police force.

Sauk Trails Optimist Club  
STOC Regular Board Meeting  
First Weber Realty Office – April 10, 2013

Members in Attendance:

President: Mary Schwartz    Vice-Pres: Pete Graven    Sec/Treas: Bob Wortinger    Past-Pres: Jacci See

Board Members: Rick Conne, Diane Hoebel, Carole Klopp, Liv Sandberg

Member Absent: Dan, Tracey

The meeting was called to order by Mary Schwartz at 7:50 AM. A motion was made by Carole, seconded by Diane and passed, to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2013 Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Bob asked for questions regarding the March, 2013 financial statements. STOC had an operating cash balance of \$3,846 as of March 31 and Foundation cash balances totaled \$9,458 as of March 31. In addition, the Foundation's Vanguard Bond account had a balance of \$3,708. The Board discussed the total accounts receivable balance of \$423.54 which relates to five members, including two balances which are several months old. A motion was made by Carole, seconded by Diane, and passed, to accept the March, 2013 Treasurer's Report.

Membership Report

STOC's membership as of April 10, 2013 is at 38 regular members plus 6 FOO's for a total of 44 members. The September 30, 2012 numbers were 41 regular members plus 5 FOO's for a total of 46.

Mary and the Membership Committee discussed plans for the April 17 happy hour reception with appetizers and a cash bar. The Board agreed that each member attending will be charged \$5 to cover the costs of the appetizers. All STOC members will be strongly encouraged to attend and invite potential new members. There will be tables highlighting JOOI, Special Olympics, Respect for Law/Reach-a-Child, and one for other events including the Christmas Dinner.

Oratorical Contest

The Zone oratorical contest will be Saturday, April 13 at the Cross Plains library and will include two of our contestants. They will each be giving their presentations at today's lunch meeting.

JOOI Report

It was reported that Spirit Day is scheduled for April 18. It is expected that around 200 Memorial students will be participating. The annual JOOI (Spartan Youth Service) induction banquet is scheduled for May 1 @ 5:15 PM.

Upcoming Election of Officers and Board Members

Mary noted that a new slate of officers and Directors is needed for an election by May 15. Open positions for the October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014 fiscal year include President, Vice-President, and three 2-year board positions (seats currently held by Carole, Diane, and Tracey). Jacci volunteered to serve on the nomination committee to identify candidates for each of these positions.

Special Olympics Track Meet – May 11

John Scherer attended the organizational meeting led by Don Wigginton of Special Olympics on April 8 and will give a report at today's lunch meeting.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for either May 8 or 15 @ 7:45 at Jacci's First Weber office.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 AM.

Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2012-2013

Sauk Trails Optimist Club Youth and Community Foundation, Ltd.  
Board Meeting  
First Weber Realty Office – April 10, 2013

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Board Members: Rick Conne, Diane Hoebel, Carole Klopp, Liv Sandberg

Member Absent: Dan, Tracey

The meeting was called to order by Mary Schwartz at 8:45 AM.

The Foundation Board discussed plans for the overall giving level for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Based on the current Board policy from a couple years ago, current year contributions should not exceed 75% of the prior year's Foundation income; this would allow expenditures of \$4,350 for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. With current year expenses through March 31 at \$1,005 plus two approved scholarships at \$1,000 a piece, plus approximately \$500 for our Respect for Law program and another \$200 or so remaining for Students of the Month, we are already at \$3,700 with no donations paid out yet. Following discussion regarding donation plans and possible revisions to this policy, a decision was tabled until August or September.

Respect for Law

Following discussion, a motion was made by Diane, seconded by Pete, and approved to discontinue the FOO program for the Police Department when the current OI membership expires in January, 2014; continue to award plaques to each of the two officers at the May presentation; and to provide \$100 VISA gift card from Monona State Bank to each officer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2012-2013

## April Meetings Highlights

April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dena Duncan from Three Gates Foundation, Inc. spoke to us about their mission of providing an effective therapeutic horsemanship program for children, youth, and adults with disabilities and special needs. Special program!!

April 10<sup>th</sup> we had a special treat, our two contestants from Jefferson came to practice their speeches for the Zone oratorical contest plus Rici Conne invited Heather Rice to come and share about her fundraising business. Heather is a former STOC member.

April 17<sup>th</sup> was our special Happy Hour Event at Basie's in the Radisson . It was an excellent opportunity to socialize with members and see some old friends who came along with guests. Ricky Hoefler and her husband Phil came by ,good to see them again.

April 24<sup>th</sup>, Jacci See invites Amanda Buckley from the University of Wisconsin Police Department To speak about their participation in the Reach A Child program and it's positive impact. She also gave her perspective on Campus police activities.



Dena Duncan



Ani Srenavasan



Anna Bauer



Heather Rice



Amanda Buckley



Happy Hour

**HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS TO:**

*Joel Wischoff May 25*

**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  
Liv Sandberg  
Tracey Ziegler

**2010-11 STOC Committee Chairs**

Volunteer/Service

Fundraising  
Tracey Ziegler  
Buckey Books  
Rick Thomas  
Kozie Nuts

Social

Speakers  
Club Members

Membership  
Every Club Member

**ANY 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 Wilderness Resort	Wisc. Dells
Aug. 16-17 2013	Country Springs and Conference Center	Pewaukee



**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.