



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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

October 2017

PRESIDENTS NOTE

STOC Friends,

It is exciting and a little surreal that the time has arrived to write my first comments to you as President.

I want to thank Mike Grasmick for the job he did during the last Optimist year and know he will be a great resource going forward in 2017/2018.

If you missed the Banquet on September 20th, you missed a great event. The venue, the food, and the camaraderie were all very good,

The silent auction was a success once again. I want to give kudos to Kathy Johnston, Dennis Norton, Steve Bailey and Bob Wortinger for their efforts. It was both a lot of fun and a great fund raiser for the club.

Finally, I had the opportunity to go to the SWIS District Conference in Milwaukee on August 27th, at the urging of Bonnie Spindler and Steve Bailey. I found it to be very informative and enjoyable. I learned a lot, and I suggest you consider attending the next conference in Barneveld at the Deer Valley Inn, October 27th and 28th.

I look forward to a very rewarding year in 2017/2018 for STOC.

Remember the OI Mission:

By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.

I know this Sauk Trails Group lives this every day. Thanks for all you do!

Optimistically yours,

Dan Chart

STOC Bulletin Board

**Sauk Trails
Club Officers
2017-2018**

President: Dan Chart

Vice President: John Fons

Secretary: Rick Thomas

Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

Past President: Mike Grasmick


Board of Directors

Steve Bailey
Rick Conne
Mary Schwartz
Nancy Hach
Kathy Johnson

October Birthdays

Rick Thomas 21

Ted See 28





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Date	Speaker	Topic
10/4	Cheryl Vickroy	Travels to the Galapagos Islands
10/11	Mike Grasmick	STOC Youth & Community Foundation Presentations
10/18	Matt Covert Capital Area Regional Planning Commission	A Greater Madison Vision Interactive Workshop Special Time 11:45 – 1:30
10/25	Paul Johnson retired journalist from the Wisconsin State Journal	Journalism
10/26	Volunteer	At REACH-a-Child
11/1	Rick Conne	Student of the Month
11/8	Liv Sandberg	Travels in Norway
11/15		
11/22	NO MEETING	HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Please let us know if you have someone who would like to speak at a lunch meeting. Thanks to all STOC members who have provided speakers, or who have spoken themselves.

Speaker Committee: Mary Schwartz, Carole Klopp, John Fons, & Steve Bailey

Coming In October... Matt Covert from the Dane County Regional Planning Commission is coming back to facilitate an interactive workshop on October 18th. This is a follow-up to the presentation he gave in August entitled "A Greater Madison Vision." The workshop is designed to have participants give their input on various regional planning scenarios. The meeting time has been adjusted to 11:45 to 1:30 to allow Matt enough time to properly conduct the workshop. More details in next month's newsletter.

SWIS Conference, October 28th at the Deer Lodge in Barneveld, Wisconsin.

Agenda will include:

Gary Engelke, Governor 17-18 (First Conference);

General Introductions and business.

Pumpkin/Fall decorating table theme by Clubs with SWIS donations to the Childhood Cancer Fund for 1st and 2nd places.

Children in Crisis Program presentation.

Professional Development Program, presented by Patsy Garner, Optimist International Trainer.

Other presentations by Past Governor, Josh Zaidel and Governor Elect, Maureen Crombie.

The 'Professional Development Program – PDP' is being presented at many of the Districts for Optimists and others interested for their own personal development.

Registration is available at: <http://swisdistrict.org/conferences/default.asp>

Koeze Nut Fundraiser 2017

We will once again be selling Koeze Nuts as a major fundraiser for our club. In the past we have raised upwards of \$1500 to be used to help the youth in our community. Koeze Nuts are a very high quality product that are appropriate for family gift giving, employee appreciation and client gifts. Some of the feature products include: Colossal Cashews, Milk and Dark Chocolate Turtles, peanut butter and Chocolate-dipped Dried Fruit.

Our order deadline this year will be December 6th, 2017. Items ordered should be available for pickup on Wednesday, December 13th. Please give your orders to Rick Thomas at a lunch meeting or by email at: rthomas5914@gmail.com

FOOTBALL CRAZR UPDATE

We have received our check for the Football Crazer Tickets sold this year. We sold 70 tickets and received \$12.80 per ticket sold and received \$896. We had eighteen members who either purchased or sold tickets. If members who were inactive in this fund-raising activity became involved and were able to purchase or sell two tickets each this would generate an additional \$563.20 (22*2*\$12.80). Thanks to all who participated this year.

Gene Spindler-Football Crazer Coordinator

MEET OUR MEMBERS

MARY and DOUG POOLE
108 N Franklin St. Verona WI 53593



MARY: Born and lived only in Verona. Worked for the State of Wisconsin, Trust Funds for 37 years as a retirement counselor for state employees. Retired at age 55 and is enjoying retirement life. Mary had one brother. Mary was a member of the Madison Optimisses Club and one of the first to join a Optimist Club when it was acceptable.

DOUG: Born in South Dakota. Lived there and in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. Lots of places in Iowa and South Dakota. We left Iowa to come to Wisconsin on the week-end as my father changed jobs. My mother did not like the place my father had picked out so on Thursday we moved to Illinois. Three states in one week. I had one older sister and two brothers, one 7 years older and one 7 years younger. I met Mary in High School and we have been together for over 60 years.

We have a daughter Cynthia (Randy) living in Arizona and a son Eric (Sue) here in Verona. Cindy is an RN and has 2 daughters with 7 grandchildren. Rick is a contractor with one daughter and one grandson. That make 4 great grand daughters and 4 great grandson for us.

Doug worked for the DNR as Chief of Licensing, for 36 years, also retiring at age 55. Had a great retirement counselor. I joined Optimist about 1979. I am a life member and served as president twice. I was a distinguished and outstanding Lt. Governor. I served the district as new club chairman and as activities and awards chairman. Doug is also a life member of the Madison Elks Club and the National Rifle Association. We have a home in Mesa AZ. and have spent about 5 months a year as snowbirds for the last 23 years. We also enjoy the Badgers and Packers and travel to see most Wisconsin games.

SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE

www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org

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

Call for website sponsors.

If you are interested in being a sponsor of the STOC Website for the 2017-18 year, and have your business/name in the rotation on our website, please contact Bonnie Spindler. See contact info below.

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)

Sauk Trails Website Coordinator

Weekly Wednesday Lunch Meeting

STOC member Dan Chart Led a member input session on Sept. 27th



**SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuesday, September 14, 2017

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mike, Steve, Carole, John, Nancy, Kathy, Rick C., Bob, Rick T., Dan

Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

1. **Addition to Agenda:** Fundraiser ideas from Kathy and Nancy, Bob additions
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 8/8/2017.** Steve moved to approve, Nancy seconded, Dan was at August's board meeting, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of August Financial Reports:**
Bob reviewed the financials. More late payments than usual but reminders will be sent. Carole moved acceptance, Kathy seconded. Passed unanimously Dan motioned that we table paying for the website, Carole seconded, Passed unanimously.
4. **Membership Report Update:**
We are at 41 members. Dashni wishes to be taken off of the membership roles.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Christmas party – Rick C. gave an update. Meadowood will not be invited to this year's party. Having difficulties getting grants from Sam's and Walmart.
 - b. Kohl Center opportunity – Has been canceled. CSC opportunity still exists. We now have 8 people willing to be trained. Dan will follow up.
 - c. Silent Auction – Steve and Kathy are working on donations. Have a large donation from Frank Distributors.
 - e. "A Greater Madison Vision" with one of the I-Plan workshops in lieu of the Wednesday meeting. on October 18th
 - f. Madison Marathon is November 10th-12th pays \$9/hour
 - g. Reminder -Installation of Officers and Silent Auction - 6PM, Sept. 20 at Imperial Gardens. Cost is \$17 per person for guests and \$12 for members. All are welcome!
6. **New Business**
 - a. Bucky Book sales – Dan will bring them to the next meeting
 - b. Koeze – Rick T. is working on it
 - c. MadisonKids.org has grant possibilities
 - d. Madisongives.org also has grant possibilities
 - e. Community books were also discussed as a fundraiser
7. **Adjourn to October 10th at 5:00pm, at Park Bank on Deming Way,** Bob moved to adjourn, Carole seconded, meeting adjourned at 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Thomas, secretary

**SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
Youth & Community Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, September 14, 2017**

MINUTES

Present: Bob, Rick T., Carole, Steve, Rick C., Mike, Kathy, Nancy, Dan, John

Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 6:25pm.

1. **Minutes from July 2017 Foundation Meeting.** Passed unanimously.
2. **Financial Report Discussion:** Bob reviewed the financials. We currently have approximately \$22,000 with around \$6000 available to spend in the foundation. Carole moved to accept the treasurer's report, Kathy seconded, Passed unanimously
3. **Awards to non-profits**
 - a. OI Foundation - \$200
 - b. Millennial soccer - \$300
 - c. Lussier Center - \$1300
 - d. Mellowhood Foundation - \$500
 - e. Reach a Child Foundation - \$1500
 - f. Horizon School - \$1500
 - g. DAIS - \$700Carole moved to approve, Kathy seconded, Passed unanimously
All award recipients will be invited to speak at a meeting and receive their donation

Kathy moved that we adjourn until December, 2017 Carole seconded, Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Thomas, secretary

OH WHAT A NIGHT!

The Annual New Officer Installation Banquet night turned into quite a fun evening. This year we also hosted our NOW (New Optimists Welcome) fall gathering AND had a FATASTIC fundraiser activity with lots of donated items for all to try to win.

A great evening of wonderful food, old and new friends, formality, fundraisers and fun!

Many thanks to all who organized the various sections of the evening and to Imperial Gardens!

Installation of Officers



STOC members enjoying the raffle drawing! Thanks so much to Kathy Johnson and her committee for all their work.





Treasurer Bob hard at work, tallying up how well we did on the fundraiser.



Hey John and Dan; " Well now! Maybe you should have listened to your wives and put more tickets into that bag, not the bag for the cases of beer!" St Ray had the monopoly on that bag !!! 😊

NOW gathering! Thanks also to STOC members who brought and introduced potential new members to the meeting and to Jacci for telling them about the Optimist clubs purpose, projects and activities.



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.