



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



FEBRUARY 2011

**Schedule: 1st Wed of Month, 5:30 PM
Evening; other Wednesday's, 11:45 –
12:45 Noon, SPRECHER'S, Middleton**



From the President's desk:

We had 11 Club members and 2 prospective members at lunch meeting on Jan 19 to listen to Don Wigington, Regional Director of Sports for Special Olympics Wisconsin, Inc. - South Central Area 6. Don gave a great presentation about how Special Olympics works and his role in coordinating events in southwestern Wisconsin. Don is really organized and moving SOWI in the right direction. Our Club is looking forward to a strong relationship with SOWI going forward. For those who don't know, our club ran the track events for the annual regional track meet in Oregon in years past, and perhaps we can be an integral part of the Olympics again.

On January 26 we had 12 Club members at lunch to listen to Ellen Ellefson discuss 'How to Talk Teenager'. Ellen has been a longtime Girl Scout working with troops in the Milwaukee area, and her talk generated a LOT of discussion after the meeting. Those that weren't in attendance missed a very thought-provoking presentation.

Sunday January 30th was a very special event for our club, I'm not talking just about the progressive dinner we had (which was wonderful by the way) but we had the opportunity to honor two of our great members, Chuck and Gail Koehler. Chuck and Gail have been strong members for the past 17 years and always ready and able to volunteer for our youth activities. I use the past tense because they have decided to scale back their schedules and will not be active in the club, but at the dinner it was proposed that they be given permanent member status and be invited to any all meetings and activities they can attend! We certainly hope that Chuck and Gail will continue to be involved as much as they can – we let them know that they will always be 'one of us' no matter what.

February 23rd's meeting will be very special, it will be a N.O.W. meeting! That stands for New Optimists Wanted! At this meeting we dispense with routine club "business" and concentrate on telling our guests all about Optimism and what we are about and what we do. The guests? That's where all of us come in, please be thinking of who you might invite to join us in serving our youth and having some fun along the way! Hey, that's how Bailey joined Optimism 33 years ago!!

Special Olympics basketball – Sat March 6; this event hasn't been officially approved by the STOC Board of Directors (per Club Policy #19 any volunteer events must be formally approved by the Board to be a Club activity) but I personally am volunteering for this event. Don Wigington said that as opposed to a 'group volunteer' activity, this event really calls for a few specialized volunteers. So I am putting together a volunteer team to run one of the courts, which will consist of me and one other person as referees, one scorekeeper to do the book and one timer to run the clock. Please let me know if you'd like to fill one of those roles on my 'team'.



Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC
Sprecher's – January 12, 2011 Board Meeting
Meeting Summary (10:30 AM – 11:40 AM)

Members in Attendance: John Scherer, Jeff Hosking, Bob Wortinger, Carole Klopp, Kevin Campos, Kathy Johnson, Ray Schmitz, Darrin Sharp, Bonnie Spindler, Gene Spindler

The minutes of the November 30, 2010, Board Meeting were reviewed and approved with no revisions.

Club Policies Review

The Board discussed proposed revisions made to the Club Policies since the last Board meeting. Following discussion and additional changes, the revised STOC Policies were approved. John will complete the typing changes and release the policies to all STOC members within the next week.

Enforcement of Non-Payment of Dues

The Board discussed several individual member situations with receivable balances in arrears, noting that the total overdue balance from members is currently \$1,174. Members with overdue balances outstanding will be contacted by either John or Jeff within the next two weeks.

Membership Report

Jim Campbell's membership application was unanimously approved by the Board. It was reported that with the addition of Jim, STOC membership is at 41 regular members plus 2 Friends of Optimists.

In January, Chuck and Gail Koehler will be leaving STOC along with Mark Anderson who has moved to LaCrosse. In addition, Heather Rice and Russ Scott will be leaving the club – we are hoping to keep the lines of communication open with them to possibly rejoin the club at some point under the Friends of Optimist or the club's new suspended membership programs.

Service Events Report

It was noted that the Salvation Army Bell Ringing and Christmas Family sponsorship events were completed in December and both went well. Copps proved to be a very good location for the bell ringing.

Social Committee Report

John reported that the Progressive dinner is still on schedule for Sunday, January 30.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, at 10:30 AM at Sprecher's.

Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2010-2011

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2010 - 11**

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**2010-11 STOC
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2010 Koeze Nut Fundraiser

Another year of successful Koeze nuts sales is over, and as in past years, a hearty "Atta Boy" "Way To Go" is in order for Rick Thomas. Many thanks to Rick for his time and energy spent on this important fundraiser.

Boy I sure wish I knew how to put a smily face here!!!

Special Olympics track and field meet – Sat May 14; STOC will be in charge of both the Blue Staging (as usual) and also the Red Staging areas. We'll need 20 or more people to run this event, mark your calendars and circle the wagons to have a great day! This is one of the many highlights of our Optimist year, and everyone who has participated in the past has truly enjoyed themselves, so come on enjoy yourself!!

Date	Speaker	Topic	SPRECHERS Menu's
February 2 nd	Student of the month	Evening meeting	
February 9 th	Cindy Herbst	Restoring Hope Transplant House	Menu 2
February 16 th	Shelia Roberson	Managing Stress	Menu 3
February 23 rd	New Optimists Wanted	Optimism who we are and what we do	Menu 4

SPRECHER'S MENU CHOICES for Lunch

Lunch Cost/Evening Hors d' oeuvres: (\$12.00 includes entrée, beverage, tax, & tip)

Menu 1	Menu 2	Menu 3	Menu 4
½ Sprechers Chicken Wrap, with side and soup	½ Roast Turkey Sandwich, with side and soup	Ratatouille with Soup	Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo with soup
Rueben with soup or side	Meatloaf with soup	Sprechers Chicken Sandwich with soup or side	Classic Cobb Salad
Chicken Caesar Salad with soup	Classic Cobb Salad with soup	Chicken Caesar Salad with soup	Pork Sliders with side and soup

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.

February 5 th	Madison Area
May 7 th	Wisconsin Dells
August 6 th	Milwaukee Area

**HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO:
Bonnie Spindler February 11th**

You should have in your e-mail boxes the schedule for the Kohl center events the downtown club has signed up for. As you may or may not know, the stands at Camp Randall are run by the Downtown club, they are not ours, we just get to work them for our fundraising. Check the dates and get back to me as soon as you can if you can work any of them. The Janesville club wants to work too, so I need to know how many and who!!! Thank you.

Steve Bailey

This section is for all the new members we'll be adding this year! Here's our first for the year, he's Jim Campbell. His company name is J.Campbell Signature Homes. Welcome Jim!

Childhood Cancer Meal Serving

The Sauk Trails Optimist Club will be providing 2 Optimists, who will join a West Madison Club Optimist, to help serve meals at the UW Children's Hospital. Following are the Sunday dates where you can volunteer from 11:15 AM - 1:30 PM.

March 20, April 17, May 15, Sept 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20

Check your schedule which date would work best for you. There will be future sign-ups and e-mails coming for these dates, but please call or e-mail if there is one that works for you at this time.

Bonnie Spindler 833-7244 blspindler@charter.net
Service Event Coordinator

ATTENTION SAUK TRAILS MEMBERS

- Our President John doesn't sound like a broken record when encouraging us to think about inviting a guest or two to one of our meetings, he sounds like an Optimist who wants to see Optimism spread and grow not only in our Sauk Trails areas, but all over the city and state for that matter, so this message of Just Ask is not only for us, but every Optimist in our district. Let's not think of our friends as guests, but also new potential members! And let's invite them to our N.O.W. Meeting on the 23rd!!!

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.

Here's to a couple of great people!!!



Here's a happy and well fed group of Optimists!!