



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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

Happy Spring!

APRIL 2016

Well, as I sit looking out my window at the snow flurries, I do know that Spring is coming – but in due time, of course, since it is Wisconsin! ☺ March was a busy month at Sauk Trails Optimists with some really neat speakers such as Doug Moe and our Oratorical Contest. For those who weren't able to attend, you missed some pretty spectacular youth speakers who each gave very thoughtful (and sometimes humorous) responses to the topic "How bringing out the best in me brings out the best in others." It was a difficult decision for the judges, but Kelly Wu, a sophomore at Memorial, won the contest and will go on to the zone contest, April 9th, at Memorial High School along with second place contestant Ananya Krishna, a 6th grader at Eagle School. Everyone is invited to attend and cheer on our winners!

April will also be a busy month as we start with our Essay Contest Winners sharing their essay on April 6th. Then we'll hear from Tyler Isham and will install 2 new members. We still need speakers and would really appreciate each of you sharing this responsibility. If everyone in the club got a speaker – well, that would take care of the entire year. Speaking of sharing the responsibility, we also would like to challenge everyone to participate in the "One and Done" campaign suggested by the SWIS Membership Chair. This simply means that when you recruit one new member, you're done! We are down members right now due to folk moving, etc. Please consider joining in on this campaign!

A few final notes – our Service Project Chairs, Diane Hoebel and Nancy Hatch, have arranged for us to help out at Bratfest and the Madison Marathon – both on Memorial Day Weekend. Please consider volunteering for these events as it also means funds are earned for our foundation. John Scherer is also getting Special Olympics volunteering organized – so watch for more info on that event. AND keep these dates on your calendars – May 4th is Students of the Month Day; May 11th is Respect for Law Day; AND May 25th is the End of Year Recognition Banquet for our Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

I know we're all busy, but am hoping to see many of you who haven't been able to make it in the upcoming weeks. There's always room for one more at STOC meetings where "bringing out the best in youth" is our mission!

Looking Forward to Seeing Y'all on Wednesdays!
Carole Klopp, President ☺



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

April Birthdays



Doug Poole	11
Nick Burge	12
Jeff Kuchenbecker	12
Dan Bergs	20
Pete Graven	25



New Member Recruitment

NOW 'New Optimists Welcome' MEETING
May 19th TWIST Lounge @ 5pm


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"ONE and DONE"

Optimist Club Membership campaign 2016

SWIS Membership challenge:

The challenge is for each current member to recruit one new member to the Optimist organization.



SWIS District Conferences

SWIS 3rd Quarter Conference:
 April 29-30 at the Kalahari, WI Dells
 Registration before April 27th
 See www.swisdistrict.org for information

Leadership Summit:
 May 14 in Bloomington, MN

SWIS 4th Quarter Conference:
 Aug 26-27 at the Sheraton in Brookfield

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Sauk Trails Optimists Club Meetings and Other Scheduled Events

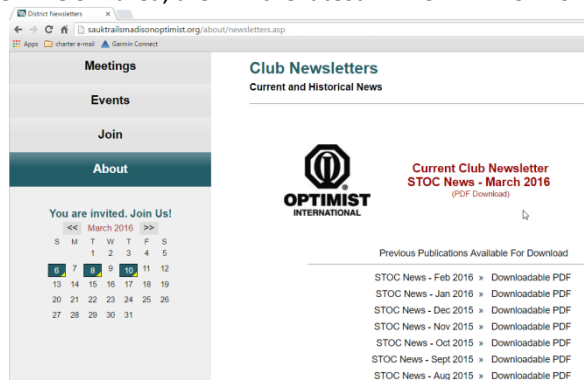
April & May 2016 Planned Activities:

April 6	Essay Contest Winners
April 9	Oratorical zone contest
April 13	Tyler Isham
April 20	Need Speaker
April 27	Need Speaker
April 29-30	SWIS District 3 rd Quarter conference
May 4	Student of the Month
May 7	Special Olympics Regional competition
May 11	Respect for Law Luncheon
May 25	Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team Annual Recognition & Induction Banquet

(Blue denotes a Wednesday Lunch Meeting)

SAUK TRAILS – Madison Optimist Club WEBSITE

CHECK OUT the Sauk Trails – Madison Optimist Club Website at: www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org.
The NEWEST update in the 'ABOUT' area, are ALL the latest NEWSLETTERS in one location. (See screenshot below)



IF YOU'RE BUSINESS WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR the SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB WEBSITE for the 2016-17 YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT ME FOR DETAILS. YOUR BUSINESS NAME / LOGO / CONTACT INFORMATION WOULD BE ROTATED WITH OTHER BUSINESSES ON THE HOME PAGE

Total 'access hits' on the website in **February was 2610**. (January: 1925 hits; December: 1464 hits).

Please provide me with any upcoming Events, pictures, accomplishments, to help share information with other optimists in your club. Thanks for all your support.

Optimistically, **Bonnie Spindler**

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRACK MEET, SATURDAY, MAY 7th

For more than 20 years the Special Olympics Track & Field meet has been a signature volunteer activity for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Mark your calendars and join us for the 2015 meet on **Saturday, May 7th**. The event is rain or shine, so be prepared. (I know it's a month away, but preliminary weather reports predict it will be sunny and seasonably warm that day, with highs in the mid-60s, light winds and no rain!)



DRAFT agenda for the day is as follows:

8:30 am - Club breakfast at [DeBroux's Diner](#), 101 S Main St, Oregon (optional)

10:00 am - Parade of Athletes; cheer for all of the athletes as they enter the stadium and the Olympic torch is lit. One of the best parts of the day!

10:30am - 2:30pm - Stage all of the running and walking races for the Region 6 District Track & Field Competition at Oregon High School, 456 N. Perry Parkway, Oregon. Our job is to assist runners in lining up for their races, getting to the starting line in the right lanes, and cheering them on!

More information will be provided in the May newsletter and on the STO website when it becomes available.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

@ BRAT FEST

The Brat Fest will be held **Friday, May 27 through Monday, May 30**. This is a popular fund raiser for many groups in Madison, and even though this is only April 1, most of the jobs/shifts have already been filled. Available shifts are on a first come, first served basis. We will be paid \$8.00 for each hour worked. I have posted below jobs/shifts available. If you are interested, please let me know at hoebels2618@yahoo.com. Diane Hoebel



Award winning journalist and author Doug Moe entertained STO members during lunch.



**March in Photos
By Steve Bailey**



Six students participated in the Oratorical contest with Ananya Krishna and SYS's very own Kelly Wu advancing to the next round, to be held on April 9th.

A WONDERFUL TIME SHARED WITH FRIENDS AT THE PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The Progressive Dinner on March 6 was hosted by Carole Klopp (appetizers), Jacci & Ted See (entrée), and Bob & Karen Wortinger (dessert). Twenty Three (23) optimistic members and their guests were treated to tasty delights at every stop. We also got our first peek at Madeline Lorraine, Dan and Katie Berg's beautiful new daughter. I wouldn't say that Jacci dominated her, but it was sure hard for anyone else to get near her! Members gave Dan & Katie an array of Bucky Badger outfits and cute red things. They were the perfect gifts since Madeline is escorted by Dad in a Bucky Badger cover for her carrier. Submitted by Kathy Johnson



SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

MINUTES

PRESENT: Dan C., Rick T., Carole, Steve, Rick C., Nancy, Diane, Bob

Absent: Mike G., Dan B., Kathy, Todd

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

1. Addition to minutes: Thanking the hosts from the progressive dinner.
2. Approval of Board Minutes from 2/9/2016. Steve moves to approve, Dan C. seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. Acceptance of January Financial Reports:
Rick C. motions to accept January and February financial reports. Steve seconds. Bob reviewed February's financials. Passed unanimously. Bob moved that we write off 2 members dues. Diane seconds, Passed unanimously.
4. Membership Report Update:
Bob moved that Nick, Greg and Joe should be dropped from membership. Rick C. seconds, Passed unanimously. Bob moved that we accept Jessica Grettie as a new member. Dan C. seconds. Rick C. would like us to encourage better lunch attendance. Passed unanimously. We now have 46 members and 0 FOOs. OI has created a Honoring our Heroes program. It runs March 1 through June 30th. It also has a One and Done program that we need to encourage everyone to participate in. We should get our name in the WSJ directory. Bonnie will investigate.
5. Board Organization
We are behind in our fundraising.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Service
 1. Essay contest was won by Tejvir
 2. Oratorical contest- March 30 is our club contest, Zone contest is April 9, and District is April 30
 3. Bratfest – We are trying to sign up as a group. May 27-30
 4. Madison Marathon sign up is ready
 - b. Social
 1. May 19th – Twist NOW Meeting
 2. June 4th – Reach a Child mini golf tournament
 3. August ??? Pool Party
 - c. Fundraising
 1. Basketball lottery – There will be no contest this year.
 2. Rick C. is working on sponsors for next year's Christmas party
7. New Business.
 - a. Many open speaker spots
 - b. STOC website sponsorship is available. Diane moves to approve the website for next year with sponsors. Nancy seconds. Bonnie would like to get 4 sponsors at \$100 per year each. Passed unanimously.
 - c. Nominating committee – Kathy, Steve, Todd, Dan C.
 - d. No club meeting July 6th
 - e. 2016 board meetings scheduled for April 12 and May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, and Sept. 13.
 - f. Diane moved that we begin recognizing Optimist members quarterly starting in April, Bob seconds, the board would vote on which Optimist would be recognized, Passed unanimously.
8. Adjourn, next meeting will be April 12 at 5:00 pm. at Park Bank. Rick C. moved to adjourn, Dan C. seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Thomas, Secretary

**SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
Youth & Community Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 8, 2016
MINUTES**

Present: Bob, Nancy, Rick T., Bonnie, Diane, Dan C., Carole, Steve, Rick C.

Absent: Mike, Todd, Kathy, Dan B.

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

1. **Minutes from June 2015 Foundation Meeting.** Bob moves to approve, Diane seconds, passed unanimously.
2. **Financial Report Discussion 14-15:** Bob reviewed the financials, Bob moved that we budget \$125 for essay, \$125 for Oratorical and \$250 for hotel in the Dells for the Oratorical contest. Rick C. seconds, passed unanimously. Steve moved that we budget \$300 for Respect for Law, Diane seconds, Passed unanimously.
3. **New Business:**
Rick C. moved that we budget \$2000 for scholarships, Dan C. seconds, Passed unanimously.
4. We will discuss donation to OI at our June meeting.
5. Next meeting will be June 14th. Diane moved to adjourn, Dan C. seconds, meeting adjourned at 6:12pm.

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.