



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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



May 2014

Sauk Trails Optimists:

It looks like we're finally getting some spring weather. The flowers are starting to 'smile' at us after being buried in snow for a long winter. We value and respect all living things, including ourselves and can share that with others through our 'energy' and 'smiles'.

The 7th tenet of the creed is: Promise yourself: To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature a smile. A quote from the author in the 'Power of Creed' book is: *'It is our responsibility to light up a room, become a shoulder for someone in need, and be a mentor for others. Recognize that all of life is important and vibrates with energy, that everything and everyone has a purpose and talent that can be shared with others.'*

We had a variety of different speakers in April including: WCCN – Working Capital for Community Needs program; Library Seed Exchange program; Spartan Youth Service Team – JOOI history and future plans; Millennium Soccer Club for low income kids, and the SWIS – Southern Wisconsin District and Crane Foundation. (*Thanks to all speaker coordinators and presenters*). It was also great to acquire more input on 'fundraising' needs and opportunities for the future from Optimists.

In May, we will be honoring our: Students of the Month and West Madison Police Officers. We will have sharing about the support of the Optimist International Foundation. On May 28th, there will be NO lunch meeting and instead the Spartan Youth Service Team – JOOI 2014-15 Installation and sharing program at Memorial High School, at 5:00 PM. Please plan to attend to support JOOI.

In this newsletter there will be more information about 'Sprit Day' – May 1st and the Special Track Olympics – May 10th. (*Information and waivers for the track Olympics have been e-mailed and are in this newsletter. Please follow-up on those requirements if you plan on participating*).

The SWIS 3rd Quarter Conference was attended by about 120 including about 60 optimists and 60 Oratorical, Essay, Communication for Deaf and Hard of Hearing – CCDHH kids and parents. A JOOI Conference was held, with club representatives to facilitate a 2014-15 JOOI Governor election. There were presentations on: Wisconsin Badger Camp; UW Whitewater Students/Leaders on their upcoming trip to Burkina Fasa, Africa; WILS-Wisconsin Leadership Program; World Marathon Challenge; and presentations by scholarship winners of the contests and keynote speakers. A "Leadership Summit" is scheduled for May 17th in Madison. (See www.optimist.org for agenda.)

As the SWIS co-Membership Chair, '**Thank-You**' for being 'an Optimist'. **That's what we're all about, serving the kids and enhancing our personal lives as we do it.** Think about that friend, relative, neighbor, business associate who you could invite to any lunch and/or social event on **June 4th at Basie's, 5:00 – 7:00 PM** to share in our fun times.

If you're interested in serving on the board in the 2014-15 year, please let me and/or Mary Schwartz, chair of the Nomination Committee know. The actual election will be held at the May 14th lunch meeting with reporting to Optimist International on May 15th.

Optimistically,
Bonnie Spindler

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STOC Bulletin Board

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2013-2014

President: Bonnie Spindler

Vice President: Dan Bergs

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Board of Directors

Rick Conne
Mike Grasmick
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Diane Hoebel
Liv Sandberg

May Birthdays



Mary Poole May 17



IMPORTANT – New Lunch RSVP Procedure

Our lunches will now be served buffet style with a meat and a vegetarian choice (typically a salad). This is being done in an attempt to improve the quality of our lunches.

President Bonnie will send out the weekly lunch meeting e-mail on Friday afternoon. **PLEASE RSVP WITH YOUR LUNCH CHOICE BY MONDAY NOON.** Anyone who RSVP's later than Monday noon will likely receive a salad as their lunch choice. You are still welcome to attend a lunch meeting without a RSVP, but you will receive a salad for lunch. We are trying this on a trial basis. Your feedback is appreciated.

Student of the Month will be May 7th. Come and support these students as they share how service has been important in their lives.

Mark the Date!

May 14

This is a meeting you simply must attend!

It is our annual **Respect for Law Day** when we honor 2 officers from Madison's West Precinct. It is your opportunity to show your appreciation as the officers share information about their duties.



In addition, we will also hold our club elections for 2014-15 Officers and Board. If you are interested in serving in a leadership position, please contact Mary at schwrtzmry@aol.com.

Special Olympics Track Meet

Saturday, May 10

See More Details in this Newsletter!

Mark your calendar

STOC Happy Hour Social
Wednesday, June 4, 2014
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Invite your friends to learn more about Optimism!

☺ New Optimists Wanted! ☺

2014 SWIS Conference Dates

August 9 - 10 The Sheraton, Brookfield

2014 Optimist International Dates

May 17 OI Leadership Summit, Madison

July 9 – 12 OI International Convention, Las Vegas, NV

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Sauk Trails Optimists Club Meetings and Other Scheduled Events

Date	Optimist Volunteer	Speaker and Topic <i>(Lunch, 11:45 AM at Radisson unless indicated)</i>	Lunch Choices
5/1/14		SPIRIT DAY with the JOOI Club	
5-7-14	Rick Conne	Students of the Month	Lunch Buffet
5/10/2014		SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRACK MEET	
5-14-14	Steve Bailey	Respect For Law Day – West Madison Police Officers Honored	Lasagna Buffet, one with meat one vegetarian
5-21-14	Bonnie Spindler	Maureen Crombie, Optimist on OI Foundation Club Updates	Lunch Buffet
5-28-14	JOOI Team	JOOI Banquet at JMMHS, 5:00 NO Regular Lunch Meeting	Buffet Catered by The Olive Garden
6-4-14	OPTIMISTS	SAUK TRAILS Happy Hour SOCIAL, 5:00 – 7:00 PM @ Basie's	Pizza/Appetizers

Shaded Blue = Wednesday Lunch Meeting

Join us for Optimist Day at Miller Park as the Brewers take on the Dodgers! Saturday, August 9th Gametime – 6:10 p.m.

Delicious Tailgate & Social starting at 4:30 p.m.

Only \$28 (does not include parking) if tickets are ordered by June 1st (After June 1, tickets are \$33)

Include an extra \$2/ticket & it will be donated to the Childhood Cancer Campaign.

All are Welcome!

Visit with fellow Optimists, future Optimists, and new friends while enjoying the game from your Terrace Box seat.

Call (262) 620-1588 or email eventplanner2000@hotmail.com

Checks can be mailed to Jo'EL Pearlman, 528 76th Street, Franksville, WI 53126

Sauk Trails Optimist Board of Directors Meeting – April 22, 2014

President Bonnie called the meeting to order. The previous meeting's minutes and the treasurer's report were accepted. The club has \$3,900 in operating cash. Bob and Bonnie met with the Radisson regarding lunch service and billing. Members will be notified of changes.

We are currently at 43 members plus 2 FOO's. Members are encouraged to invite guests to the New Optimists Welcomed Happy Hour on June 4th.

Old Business: Rick Conne reported on the Lussier Xmas Party (December 19). He has secured a \$2500 grant from Walmart. The board approved all monies contributed for the purpose of the Xmas party are to earmarked in the Foundation as a restricted fund for the Xmas Party. The following activities are all organized: Spirit Day - May 1; UW Band Concert, April 24th; Special Olympics Track – May 10; Student of the Month – May 7th; and Respect for Law – May 14th. The contract has been signed for CenterPlate at the Alliant Energy Center, but no activity expected until fall. Mary is in process of contacting the Cheese Days organizer in Monroe.

New Business: The board approved the Football Craze Fundraiser (125 tickets requested); Diane has been researching Brat Fest; Mary and Liv agreed to work on the nominating committee for the upcoming Officer and Board elections; Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team induction banquet will be on May 28th. The regular STOC meeting is being cancelled to encourage the adults to attend the kids' program. REACH a Child has requested our help with a raffle that they would like to do for an event in September.

The meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be **Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 7:30 a.m.** at Wegner CPA's.

If you would like the official minutes of the board meeting, please contact Carole Klono, Club Secretary, at klono@chorus.net.

Fundraising News: Football Frenzy is back!

We now have the Football Frenzy tickets for 2014! Last year, STOC members sold 105 tickets and our Youth & Community Foundation received \$1,307.25 as our reward for our sales effort. Gene Spindler (FF co-ordinator) has 125 tickets for the 2014 year. The tickets sell for \$20 and are valid for seventeen weeks of the pro-football season beginning September 7th and ending December 28th. **Pick up your tickets at a Wednesday lunch meeting or call Gene at 833-7244 to schedule a time and place to get tickets to you.** Unsold tickets must be returned to Gene before August 13th.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRACK MEET, SATURDAY, MAY 10th

If you have signed up to volunteer at the track meet, **on-line registration is now mandatory.** Online Registration: <http://sowi.kintera.org/Region6TrackAndField2014>

The 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!

For more information, contact John Scherer: john@trinfin.com, 829-1010 work, 836-0151 home



REACH a Child Events

Support REACH-a-Child by attending the **REACH Meet N'Greet on May 15th** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at **The Great Dane** in Fitchburg. Appetizers will be provided.



ALSO, for all you **Golfers** out there - get a foursome together to participate in a **Scramble** sponsored by the Greater Madison Area Human Resource Managers Association as a **fundraiser for REACH!** **June 6th** is the date and you'll be golfing at **The Oaks in Cottage Grove!** Early registration, BEFORE May 17th, is \$89 per person and includes: 18 holes with cart and GPS; continental breakfast; practice facilities; and a cookout reception after golf. Registration will be open at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. To sign-up, please go to <http://www.gmashrm.org/2014golf>.

May 2014 Reflection: Promise Yourself: To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

It's always great to see and talk with someone who has a 'smile' on their face because it puts a 'smile' on our face also. In order to follow this tenet, you need to wear a 'sincere smile' which reflects the feeling you have in your heart. If you have a specific situation that you would like to share briefly as part of the 'Happy Dollar' program during May your input will put smiles on your fellow optimists faces also.



STOC members are invited to attend the New Officer Induction Banquet for the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team on Wednesday, May 28th, 5:00 p.m., at Memorial High School. The cost will be \$12/person (same as lunch!). Sign up at a lunch meeting or contact Rick Thomas at jathoma2@wisc.edu. Please note the regular STOC lunch meeting on 5/28 at the Radisson has been cancelled to encourage your attendance to show support for the JOOI Team.

SYSJT meets in the Fox Neighborhood Center in Memorial High School on Wednesday's after school. Drop in for a visit!

**April in Photos
By Steve Bailey**



Jeanne Duffy from Working Capital for Community Needs accepts the Optimist Creed from Carole.



Todd Rogg from Millennium Soccer, a program for disadvantaged youth.



Rochelle Robkin (our SWIS Lt. Gov.) gives an enthusiastic talk about the International Crane Foundation near Baraboo.



STOC members had a BLAST at the UW Badger Band Concert on April 24th.



Mike Lekrone dances above the crowd.

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.