



Pathways



Sauk Trails Optimist Club
September/October 2024 Schedule
<https://sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org>



President's Message October 2024;

It has been the START of the NEW Optimist 24-25 year. We held the induction and dinner on September 25th at Johnny's Steak House. We have also been doing some planning for the year. The club will continue to meet twice a month, but not always the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays but vary according to the holiday schedule. (See the schedule, through the end of 2024, on page 5 of this newsletter).

I want to update you on the changes to our meeting schedule through the rest of this year. In October we will meet on the 16th and the 30th. November meetings are on the 6th and 13th. In December we will meet on the 11th and 18th. "Coffee with a Cop" will be around 9:00 AM on Thursday, October 24. We also have a Culver's Share Night on November 19 and the Christmas Party is December 13.

My goal this year is to continue the work and camaraderie this club has achieved. I hope to make this coming year as successful as last year.

Trisha Lucas, Club co-President 24-25

There has been planning for the Lussier Christmas Party scheduled for Friday, December 13th, 2024. Various fund-raisers, donations, and Grants are being planned with Walmart, Community and Summit Banks, and others. This is an annual event for approximately 120 kids each year. Presents are purchased for specific ages of the kids which will be wrapped by Optimists on Wednesday, December 11th. On Friday Optimists will arrive at 3:30 PM for start time and set-up with the event planned for 4:00 PM. There will be more information coming in the future.

Frank Rath, Club co-President 24-25

Our new co-presidents, Trisha Lucas and Frank Rath, will be leading the meetings and coordinating the speakers and schedules for the twice a month schedule. We continue to grow our friendships and our club as we work to make a difference to kids and the community. Let's continue to look for new fun ways to work together! Please know that any of your ideas are welcomed. You are appreciated!

Trisha & Frank, co-Presidents 24-25

Past President's Message September 11, 2024

We are coming to the end of the Optimist year. The year has gone by so fast. As a group working together, we have accomplished so much! Thank all of you so much for your time and efforts to participate in activities such as making dinner at the Ronald McDonald House to working at Brat Fest to working at WayForward to working at Culvers to working at Mustard Days to the Lussier Center Christmas party last year to honoring police officers to other social and fundraising activities. Being able to give scholarships and grants are always highlights for us.

Let's continue to grow our friendships and our club as we work to make a difference to kids and the community. All your ideas are welcomed. You are appreciated!

My joke for the month: What starts with an E and ends with an E and has only one letter in it?

An envelope. Promise Yourself! To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

Kathie Newman, President 2023-2024 Lt Governor Zone 6, 2021-2024

**Sauk Trails
Club Officers
2024 - 25**

President's:
TRISHA LUCAS
FRANK RATH

Secretary/Treasurer:
Carole Klopp

OI Fnd Rep: BonnieSpindler,

Past President: Kathie Newman

Board of Directors
Patti Levenson 23-25
Rick Conne 20-24
Mary Schwartz 24-26
Liv Sandberg 24-26



September Birthdays

Carole Klopp 4
Mark Kraemer 9
Mary Breunig 20
Dan Chart 22
Jacci See 27
Nancy Hach 27

October Birthdays

Rick Thomas 21
Ted See 28

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**Sauk Trails 'Zoom'
Board Meetings**

Oct 15th, 5 PM

**SWIS 1st Qtr 24-
25 Conference**

Oct. 19, 2024

Terri Lynn Fundraiser for STOC

One of our annual fundraisers is selling nuts/candies from Terri Lynn through our online store. In the past I have usually receive in about 2 weeks. This is a nice fundraiser because all you have to do is send someone the link or just order product which you can have shipped directly to the recipient. Link to order is here: <https://sauktrailsoptimists.terrilynn.com>.

If you have any questions, please contact **Rick Thomas** rthomas5914@gmail.com or call 608-212-7582.

FUND CRAZR

Sale of tickets was finalized in August 2024. Thanks for Carole for coordinating and ALL Optimists who purchased and/or sold the tickets.

The club received \$1,200 back for all the sales.

CONGRATULATIONS.

If you have a speaker or would like to speak yourself, please contact FUTURE President Trisha or Frank for the scheduling.



Bonnie Spindler: Presentation on August 28th on SWIS Website and relationship to the SAUK Trails Club.



Kathie presented the 'Presidential Citation to Carole Klopp for going above and beyond in her Treasury duties and also her work in club activities. Kathie presented a 'Member Recognition Certificate' to Patti Levenson for her exceptional team leadership in fundraising and service and her high level of participation.

Kathie Newman:

Presentation on September 11th about trip to the Maine area with many pictures.
Kathie also shared about her 3rd year as STOC Club President and also her 3rd year as SWIS Lt. Governor for Zone 6.

THANKS KATHIE for the GREAT JOB YOU HAVE DONE and CONTINUE TO DO.

It is very much appreciated.

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Optimists: Mary Schwartz, Liv Sandberg, Patt Levenson, Bonnie Spindler, Carole Klopp, Trisha Lucas, Frank Rath, Kathie Newman, Jo'El Pearlman:

Sauk Trails Club Future 24-25 Board Installed by Jo'El Pearlman on 09/25/24.



The Sauk Trails Banquet was held at Johnny's in Middleton on September 25th, 2024. Those members who attended enjoyed a great time visiting with each other, having a wonderful dinner, provided an update of the activities and accomplishments in 23-24 year by out-going Club President, Kathie Newman. There was a raffle of various items, which was supported by optimists with the money going to the STOC Foundation for the youth.

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August 20, 2024 Tues	Culver’s Share Night, 4-6PM and 6-8PM THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS
August 28, 2024	Wednesday, Vintage Lunch Meeting: Bonnie Spindler, sharing on SWIS Website in conjunction with STOC Website.
Sept. 10, 2024, TUESDAY	September Board Meeting by ZOOM, 5 PM
Sept 11, 2024	Wednesday, Vintage Lunch Meeting: Kathie Newman shared about her vacation to the Maine area with many pictures.
Sept. 25, 2024	STOC Installation Banquet at Johnny’s Steakhouse. 16 people attended the Installation Banquet along with Jo’El Pearlman, SWIS District Past Governor 20-21 who Installed those present. (See picture)
October 15, 2024	October Board Meeting by ZOOM. Co-Presidents Trisha Lucas and Frank Rath. ZOOM by Carole Klopp, Sec/Treasurer
October 16, 2024	Wednesday, Vintage Lunch Meeting <u>SPEAKER TBD.:</u>
October 24, 2024 THURSDAY	Thursday, 9:00 AM at West District Station: 1710 McKenna Blvd. Madison, WI 53711 for “Coffee with a Cop” <i>Confirmation was received from Captain Kelly Beckett ensuring that Office Joswiak will be there.</i>
October 30, 2024	Wednesday, Vintage Lunch Meeting <u>Speaker TBD:</u>
November 6, 2024	Wednesday, Vintage Lunch Meeting, <u>Speaker TBD’</u>
November 12, 2024 TUESDAY	November Board Meeting by ZOOM. Co-Presidents Trisha Lucas and Frank Rath. ZOOM by Carole Klopp, Sec/Treasurer
November 13, 2024	Wednesday, Vintage Lunch Meeting, <u>Speaker TBD</u>
November 19 th , 2024 TUESDAY	5 PM, CULVER’ Planned Volunteers Needed.
December 11, 2024	Wednesday, Vintage lunch: Wrapping Gifts for Lussier Center
December 13, 2024	Friday, Lussier Center Planned XMAS Party for the Kids
December 17, 2024 TUESDAY	December Board Meeting by ZOOM, 5 PM
December 18, 2024	Wednesday, Vintage Lunch Meeting, Ornament Exchange
December 25 – January 7 th	HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON. Return on January 8 th , Wednesday for first Lunch in 2025.

Volunteering at CULVER's: August 20

Rick Conne (2 shifts), Steve Bailey (2 shifts), Trisha Lucas (2 shifts), Kathie Newman (1 shift), Carole Kiopp (1 shift). volunteered at Culver's THANKS to President Kathie Newman for coordinating and to ALL the volunteers.

November 19th will be our next Culver's Day to sign-up for your future schedule.

TRAINING AVAILABLE for ALL OPTIMISTS for FREE:

The Optimist Institute offers a lot of interesting courses for club officers and members.

You will need to use your user id or register to obtain a user id. Your email address could be your user id. <https://optimist.tovuti.io/>

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BUCKY BOOK SALES STARTING 2024

Bucky Book 2024 STOC is once again selling Bucky Books to help raise funds for our foundation. Each book sells for \$35 with \$15 of that coming back to the club in profit. There are hundreds of buy one get one free coupon for things such as restaurants, golf, and entertainment. Use a couple of coupons and you easily get your money back while supporting a great cause. We currently have 60 books There are 6 Bucky Books we still have to sell and we can always get more at the usual \$15 per book Carole Klopp is coordinating. We would like to finish the sales by the end of October. \$1,200.00 was RECEIVED from the Bucky Book Sales. THANKS to EVERYONE WHO Purchased books. Special Thanks to MARY BREUNIG who sold MANY BOOKS this year.



MINUTES - SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB

Board of Directors Meeting **via ZOOM**

Tuesday, August 6, 2024; 5pm

1. **Welcome:** President, Kathie Newman called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM by ZOOM. There was a quorum present of Optimists: Kathie Newman; Bonnie Spindler; Carole Klopp; Trisha Lucas; Patti Levenson; & Steve Bailey.

Absent: Rick Conne, Diane Hoebel & Frank Rath.

2. **Approve June Board Minutes:** The June 18 Board minutes, taken & documented by Bonnie Spindler, Club Secretary. Steve Bailey moved approval with a second by Carole Klopp. Motion passed unanimously.

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3. **Club Financial Report Presented:** - Carole Klopp, Club Treasurer, presented the STOC Balance Sheet and Operating Statement for June. She indicated that she and Bob would see if, and how much, the club could help with the cost of the EOY Banquet.
4. **Officers for 2024-2025** will be inducted on **Wednesday, September. 25th**.
Co-Presidents: Trisha Lucas and Frank Rath
Secretary/Treasurer: Carole Klopp
Board Members: Bonnie Spindler (term ends 9/30/25), Liv Sandberg (term ends 9/30/26),
Mary Schwartz (term ends 9/30/26), Patti Levenson (term ends 9/30/25)
5. **Induction Date Dinner, September 25th:** The date for the end of Optimist year dinner and induction of new officers is quickly approaching. The co-Presidents will plan this evening.

Location: Johnny’s Steakhouse was contacted by Kathie Newman, and approved by those present.

Inductee: Jo’El Pearlman and/or Maureen Crombie have been contacted to perform the Induction.

Invitation: Trish will be coordinating the Invite & Food Choice, with input from CaroleK on process.

Raffle Items: At a minimum, Road House Cards; other items discussed. (TBD-by incoming presidents).

6. **Dates to Remember:**

- a. **Bucky Books (40 initially)** will be picked up this year by Patti on August 21st (West Madison). (There is NO lunch meeting that day, but the books will be available at the August 28th lunch). If you would want/need them earlier than the 28th, please coordinate with Patti Levenson.
- b. **Culver’s Share Night** Next work dates are Tuesday, August 20th and November 19th. Sign-up with Kathie Newman.
- c. **4th District Convention-** August 9th and 10th at Comfort Inn & Suites, Deforest, WI. Currently Bonnie Spindler will be attending/presenting about websites. (Steve Bailey is also a possibility).

7. **Adjourn:** A motion was made by Carole Klopp and seconded by Patti Levenson to adjourn the meeting,
with other members approving at 5:35 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 10th, 2024, at 5PM, via Zoom

Respectfully submitted by: Bonnie Spindler, STOC Club Secretary.



MINUTES - SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
Foundation Meeting **via ZOOM**
Tuesday, August 6, 2024, (following Board Meeting)

1. **Call to order:** The STOC Foundation Meeting was called to order by President, Kathie Newman at 5:35 PM. There was a quorum present: Kathie Newman, Bonnie Spindler, Carole Klopp, Trisha Lucas; Patti Levenson, Steve Bailey.
2. **Financial Discussion:** -
 - a. Lussier Center Financial Needs for Xmas Event. This needs to be provided by Frank Rath and Rick Conne.
 - i. WHAT has and/or will be provided through GRANTS and/or other contributions from previous supporters? Will there be a need for requests for more Grants for the Lussier Center Xmas Event?
 - ii. WHEN planned, HOW many 'kids' 'tentatively' for food / gifts, communication on Event & Ages involved, WHAT other Needs for the Annual event?
 - iii. This needs to be INITIALLY determined in August 2024 for future planning for STOC financial grants distribution. **(Meeting SOON with Frank/Rick)**
 - iv. Trisha Lucas will be contacting Frank Rath to set-up another ZOOM meeting in the next week for a better understanding of what has and what will be done for the Lussier Party planning.
 - v. Based on decisions previously made and/or needing to be made for the Lussier Center, will help determine remainder of Grant needs for others.
 - b. STOC Grants:
 - i. In looking at the 'big picture' and what is determined for the Lussier Center, there is tentatively \$2,000 that could be given for Grants.
 - ii. Applications for Grants will be sent out to organizations who have contributed in the past. *(Needs to be coordinated by an Optimist).*
 - iii. Probably 4 grants of \$500 each, to be determined by the following:
 1. Previous organizations the club has given Grants to.
 2. New Speakers during the year, with input from Paul Johnson and other Optimists who heard deserving speakers.
 - c. Carole noted that the club policy is to keep a base of \$10,000 in the Foundation. Any amount fundraised, which varies by year, is available for grants and scholarships. Currently we have approximately \$5000; however, that amount has to be confirmed with the next monthly accounting. The goal is to keep a sufficient amount for the following year.

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3. **Lussier ZOOM Meeting Needs:** ZOOM meeting, will be set-up, based on Frank Rath’s schedule in the next week sometime by Trisha Lucas. As many board members as possible will be in attendance.
4. **Adjourn:** A motion was made by Patti Levenson and seconded by Steve Bailey to adjourn the meeting, with other members approving at 6:15 PM.

Next Meeting Foundation Meeting: **Tuesday, September 10th, 2024, at 5PM,**
via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by: **Bonnie Spindler**, STOC Club Secretary



AGENDA - SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
Board of Directors Meeting **via ZOOM**
Tuesday, September 10, 2024; 5pm

1. **Welcome by Kathie Newman, Club President** at 5:00 PM. Present were: Kathie Newman, President; Carole Klopp, Club Treasurer; Bonnie Spindler, Club Secretary; Steve Bailey, Ol Foundation Rep; Trisha Lucas; Diane Hoebel; Frank Rath; Rick Conne; Patti Levenson; Mary Schwartz (24-25 Board Member).
2. **Approve the August 6, 2024 Board Minutes:** A motion was made by Carole Klopp to approve the August 6th Board minutes, which was seconded by Steve Bailey. The motion was passed by the quorum present.
3. **Club Financial Reports:** - Carole Klopp, Club Treasurer, presented the STOC Balance Sheet and Operating Statement for August 2024. Carole shared that the STOC Checking-Operating amount of \$4,890 is higher than normal for this time of the Optimist Year. Questions and discussions followed.
4. Officers for 2024-25 who will be inducted on September 25th.
Co-Presidents: Trisha Lucas and Frank Rath
Secretary/Treasurer: Carole Klopp
Board Members: Bonnie Spindler (term ends 9/30/25), Liv Sandberg (term ends 9/30/26),
Mary Schwartz (term ends 9/30/26), Patti Levenson (term ends 9/30/25)
The past President also participates on the board for the year following their term.
5. **End of year dinner and induction:** New officers is set for September 25, 2024 at Johnny’s Italian Steakhouse at 8390 Market St, Middleton with drinks on your own at 5pm and dinner at 6pm. **The co-Presidents will plan this evening.** Upcoming co-president Trisha has confirmed that past Governor Jo’El Pearlman will perform

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the induction of the new officers and board. Possible sale of auction items not previously sold.

A motion was made by Carole Klopp and seconded by Bonnie Spindler to approve a \$10 contribution by the STOC Operating Account for those attending the End of year dinner. The motion was passed by those present.

6. Fundraising Events:

- a. **Bucky Books:** Contact Patti for your books.
- b. **Culver's Share Night** - Earned \$613.70 on August 20. Next share night is November 19th.
- c. **Sale of gift cards for Texas Roadhouse.** Discussion at noon lunch meeting.

7. **Adjourn:** A motion was made by Carole Klopp and seconded by Diane Hoebel to adjourn the meeting, and approved by members present at 5:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 15th, 2024, at 5 PM, via Zoom

Respectfully submitted by: Bonnie Spindler, STOC Club Secretary



AGENDA - SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB

Foundation Meeting **via ZOOM**

Tuesday, September 10, 2024; 5:30pm

1. **Call to order: The STOC Foundation Meeting was called to order by** Kathie Newman, Club President at 5:35 PM. Present were: Kathie Newman, President; Carole Klopp, Club Treasurer; Bonnie Spindler, Club Secretary; Steve Bailey, Ol Foundation Rep; Trisha Lucas; Diane Hoebel; Frank Rath; Rick Conne; Patti Levenson; Mary Schwartz (24-25 Board Member).
2. **Approve the August 6, 2024 Foundation Minutes:** A motion was made by Steve Bailey to approve the August 6th Foundation minutes, which was seconded by Patti Levenson. The motion was passed by the quorum present.
3. **Financials** - Carole Klopp, Club Treasurer, presented the STOC Balance Sheet and Operating Statement for August 2024. (*\$2,000 was approved earlier for 23-24 Grants. Also mentioned was Respect for Law plaque engraving for 23-24 approved earlier.*)

4. **5013c organizations community grants:** A motion was made by Bonnie Spindler and seconded by Rick Conne to approve \$500 Grants for WayForward, Miracle League, Logan's Hearts and Smiles, and a Reading Program - Bex Fabrizio from the Literacy Network. The motion was passed by those present with the \$2,000 approved earlier for the 23-24 year.
5. **Lussier Center Reports:**
 - a. 2023 Lussier Center Party had pre-approved \$2,000 towards party in 2023 budget.
 - b. Carole Klopp shared about a website where a grant request to business or retail stores can be created. Grants are usually created early in each calendar year.
 - c. Frank Rath shared the history of the Lussier Christmas Party. It was originally started with the West Madison Club, and was sponsored at various levels of participation and gift giving through the years. When West Madison disbanded, Frank brought the knowledge and status of the Lussier Party with him when joining the Sauk Trails Optimist Club.
 - d. Frank Rath presented the status of the Lussier Center Christmas Party, including financials, grants requested from businesses, food provided by whom, number of possible gifts, etc. He indicated that he has Grants in place with various banks and other businesses which will be covering ALL the expenses for the Lussier Party so there will be no need to acquire any money from the STOC budget. (*A Magician will be eliminated this year to help with the expenses*).
 - e. There was input about food being provided by: Texas Roadhouse; Metcalf; others.
 - f. There will be presents provided for designated age groups of 120 youth this year.
6. **Adjourn:** A motion was made by Carole Klopp and seconded by Patti Levenson to adjourn the meeting, and approved by members present at 6:15 PM.

OI Foundation Request by ZOOM, continuation of Foundation Meeting:
MOTION: *Carole Klopp moves to donate \$500 from the Sauk Trails Youth & Community Foundation to the Optimist International Foundation for the fiscal year 23-24 said funds to be transmitted before the end of September 2024. The motion was seconded by Diane Hoebel & approved by an e-mail quorum of Members after meeting.*

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 15th, 2024, at 5:30 PM, via Zoom
Respectfully submitted by: Bonnie Spindler, STOC Club Secretary

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.