



# Pathways



Sauk Trails Optimist Club  
July/Aug/Sept 2024 Schedule  
<https://sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org>



## President's Message August 25th, 2024

What a great summer! I wish it wouldn't be going by so fast. I appreciate the extra daylight hours.

We honored a police officer on May 22nd. In addition, we are honoring Officer Joswiak at the Coffee for Cops at the West District Station on September 19th at 9AM. On May 22nd, the Captain and Sergeant did a great job talking about the police force and the honored officer. The Sergeant even added his own joke! Thank you Steve for organizing this!

Rick Thomas invited the 3 scholarship recipients at our June 12th meeting. The students added energy to the meeting with their presence and sharing. Thank you Rick!

The following is fundraising we did to be able to give scholarships and grants.

1. We worked at Culver's on May 14th and earned \$678.

We worked at Culver's on August 20th and earned \$613.70

We are scheduled to work at Culvers on **November 19th**. Please save the date!

2. On May 25th, we worked as wrappers and grillers at the Brat Fest.

We earned \$672! Thank you Diane!

3. On July 10th, we worked at WayForward to pack groceries based on orders they had received. WayForward delivers these groceries to the requestors.

4. On August 3rd, we worked at the Mustard Days in Middleton. We ran the games and grilled.

Thank you Patti for organizing this! It is a wonderful event for the community!

It will be the end of the Optimist year before we know it. We intend to have the induction and dinner on September 25th at Johnny's Steak House. Emails have gone out to ask if you will attend.

Our new co-presidents, Trisha Lucas and Frank Rath, will be leading this meeting.

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!

My joke for the month: 😊

What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a 4 leaf clover?

A rash of good luck.

Promise Yourself! 😊

.....To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

Kathie, **President 2023-2024**

**Lt Governor Zone 6, 2021-2024**

### Sauk Trails Club Officers 2024

**President:** Kathie Newman

**Vice President:** Steve Bailey

**Secretary:** Bonnie Spindler

**Treasurer:** Carole Klopp  
Rick Thomas,

**Past President:** John Fons

#### **Board of Directors**

Pattu Levenson 23-25  
Rick Conne 20-23  
Frank Rath 23-25  
Trisha Lucas 23-25  
Open Position 24-24  
Diane Hoebel 24-24

### July Birthdays

Julie Thomas 5  
Patti Levenson 15  
Kathie Newman 22

### August Birthdays

Steve Bailey 28

### September Birthdays

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



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### Sauk Trails 'Zoom' Board Meetings

**Tues June 18, 5 pm**

**July Cancelled**

**Aug 6, 5PM**

**Sept. 10, 5 PM**

### SWIS 4th Quarter

#### Convention

**Sat, Aug 11 2024**

**SWIS 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:rthomas5914@gmail.com) or call 608-212-7582.

### FUND CRAZR

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

The club will receive about \$10-\$12 back for each ticket sold.

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

**June 12, 2024 –STOC Scholarships Presented**



**\$1,000 Scholarships  
Presented each of 3  
JOI Students:**

Jonathan Buscher,  
Lavenia Vulpal  
Grace Capuano



**June 26<sup>th</sup> Speaker**

The speaker this week will be Fran Puleo Moyer who is the Associate Director of Outreach Programs for the UW-Madison. She will explain three programs: The popular Badger Talks, Bucky's Classroom for 7th graders and Badger Ambassadors.



**July 10<sup>th</sup> Speaker**

Stuart Utlely shared about his various travels at the July 10<sup>th</sup> Vintage lunch. Jacci See brought in Stuart as a speaker for our Optimist lunch. Stuart had a lot of stories about many experiences he's had in his travels and especially how he has gotten support from many along the way.

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**Sauk Trails Club Future Planned Events June-October 2024**

June 5, 2024	NO MEETING (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed Month ONLY)
June 12, 2024	Wednesday, Vintage Lunch Meeting, 3 Scholarships will be presented.
June 18, 2024-Tues	June Board Meeting, 5 PM by ZOOM
June 19, 2024	NO MEETING (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed Month ONLY)
June 26, 2024	Wednesday, Vintage Lunch Meeting: <b>SPEAKER Fran Puleo Moyer.</b> associate director of outreach programs at UW- discussing programs that bring the Wisconsin Idea to the state: Badger Talks, Bucky's Classroom and Badger Ambassadors
July 3, 2024	NO MEETING (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed Month ONLY)
July 10, 2024	Wednesday, Vintage Lunch Meeting-TBD, Way Forward (packing groceries)
July 16 2024-Tues	July Board Meeting, 5 PM by ZOOM (Cancelled, rescheduled to Aug 6)
July 17, 2024	NO MEETING (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed Month ONLY)
July 24, 2024	Wednesday, Vintage Lunch Meeting: <b>SPEAKER TBD</b>
July 31, 2024	NO MEETING (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed Month ONLY)
August 6, 2024, Tues	July/August Board Meeting by ZOOM
August 14, 2024	Wednesday, Vintage Lunch Meeting: Discussion of Xmas Party
August 20, 2024 Tues	Culver's Share Night, 4-6PM and 6-8PM (Need Volunteers)
August 28, 2024	Wednesday, Vintage Lunch Meeting: Bonnie Spindler, sharing on SWIS Website in conjunction with STOC Website.
Sept. 10 or 17, 2024, Tues	September Board Meeting by ZOOM
Sept 11, 2024	Wednesday, Vintage Lunch Meeting: <b>SPEAKER TBD</b>
Sept. 25, 2024	STOC Installation Banquet at Johnny's Steakhouse, SEE INFO
October 8 or 15, 2024	<b>SCHEDULING in 24-25 Year ALL dependent on Trisha/Frank co-presidents planning.</b>  October Board Meeting by ZOOM (Dependent on co-President's PLANS)
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024	Wednesday, Vintage Lunch Meeting <b>SPEAKER and DATES TBD.:</b>
October 23, 2024	Wednesday, Vintage Lunch Meeting <b>Tentative:</b> STOC Website Update by Bonnie Spinder in conjunction with SWIS Website:
	TENTATIVE: Xmas Party, Friday, December 13 at Lussier Center.

**National Mustard Day**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024

Thanks for marking your calendars for National Mustard Day on Saturday, August 3 in Middleton. In recent years this has turned into a fun fundraiser for STOC with 15 - 20 club members helping make this a great event. **Each year on the first Saturday in August, we paint the town yellow.**

Since the very first mustard day celebration in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, back in 1991, the Mustard Museum has hosted this golden annual event. And, we truly have come a long, long way. That first event occupied about three parking stalls in front of the original museum.

Now, we close streets in Downtown Middleton where thousands gather every year for this engaging street festival. Schedule of Events & Activities below:

Thanks for spreading the word to your family and friends. Optimists and teenagers are great volunteers again this year. A fun time for sure. Link: [mustardmuseum.org](http://mustardmuseum.org):

**SIGN UP for This EVENT was with: Patti Levenson at: [plevenson@mustardmuseum.com](mailto:plevenson@mustardmuseum.com)**

Patti (aka Mrs. Mustard)

**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 19<sup>th</sup> will be our next Culver's Day to sign-up for. Put it on 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/>

On the left side of the screen, scroll down to subscriptions.  
Choose the Optimist member Free. The passcode is CLUB2324.

**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 Kloop is coordinating. We would like to finish the sales by the end of October.



**SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB**  
Board of Directors Meeting **via ZOOM**  
Monday, May 20, 2024; 5pm  
**Minutes**

1. **Welcome:** Kathie Newman, Club President called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm. There was a quorum present. Kathie Newman, Carole Klopp, Bonnie Spindler, Trisha Lucas, Patti Leverson, Steve Bailey, Diane Hoebel, Frank Rath.

**Absent were:** Rick Conne, Jeff Kuchenbecker.

2. **Reports:**

- a. **Approve April Board Minutes:** The minutes were approved by SteveB with a second by CaroleK and approved by those present.

- b. **Treasurer's Report:**

- 1) **Club Financials:** CaroleK Treasurer presented the STOC Operating report as of April 30, 2024. She has been working with Bob Wortinger on these reports and shared that the 'cash equivalent position' of \$4,858.10 is a total of: Check Operating (\$3,866.32), Accounts Receivable – Members (\$1,044.78) and Prepaid Meals (\$187.00).
- 2) **STOC Amended Budget:** CaroleK shared about some of the updates to the budget, including the current number members, adjustments in Revenues & Expenses to more closely align with the current club status. A motion was made by CaroleK to approve the amended budget and seconded by PattiL and accepted by those present.

3. **Old Business:**

- a. **Scholarships:** 6 Applications were judged by Optimists. 3 \$1,000 scholarships will be presented at club meeting on June 12th. Rick Thomas will also be giving out Certificates to the winners.
- b. **Speakers:** Paul will get speakers through the end of June. In the future, the suggestion is to have one speaker per month. *(This is still being discussed)*.
- c. **Club Officers 24-25 Year:** The Nominating committee consists of Diane, Mary, and Frank. They are working on acquiring future officers.

4. **New Business:**

- a. **Club Bylaws Update for Leadership:** Discussion to amend the bylaws as regards to club leadership as follows: Given our club size, CaroleK would like to amend the club policies to ALLOW the club to have **Co-Presidents, Secretary-Treasurer, and 4 at-large Board Members**. *(Instead of the current President,*

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*Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 6 Board Members). Discussion followed on Carole’s amendment and was seconded by PattiL. Bonnie Spindler, current Newsletter Editor/Distributor suggested an amendment that the Newsletter Editor should also be on the Board to acquire information, which was seconded by CaroleK. This update along with the original amendment was accepted by those present.*

- b. **Football CRAZR Raffle** –Carole has the raffle tickets. They are \$20 each. Checks to: STOC Optimist Club.

### 5. Announcements:

a. **OI Training:** The Club President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Foundation Rep are required by the District to complete the Optimist Institute training courses. SteveB has yet to finish his training. *(Links will be provided for his follow-up).*

b. Dates to Remember:

- 1) **Respect for Law Luncheon;** May 22nd- Status from Steve Bailey, ready for Wednesday.
- 2) **Bucky Books:** Coordinated by PattiL and BobW, Bucky Books available Sept/Oct..
- 3) **Culver’s Share Night;** May 14<sup>th</sup> with 8 optimist volunteers. We made \$678.xx!  
Next work dates are **August 20th and November 19th.**
- 4) **BratFest** Saturday, May 28, 9:30AM - 1:30PM. Coordinated by: Diane Hoebel.
- 5) **WayForward** Volunteers: July 10th, 1:30-3:00 distribution center at 3504 Parmenter St, Middleton
- 6) **SWIS 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr District Conference:** Attended by KathieN and BonnieS. Oratorical/Essay winners were the high-light besides Menomonee Club sharing (165 members) sharing.
- 7) **SWIS 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr Convention:** August 9th & 10th at Comfort Inn & Suites, Deforest, WI

**6. Adjourn Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 18th, 2024, at 5PM, via Zoom**

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



**MINUTES- SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB**  
Board of Directors Meeting **via ZOOM**  
Monday, June 18, 2024; 5pm

1. **Welcome:** President Kathie Newman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. There was a quorum present: Kathie Newman, Bonnie Spindler, Carole Klopp, Diane Hoebel, and Patti Levenson.

Absent: Steve Bailey, Trisha Lucas, Frank Rath and Rick Conne.

2. **May 18 Board Reports:**

- **Approve May Board Minutes:** The minutes were approved by Diane Hoebel with a second by Patti Levenson and approved by those present.
- **Club Financial Report Presented:** Carole Klopp Presented the STOC Operating Balance Sheet and shared that the 'cash equivalent position' is \$4,825.67. She also presented the STOC Operating Budget for the year as of March 31, 2024. Questions and discussions followed.

3. **Scholarships:** 3 scholarships were presented at the June 12th club meeting. The goal is to continue with giving 3 scholarships in the next year also.
4. **Nominated Officers for 2024-2025:** THANKS to the Nominating Committee who presented the nominees to club members at the Vintage on June 12, 2024.

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 nominees were presented at that lunch meeting and approved by Jacci See, seconded by Steve Bailey and approved by the Optimist members present.

*(A suggestion was made to have the Induction Banquet the week of September 23-27 OR first week in October. This will be coordinated by the incoming co-presidents, Trisha Lucas and Frank Rath.)*

5. **Club President Terms:** There was discussion and highly recommended by those present at the board meeting, to extend future president terms to 2 years. This will be presented to incoming co-Presidents.



6. **Club Speaker Selection:** Paul Johnson will acquire speakers through end of June 2024. The suggestion is to have one speaker per month and have social events on the other meeting. This will be brought up at lunch meetings with other optimists.

7. **Club Officer Training:** The Club President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Foundation Rep are required by the district to complete the Optimist Institute training courses for their offices by March 31, 2024. *(Steve Bailey is the current Optimist International – Ol Foundation Representative. Bonnie Spindler will talk with Steve about being a co-Ol Rep with him to complete this year. That way she can learn more about it through on-line training and then continue in that position on the Board in 24-25).*

8. **Current and Future Fundraisers:**

- We have been accepted to sell Bucky Books this year. More to come in August.
- Culver's Share Night - Share Night on May 14th was fun. We made \$678.xx! Next work dates are August 20th and November 19th.
- Thank you! Brat Fest Saturday, May 28, was fun! Working Saturday morning was a nice change.
- Volunteer at Way Forward on July 10th, 1:30-3:00 at their distribution center at 3504 Parmenter St, Middleton. (Have 5 so far, would be good to have more).
- Fundcrazr tickets are also being sold. 50 requested initially, 50 more added and are out. *(We could obtain additional Fundcrazr tickets as clubs give back the tickets they couldn't sell to Fred Dorn. If you are interested, please let Carole know so she can get a count. For those of you who took tickets, please make every effort to sell them.)*

9. **SWIS 4th District Convention:** August 9th and 10th at Comfort Inn & Suites, Deforest, WI. *(More information coming on agenda and registrations).*

10. **Adjourn:** A motion was made by Carole Klopp and seconded by Bonnie Spindler to adjourn the meeting, with other members approving. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 16th, 2024, at 5PM, via Zoom**

Carole will chair the meeting. President Kathie will be in Door County.

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.*