



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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



December 2018

PRESIDENTS NOTE

Dear STOC Friends:

Promise Yourself -

“To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.”

Not your own health. Their health.
Not your own happiness. Their happiness.
Not your own prosperity. Their prosperity.

And that should be easy. You don't have to know anything. You can be completely ignorant. All you have to do is ask questions.

“How are you feeling?”
“Are you happy?”
“Do you realize how much you've enriched my life?”

Or extend sincere compliments in the fine old tradition of courtesy.

“My, you're looking well today.”
“I'm so happy to see you.”
“I wouldn't trade our friendship for a million bucks.”

It's so easy it just might work.

John Fons

STOC Bulletin Board

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2018-19

President: John Fons

Vice President: Liv Sandberg

Secretary: Rick Thomas

Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

Past President: Dan Chart

Board of Directors

- Steve Bailey
- Rick Conne
- Mary Schwartz
- Nancy Hach
- Kathy Johnson
- Todd Geltemeyer

December Birthday

Mike Gustafson	5
Dennis Norton	7
Barb Sheeran Hill	20



Second Quarter SWIS Conference
Feb 15-16, 2019
Hilton Garden Inn, Sun Prairie WI

Registration information:
www.swisdistrict.org



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Date	Speaker	Topic
12/5	Lussier Gift Wrapping	Meet at 5:00 at the Radisson
12/7	Lussier Christmas Party	At the Lussier Community Education Center (next to Jefferson Middle School)
12/11	STOC Board Meeting 5:00 pm	Park Bank, 8001 Excelsior Dr., Madison, All members are welcome to attend
12/12	Eric Salzwedel	Professional Firefighters of Wisconsin
12/19	Annual Christmas Ornament Exchange	
12/26	NO MEETING	MERRY CHRISTMAS
01/02	NO MEETING	HAPPY NEW YEAR
01/09	Pauli Sitomaniemi	From Finland to Madison
01/16	Traci Goll	Horizon High School
01/23	OPEN	
01/30	OPEN	

*Please let us know if you have someone who would like to speak at a lunch meeting.
Speaker Committee: Mary Schwartz & Steve Bailey*

Lussier Christmas Party
December 7th, 2018
5-8pm

Once again, Rick and Frank have been working hard to organize a wonderful Christmas party for the kids at the Lussier Center. They are expecting 140 youngsters.

On **December 5th at 5:00pm**, we will be having our Wrap Presents evening. This will be replacing our lunch. We will have approximately 140 presents, so I am asking each of our members to **bring a roll of Christmas Paper**. On **Friday Dec. 7th**, is the Christmas Party at the Lussier Center on Gammon Road next to Memorial High School. I would like our volunteers to **be there by 4:00pm**. We will **need 3 Nesco** warming pans.

Thanks to all, who make this event so great!

Rick Conne

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www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org

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If you are interested in also being a sponsor of the STOC Website for the 2018-2019 year, and have your business/name in the rotation on our website, please contact Bonnie Spindler.

Thanks to the Park Bank of Madison for their continued sponsorship.

The Sauk Trails – Madison Website is constantly being updated with many pictures in addition to those in the newsletter. To become more familiar with the website and the pictures currently available, see below:

Sauk Trails – Madison Website Pictures

In the EVENTS area, click on this link: [CLUB Program Pictures](#) (View 'Photo Galleries')

In the EVENTS area, click on this link: [CLUB Accomplish Pictures](#) ('Read More', scroll description)

In the ABOUT area, click on this link: [CLUB Photo Gallery](#)

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Sauk Trails Website Coordinator

**SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
Thursday, November 13, 2018
MINUTES

PRESENT: John, Dan, Mary, Rick T., Steve, Rick C., Nancy, Kathy, Liv

Others Present:

Absent: Todd, Bob

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

1. **Addition to Agenda:**
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 10/11/2018.** Rick C. moved to approve the minutes, Dan seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of October Financial Reports:**
Audit committee found no problems with the financials from last year. Mary moved to accept the audit, Steve seconded, Passed unanimously.
Mellowhood has decided to turn down the grant from the Foundation.
The board reviewed the revised financials from 2017-2018 year as prepared by Bob. Steve moved to accept the financials, Dan seconded, Passed unanimously.
Mary moved that we pay \$260 in dues for the JOI club, Kathy seconded, Passed unanimously.
The board reviewed the financials from October 2018, Dan moved to accept the financials, Kathy seconded, Passed unanimously.
4. **Bylaws and Financials:**
Mary, Bob and Rick T. proposed multiple changes to the Bylaws and Policies of the Club. Kathy moved to approve the Policies, Liv seconded, Passed unanimously.
Steve moved that the Bylaws be submitted to the club and voted on December 12th, Nancy seconded, Passed unanimously.
5. **Board Terms and Members:**
Dan moved that the term of Rick C. will be extended one year to be in compliance with the Bylaws, Liv seconded, Passed unanimously.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. We will be wrapping presents on Dec. 5th for the Dec. 7th Lussier party.
7. **Centennial Program – Firefighter & EMT Recognition**
 - a. Meeting with Salzwedel & Klopp on 11/6/18 was discussed
 - b. Tentative Date – Ideal to do it in the first 100 days of 18-19 but not necessary.
 - c. Endowment – The board can consider donations to the Burn Camp at a future meeting.
8. **Radisson catering per Nelson Ennis & Anahi Gallegos**
John spoke with them regarding the menu and timeliness of the meals.
9. **Adjourn to December 11th at 5:00pm, at Park Bank on Old Sauk Rd.** Mary moved to adjourn, Rick C. seconded, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Thomas, President

STO club lunch and activities

- 1) STOC members were honored to have two wonderful JOOI youth and their parents join us for lunch to showcase their achievements and recognize them as 'student of the month'. They are Lily Lowndes and Garrett Kennedy.
- 2) Carrisa Petereson from WI Easter Seals Camp in WI Dells provided an inspriational presentation about all of the fantastic work they do at the camp to ensure campers get to experience the joy of camping.

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STO club lunch

STOC scholarship recipients, REACH –A-Child and Lussier Continuing Education Center, were formally recognized and awarded their financial scholarships during November lunch meetings.

- 3) Curt Fuszard of REACH-A-Child shared an update about the activities and current status of the organization.
- 4) AB Orlik from Lussier Continuing Education Center thanked STOC for their continued financial support and collaboration and efforts in hosting the upcoming Christmas party for the kids at the Lussier Center.



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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.

