



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



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

March 2016

Top O' The Month to All!

Well, as you know, St. Patty's Day is this month and, while I'm not Irish by a long shot, it always seems like a very Optimistic Holiday to me (what with the green beer and all!). Speaking of beer and all, we're starting off our month with a "Go Big Red" Progressive Dinner on Sunday, March 6th! Be sure to sign up, get on your Badger Red, and join us for a Badger good time. I always "relish" these dinners as you get to enjoy good food, good company, and share good stories with friends.

But, back to club news – March 2nd John Fons will share Abe Lincoln stories with us, March 9th we'll induct new members and bestow 14-15 club honors, we've got Doug Mohs coming to speak on March 16th, AND March 23rd we will NOT meet as it's Easter week! We gather again on March 30th for a very special luncheon- we will have our Oratorical Contest with students from Memorial – most of whom are on Memorial's award winning Forensics Team! It should be a brilliant contest. We follow that meeting with our April 6th Essay Contest Winners meeting. So, as we're known as "Friend of Youth," you'll definitely want to be on hand for these meetings to support our wonderful JOOI students!

One more thing, Greg Hermes, a long standing member of STOC and past president, has decided to leave the club. He was always a very strong supporter and we wish him well in all future endeavors. This means we need to truly "double-down" and invite new members to join our merry band. We now should add 6 new members and, our other goal, raise a few more thousand for our foundation. If you have any good ideas, please let anyone on the board know...nothing is too "silly" for us!

NOTE: New Member Applications are available online or at club meetings! Don't be shy – share the joy of Optimism – you'll be glad you did!

Optimistically and Cheerfully Yours,
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

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March Birthdays

	Jason Kadow	2
	Mary Amundson	4
	Todd Geltemeyer	9
	Diane Hoebel	10
	Brinda Mecham	10
	Gene Spindler	31



MARCH MADNESS PROGRESSIVE DINNER!
 March 6th


3:45-5:00 Appetizers Carol & Reed Klopp home
 22 Appomattox Court, Madison
 608-833-4561

5:15-6:30 Dinner Ted & Jacci See home
 6326 Stonefield Road, Middleton
 608-827-6326

6:45-8:00 Dessert Bob & Karen Wortinger home
 3926 Caribou Road, Verona
 608-829-3926

SWIS District Conferences

April 29-30, 2016
Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells



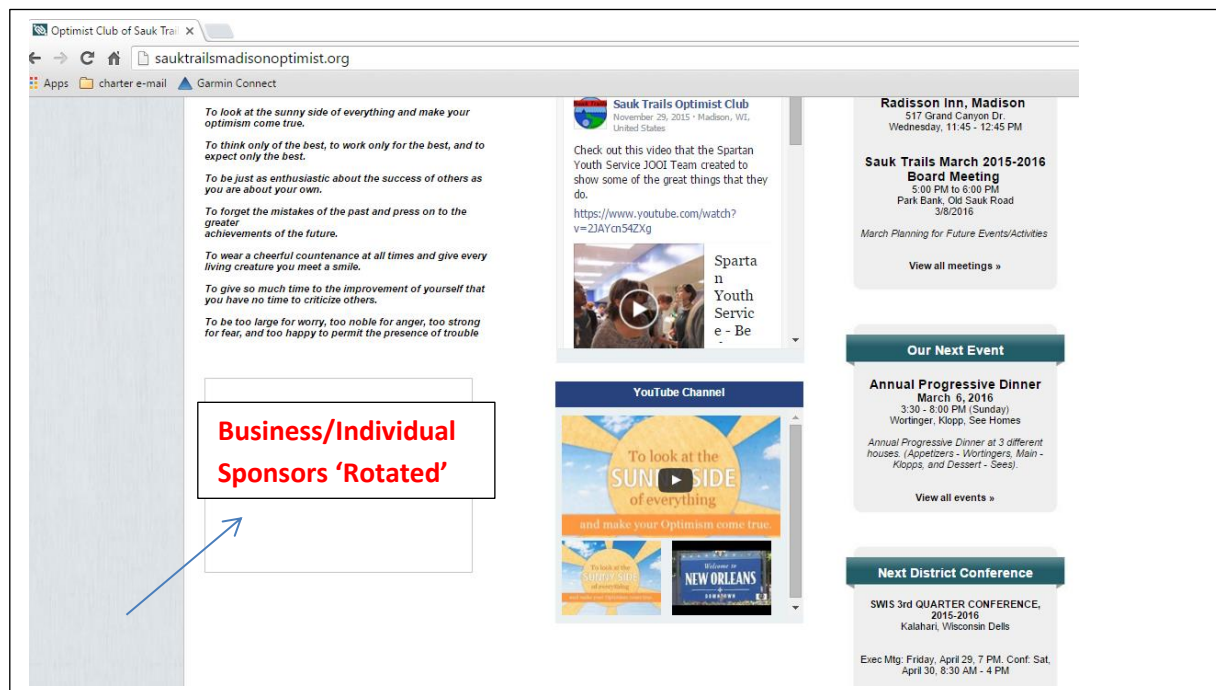
Be JOOI-ful and watch for an update on the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team in next month's newsletter.

Sauk Trails Optimists Club Meetings and Other Scheduled Events

- March 2 – John Fons, presentation on Abe Lincoln**
- March 8 - Board meeting Park Bank – 5pm**
- March 9 – Induct New Members & 2015-16 Honors Awards**
- March 16 – Doug Mohs**
- March 23 – NO MEETING – It's Easter Week.
- March 30 – Student Oratorical Presentations**

SAUK TRAILS – Madison Optimist Club WEBSITE

CHECK OUT the Sauk Trails – Madison Optimist Club Website at: www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org.
 (During January 2016 there were 1,925 ‘hits’ views of information on the website)



On the HOME page, when you scroll down, the following information is available.

- Optimist Creed;
- Facebook Feed of Information;
- Club Meetings – Radisson - Weekly & Park Bank – Board Meetings. (Next Board Mtg > 3/8/16)
- SWIS District Conference: April 29-30, Kalahari in the Wisconsin Dells.
- Rotation of Business/Individual Sponsors Names/Logos of the Sauk Trails – Madison Website:
IF YOU'RE BUSINESS WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR the SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB WEBSITE for \$100/year, YOUR BUSINESS NAME / LOGO / CONTACT INFORMATION WOULD BE ROTATED WITH 3 OTHER BUSINESSES ON THE HOME PAGE. (Please Contact Me for Details).
- U-Tube of Upcoming Events; Our Next Event - Annual Progressive Dinner.

Please provide me with any upcoming Events, pictures, accomplishments, to help share information with other optimists in your club. Be sure and let me know of any updates needed to the current information on the website. THANKS.

Optimistically, **Bonnie Spindler**

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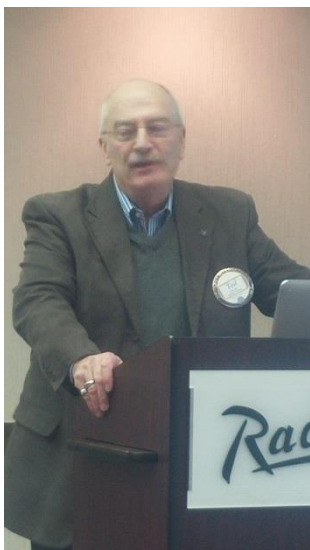
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Student of the Month recipients (and their Mothers) honored us with their presence at a lunch meeting to be acknowledged for their outstanding achievements and receive their awards from JOOI club advisor, Rick Conne. They also enlightened STO members about all of the activities they work with and their goals for the future.

Congratulations!!! To two amazing young ladies!





STO member Ted See enlightening lunch attendants.



Eric Salzwedel from Reach-a-child provided an update on the activities and recent achievements for the organization.

February photo by Steve Bailey

FUN UPCOMING ACTIVITIES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

May 19th – NOW meeting at the TWIST restaurant

June 4th - Reach-a-Child Mini Golf Tournament

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.

SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, February 9, 2016

MINUTES

PRESENT: Dan C., Rick T., Carole, Steve, Rick C., Nancy, Todd

Absent: Diane, Mike G., Bob, Dan B., Kathy

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

1. Approval of Board Minutes from 1/12/2016. Rick C. moves to approve, Steve seconded, Rick C. was not at the last board meeting. Passed unanimously.
 2. Acceptance of December Financial Reports:
No financial report this month.
 3. Membership Report Update:
John F. has sent in an application to transfer his membership to our club. Todd moves to approve his membership. Rick C. seconds. Passed unanimously. We now have 48 members and 0 FOOs. OI has new "One and Done" program for membership recruitment.
 4. Board Organization
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Rick needs to submit Bylaws to OI
 5. Committee Reports
 - a. Service
 1. Essay contest was rolled out in late January. Essays are due Feb. 12.
 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. Reach-a-Child – Apps and taps on Thursdays
 - b. Social
 1. March 6th – "Leaping" Progressive Dinner
 2. May 19th – Twist NOW Meeting
 3. June 4th – Reach a Child mini golf tournament
 4. 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
 6. New Business.
 - a. Many open speaker spots
 - b. STOC website sponsorship is available. Steve moves to investigate sponsorships for the website. Dan seconds. Passed unanimously.
 - c. SWIS meeting on Feb. 6th – Some discussion of format and suggested improvements
 - d. Nominating committee – Kathy, Steve, Todd, Dan C.
- 2016 board meetings scheduled for March 8, April 12 and May 10.
7. Adjourn, next meeting will be March 8 at 5:00 pm. at Park Bank. Todd moves to adjourn,

