



Pathways



Sauk Trails Optimist Club
November/December 2024 Schedule
<https://sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org>



Co-President's Message November/December 2024;

Our new co-presidents will be leading the meetings and coordinating the speakers and schedules for the twice a month schedule in 2025.

- We are excited about the inclusion of JOI students attending a meeting each quarter. It is an opportunity to meet with us and be more involved with them.
- As far as plans and speaker details for the coming year we are trying to schedule speakers from the remaining three organizations we will be awarding grants to at January and February meetings. (*Grant Recipients in Newsletter*)
- We need to come up with a new model for growing our clubs reach to children in our community – I have discussed this with One Community Bank who are interested in meeting to discuss possibilities.
- Optimists Wrapping Gifts, Wednesday, Dec. 11th at Vintage Lunch Meeting at 11:45 AM.
- **FOR The ST0C Lussier Center Children's Christmas Party.**
 - **Planned for Friday December 13th 4 – 7PM.**
 - Optimist volunteers should plan on arriving between 3-3:30 PM and JOI
 - Club volunteers should plan on arriving as soon as they can after school
 - Volunteers needed beginning at 3 PM to set up tables & chairs in gym
 - SEE More Details on Page 2 of the Newsletter.

Trisha & Frank, co-Presidents 24-25

**Sauk Trails
Club Officers
2024 - 25**

President's:
TRISHA LUCAS
FRANK RATH

Secretary/Treasurer:
Carole Klopp

OI Fnd Rep: Bonnie Spindler,

Past President: Kathie Newman

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

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** rithomas5914@gmail.com or call 608-212-7582.

December Birthdays:

Barb Sheerhan-Hill 20 Barrv Levenson 30

If you have a speaker or would like to speak yourself, please contact Trisha or Frank.

The STOC Lussier Center Children's Christmas Party

Date/Time : December 13th, 4 -7ish PM

- Optimist volunteers should plan on arriving between 3-3:30 PM and Joy Club volunteers should plan on arriving as soon as they can after school
- We need volunteers beginning at 3 PM to set up tables and chairs in the gym!
- Other volunteer activities include
 - o Staffing the present distribution room,
 - o Assisting the cookie decorating activity
 - o Kitchen and serving help
 - o Assisting and facilitating people movement between the various activities
 - o Assisting in the crafts room
 - o Clean up
- JOI Club members handling the ballon animal making should plan on starting that around 4 PM

Plus there may be some other help needed as we "uncover" additional details – such as we may have to pick up the food from Texas Road House.

Gift Wrapping for Party planned for Wednesday, Dec. 11th at the Vintage.

**Honoring Police Office at West Madison Precinct
October 24,2024**



**LOGAN's HEART & SMILES PRESENTED
AND RECEIVED THEIR \$500 GRANT FROM
STOC ON November 13, 2024**



FRANK RATH is coordinating Speakers
FOR the OTHER GRANT RECIPIENTS:

**Way Forward,
Literacy Network,
Miracle League**

2025 AT A WEDNESDAY'S LUNCH.

November 19th, CULVER's Optimists Support:

THANKS for the efforts of the team who worked at Culver's:, and earned \$594.30 for the STOC Foundation. **4 -6PM: Patti, Jacci, Diane, Steve, Rick C.**

6-8PM: Carole, Trisha, Nancy, Rick C, Steve. GREAT JOB.

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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 to be honored.</i>
October 30, 2024	Wednesday, Noon meeting of Carole, Mary and Bonnie to go over the club policies and suggest updates to-be-decided by the Board initially and then approved by the Club Optimists at a future club lunch meeting. . :
November 6, 2024	Wednesday, Vintage Lunch Meeting, <u>Social</u> , No scheduled speaker.
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, to hear the Logan's Hearts and Smiles representatives share and receive their \$500 grant.
November 19 th , 2024 TUESDAY	5 PM, CULVER' Planned Volunteers. See article..
December 11, 2024	Wednesday, Vintage lunch: Wrapping Gifts for Lussier Center, 11:45 – 1:30, see Article for More Information.
December 13, 2024	Friday, Lussier Center Planned XMAS Party for the Kids 2025 at the Lussier Center, see article for More Information..
December 17, 2024 TUESDAY	December Board Meeting CANCELLED until January
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.
January 8, 2025	Wednesday, Vintage Lunch, TENTATIVE Grant Speaker. <i>(Future Board Meetings for 2025 will be determined).</i>
January 22, 2025	Wednesday, Vintage Lunch, TENTATIVE# Grant Speaker
February 12, 2025	Wednesday, Vintage Lunch
February 22, 2025	SWIS 2 nd Quarter Conference, Saturday TBD
February 26, 2025	Wednesday, Vintage Lunch
February 28 th , 2025	ESSAY Winner's essay sent to SWIS Essay Chair. More information available in SWIS website at: https://swisdistrict.org/pages/essay-contest.asp

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SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB

Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, October 15, 2024
MINUTES

PRESENT: Trish, Frank, Mary, Kathie, Bonnie, and Carole arriving late.

Absent: Liv and Pattie

1. Welcome

2. **Previous Board Meeting Minutes** – Mary moves to approve, Bonnie seconds, motion passes unanimously.

3. Board Organization

a. Bylaw/Policies Review: Bonnie, Carole and Mary will meet as a committee to review and present at the November Board meeting.

b. Club Goals: Will be determined at the November Board meeting.

c. Committee Chair Assignments:

Fundraising: Pattie Levonsen

Meeting Speakers: FRANK Rath (Initially Grant Recipients)

Membership: Frank Rath

Service: Kathie Newman

Social: Mary Schwartz

d. 2024-25 Operating Budget Adoption: Carole presented the draft 24/25 Budget for adoption. Kathie asked about lunch meal charge from Vintage – would that change. We will have to ask. Carole moved to adopt the budget as presented, Frank seconded, motion carried.

e. Agree on Board meeting dates for the year – bi-weekly suggested to continue. Will be reviewed in November for 2025 as the remaining meetings for this year have been scheduled.

4. Reports

A. Treasurer's Report: Carole presented the 23/24 fiscal year end operating statement noting that we ended the fiscal year with \$4249.84 in the checking account with no outstanding debts.

5. Old Business

A. Foundation Grants: while not the purview of this board, Carole was asked who we granted foundation money to for Frank. Grants will be made to Logan's Hearts & Smiles, Way Forward, Literacy Network, and the Miracle League. Paul Johnson has contact information. Checks will be presented at future lunch meetings.

6. New Business

a. Audit Committee: Carole will ask Mark Kramer and Pete Graven if they would be willing to serve.

b. Debit Cards: Carole moves to allow the Treasurer to apply for and receive Debit Cards for both Operating and Foundation checking accounts and Frank seconds. Carole explained that many organizations are not accepting checks anymore as evidenced at the banquet where she had to use her personal credit card. Motion passed unanimously.

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- c. SWIS District Conference Expenses: the board will have to look at these expenses going forward as the budget only allows for reimbursement of full expenses for 2 people each meeting.
- d. Jeff Kuchenbecker’s Son’s Memorial: Bonnie moves and Frank seconds to expend \$50 for this memorial. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Club Announcements

- a. Kathie will be recruiting for Culver’s volunteers for November. Members are reminded that this is a truly easy way to garner funds for the Foundation.
8. On motion by Carole, with Mary seconding, the meeting adjourned to November 12, 2024 at 5pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Carole Klopp, Secretary/Treasurer



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.