



Sauk Trails Optimist Club, Ltd.

MAKE a DIFFERENCE: SUPPORT YOUTH !

The last weekend in April 2002 is the start of the Farmer's Market and the annual 'Crazy Legs' Race. Each of these events has had successful participation over the years, regardless of the weather and other obstacles. All of us want to be successful in what we do.. Success can be measured by a timed event, a finish line, grown produce available and sold, or knowing that we did our best and achieved personal self-improvement in the attempt and had fun doing it.

Part of the creed of the Special Olympics program is "...if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt". Part of the Optimist creed is "To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own". To be enthusiastic about your own success requires accomplishing tasks or activities to acquire the feeling of inner security and confidence. Remember you can't eliminate all problems or challenges before taking action on a situation, but you can find solutions to difficult situations along the way. Its about 'how you play the game' for your own success and your attitude and encouragement for others as they achieve their success..

Supporting the Special Olympics Track Meet, Safety on Wheels event, Respect for Law, Student of the Month, Newsletter formatting, Speaker scheduling, Conferences scheduled, Service Club Olympics, and other events coming up this Spring season, all need enthusiastic support. Remember we each "make a difference supporting youth" in our own way based on our time, talents, interests, and initiative. In the process we support each other and have a lot of fun doing it.
Bonnie Spindler, President

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Sauk Trails Optimist Board Minutes

April 11, 2002



Members in Attendance:

President: Bonnie Spindler

Vice-President: Rick Tiedemann

Board members: Gail Koehler, Mark Kraemer, Laura Wilson and Jared Holthe.

Secretary-Treasurer: Jim Judd. Member: Chris Strub

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by President Bonnie Spindler.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the financial statements and past months disbursements.

The Optimist Zone meeting for club officers is on April 23 at the Monona Community Center.

The Madison Area Service Club council will be televising spotlights on the area service clubs on Channel 18 during the first week in April & June.

The Optimist District Conference is on May 4 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wi Dells. This is the same day as the Special Olympics track meet and the Memorial H.S. prom.

The International Optimist conference will be from July 7 to 10 in Indianapolis.

A Future Leaders conference will be on August 2 & 3 in Racine. Our new officers-elect should all plan to attend the Saturday session.

Four members of our club will attend a meeting of another club so we can receive points for district competition.

Bonnie submitted Award & Achievements Points to the SWIS District competition.

A motion was made, seconded & passed, to approve Ross Kaye's membership application.

We have been notified by OI that we have a new insurance carrier and that if someone requests a Certificate of Insurance, we need to notify our new carrier in advance of the event.

Jim reported that the election of officers and directors took place and he has sent in the Officer-Elect Report.

Our club received a thank you note from the OI Foundation for our quarterly contribution.

Our Oratorical contest winners will compete at the zone meeting on April 16 and the winners will compete at District on May 5.

Safety on Wheels is set for May 18 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1701 McKenna Blvd. Posters need to be distributed.

A motion was made, seconded & passed to provide pizza & soda for the joint JOOI Club bowling event on April 13.

It was decided to not volunteer our club to help the Kiwanis Club with their Soap Box Derby event in June. Individual members can help if they would like.

We discussed a reward for the Student of the Month. A motion was made, seconded & passed to replace the individual plaque with a \$50.00 savings bond, plus a paper certificate. Laura will check with local banks to see if they would donate them. She will also see if she can get free gift certificates for pizza, etc. to give in addition to the savings bonds. We will continue to present the school with the large plaque containing the names of the monthly winners.

Chris Strub gave an update on the Respect for Law Program. She would like someone to co-chair.

A motion was made, seconded & passed to give the JOOI club \$500 towards their costs for the International conference in July in Indianapolis.

We will request that they give us a copy of their club's annual budget and financial statements.

The Junior Golf Tournament will be 6/17 in Baraboo. Mark & Rick will attend to learn how it is run so we can take it over in 2003.

It was decided to not provide financial support to the Hugh O'Brien Leadership summer camp or the Easter Seal summer camp.

It was decided to no longer give free lunches as a reward to club members. Our board & our President will continue to give recognition of extraordinary effort of our members for their volunteer efforts throughout the year.

The next Now meeting will be on June 19 from 5:30 to 7:00 at the West Side Club. Mark Kraemer will make arrangements. All members should bring a prospective member as their guest.

Laura Wilson gave brief comments on Membership, Clowns & our Website. She will meet with committee members to give them her recommendations.

Jim indicated that we received an application for the Middleton Good Neighbor Festival, which has a theme of "Through the Looking Glass - 2002". He will check with the Friends of Morey Airport to see if they would like us to work with them again. Otherwise, we can choose to enter our own unit, if we desire.

For Optimist of the Month, we will invite members who cannot attend regularly, so we can keep in touch.

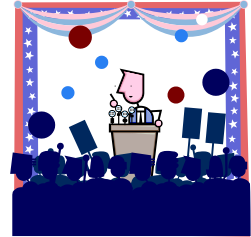
The Service Club Olympics is scheduled for the evening of July 22 & all day on July 23 at Cherokee. Signup forms will be included with our club's newsletter or members can sign up at the May 15 club luncheon or call Jim Judd directly.

The next board meeting will be May 9 at 4:30 pm at the Baymont Inn.

The meeting was adjourned around 6:20 pm.

Elections - Terms starting October 1, 2002

President:	Brian Fisher
Vice President:	Rick Tiedemann and Greg Hermus
Past President:	Bonnie Spindler
Secretary-Treasurer:	Jim Judd
Board Members:	One year-Jared Holthe, Mark Kraemer and Laura Wilson Two years-Ray Schmitz, Kathy Johnson, and Jessica Oehrlein



Service Club Olympics

The 2002 Service Club Olympics will be held on July 22 & 23. This is an annual competition between Madison Area Service Clubs. Enclosed is a signup sheet to return to Jim Judd. We need to get all members to sign up so we have someone entered in every event. Jim will be presenting more information on the event at our luncheon on May 15. You can bring your sign up sheet to that meeting or mail it to Jim at 7801 W. Old Sauk Rd., Verona, WI, 53593.

Jim Judd

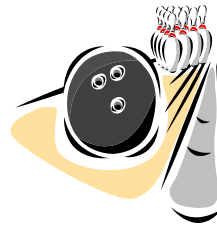
Optimist of the Month of April
Dale Kalscheur

Optimist of the Month of May
Jessica Oehrlein

Optimist of the Month of June
Lori Handel

**June Newsletter Articles
Due May 22nd**

GLOW 'N BOWL WITH JOOI



The Glow 'n Bowl outing with the JOOI kids held on April 13th was great fun. About 16 STOC and JOOI members participated.

Prizes were given for high and low scores to both Optimists and JOOI members. There were also prizes during the second game. Special mention: Gene Spindler bowled the highest game (I think he's ready for Service Club Olympics) and Chuck Koehler bowled a turkey (3 strikes in a row). Special thanks to Bonnie for keeping the pizza and sodas coming.

It was a good opportunity to get to know the kids one on one. Watch for this event again next year!!

Mary Norrbom

**Student of the Month for April
Bree Andersen**

**Student of the Month for May
Martin Young**

There will not be a student of the month again until October 2002.

Dale Kalscheur

Thank you for selecting me as Optimist of the Month. I am very happy to be part of this group (Sauk Trails Optimist), I am impressed with the continuity and enthusiasm of the group. I have heard about other groups and understand there is not near as my activities to participate in. I have been a member for about 3 years, I am married to my lovely wife, Kelly. We live in Mount Horeb. I grew up on a farm, and credit my parents for instilling in me a positive work ethic and to never give up, which I feel has helped me in my life and career. I went to high school at Middleton High, graduated from MATC with a degree in business management. I am employed by The Neckerman Insurance Agency, where I've worked 6 years and counting, we provide insurance planning and protection for individuals and businesses. I enjoy golf, running, collecting shot glasses (mainly ones that haven't been used), volleyball, working around the house, lawn work, sports events, and spending time with Kelly. I also really enjoy coaching the Middleton Junior High Wrestling team, we are growing every year and its exciting. Kelly and I recently got back from Hawaii. We highly recommend anybody that gets a chance to go to Hawaii, to go. It is as advertised.

Dale Kalscheur



New Member Ross Kaye

My name is Ross Kaye and I am new to the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. I was told to write a short description about myself so here it goes. I am 34 years old and have lived in the Madison area for about 4 years now. I am originally from Green Bay and still have family there. Unfortunately, I do not have Packer tickets.

I work at Gempler's, which is located in Belleville, but the commute is easy because I live on the southwest side of Madison. In case you are not familiar with Gempler's, it is a business-to-business catalog company that targets the agricultural, construction and public utility market. I am a Product Manager there and handle the safety and part of the maintenance sections of the catalog.

In my off time I enjoy working out and participating in several sports but basketball is my favorite. Besides playing basketball I have also had the opportunity to coach. In fact I coached with another STOC member, John Scherer, at Abundant Life High School for 3 years. I enjoyed working with the kids and that is what drew me to the STOC.

I look forward to meeting each of you and representing the STOC.

Ross Kaye

Optimist International

The Optimist International Convention is above all else is great FUN. My first was in 1987 as a president-elect for my old club, and I really didn't know what to expect. I was told it was a training convention for incoming club and district officers, and that my training would be invaluable in preparing me to take over as club president. I guess that is the main purpose of the convention, but there is so much more. At our district conferences and convention, we have the opportunity to meet and greet folks from our state and get to know them and their clubs, but at the international we get to me folks from all over the country. Sure we get trained for our offices, but we learn so much more by just hanging out with other optimists, getting to know them, developing friendships, and finding out that we're not much different from other clubs in optimism.

We talk of great kid projects, youth clubs, budgets, fund raisers, social gatherings, etc., and we learn how they approach problems, whoops, I mean opportunities, and what's working in their neck of the woods, and can we do it here? Over the years, by the way I've been to 10 conventions even though I wasn't being trained for anything, they are so much fun, I just kept going back, I've met some great people I look forward to seeing each year. We have a bunch of pin traders that meet regularly and several have become good friends, we get to meet the International president, international vice presidents, the staff from St; Louis so we can put a face to a name when we call. It's a great time, and this year it will be double fun, because I'm going to both the Optimist convention and the JOOI convention, and believe me, the youth convention is a ball.

Mary Norrbopm and some of our JOOI kids will be going too, and by the way, you don't have to be a club officer to go, there are plenty of workshops for all optimist members. It's close this year, Indianapolis, so we'll see you there!

Steve Bailey

Sauk Trails Optimist Club Speaker/Event Agenda 2002

Optimist Weekly Meeting held at Babe's from 11:45-12:45pm.

Please contact Laura Wilson for further details

Please enter through the backdoor, it is unlocked for the meetings

Date	Place	Speaker/Event	Topic/Focus	Menu for Weekly Meeting
May 1, 2002	Babes	Toni Kraft VP of Madison Convention and Trade Shows	Toni will tell us how here organization began	Blackened Tuna Caesar Salad or Teriyaki Chicken Breast Sandwich
May 8, 2002	Babes	David McDonald Special Assistant to the Chancelor of Athletics	David will speak to us about UW Madison Sports	Chicken Fajita Salad or Razorback Pork
May 15, 2002	Babes	Martin Howard and Jessica Oehrlein	Student of the Month and Optimist of the Month	Chicken Caesar Salad or 49ers Chicken Breast Sandwich
May 22, 2002	Babes	Chris Strub	Respect for the Law	Oriental Chicken Salad or Goose Geisler's Philly Sandwich
May 29, 2002	Babes	Dawn Proctor, Dir. Of Development for Olbrich Gardens	Look into Madison's Olbrich Gardens...50 th year!	Veggie Salad or French Quarter Dip
June 5, 2002	Babes	Joe Silverburg, Speaker for SCORE	Joe will tell us all about the group SCORE	Chicken Taco Salad or New York Yankee Reuben Sandwich
June 12, 2002	Babes	Karen London, Dog Behaviorist	"The Psychology behind our pets way of thinking..."	Grilled Chicken Salad or Gretzy Burger
June 26, 2002	Babes	Andy Anderson	"Keeping fit so you can keep fitting..."	Ty Cobb Salad or Teriyaki Chicken Breast Sandwich

Mark Your Calendars

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May 4th - Oratorical Contest ● May 4th - Special Olympics Track Meet ● May 12th - Mothers Day ● May 22nd - Safety on Wheels ● June 8th - Breakfast on the Farm ● June 17th - Golf Tournament??? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● June 19th - NOW Meeting 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, West Side Club & Optimist of June Lori Handel ● June 16th - Fathers Day ● July 8-10th - International Conference ● August 2-3 District Conference |
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Respect for Law Luncheon

In July 1965, a discussion between Past International President Carl Bowen and former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover resulted in the birth of the Respect For Law Program. In conjunction with this program the annual **Optimist Day of Non-Violence is on May 11th**. This special day has been chosen to encourage peace and harmony within communities all over the world. Please do your part to recognize this day and please attend our 2002 "**Respect For Law**" luncheon on **Wed, May 22nd**. We will be honoring a reputable Law Enforcement Officer from the West Madison division.

Chris Strub

Oratorical Contest

We had two winners at the April 4th Club Oratorical Contest: David Morris, son of Karen & Wayne Morris and KiKi Lempp, daughter of Brenda & Steffen Lempp. They both participated at the April 16th Zone Contest where David came in second place and KiKi came in first. Kiki will be speaking at the District Oratorical Contest on May 4th at Wisconsin Dells. At that contest she will be giving her 4-5 minute speech on "If I Could Change the World" competing for a \$1500 scholarship.

Bonnie Spindler

Soap Box Derby Program:



The Sauk Trails Optimist Board decided that there was lots of activities scheduled over the summer and that we would not, as a club, be supporting the Soap Box Derby. If you are interested in personally supporting the derby with an entry or as a support volunteer, please contact: Denis Vogel, 608-255-7277 (office), 608-441-3830 (desk) or e-mail: "Vogel, Denis" <DVogel@wheelerlaw.com>

Bonnie Spindler

NOW Evening Meeting, June 19th, 5:30 – 7:00 PM, West Side Club

REMINDER: You can bring a guest any time to a noon lunch at Babe's. If noon time isn't good for your schedule, come to the evening NOW (New Optimist Wanted) meeting on June 19th and bring a guest. If you don't have a guest, come yourself to see your Optimist friends. There will be more information coming.

Bonnie Spindler

ZONE Meeting Update:

There was a combined Zone Meeting held on April 23rd in Monona. Each of the 11 Zones in the SWIS (Southern Wisconsin) District, represents 6-10 clubs. There was representation of members from many clubs in SWIS, (3 from Sauk Trails), Lt. Governor's and Governor John Wyttenbach. Updates on various activities coming soon, suggestions on Membership drives, Budget issues, and other general training information for club members was given. The Zone Meetings support the club activities and provide an environment for sharing club information.

SWIS District Conference, May 3-4th, Chula Vista

There will be 3 Optimists from Sauk Trails attending the SWIS District Conference at Chula Vista. At this conference, will be the Oratorical Contest, where KiKi Lempp will be competing. The next conference will be August 2nd & 3rd in Racine, where board members are encouraged to attend.

(This May 4th conference is again the same day as the Special Olympics Track Meet, where many volunteers are needed)

Bonnie Spindler

SWIS District Conference, August 2nd & 3rd, Racine

REMINDER: If you are a future board member or interested in being on the board, put these dates on your calendar. This conference will provide training for future Optimist leadership.

Bonnie Spindler

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Membership Roster May 2002

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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.