

Sauk Trails Optimist Club, Ltd.

"Where Every Kid Counts"

This March may be one of our busiest months of the year. Besides some excellent luncheons, it is filled with worthwhile volunteer opportunities. It is time where we need to have the support of all members so we can help the kids in our community.

On March 2, we will help our JOOI club put on a Mardi Gras for Oakwood residents. It will include Black Jack, Roulette & Craps games. We need experienced gamblers to supervise the various games.

On March 8, we will hold our Tri-Star Basketball Competition at the Bishop O'Connell Center. Boys & girls will compete in passing, shooting and dribbling events.

On March 15, we need volunteers to help at the Special Olympics Unified Basketball tournament. We will need referees, scorers & cheerleaders.

As you can see, there are three events in a matter of 15 days. If you cannot sign up at a luncheon, please e-mail or call me to signup. We need every member to step up and volunteer so we can spread the workload.

With the help of all members, we can make Sauk Trails Optimist Club, the service club where "Every Kid Counts".

Jim Judd, President

Editor: Jessica Oehrlein
2898 Mickelson Pkwy Apt# 104
Madison, WI 53711
Phone: 220-1581
E-mail: Jesso1016@hotmail.com



March 2003

Inside this issue:

Board Minutes	2
2002 Tri-Star Basketball	3
Tri-Star Basketball	3
Junior Golf Tournament	3
Calendar	4
Mark your Calendar	4
We need NEW Members	5
JOOI Corner	5
Promoting STOC	5
Congratulations to Members	6
Birthday	6
Words of Inspiration	6
Optimist Roster	7
Optimist Creed	8

Sauk Trails Optimist Board Minutes

R.W. Baird and Company Office

February 18th, 2003



Members in Attendance:

President: Jim Judd

Past President: Bonnie Spindler

Vice-President: Greg Hermus

Treasurer: Gene Spindler

Secretary: Jessica Oehrlein

One Year - Board Members: Jared Holthe and Mark Kraemer

Two-Year - Board Members: Tim Belter and Lori Handel

- President Jim Judd called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
- 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 treasurer's report.
- There was a motion made, seconded and passed to donate the money that was collected for the Childhood Cancer Campaign to the campaign.
- There was a discussion on the STOC April elections of officers and directors.
- There was a discussion on the March club visitation.
- There was a motion made, seconded and passed to drop the Oratorical Contest due to its lack of volunteers and put the money budgeted for the contest towards the scholarship fund.
- There was a discussion on the Respect for Law meeting, the club will join other clubs instead of just our club participating. May 19th at the Edgewater - there will be no luncheon that week!
- There was an update volunteers needed for March, we should have enough to cover all events.
- There was a discussion on future fundraisers and what new ones we could add.
- There was discussion on the President's Citation and Member Awards, Jim Judd has picked two optimists....
- There was an update on the Scholarship & New Foundation, IRS has all papers and now the club just has to wait until all is approved.
- There was a motion made, seconded, and approved to create 2 \$500 scholarships, one male and one female.
- There was a motion made, seconded, and approved to donate money to luncheon speakers organizations, Transitional Housing \$100 and Literacy Council \$50.
- The next board meeting will be Tuesday, March 11th, at 5:00 pm at Greg Hermus office at R.W. Baird and Company.
- The meeting adjourned around 5:45 pm.

Tri-Star Basketball 2002

The Tri-Star basketball contest was attended by 12 kids ages 8 through 11, of which 10 received award certificates and medals for 1st through 3rd place finishes and the other two received participant certificates. Six contestants are going to the district competition in Brookfield.

We had 11 volunteers, including a couple non-Optimists and 2 kids. The event was short on youth participation due to a heavy snowstorm that resulted in cancellation of the Tri-County basketball tournament and probably caused people to think we had canceled as well. For those who participated the event was a success. We received very positive comments from several parents, including one who wrote a thank-you note on their district participation response form. Another mother commented on the phone that her son, who placed first in his event, "really needed that." She said he had been feeling down recently, not hanging out with the same crowd he had been with at school, and really needed the positive feedback this event provided. Apparently his self-esteem had been hurt and now he's shining again, even bragging to his relatives about his award. He was so proud of his accomplishment that he even wore the medal to a basketball game that evening.

Several volunteers commented that the snowstorm may have been OK since this was the first time we ran the event. As a first try, this was very successful. We look forward to a larger event helping many more youth in 2003.

Tri-Star Basketball Contest

(underlined parts are new since last month)

Our 2nd annual Tri-Star basketball Contest will be held March 8 from Noon to 2 p.m. at the Bishop O'Connor Center (just south of Menard's between High Point Road and Highway M on the west side). We need 13 volunteers to help run the event. Volunteers should be at the North entrance (closest to Menard's) at 11:30 that morning. About 4 more volunteers are still needed.

If you have children who might participate, the event is open to all children ages 8 - 13, with competition consisting of dribbling, shooting and passing drills. Have all children bring athletic/basketball shoes and, if it is wet or snowy outside, please have them wear other shoes to the gym and put on their athletic shoes in the gym.

Competition times: age 8 - 9 boys & girls: noon - 12:40, age 10-11: 12:40 - 1:20, age 12-13 1:20-2:00. Children should arrive 10 minutes before their scheduled time.

Please see Greg Hermus with any questions.



Golf Tournament

Just to update you on the District Qualifier Junior Golf Tourney I have set the date to be Monday June 16 with a rain date of Wed. June 18. It will be played at Sun Prairie Country Club in Sun Prairie. I have worked out the cost and details with Mark Kraemer and feel that this was a better location than Cherokee because of the cost and play issues that arose. Larry Tiziani was very cooperative but things came up like practice rounds and rescheduling for a raindate that became a problem.

The people that own Sun Prairie CC have helped us to give a little more to the kids than in the past. I will be printing up flyers to be distributed at the end of Febuary and sending them to the Wisconsin PGA. They will be stuffing them into a mailing that they send to over 4000 junior golfers in Wisconsin. This is scheduled to take place the end of March. The only thing that will be left to handle is the actual tournament. I will be in contact with the club prior to the date to get everything setup.

I am going to Alaska and will not be able to be there on June 16th. So talked to Mark Kraemer and feels he can handle it but he will probably need some help on that day for registration and setup and afterwards scoring and presentations. The whole thing should be completed by 2-3pm in the afternoon.

Rick Tiedemann

Sauk Trails Optimist Club Sauk Trails Speaker/Event Agenda 2002

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

Please contact Andy Lochner for further details

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

Date	Place	Speaker/Event	Topic/Focus	Menu for Weekly Meeting
February 26	Babes	Social Meeting	Please Bring a Guest!	Cajun Fried Chicken Salad or DiMaggio Burger
March 5	Babes	Barry	The Mount Horeb Mustard Museum	Grilled Turkey and Swiss Sandwich or Ty Cobb Salad
March 12	Babes	John Skinner	Middleton Historical Society	French Quarter Dip Sandwich or Grilled Chicken Salad
March 19	Babes	Student/Optimist of the Month		Teriyaki Chicken Sandwich or Oriental Chicken Salad
March 26	Babes	Social Meeting	Please Bring a Guest!	Rajun Cajun Chicken Breast Sandwich or Caesar Salad
April 2	Babes	Cindy Alvarez	Life as a football coaches wife	Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
April 9	Babes	Student/Optimist of the Month		New York Yankee Rueben Sandwich or Chicken Taco Salad
April 16	Babes	Rebecca Hohlstein	Author of Food Fight – The battle to protect our food and water against terrorism	Tuna Fillet Sandwich or Beef Taco Salad
April 23	Babes	Social Meeting	Please Bring a Guest!	Muskie's Fish Sandwich or Veggie Salad
April 30	Babes			Steak Sandwich or Ty Cobb Salad

Mark Your
Calendar

- ✳ March 2 Mardi Gras for Oakwood Residents
- ✳ March 8 Tri-Star Basketball - Bishop O'Connell Center
- ✳ March 15 Special Olympics Basketball - Keva Sports Center
- ✳ April 26 Safety on Wheels
- ✳ May 3 Special Olympics Track Oregon High School
- ✳ May 21 No luncheon, Respect for Law day May 19th at the Edgewater instead

We need new members

"When have you brought a prospective member to a meeting? Have you convinced a friend, spouse or business associate to join your club? Last quarter, we had five new members join our club and another five come as guests. This quarter, we have had a few guests but no new members. There is still time to make our goal of five new members a quarter. Call a prospect and invite them to lunch. Share your club with others, so they learn the value of volunteering to help youth in our community."

Jim Judd



JOOI Corner

Spartan Youth Service Team/JOOI

JOOI members will be hosting a Mardi Gras Party for residents of Oakwood on Sunday, March 2, from 3:00 to 4:45. The party will include casino games, prizes, beads, refreshments, and a scavenger hunt. Please let me know if you have any knowledge of blackjack or roulette and can volunteer that day or teach me how.

It was decided the Variety Show, also planned for Oakwood residents during March, needed a little more organization. Stay tuned for details.

The kids have continued their visits to Oakwood, now including the residents of Covenant Oaks as well as Tabor Oaks. They are working with the activity director at Convent Oaks to organize activities such as bingo, trivia, and story reading for the residents.

Mary Norrbom

PROMOTING the Sauk Trails Optimist Club:

A Website, MADISON.COM currently gets over 450,000 unique visitors each month. The 'Community Pages' area of this Website is a free service allowing Madison area clubs to promote their club and monthly events. This Website can in the future be set-up to provide a link to our Sauk Trails Optimist Club Website, if we choose.

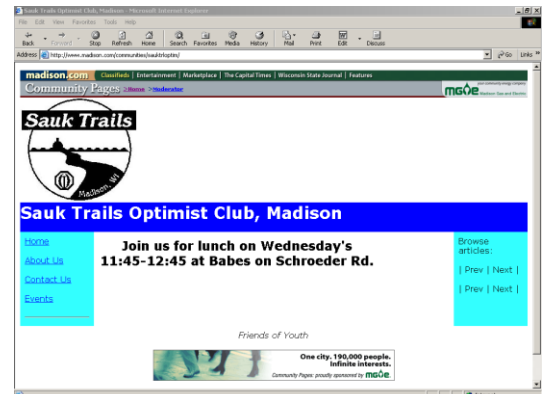
I've set-up the information for the Website, which can be acquired as follows:

WWW.MADISON.COM

- 1) 'Community Pages' (left column)
- 2) Community Service category
- 3) Sauk Trails Optimist Club, Madison

The events can only be put in for the following month. The March events, Tri-Star Basketball and Special Olympics Unified Basket Ball Tournament are listed. The Wisconsin State Journal and Capital Times will run our two March events the weekend of February 22nd - 23rd in the 'Calendar of Events Ads'. This free site should help with our club membership and monthly event promotion.

Bonnie Spindler



A Special Congrats to the Following:

- Congratulations to Bonnie Spindler for her President's Award for making Honor Club last year. It is a great achievement which is shared with all club members.
- Congratulations to Dan and Angela Gibson & Jared and Sheri Holthe who are expecting a baby later in the summer and fall.
- Congratulations to Caroline Heath on completing her training as a Chaplin.

Happy Birthday to you!

Jason Kadow	March 2 nd
Kevin Campos	March 3 rd
Brinda Stratton	March 10 th
Wayne Wilson	March 27 th
Rick Tiedemann	March 30 th
Gene Spindler	March 31 st

Words of Inspiration

A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument. In anger, one friend slapped the other in the face. The one who was slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand, "Today my best friend slapped me in the face."

They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped became stuck in the mire and started drowning until his friend saved him. After he recovered from near drowning, he wrote on a stone, "Today my best friend saved my life."

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone. Why?"

The other friend replied, "When someone hurts us, we should write it in the sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, and a day to love them, but an entire life to forget them.

Unknown Author

Sauk Trails Optimist Club, Ltd. - Membership Roster March 2003

Name	Company	Work No.	Home No.	Fax No.	E-Mail Address
Bette Anderson	Smith & Gesteland, LLP	836-7500			betteanderson@sgcpa.com
BJ Bailey					
Steve Bailey	Crown Dental Laboratory	271-5537	238-8535	271-1657	Sbailey100@aol.com
Tim Belter	Associated Bank	259-2094	455-1145		Timothy.belter@associatedbank.com
Kevin Campos	Independent Financial Services		833-6985	441-6001	Kevin@kevincampos.com
Rick Conne	R.W. Baird	831-1100	833-3793		rconne@rwbaird.com
Shelly Dykstra-Moore	Bristol Myers Squibb Company		845-9345		Sdm9345@aol.com
Brian Fisher	First Business Bank	232-5918	850-4368		bfisher@fbmadison.com
Lynne Frits	H & H Management	829-1701	829-2776		Mom@mattymo.com
Daniel Gibson	SVA Planners	826-2322	836-4714		Gibsond@sva.com
Peter Graven	Bank of Verona	848-4587	231-2478		Petegraven@bankofverona.com
Mike Gustafson	Suby Von Haden	826-2292	831-6914	831-4243	gustafsonm@sva.com
Mitch Hagens	Dimension IV-Madison, LLC	229-4444	831-6911	2294445	mhagens@dimensionivmadison.com
Lori Handel	MBA, Inc.	437-4994	437-4986		Lhandel@mhtc.net
<i>Caroline Heath</i>	<i>In Sync Hypnotherapy</i>	<i>238-4600</i>	<i>275-6833</i>		<i>Fishinsync@sbcglobal.net</i>
Marvin Hellenbrand	H & H Management	829-1701			Mom@mattymo.com
Gregory Hermus	Robert W. Baird Co.	831-1100	845-3820		Ghbadger@charter.net
Donald Higgins	Higgins Insurance Group	274-4200	824-0914	274-4210	Dhiggins@chorus.net
Ricki Hoefler	Edward Jones	827-6769	833-6268		Philricki@aol.com
Jared Holthe	Holthe Family Chiropractic	277-9330	848-2638		Holthe_s@yahoo.com
Sheri Holthe	Holthe Family Chiropractic	277-9330	848-2638		Holthe_s@yahoo.com
Laurie Irwin	Special Olympics, Wisconsin	221-2900	233-0543		lauriei@merr.com
Kathy Johnson	Risk Management Strategies, LLC		298-9648	249-3636	Kljohnson@charter.net
Dee Judd	Judd Household		833-2622		Juddj@charter.net
Jim Judd	Judd Household		833-2622		Juddj@charter.net
Jason Kadow	Meicher CPA	238-1970 X310	827-6707		Jasonk@meichercpa.com
Dale Kalscheur	The Neckerman Agency	238-2686	437-4470	238-7798	D_kalscheur@neckerman.com
Ross Kaye	Gemplers	424-1544	848-1134		rkaye@gemplers.com
Chuck Koehler	Koehler & Associates	838-7133	838-7133		Koehler01@charter.net
Gail Koehler	Attic Angels Retirement Center		838-7133		Koehler01@charter.net
Mark Kraemer	Park Bank	283-6810	848-6899	283-6823	mkraemer@parkbank.com
Joe Laubmeier	American family	249-2111	271-4399		Jlaub@chorus.net
Carrie Leonard	Johnson Block and Company	274-2002	245-3981		cleonard@johnsonblock.com
Andrew Lochner	American Express Financial Adv.	833-4437	848-3631		alochner@charter.net
Joseph Marty	M&I Bank – Middleton	836-1511	831-4799	836-4425	Joe.marty@micorp.com
Mary Norrbom	Waddell & Reed	800-860-9863	442-1500	442-6490	Mnorrb@aol.com
Jessica Oehrlein	Shared Medical Services	663-6080 X120	220-1581		Jesso1016@hotmail.com
Janine Richgels	Firststar Bank Madison, N. A.	252-4110	241-5714	252-7652	Janine_richgels@firststar.com
<i>Alison Scherer</i>		<i>224-4761</i>	<i>836-0151</i>		
John Scherer	Trinity Financial Planning	233-1111	836-0151	233-7161	John@trinfin.com
Lisa Schluesche		259-2052	833-5909		Lisa.Schluesche@Associatedbank.com
Ray Schmitz	Retired		233-3786		Jschmitz@chorus.net
Jacci See	First Weber Group	828-5105	827-6326	836-3102	Seej@firstweber.com
Lynnda Elke	Automatic Data Processing	275-6703	798-1889		Lynnda_Sorenson@adp.com
Bonnie Spindler	Spindler Enterprises	833-7244	833-7244	833-9182	Blspindler@charter.net
Gene Spindler	Retired		833-7244	833-9182	Espindler@charter.net
Brinda Stratton	Crown Dental Laboratory	271-5537			Brstratton@aol.com
Christine Strub	Vectris Communications	827-8686	827-0683		Strubchris@hotmail.com
Rick Thomas	Right Touch Drycleaners	271-1088	274-0528		Jathoma2@facstaff.wisc.edu
<i>Rick Tiedemann</i>	<i>Wachovia Securities</i>	<i>824-6550</i>	<i>845-6367</i>		<i>rtiedem@wachoviasec.com</i>
Amy Tripp	Comfort Suites Hotel	836-3033	274-9209		None
Cheryl Vickroy	Self employed Business Consultant	836-8794	836-8794	575-2378 cell	cwickroy@chartermi.net
Kevin Wichman	PepsiCO		833-1501		KJWichman@aol.com
Laura Wilson	Wilson Law Group, LLC	833-4001	831-1711	831-1212	LauraLWilson@mindspring.com
<i>Wayne Wilson</i>	<i>Wilson Law Group, LLC</i>	<i>833-4001</i>	<i>831-1711</i>	<i>831-1212</i>	<i>Wwwilson@execpc.com</i>
Bob Wortinger	Kiesling Associates	664-9110	829-3926	273-2383	Rwortinger@kiesling.com
Tom Daly	Governor – SWIS (2002-2003)	776-3512	776-3845	776-3563	tdaly@firstbankingcenter.com
Joanne Ganske	Governor-Elect SWIS (2002-2003)	798-3822	831-1899		joanski@chorus.net
Don Damon	Lt. Governor, Zone 6	836-6310	836-9405	836-0381	damon@chorus.net

C/O Jim Judd
7801 W. Old Sauk
Verona, WI 53593

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.