



September 2007

# Sauk Trails Optimist Club

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Newsletter



## 2006 - 2007

Meet Weekly for Lunch,  
Wednesday 11:45 –  
12:45 at Babe's on  
Schroeder Road.

### Sauk Trails Optimists:

It's hard to believe I am already writing my last address as President. Time sure is a constant – it's constantly speeding up! We have accomplished much over this last Optimist year. You should all be proud of the impact we have had on area youth through our work with Special Olympics, JOOI kids and our various other programs. Our current challenge is to find ways to continue and grow our efforts.

To that end we will be moving our lunch meetings to another location; we have dropped the Bucky Book fundraiser; we sold about 120 NFL Football Craze raffle tickets to replace the Bucky Book income; are considering adding a basketball game fundraiser in the fall of 2008; are going to re-establish committees to address the various needs of our club on a more consistent basis; and are looking into ways to increase membership and make lunch meetings more appealing.

We need to help all members become more active in the Optimist events they care most about & more consistently let each of you know how very valuable every minute you give to area youth is to those we serve. We make a difference in the lives of kids in ways that stay with them for over half a century, all by each of us doing a relatively small part. We need to find what that small part is for some of our less active members so they can feel the joy of giving that only comes from helping others. That is the essence of our club and why we enjoy spending time with one another planning for future events.

When you get our every-member survey, please give it a few minutes of your time to help define what you want out of your role in STOC. We have the best service club in this area because of all of you. Let's all make our voices heard on how it can be made even better!

Optimistically yours,  
**Greg Hermus**  
Sauk Trails Optimist Club President 2006 - 2007

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### STOC Annual Banquet

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** at Babe's for the STOC Annual Fall Banquet. We will be having a social hour from 5:00-6:00, dinner at 6:00, and the program immediately after dinner. We will be having the famous pasta bar for dinner along with salad and garlic bread. We will be welcoming our new President and board members and honoring our outgoing President and board members. We will also be hearing from our new Lt. Governor, our own Bonnie Spindler!

**Members in Attendance:**

**President Elect:** Rick Thomas  
**Vice President:** Kevin Campos  
**Sec/Treasurer:** Gene Spindler  
**Board Members:** Kathy Johnson, Ricki Hoefler  
 Carole Klopp  
**Board Not Present:** Bill Monkemeyer, Bob Wortinger,  
 Greg Hermus - President

**Sauk Trails Optimist Club Board Meeting Minutes,  
 Keller Williams West, 08/28/2007**

Rick Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm.

The minutes of the July 9, 2007 Board Meeting were discussed. A motion was made (Carole Klopp), seconded (Kathy Johnson) and passed to approve the minutes of the July Board meeting.

The Financial Report through July 31, 2007 was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the information provided. A motion was made (Carole Klopp), seconded (Kevin Campos) and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Rick Thomas gave the President's Report. The backpack for kids was discussed and it was decided that we would not be providing backpacks this year and that for 2008 we would work with Middleton Outreach Ministry in providing backpacks. Rick reported that he received a letter from Babe's indicating that effective November we need to guarantee 20 meals per week. The Board discussed this and decided that we would need to look for another location for our meetings. The Radisson was discussed as a possible location for our noon luncheon meetings. Kathy Johnson and Gene Spindler will get information from West Madison Optimists and the Radisson on their guidelines for our use for meetings.

The Board discussed the attendance issue at our noon meetings and it was decided that we would survey all members on their interests in Club activities and whether breakfast, noon or evening meetings would better suit their schedule. Members will also be asked which day of the week (Monday through Thursday) would best fit their schedule. **Members would be asked to respond to the survey request within ten days.** (Each optimist will receive the survey in a separate e-mail from Gene Spindler). Once the survey information is received the Board will determine what changes may or may not be needed for the club.

The Board discussed the Club's committee structure and it was decided that members needed to be involved in Club activities. All members will be assigned to a committee and the assignment will be based on the information provided on the returned survey. It was decided by the Board to have a NOW meeting on **October 10<sup>th</sup>**.

A motion was made (Gene Spindler), seconded (Kathy Johnson) and passed to donate \$100 to United Way's General Fund in recognition of the time spent and information provided to the Club by their staff during the past five months.

The meeting adjourned at 5:38. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting is **4:30 on September 11<sup>th</sup> at Keller Williams-West at 3 Point Place, Madison. (Past Nevada Bob's Golf Shop, off of D-Onofrio Drive).**  
**Gene Spindler, Sec/Treasurer 06-07**

**SWIS – Southern Wisconsin  
 Conferences**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007** Brookfield  
**February 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008** Madison  
**May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008** Wis. Dells  
**August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>** Racine

**Sauk Trails  
 Club Officers  
 2006-2007**

**President**  
 Greg Hermus  
*Rick Thomas (07-08)*

**Secretary/Treasurer**  
 Gene Spindler (cont)

**Past President**  
 Rick Thomas

**Vice Presidents**  
 Barb Mulcahy  
 Kevin Campos

**Board of Directors**  
 Ricki Hoefler  
 Bob Wortinger  
 Bill Monkemeyer  
 Carole Klopp  
 Kathy Johnson

*Ricki Hoefler (07-08)*  
*Ray Schmitz (07-08)*

**FUTURE BOARD  
 Meetings, 4:30 PM**

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
 October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
 November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
 December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**REMINDER:**  
 SURVEY response  
 requested by **Sat.**  
**September 8<sup>th</sup>, 07**  
 either by e-mail or  
 US mail to Gene  
 Spindler.



## Ronald McDonald House

We will be again cooking a meal for the Ronald McDonald House on **Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**. In the past we have prepared: BBQ chicken, pork tips over wild rice, a French toast breakfast, apricot chicken, and several other recipes. You would be preparing enough food to feed about 25 people. If you are interested in helping prepare the meal or would like to learn more about it, please contact Rick Thomas at 212-7582.

## Special Olympics Bowling

The annual Special Olympics bowling events are scheduled for **October 20<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event from 11:00-4:30. You will be there to cheer on the athletes and make sure everyone is bowling in the correct lane at the right time. It is an inspiring and very rewarding event that you should be a part of. Watch for more details in the upcoming newsletters.

## WI Dells JOOI Planning Conference

From August 14<sup>th</sup> - August 16<sup>th</sup>, Rick Conne, Rick Thomas, Mary Schwartz, and Carole Klopp chaperoned twelve members of the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team on a planning conference at the Wilderness Resort in the WI Dells. The students learned many important skills that will serve them well in their year on the board of directors. The students also discussed and planned upcoming projects and club procedures for record keeping and governance. The students learned to function as a team and grew their leadership skills. It was a great experience for everyone involved, and the JOOI club should be off to a great start this year. The JOOI club will be looking for several adult mentors for specific projects throughout the year. **If you would like to get involved, please contact the advisors: Carole Klopp, Mary Schwartz, or Rick Thomas.** The JOOI youth will be giving an update on their conference at the **September 19<sup>th</sup>** lunch. See you there.

## 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 your 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, Ltd. - Membership Roster **September 2007**

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# Sauk Trails Optimists

## Event - Sign up Sheet-Badger Football Booth - see dates & notes below

Names of individuals attending				Times	
(2 more adults needed for each game)		Opponent	Date	Arrival	Game
1		Washington St.	1-Sep	12:20 PM	2:30 PM
2		Washington St.	1-Sep	12:20 PM	2:30 PM
1	Mark Kraemer	The Citadel	15-Sep	8:50 AM	11:00 AM
2		The Citadel	15-Sep	8:50 AM	11:00 AM
1	Rick Thomas	Iowa	22-Sep	4:50 PM	7:00 PM
2		Iowa	23-Sep	4:50 PM	7:00 PM
1	Gene Spindler	Michigan St	29-Sep	2 hrs b4	TBA
2		Michigan St	29-Sep	2 hrs b4	TBA
1		Northern Illinois	20-Oct	2 hrs b4	TBA
2		Northern Illinois	20-Oct	2 hrs b4	TBA
1		Indiana	27-Oct	8:50 AM	11:00 AM
2		Indiana	27-Oct	8:50 AM	11:00 AM
1		Michigan	10-Nov	2 hrs b4	TBA
2		Michigan	10-Nov	2 hrs b4	TBA

**Note that Steve Bailey & his son BJ comprise the other two adults and there must be 4 JOOI members each game: total of 8 volunteers.**

All vendors MUST wear a white shirt; this can be an unlettered tee shirt or a knit golf type shirt, but it MUST NOT have logos or writing on it. They MUST be in the stadium before the gates open: that means a minimum of two hours before game time. The concessions gate closes when the other gates open and it is impossible to get our workers in after opening, therefore leaving us short of help which the UW frowns on!