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Sauk Trails Optimist Club

Weekly Wednesday Lunch Meetings - 11:45 – 12:45, Babe's, Schroeder Road, Madison

June 2008 Newsletter



Sauk Trails Optimists:

Summertime is traditionally a slower time of year for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. We have just completed work on the Special Olympics Track and Field Meet and the Better Life Run/Walk in May. Both of these very large events were highly successful in large part to the work of volunteers. Both events will make a difference in the lives of child and young adults in the Madison area. We should be proud of the work we have done.

The events we have planned for this summer are more social in nature. **June 8th** is the annual club picnic, which is at the Kraemer's house this year. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy the company of other members. **July 21-22** will be the Service Club Olympics. This is our chance to show our club pride and hopefully compete successfully against other service clubs in the area. Finally, we will be having a club trip to a Brewer game on **August 24th**. Plan on attending as many of these events as possible over the summer.

Finally, we need your input on how to make your club serve youth in our community more effectively. We would like to add new events and possibly remove old events that no longer serve the purpose for which they were designed. This is your club, and any members of the board would be happy to discuss new ideas you might have to serve children. Have a great summer, and think about how can you make a difference in the life of a child this month!

Rick Thomas, Club President 2007 - 2008

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SOCIAL Get-Together's Last Wednesday of EACH Summer Month

There will be an evening get-together at Babe's on Wednesday, **June 25th from 5:30 – 7:00 PM.** *(The lunch will be cancelled).* Please attend, especially if you have problems attending noon lunches. **If you can, bring a guest and/or come and support those who have a guest.** *(The Induction Banquet is tentatively planned for Wednesday evening, **September 24th.**)*

**Sauk Trails
Optimist Club
May Board
Meeting
Minutes,
5/13/2008**

Members in Attendance:

President: Rick Thomas
Past President Greg Hermus
VP & Board Members: Kevin Campos-VP, Carole Klopp, Bob Wortinger, Kathy Johnson, Ricki Hoefer
Not Present: Gene Spindler, Bill Monkemeyer, Ray Schmitz, Barb Mulcahy-VP

**Sauk Trails
Club Officers**

President
Rick Thomas

Secretary/Treasurer
Gene Spindler

Past President
Greg Hermus

Vice Presidents
Barb Mulcahy
Kevin Campos

Board of Directors
Ricki Hoefer
Bob Wortinger
Bill Monkemeyer
Carole Klopp
Kathy Johnson
Ray Schmitz

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

The minutes of the April 8, 2008 Board Meeting were discussed. A motion was made (Carole Klopp), seconded (Kathy Johnson) and passed to accept the minutes of the April Board Meeting.

The Financial Report through April 30, 2008 was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the information provided. A motion was made (Greg Hermus), seconded (Bob Wortinger) and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Rick gave the President's Report. There were no new members to accept. We had one member to delete - Laurie Irwin. The calendar of events review included Better Life Run/Walk (May 17), Respect for Law (May 21), club picnic (June 8), Service Club Olympics (July 21 & 22) and evening meetings (June 25, July 30, August 27 and September 24). Better Life Run/Walk - Kresge Foundation wants to see the \$10,000 in account before matching (Carole will confirm date needed by). Respect for Law - Steve Bailey is working on. Club picnic - send email to Kathy Johnson to confirm attendance and dish you plan to bring. Service Club Olympics - committee is looking at doing lunch instead of dinner, attendance went from 250 to 170 last year. Found a location for pool - Boulevard on east side. Greg Hermus is chair for sign-ups. Evening meetings - last Wednesday of month. Student raising funds for Goal Post at Oregon schools speaking at tomorrow's meeting. Student of the Month - difficult for students to attend meetings - thinking about new way to handle.

Board nominations - we are still looking for people interested in becoming President and Secretary/Treasurer. Can't continue without someone in these positions. Discussed president responsibilities - don't have to be at all meetings, but needs to get someone to lead meeting if they can't be there - Motion made (Carole Klopp), seconded (Greg Hermus) and passed to accept this change to responsibilities.

Committee updates - JOOI - not going to international conference except Suvai (on international board) and Carole Klopp (there anyway). They have a retreat at the Dells in August for next year's planning. Final board meeting of school year is Sunday at Carole's. JOOI Club needs school advisor - Carole will follow-up and this and also the drop-dead date for Kresge Foundation matching funds. Fundraising - Harlem Ambassadors - need to pin down location (Memorial gym?). Kevin and Greg met and created form to ask for sponsorships. Funds raised have been committed to the Junior Optimists for the Lussier Community Center. Need to get name for our players - colors for shirts (green w/white letters). Need to know costs for shirts. Spring fundraiser - \$558.12 from silent auction and \$255 from garage sale and donated crib. Programs - learned that the Service Club Council has a list of available speakers. Due to the lateness of meeting - no reports from Membership, Social and Projects committees.

Donations - approved \$100 for the goal post project - motion made (Ricki Hoefer), seconded (Bob Wortinger). A motion was made (Greg Hermus), seconded (Kevin Campos) and passed to adjourn at 5:45 pm. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting is set for **4:30 on June 10th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.**
Submitted by: Ricki Hoefer

**SWIS – Southern
Wisconsin
Conferences**

**August 1st – 2nd,
Racine**

**FUTURE BOARD
Meetings 4:30 PM**

June 10th, 2008
 July 8th, 2008
 August 12th, 2008
 September 9th, 2008



June / July 2008 Schedule:

June 4th Lunch Babe's, 11:45 am
 June 8th **SUN, SOCIAL Get-together**
 June 10th 4:30 PM Board Meeting
 June 11th Lunch Babe's, 11:45 am
 June 18th Lunch Babe's, 11:45 am
 June 25th **Babes, 5:30 – 7:00 PM**
 July 2nd **CANCELLED**
 July 8th 4:30 PM Board Meeting
 July 9th Lunch Babe's, 11:45 am
 July 16th Lunch Babe's, 11:45 am
 July 21st-22nd SERVICE CLUB OLYMPICS
 July 23rd **CANCELLED**
 July 30th **Babes, 5:30 – 7:00 PM.**

SAUK TRAILS Club PRESIDENT Needed

Rick Thomas will be completing his 2nd year as club president Sept. 30th. (He was also president in 0506). There is a NEED for someone to take over starting in October 2008 through September 2009. If you are interested, please contact Rick for more details.

Speaker Coordinator Needed

We are in need of a new speaker coordinator to serve our club. This is a great opportunity for anyone who likes to meet new people and can creatively come up with topics for our meetings. Even if you can't attend the weekly meetings, this would be a great way to serve your club. No experience is needed, just a willingness to serve. Please contact Rick at 212-7582 to discuss details

Mary Schwartz	6/2
Rick Conne	6/5
Chuck Koehler	6/7
Ray Schmitz	6/27



DATES	Location	Speaker	Topic	Lunch
June 4 th	<u>Babes</u>	Scholarship Recipients	Presentation of 2 \$1,000 Scholarships	Chicken Pita or Beef Taco Salad
June 11 th	<u>Babes</u>	Peter Van Ness	Threats to U.S. infrastructure	Rueben or 1/2 Caesar Salad
June 18 th	<u>Babes</u>	Elaine Creager	Court appointed advocates for children	1/2 French Dip or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
June 25 th	<u>Babes at 5:30 PM</u>	GET-TOGETHER	How Can YOU Make a Difference in the Life of a CHILD?	APPETIZERS, Cash Bar
July 2 nd	<u>CANCELLED</u>			
July 9 th	<u>Babes</u>	TBA	TBA	TBA
July 16 th	<u>Babes</u>	Rick Conne	Quality Car Care	TBA
July 23 rd	<u>CANCELLED</u>	Service Club Olympics this week		
July 30 th	<u>Babes at 5:30 PM</u>	GET-TOGETHER	How Can YOU Make a Difference in the Life of a CHILD?	APPETIZERS, Cash Bar

2008 – 2009 Volunteer Group Concessions

For your future planning. There will be a need for 1-2 volunteers for each of the following UW Football games:

8/30 – Akron; 9/6 – Marshall; 10/4 – Ohio State; 10/11 – Penn State;
 10/25 – Illinois; 11/15 – Minnesota; 11/22 – Cal Poly.

In addition, we will need to make a decision to do either the Spring Football Game or WIAA Football (1 shift).

There will also be volunteers needed for WIAA Wrestling (3 days) **Feb. 26 – 28th, 2009** AND ALSO for WIAA Boy's Basketball (3 days) **March 19 – 21st, 2009**. Check your calendar, sign-up sheets will be coming soon. Contact Steve Bailey to give your input and for sign-up at: SBailey100@aol.com

MAY 2008 Presentations & Activities

Eagle Scout Project Presentation

James Hermus, an eighth-grader in Oregon, was the speaker at our **May 14th** lunch meeting. He is working on his Eagle Scout project, raising funds to buy and install a goalpost on a middle-school field in Oregon where football games are currently played without a field-goal post.

The club enjoyed his presentation and gave a contribution to the goal post project. James sent a very nice thank-you note.

Dear Madison Optimists,
 Thank you for having me to your meeting. I really enjoyed it! The food was delicious!! Thank you for contributing and for your positive words.

Sincerely,
 James Hermus

RESPECT for LAW

Cindy Thiesenhusen and Shannon Blackamore were honored at the **May 21st** Respect for Law. Thanks so much to Steve Bailey for coordinating this annual event. Congratulations to both these neighborhood officers in the west Madison area.



Special Olympics Track And Field Meet

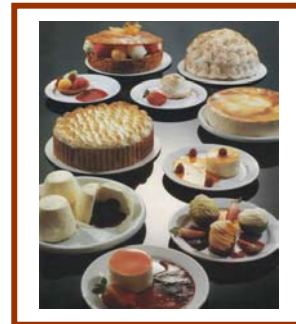
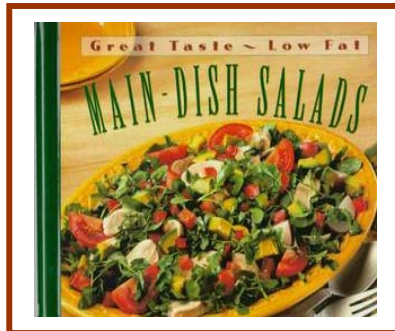
Saturday, **May 3rd** was the Special Olympics Track and Field Meet at the Oregon High School track. Our volunteers braved the cold conditions (and even a little snow) to help run this event once again this year. It was a huge success in large part due to the work of **Bob Wortinger and John Scherer**. Thank you to everyone who participated in the event and hopefully we can do it again next year.



Sauk Trails Summer Social Get-Together
RE-SCHEDULED to Sunday, June 8th, 2008

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 8th! We are holding the annual Sauk Trails Summer Social get-together for the spring/summer season. Join us for an entertaining time for all.

Optimists/spouses/significant others are welcome. Please sign-up to participate and to bring a dish to pass. RSVP with a type of dish (appetizer, entrée, or dessert) to Kathy Johnson at: kjohnson@rmstrategies.net or on a continuing sign-up at lunch.



Appetizers, Entrée's, Desserts:

2:30 – 5:30 PM

Mark & Kathy Kraemer's Home

3513 Field Crest Way

Madison, WI Phone:

Home Phone: 848-6899

Heading South on Verona Road, turn (right) on Hwy PD a/k/a McKee Rd. – 1.9 miles and turn (left) on Country Grove Drive - .5 miles (right) on Field Crest Way – 2nd house on left, **3513 Field Crest Way.**

Heading toward Verona on Hwy M, turn (left on Hwy PD / McKee Rd. – 1.1 miles and turn (right) on Country Grove Drive - .5 miles (right) on Field Crest Way – 2nd house on left, **3513 Field Crest Way.**

If you can only make a portion of the time frame, please come when you can. This is a great annual Social Outing for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. **A special thank you to the Kraemer's for hosting this year. Hope to see you all there.**

Service Club Olympics 2008

This year's Service Club Olympics take place **Monday, July 21 and Tuesday, July 22.** It all starts Monday evening **with three 6:00 p.m. events: Bowling, Pool and Texas Hold'em**, then picks up again on Tuesday morning at 7:00 a.m. with the 5k run and at 7:30 with Golf & Volleyball. The dinner and awards on Tuesday night (which also garners participation points) is at 5:30 p.m. We have had excellent participation in the past; leading to numerous top finishes as a club. We are hoping to have fun doing the same again this year! You may find the schedule of events on the Events Registration Form on the MASCC website at: <http://www.madison.com/communities/mascc/library/index.php>

Also on the site is an Events Information Guide, which gives details of each event - including site locations; and a general summary of the Olympics. We will also email the schedule of events to all members for your ease in signing up for events. Please watch for it and sign up for events in which you would enjoy participating. To help everyone recall what he or she did last year, our final sign-up sheet from 2007 will be sent out for your reference as a separate document.

Your STOC Service Club Olympics Representative, **Greg Hermus**

Better Life 5K Run/Walk Benefits the Lussier Community Education Center

On Saturday, **May 17th** the 1st Annual Better Life Run/Walk was held at Memorial High School. This was a very successful event that was attended by many as a benefit for the Lussier Community. Thanks to the Optimist leaders, Mary Schwartz, Carole Klopp, and Rick Thomas who supported the Spartan Youth Service Team. Also thanks to everyone who participated at the event or with a contribution. The goal is to raise \$10,000, which at this time is very close. (See some of many pictures)



Zach Thomas (*Optimists, Rick & Julie's son*) with Mr. Lussier



Greg Hermus, Optimist with Mr. Lussier



Chuck Koehler, Optimist Helps with Registration



Walkers, Runners, and more Walkers and Runners



The JOOI-Ful Spartan Youth Service Monthly Newsletter

Hi All!

As the 2007-2008 school year winds to an end, we would like to take a look back at our successful yet busy experiences at Spartan Youth Service. We started off the year with a retreat in Wisconsin Dells for the student board members and our advisors. At our retreat, we were able to bond with each other as well as creatively plan for the new school year. Our first goal for the club was to have more members join so that we could make even bigger differences in our community. This first goal was achieved early on with the use of massive promotions throughout Memorial, and member turnout at its greatest was close to 175 members, which was more than we had expected.

After our efforts at recruitment paid off, it now was time to find projects for all of these students willing to volunteer. The club's five committees found activities they wanted to support, and it was great experiencing new projects while still maintaining previous ones. The Community Committee found their strengths with working throughout the community, having major projects such as sorting clothes at the Middleton Outreach Ministry, selling daffodils for the American Cancer Society, helping out with pledge drives at Wisconsin Public Television, and volunteering at Brat Fest. Not to be outdone, the Optimists Committee worked together with the adult Optimists in Badger concessions, selling carnations, clearing the Ice Age Trail, and cooking at the Ronald McDonald House. The Senior Committee put on a much enjoyed talent show at Oakwood Village, sponsored a successful game night at Middleton Village, and enjoyed volunteering with students from Jefferson Middle School at Harbor House. The Global/Environmental Committee participated in UNICEF, an Alternative Gifts Fair, and cleaning of the disk golf course at Elver Park. Last but not least, the Kids for Kids Committee had their book drive, an on-site bookmark making session, and 8th grade mentoring. As can be seen by our number of big events, this year of volunteering was extremely busy and fun for the students.

Later, perhaps being our highest reaching goal ever, we decided to raise \$10,000 for the Lussier Community Education Center, which is being built right near Memorial High School. A cause so close to home was and is irresistible to Spartan Youth Service, and through fundraising we have learned of the importance of the community center to our community. The club organized the Better Life 5k Run/Walk on May 17 to raise a significant portion of the \$10,000 of our goal. The Run/Walk was well attended, and we made thousands of dollars just on that day. This amount combined with all of our other fundraising efforts (talking with business, bake sales, pledges, and more), means that we are now just hundreds of dollars away from reaching our goal. The club is still organizing our members to go door-to-door to ask for pledges, and after we reach our goal, we will receive the honor of having a room named after our club in the community center.

Finally, we knew that the year was over when we had our induction ceremony to induct the new board members. The ceremony was nice, and, while congratulating our past members, we were happy to see that our new board is strong and full of people with different interests and new ways of thinking.

Since starting strong with recruitment, other actions such as offering exciting volunteer activities to members, and trying to raise \$10,000, are actions that attest to the strength of Spartan Youth Service. However, this strength is made possible not only by the students, but by the adult advisors and sponsoring club. The passion that the students have brought to the club will stay even as the school year ends, and we know next year will be great too.

We thank you for all your support and help over this school year; we truly appreciate all you do for us.

Be JOOI-Ful,
Rachel Wang and Lucas Gibson
Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team Presidents

SPECIAL HONOR and RECOGNITION was given to the Optimist JOOI Leaders, **MARY SCHWARTZ, CAROLE KLOPP, and RICK THOMAS**. Thanks were also given to ALL Optimists who helped with events during this 0708-year.

Sauk Trails Optimist Club, Ltd. - Membership Roster June 2008

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Baseball Game Scheduled, August 24th

Mark your calendars and plan on joining your fellow Optimists on **Sunday afternoon, August 24th at Miller Park** when the Milwaukee Brewers play the Pittsburgh Pirates. More information will be coming in the following months. The final sign up date for this will be in late July at the Service Club Olympics.

American Player's Scheduled, September 27th

Kathy Johnson has ordered 18 tickets to the Mid Summer Night's Dream, American Player's Theater, for **Saturday September 27th at 8:00 PM**. The cost will be \$42 each. The tickets will be available on a first-come first-serve basis. Please contact Kathy Johnson for tickets at: kjohnson@RMStrategies.net

HARLEM AMBASSADORS SCHEDULED for SUNDAY, September 28th, 2008

We are scheduled for 4 p.m. at Memorial High School, with the gym reservation to be **3:00 until 7:00** for the Harlem Ambassadors. We will ask all club members to do all they can to assure this event is successful. The business model is:

- 1) 20 - \$200 player sponsors to cover the \$4000 Harlem Ambassadors fee.
- 2) 4 - \$200 coach sponsors to cover other expenses (shirts \$250) and possibly \$550 profit.
- 3) Undetermined number of \$500 school assembly sponsorships to directly sponsor visits to area schools by the team members to spread the message of **"Stay in school, stay off drugs."**
- 4) 6 – Hotels provided free by an area businessperson. Tickets will be printed with the hotel sponsor's name.
- 5) We will look into having banners printed with sponsors' names to display in the gymnasium.
- 6) We will look into having posters printed for advertising at local businesses, including at sponsor locations.
- 7) We need to find 20 basketball players (5 per quarter), preferably some with name recognition to draw a crowd. 5 will play in each of the two entertainment quarters, 5 will play in each of the two more serious basketball quarters.
- 8) We need to find 4 high profile honorary coaches to boost attendance.
- 9) We can raffle off the right to sit on the Harlem Ambassadors' bench next to the sixth man.
(Quantity of seats to be determined.)
- 10) We will offer VIP seats, 4 free with each sponsorship and additional paid VIP seating available for additional attendees from sponsor businesses.

Ideas are welcome. More details will come in future newsletters and e-mails.
Optimistically, **Greg Hermus**

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.