



Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison

October 2009

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



Sauk Trails Optimists Board Induction, Sept. 30th, 2009

Tom Wohlleber, Lt. Governor Zone 4, 09-10 attended the Sauk Trails Optimist Club Induction Banquet on Sept. 30th and inducted the board for the new optimist year.

Those present from left to right: Kathy Johnson (board), Alison Scherer (VP), Kevin Campos (past president), Carole Klopp (president), Bonnie Spindler (board), Jeff Hoskings (board), Gene Spindler (Sec/Treas). Absent: Bob Wortinger, Ray Schmitz, Pat Beiersdorf.

The optimists and guests who attended had a great time. Thanks to Kevin and Carole for the coordination.

Sauk Trails Optimists:

Well, as your newly inducted president, here's my first "letter" to you all. At this point, I'm mindful of the first line of our creed – ***Promise yourself - to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.*** That has a nice ring to it and I'm finding that it does work. I've been concerned about our smaller numbers and the impact that has on our ability to do truly make a difference for children. However, the other evening Kevin Campos came up to me at a meeting and shared that the Sauk Trails business area just might be very receptive to our club and purpose based on some conversations that he had. That's the first step for us as we all pull together to make our club a strong and viable presence on the west side...and somewhat reassuring as we build for the future.

In a similar vain, the board has been meeting and has adopted some "rules" you need to be aware of as we go forward. NOTE:

1. We have returned to meeting EVERY week, Wednesday's, at Babes for a lot of reasons. Please note that members should try to attend at least once a month.
2. We adopted an incentive program – for every new member you bring in to the club, you will receive a \$25 gift certificate. Speak to Jeff Hoskings – new membership Chairperson.
3. We've also adopted a new policy relative to donations to the Youth & Community Foundation Fund – see the minutes from our meeting. If you have any questions, please let me know.
4. And, finally, the board has indicated an expectation that everyone will participate on one of our very fine committees. You should receive a call from a board within the next few weeks to find out which committee you would like to serve on.

And finally, I would like to add that as the lead adviser for our very wonderful JOOI team, I'm in hopes that many of you will take the time this year to attend an event with the JOOI youth as a chaperone or even as a fellow volunteer. This is a group of some truly unique youth and you'll find it will be well worth your time. Also, since I'm still going to be doing that adviser job, please help me as best you can to keep our club moving forward. Many thanks and I'll see you at Babe's next Wednesday!

Carole Klopp, STOC President 2009-2010

Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC Board Meeting Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, September 1st, 2009

Members in Attendance: President: Kevin Campos; Past President: Rick Thomas; Sec/Treas: Gene Spindler; VP: Kathy Johnson; Board Members: Alison Scherer, Pat Beiersdorf, Ray Schmidt, Bob Wortinger, Bill Monkemeyer **Not attending** –Ricki Hoefler.

Kevin Campos called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm.

The minutes of the August 12th Board Meeting were discussed. A motion was made (Kathy Johnson), seconded (Pat Beiersdorf) and passed to approve the minutes of the August Board Meeting.

The Financial Report through August 31, 2009 was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the information provided. A motion was made (Ray Schmitz), seconded (Rick Thomas) to accept the financial report as presented.

Kevin Campos gave the President's report. There were no members to add or to delete. There was discussion on past dues of one member. This individual will be contacted to determine when they can get current with dues payment. Calendar of events was reviewed and upcoming events include Salvation Army Bell Ringing and possible oratorical and essay contest participation. Lunch dates were discussed and a motion was made (Gene Spindler), seconded (Ray Schmitz) and passed to have meetings on the first three weeks during the months of September through December.

There was Board discussion on Club member participation in Club fund raising events. A motion was made (Alison Scherer), seconded (Bill Monkemeyer) and passed that all Club members are required to purchase or sell \$100 of Bucky Books, Koeze Nut items or Football Craze tickets. Members who do not complete this fund raising activity during the Club fiscal year (October 1st – September 30th, beginning in 2009) will be billed an additional \$50 on the 4th Quarter statement as a donation to the Youth and Community Foundation.

The Board also discussed member participation in Club activities. A motion was made (Alison Scherer), seconded (Bob Wortinger) and passed that all Club member are required to participate in one service activity or to serve on the Board.

A motion was made (Kathy Johnson), seconded (Bill Monkemeyer) and passed to nominate Rick Thomas for the Ruth Gordon Award.

There was discussion on the Student of the Month recognition and a decision was made to have recognition of Memorial students on a quarterly basis.

A motion was made (Kathy Johnson), seconded (Pat Beiersdorf) and passed to adjourn. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting **is set for 4:45 on October 6th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.**

Gene Spindler, Secretary/Treasurer 2008-2009

ANY Optimists for Sauk Trails Club

Please put these dates on your calendar and try to make some of these SWIS Conferences. There should be club representation at each quarterly conference to acquire the information.



FUTURE 2009 – 2010 CONFERENCES SCHEDULED

October 24, 2009	Platteville Convention Center
February 6, 2010	UW-Whitewater
May 8, 2010	Wisconsin Dells Kalahari
August 14, 2010	Pewaukee Radisson Inn

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Alison Scherer

Board of Directors

Jeff Hosking
Bob Wortinger
Kathy Johnson
Pat Beiersdorf
Bonnie Spindler
Ray Schmitz

Special THANKS to Ricki Hoefler and Bill Monkemeyer who served their terms on the board in the previous years. It's really appreciated.

Sauk Trails Optimist Club Board Decision on Fund-Raisers

A motion was made and passed that all Club members are required to purchase or sell \$100 of Bucky Books, Koeze Nut items or Football Craze tickets. Members who do not complete this fund raising activity during the Club fiscal year (October 1st – September 30th, beginning in 2009) will be billed an additional \$50 on the 4th Quarter statement, July-September, as a donation to the Youth and Community Foundation.

Special Olympics Bowling

The annual Special Olympics bowling tournaments are scheduled for **October 24th and November 7th**. We welcome your help at either or both of the above listed bowling tournaments. These events are located at Bowlavard Lanes near East Towne in Madison.

Your job is simple – make sure our athletes enjoy themselves and that they stay on they're assigned lanes and bowl in the correct order. No experience necessary - you will be trained on the day of the event.

We **prefer all day volunteers** but we can split if you find that you cannot commit to a whole day. Volunteers must be at least 12 years of age (minors under 18 need our special form to fill out needing a parent signature) – it is a great way to spend a day with some wonderful people and as a bonus we always keep you updated on the Badger score.

We would like to get around **100 volunteers**. (You will be required to bring a photo id with you on the day of competition. You will be contacted with further information after we receive your volunteer preferences.)

Thanks and remember athletes are the heart of our organization but volunteers make that heart beat!!!!

October 24th, 2009 (Saturday)

Bowlavard Lanes

- ___ All Day
- ___ 11:00 – 2:00 PM
- ___ 2:00 – 5:00 PM

November 7th, 2009 (Saturday)

Bowlavard Lanes

- ___ All Day
- ___ 11:00 – 2:00 PM
- ___ 2:00 – 5:00 PM



Sign-Ups will occur at lunches and by e-mail. Rick @ jathoma2@wisc.edu

2009 Koeze Nut Fundraiser

Our club kicked off our annual Koeze Nut Fundraiser on **October 14th**. We had over \$1200 in profits last year, and hope to top \$1500 in profits in 2009!

What you need to know to sell Koeze Nuts:

- Order deadlines: **November 11th** for Thanksgiving sales, and **December 9th** for Christmas sales.
- Bring order forms to Wednesday meetings or contact Rick Thomas at 212-7582 or jathoma2@wisc.edu
- **Collect money up front** with checks made payable to **Sauk Trails Optimist Club**.
- Products normally available include:
 - Colossal Cashews and Classic Mixed Nuts** in decanters, canisters and boxes.
 - Milk or Dark Chocolate Puddles** in decanters and boxes
 - Delan Caramel Crunch and Chocolate Covered Dried Cherries**
 - Executive Gift Packs**-combinations for corporate clients
- Product prices range from \$11.75-\$50.00+
- Come to a weekly meeting or contact Rick Thomas for promotional information, brochures or order forms.
- You can look at the online catalog at: <http://koeze.com>, but please order all products from the club so we get the profits from this fundraiser.

There are two parts to the Koeze Nuts Fundraiser: 1) Accumulating the orders from everyone and ordering the Koeze products. 2) Distributing the Koeze products when they come in. If you have an interest in helping out with either of these tasks, please contact Rick Thomas as soon as possible.

Student of the Month Program

The Student of the Month programs will be held on **November 11th**, February and May. Each of these 3 months will honor 3 students for the quarter. The presentations will occur scheduled noon lunches at Babe's.

UW Football Booth

There will be a need for 1 optimist to help out at each UW Football game this fall. The JOOI kids are covering half of the positions and Steve Bailey and his family members are doing many of the games. Contact Steve if you can help with any of the remaining Games:

10/17 (noon), Iowa;
10/31 (TBA), Purdue;
11/14 (TBA), Michigan.

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS and LUNCHES

Date	Speaker	Topic	Babes Noon Lunch
October 7 th	Lori Powers (scheduled)	Health Insurance Options	BLT or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
October 14 th	Rick Thomas	Koeze Nut kickoff, free samples	Fish Sandwich or Cobb Salad
October 21 st	Mary Schwartz	Europe Trip	Rueben or Caesar Salad
October 28 th	TBA		TBA
November 4 th	TBA		Turkey & Swiss or Raspberry Chicken Salad
November 11 th	3 Students of the Month and 'club meeting'.	3 Students Share, 'Future Club Plans'	Chicken Breast Sandwich or Beef Taco Salad
November 18 th	Babe's Cancelled	MASCC, See Article	CANCELLED
November 25 th	CANCELLED		CANCELLED
December 2 nd	TBA		½ Club Sandwich or Cobb Salad
December 9 th	Allen Ebert	WI Film festival	½ French Dip or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
December 16 th	'Club Meeting'	'Future Club Plans'	Chicken Pita or Beef Taco Salad
December 23 rd	Holiday Party, Ornament Exchange		TBA
December 30 th	CANCELLED		CANCELLED

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

We have the following time slots reserved for bell ringing in **front of Sears at West Towne Mall**. There is a need for an Optimist to ring the bells along with 2-3 JOOI Club students at each of these time slots. Please check your calendars and be prepared to **sign-up for at least one of these 21 time slots**. Sign-up sheets will be coming on **October 28th, November 4th and 11th** at lunches or by contacting the coordinator, Pat Beiersdorf, at: pat@madisonfinancial.net.

Thursday,	December 3 rd ,	6-8pm
Friday,	December 4 th ,	6-8 pm
Saturday,	December 5 th ,	10am-noon
Saturday,	December 5 th ,	noon-2pm
Saturday,	December 5 th ,	2-4pm
Saturday,	December 5 th ,	4-6pm
Saturday,	December 5 th ,	6-8pm
Thursday,	December 10 th ,	6-8pm
Friday,	December 11 th ,	6-8 pm
Saturday,	December 12 th ,	10am-noon

Saturday,	December 12 th ,	noon-2pm
Saturday,	December 12 th ,	2-4pm
Saturday,	December 12 th ,	4-6pm
Saturday,	December 12 th ,	6-8pm
Thursday,	December 17 th ,	6-8pm
Friday,	December 18 th ,	6-8 pm
Saturday,	December 19 th ,	10am-noon
Saturday,	December 19 th ,	noon-2pm
Saturday,	December 19 th ,	2-4pm
Saturday,	December 19 th ,	4-6pm
Saturday,	December 19 th ,	6-8pm

Progressive Dinner
 The annual STOC Progressive Dinner is scheduled for **Sunday, January 31st, 2010**. More info and sign-up will be coming from Alison Scherer, Social Chair.

Happy Birthday

Janine Richgels	10/20
Rick Thomas	10/21



STOC WEBSITE LINK

www.sauktrailsoptimistclub.nexo.com

Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team

'Kicks off to another great year!'

As the 2009-2010 school year starts for Memorial High School students, their largest after-school club, the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team, looks to have another great year. Currently, over 170 students have submitted registrations forms, the majority of them being new members. Already underway are various service activities such as:

- ✓ Badger football concessions,
- ✓ Autism Fair in Lodi,
- ✓ Koins for Kids,.
- ✓ Salvation Army Bell Ringing.

The club plans to help with the Haunted House at Olin Park and UNICEF later this month, as well as providing volunteers for the Madison Holiday Market in November.

With an energized group, new project ideas for winter and spring are already in the planning process, and the club is set to have an incredible year serving the Madison community. We look forward to working with our sponsoring club, the Sauk Trails Optimist, on our many volunteers' projects and welcome your attendance at any of our meetings.

George Liu, Spartan Youth Service Team President

46th Annual Madison Area Service Clubs Luncheon – MASCC

- DATE:** November 18th, 2009
- TIME:** Noon – 1:30 PM
- LOCATION:** Alliant Energy Center,
Mendota Rooms 1 –4.
- LUNCH:** Lunch Cost \$10.00 /optimist (post billed)
(\$20 cost, \$10 paid by club)
- SPEAKER:** Casey FitzRandolph, Noted Child Advocate & Olympic Speed Skater

Latest SIGN-UP: Lunch on Oct. 21st, 2009 or contact Gene Spindler at genespindler@charter.net, 833-7244. By 2 PM on 21st, 13 have already signed up.

Our own **Rick Thomas** was nominated for the Ruth Gordon Award. This award will be given to someone who over a period of time, has exemplified the concept of volunteer service for the betterment of the community, either individually or though a service club.

See more information at this following 'link':

<http://www.madison.com/communities/mascc/library/files/Chair%20Invite%20Letter.pdf>

Sauk Trails Optimists Volunteer Opportunities

These 'Opportunities' need volunteers to sign-up BEFORE the actual dates. Check your schedule and please sign-up for those that you can. Each of these will help the youth that we serve as optimists.

October 17 th	UW Booth,	sign-up with Steve Bailey
October 24 th	Special Olympics Bowling	sign-up with Rick Thomas
October 31 st	UW Booth,	sign-up with Steve Bailey
November 7 th	Special Olympics Bowling	sign-up with Rick Thomas
November 14 th	UW Booth,	sign-up with Steve Bailey
November 18 th	MASCC	Sign-up by Oct. 21 st with Gene Spindler.
Nov 19 th (Thur) & 20 th (Fri)	UW Booth for High School Football	Sign-up with Steve Bailey
December 5 th –19 th	Salvation Army Bell Ringing	Sign-up by Nov. 11 th with Pat Beiersdorf.

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.**

