

Sauk Trails Optimist Club, Ltd.

"Where Every Kid Counts"

In July, we competed in Service Club Olympics. Forty-eight of our 57 members participated in one or more events. The main purpose of the Olympics is to develop camaraderie within each club by encouraging participation in all events. We were the only club that had someone entered in every event. This speaks highly of the dedication of our members. (See the enclosed article on our performance)

It is now August and I am in the last two months of my term as your President. It has been a rewarding experience.

Our first event in August is our club's summer family picnic on August 3. Look in this newsletter for more details. Call or e-mail Dee to sign up. We need a headcount to determine how much food and beverages to order.

The new Optimist year starts on October 1. In late September, Rick Tiedemann will have our annual club banquet. Our new board and officers are inducted at this social event. All members are encouraged to attend. It is a time of celebration for our accomplishments and a time to look forward to future challenges.

Rick will need your help on various club projects. If you are currently leading a project, meet with Rick so you can get your project in his annual calendar of events. This is the time for all members to step up and to offer to help run one of our activities. If everyone agrees to help run at least one project, we can accomplish a lot next year.

We are a volunteer organization. Do not wait to be asked to help. Every event chair can use some help. Let Rick know you are willing to help where needed.

By working together, we will continue to make Sauk Trails Optimist Club, the Madison service club "Where Every Kid Counts".

Jim Judd, President

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Sauk Trails Optimist Board Minutes

R.W. Baird and Company Office

July 8th, 2003



Members in Attendance:

Vice President: Greg Hermus (in President Jim Judd's absence)

Past President: Bonnie Spindler

Board Members: Ray Schmitz, Jared Holthe, Mark Kraemer, & Lori Handel

Treasurer: Gene Spindler

Secretary: Bonnie Spindler (In Jessica Oehrlein's absence)

- Call to Order: Vice President Greg Hermus called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
- Prior Months Minutes: A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the last meeting.
- Treasurer's Report: There was some discussion about IRS guidelines for contributions to the treasury. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.
- New Member Approval: No new Members.
- New Fundraiser: Mark Kraemer mentioned that he was looking into a raffle as a 'spring' fundraiser. The board 'brainstormed' on prizes that could be given out, including cash and prizes acquired (by solicitation letter), from various businesses. There was also a reminder that the Football fundraiser will be starting in September, more information and sign-up sheets will be coming.
- Childhood Cancer Program: Rick Thomas has been putting Childhood Cancer banks in various businesses. Rick Conne has volunteered to be our representative to District. Lori Handel also has volunteered to help with the program.
- Summer Picnic: The summer picnic will be held on Sunday, August 3rd, from 2 PM until dusk. Families, dates, & prospective members are invited. Everyone should bring a dessert, salad, or snack and sign-up with the Judd's.
- Scholarships & New Foundation: Greg mentioned that others on his committee are: Lori Handel; Rick Tiedemann; Cheryl Vickroy; Jason Kadow. The committee will be sending out letters in August to: Clients; Potential donors; Making phone calls to different corporate groups and contacting key people for donations to the Scholarship fund.
- Upcoming JOOI Events: The Kansas City trip is scheduled for July 16 - 19th. Bonnie Spindler requested an additional \$100 to cover gas for the trip. It was approved.
- President-Elect report on planning: The President Elect had a conflict and was not present at the meeting to report.
- Luncheon attendance and costs: Gene Spindler did an analysis of the cost alternatives for lunches at Babe's and presented it to the board. The basic 2 alternatives discussed were to either honor Babe's request for a minimum of 20 lunches at \$8 each OR increase the price to \$9 / lunch with no minimum. The meal cost increase to \$9.00, effective October 1st was approved by the Board. Gene & Jim will be presenting the analysis to Lynn at Babe's for discussion. (Since then, the \$9 for lunch charge was approved by Babe's effective immediately, but will NOT be started for the membership until October. The club will pick up the \$1 for members attending lunch starting mid-July through September at Babe's)
- Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.
- Next Meeting: August 12th, 5:00 at R. W. Baird

Service Club Olympics

Congratulations to all participants on our first place finish in the Madison Area Service Club Olympics. We finished 64 points ahead of our closest competition. We were the only club that had someone entered in every event.

Individual results are as follow:

5K Run - Men 4th & Women 3rd
Backgammon - 4th
8-Ball Pool - 5th
Bridge - 5th
Cribbage - 4th
Euchre - 10th
Horseshoes - 2nd
Racquetball - 3rd
Swimming - 4th
Volleyball - 6th
Management - 2nd

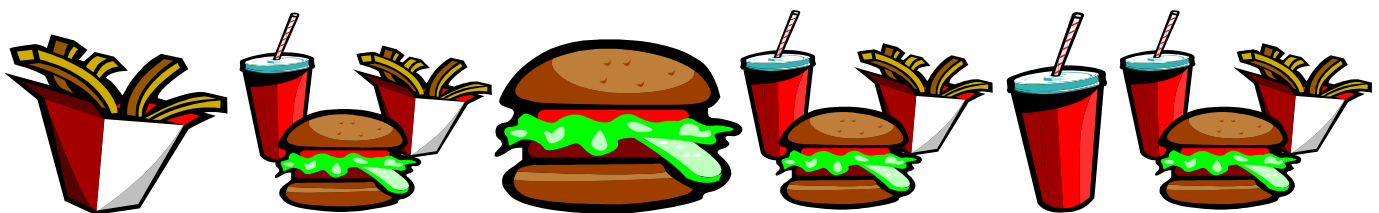


Agility - 1st
Bait Casting - 3rd
Bowling - Team 2nd, Men 2nd, Women 1st
Checkers - 3rd
Darts - 1st
Golf - Team 4th, Individual 2nd
Ping-Pong - 1st
Scrabble - 3rd
Tennis - 3rd
Dinner Signup - 1st

Meal Costs

The club had received a request from Babe's to either guarantee 20 meals for each Wednesday or to pay \$10 per meal when the attendance was less than 20 paid meals. An analysis was done of the attendance for the past year and it was decided that we increase our meal cost for members to \$9 effective October 1st. The meal cost increase was approved by the Board at the July 8th meeting. We began paying \$9 per meal to Babe's on July 9th. The Club will pay for the additional cost of meals through September.

Gene Spindler, Treasurer



**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 |
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| July 30 | Babes | Nan Delaney | Wisconsin Safety Patrol | 19 th Hole Club Sandwich or Grilled Chicken Salad |
| August 6 | Babes | Don Heiliger | Stoughton Resident – Vietnam POW | California Club or Veggie Salad |
| August 13 | Babes | Becky Van Houten | Preschool for the Arts | Chicken Pita Wrap or Beef Taco Salad |
| August 20 | Babes | John Chadima | Director UW Football Operations | BLT or Tuna Caesar Salad |
| August 27 | | To be announced | | Turkey and Swiss or Cajun Chicken Salad |
| September 3 | Babes | Marian Muzzi | Well Child Clinics | Turkey and Swiss Sandwich or Ty Cobb Salad |
| September 10 | Babes | To be announced | | French Dip or Oriental Chicken Salad |
| September 17 | Babes | To be announced | | Teriyaki Chicken Sandwich or Tuna Caesar Salad |
| September 24 | | No Meeting | No Meeting | |

**Mark Your
Calendar**

- ✦ July 21 & 22 Service Club Olympics
- ✦ August 3 Sauk Trails Optimist Club Picnic
From 2:00 to dusk. Bring your spouse, kids, date and/or prospective members. Please RSVP, if you have not let us know yet.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Steve Bailey
Mitch Hagens
Amy Tripp

Daniel Gibson
Jim Judd
Laura Wilson



SWIS District News, 2003

There will be a conference on August 22nd - 23rd in LaCrosse. Leadership training for Presidents / Secretaries & Treasurer's will be held on Saturday, the 23rd. 'Links' to the SWIS News (12 pages) and SWIS Conference (2 pages) have been emailed to you. Those links are:

SWIS Conference:

http://www.swisdistrictoptimists.org/OtherPDFs/SWIS_2003_4th_Quarter_Conference.pdf

SWIS News:

http://www.swisdistrictoptimists.org/Newsletters/SWIS_2003_4th_Quarter_Bulletin.pdf

There will be four future conferences scheduled in the 2003 - 2004 year.

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| Oct. 31 st - Nov. 1 st | Baraboo |
| February 6 th - 7 th | Oconomowoc |
| May 7 th - 8 th | Wisconsin Dells |
| August 6 th - 7 th | Racine |

Each officer should try to make at the minimum the Saturday of one of these conferences during their board membership. If your interested in going to a conference, please contact the current club president, Jim Judd or President-Elect, Rick Tiedemann, who will be starting in October 2003.

Bonnie Spindler

SWIS Bulletin Editor (2002-2004)



JOOI Corner

One minute to think and four to speak...

"What Does Optimism Mean to You?" This was the topic given to 8 or so JOOI members who participated in the impromptu oratorical contest at the 11th Annual JOOI convention. The topic was given to them one minute prior to their speech and they were given four minutes to speak. It takes a lot of guts to get up in front of an audience and express yourself without advance preparation. This event typifies what the JOOI convention is all about. The kids attended workshops, participated in a service project, elected a new JOOI president, and had opportunities to challenge themselves and to grow. Here is Prethy and Lili's account of the 2002 JOOI Convention held July 16 - 19 in Kansas City:

After many generous donations from the Sauk Trails Optimist Club and some of our own club fundraising, the Spartan Youth Service Team of Memorial High School was able to send two delegates this summer to the International JOOI convention in Kansas City, Missouri. The two delegates were club Presidents, Prethy Rao and Lili Prael, who were accompanied by two very kindhearted and tolerant chaperones, Ms. Norrbom and Mrs. Spindler.

Our four-day trip started off with a bang. We gathered together at Ms. Norrbom's house around 6:00 a.m. and began our journey to Kansas City in Mrs. Spindler's van. The trip was a smooth 9 hour drive, with Ms. Norrbom and Mrs. Spindler sharing the driving load and Lili and Prethy sleeping and watching movies. We finally arrived in Kansas City around 3:00 pm. Although we were all exhausted, we checked into the Adam's Mark hotel, registered ourselves with the JOOI committee, and got ready for dinner.

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After the meal, the first general session began. The International Board of Directors and International President, Melanie Brisson, were introduced first. Then we had a guest speaker, Marlon Smith. He inspired us to go for our dreams and not let fear get in the way. Excited for the coming days and thoughtful about what he said, we treaded up to our room and practically fell onto our beds with exhaustion.

The next day, July 17th, opened with an early general session commending a string of dedicated and revered Optimist International members. When the session ended at 12:00 pm, most people loaded the buses to the Worlds of Fun Amusement Park. By that time we had spotted Mr. Bailey lurking around the convention and we took him and the van to the mall. After that, we braved the horrific heat and made our way to the amusement park. Lili and Prethy went on all the roller coasters possible, while our adult Optimists went to see spectacular shows. As the day winded down, we all loaded into the van and headed for dinner in the city. Unfortunately, it was at this point that Ms. Spindler became sick from the heat and had to go to the hospital. Luckily, after sleeping in the next morning, she felt much better.

Our third day in Kansas City was highlighted by the Community Service project. For this we went to a church and mentored young children, ages 6 to 12. We helped make friendship bracelets, played a version of bingo, and exchanged addresses with them. After a memorable two hours with the kids, we left. Soon dinner came, and then the third general session arrived. We listened to candidate speeches and were left with a mix of decisions of whom to vote for. An Impromptu Oratorical Contest was also held during the general session.

This was especially interesting because two of the contestants, including the winner, did their speeches in French. After the general session ended, they held a talent show. We were all in awe of the talent and humor of our fellow JOOI members.

Our final day came quickly. Lili and Prethy went to different workshops that taught ways to improve a club. Then, we all went to a "Meet the Candidates" session where the candidates running for office were asked a string of questions. Then came the elections. After about two hours of voting, we started back for Madison.

As Presidents of Youth Service, we learned a lot from our journey. One of the most important parts of the JOOI convention was learning how to make our club better. By meeting and conversing with new people and by attending workshops, we learned it takes hard work, dedication, and organization to lead our members. We were taught different fundraising ideas and how to organize our group into committees in order to be a better organization. More importantly, what we took away from the convention was the idea that the quantity of members in our club is not as important as their quality. This experience has been invaluable. We are inspired, eager, and more than dedicated to create a better club, hoping to lay a solid foundation for the future Memorial Spartan Youth Service Team members to come.

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As you can tell, JOOI members take their community service responsibilities very seriously. They are dedicated to making a difference and to touching the lives of others. Prethy and Lili are no different. They will be presenting their experiences during an upcoming STOC meeting. I hope you will be able to attend.

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

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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 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.