

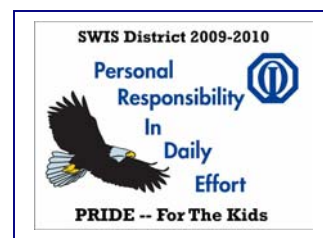


Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



MAY 2010

**Weekly Wednesday Lunch
Meetings - 11:45 – 12:45,
SPRECHER'S, Middleton**



Greetings All!

Well, the temperature is on the rise and so is the Optimist Spirit for our STOC. The next line in our creed reads - **To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others at you are about your own** – and I think that hits the nail on the head for us. We have been welcoming new members, the board is enthusiastic about our move to Sprecher's and we're hoping that the following changes will help attendance at our meetings.

At our last meeting, the Board decided to change (yes I said change) the meeting structure in order to be welcoming to all members. Beginning in June, the **FIRST** meeting of the month will be held from **5:30 to 7:00pm**. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and there will be an open bar, and we will still meet at Sprecher's in the back room as a group, with a speaker. We enthusiastically hope that this change will encourage members who have found it difficult to make lunch to be able to attend at least once a month. One other change was made for the summer **ONLY** – **for JULY AND AUGUST we will meet two times per month** – the **FIRST AND THIRD Wednesday**. That means the first Wednesday will be the early evening meeting and the third Wednesday will be a lunch meeting. **Please make a note of this on your calendars!**

Since it's May, we will be electing officers and the new board – who do not take office until October. However, elections have to happen now. If you would like to serve on the board, please give me a call! We need at least 2 more folk to help out.

AND finally, **please support our JOOI club on May 15th at the Walk-a-thon!** It's for a very good cause and you'll probably find that you'll have a great time. **ALSO**, don't forget to attend **Law Day on May 12th** at the Vintage on Whitney Way – a restaurant that is jointly owned by one of our members! We want to turn out and support our local officers.

Well, that's about it for this month! Check out the rest of the newsletter and be sure to show your optimism to all you meet!

Carole Klopp, President 09-10
Sauk Trails Optimist Club (STOC)

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**Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC Board Meeting
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, April 20th, 2010**

Members in Attendance: President: - Carole Klopp, Sec/Treas – Gene Spindler; VP: Alison Scherer, Past President: Kevin Campos, Board Members: Jeff Hosking, Bonnie Spindler, Bob Wortinger. Kathy Johnson.

Not attending Pat Beiersdorf, Ray Schmitz.

Carole Klopp called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

The minutes of the March 16, 2010 Board Meeting were discussed. A motion was made (Bob Wortinger), seconded (Kathy Johnson), and passed to approve the minutes of the March Board Meeting.

The Financial Report through March 31, 2010 was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the information provided. A motion was made (Bonnie Spindler), seconded (Jeff Hosking) and passed to accept the financial report as presented.

Bill Monkemeyer had requested to be dropped as a member of Sauk Trails Optimist Club. A motion was made (Gene Spindler), seconded (Alison Scherer) and passed to drop Bill Monkemeyer as a member.

The Board discussed meeting changes at Sprecher’s for the summer months. A motion was made (Gene Spindler, seconded (Alison Scherer) to have one evening meeting each month. The board discussed options to this motion and the decision was made to pass the motion and have the first Wednesday of June, July and August as an evening meeting from **5:30 pm to 7:00 pm**. It was also decided that there would be no meeting on June 30th and for July and August there would be two meetings each month, on the first Wednesday (evening) and the third Wednesday (lunch). The Board also decided that the Club induction for new officers would be an evening meeting on **October 6th**.

The two scholarship winners have been invited to join the Club for lunch on **May 19th**. Students of the month will be presented their awards on **May 26th**. A summer picnic is scheduled on **June 27th at the Henry Vilas Zoo**. Members of West Madison Optimist Club have been invited to join us for this picnic.

LAW Day will be held on **May 12th at the Vintage**. We will be recognizing two officers for their service to the community. The basketball fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 2, ^{time} and location to be determined.

A motion was made (Bonnie Spindler), seconded (Kathy Johnson) and passed to donate \$175 to WILS for their Leadership Program.

A motion was made (Alison Scherer), seconded (Bob Wortinger) and passed to adjourn. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting is **set for 4:45 on June 1st at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. (Schedule Conflicts in May).**

Gene Spindler, Secretary/Treasurer 2009-2010

ANY Sauk Trails Club Optimists

There should be club representation at each quarterly conference to acquire the information for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Please put these dates on your calendar and try to make at least one of these SWIS Conferences.

May 8th, 2010	Wis Dells Kalahari
August 14th, 2010	Pewaukee Radisson
November 7th	Minneapolis, MN

BOARD Elections will

occur on May 19th. If you are interested in a board position for 2 years, please let Carole Klopp know. (There are 3 optimists rotated off each year.) The 10-11 president and sec / treasurer names will be submitted to OI, May 20th.

Editor: Bonnie Spindler
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May Newsletter Articles
Due by 05/29/2010

**Sauk Trails
Club Officers 09-10**

President
Carole Klopp

Secretary/Treasurer
Gene Spindler

Past President
Kevin Campos

Vice President
Alison Scherer

Board of Directors

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



**CHILDHOOD
CANCER**

Two Sauk Trails Optimists and their families, with a West Madison Optimist, helped with serving meals for Childhood Cancer. Thanks to the Kalscheur Family who helped on **March 21st** and the Hosking Family, **April 18th**.

September 19th and **October 17th** are 2 future fall dates for sign-up for this activity.

Spartan Youth Service, JOOI Recognition Banquet, April 26th

The Spartan Youth Service JOOI Recognition Banquet was held **Monday, April 26th** at Memorial High School from 5:30 to 7:30pm. This is when the outgoing board members are recognized, the Adult Volunteer of the year Award is made, and the new officers and board are installed. It's a special night for our JOOI club and is made all the more special by the STOC members who could attend. Co-presidents George Liu and Marcus Bolles thanked the current board. Carole Klopp, STOC President, inducted the members of the new board pictured to the right.



Spartan Youth Service Team Board, 2010–2011

Date	Speaker	Topic	SPRECHERS Menu's
May 5 th	TBA		Menu 1
May 12 th	Officers of the Law Meeting at VINTAGE	Respect for Law	Vintage Menu
May 19 th	Lindsey Hughes & Melissa Milbrandt	2 Scholarship Winners Honored, \$1,000 Each	Menu 3
May 26 th	Sarah Percival & Amy Yan Share SOQ, Michelle Yang, Oratorical Student	Students of Qtr-SOQ /Oratorical Contestant	Menu 4
June 2 nd	EVENING Get-Together Speaker: Vicki Eiden (tent)	5:30 – 7:00 PM Madison 'Downs Syndrome'	Hors d'oeuvres, Cash bar
June 9th	TBA		Menu 2
June 16th	TBA		Menu 3
June 23rd	TBA		Menu 4
June 30th	CANCELLED		
July 7th	EVENING Get-Together	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Hors d'oeuvres
July 21st	TBA		Menu 3
Aug 4th	EVENING Get-Together	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Hors d'oeuvres
Aug 18th	TBA		Menu 3
Sept. 1st	EVENING Get-Together	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Hors d'oeuvres
Sept 8th	TBA		Menu 2
Sept 15th	TBA		Menu 3
Sept 22nd	TBA		Menu 4
Sept 29th	TBA		??
Oct. 6th	All Optimists / Spouses / Significant Others Invited	EVENING Induction Banquet New Officers	??

SPRECHER'S MENU CHOICES for Lunch

Lunch Cost: (\$12.00 includes entrée, beverage, tax, & tip)

Evening Hors d' oeuvres (\$12.00, includes soft drink beverage, tax & tip)

Menu 1	Menu 2	Menu 3	Menu 4
½ Sprechers Chicken Wrap, with side and soup	½ Roast Turkey Sandwich, with side and soup	Ratatouille with Soup	Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo with soup
Rueben with soup or side	Meatloaf with soup	Sprechers Chicken Sandwich with soup or side	Classic Cobb Salad
Chicken Caesar Salad with soup	Classic Cobb Salad with soup	Chicken Caesar Salad with soup	Pork Sliders with side and soup

Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team

The Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team is finishing off the year strong.

The Dane County Committee is planning Brat fest later in the spring, helping out an e-waste day May 22nd and the Madison marathon on May 29th.

The Optimist committee will be working with the humane society to bring in soda cans, the Ronald McDonald house, and the Special Olympics.

The Spartans committee is getting "SWAT" (Students With A Task) off the ground, Millennium soccer, and helping out with a spring festival at Chavez elementary school

The Outreach committee is helping out at the Aldo Leopold center again, helping out at food pantries around Madison, along with park cleanups when it gets warm.

With 255 members, we welcome additional ideas for service projects. You can let our advisors know by e-mailing Mrs. Klopp (klopp@chorus.net), Mrs. Schwartz (mnorrb@aol.com) or Mr. Thomas (jathoma2@facstaff.wisc.edu). The Better Life 5K Walk is coming up on May 15 and we hope to get a great turnout for that. We also just had Spirit Day April 22nd, which went off without a hitch. We helped out all over Madison and we're keeping the club reputation strong. Our end of the year induction and recognition banquet just happened April 26th and this was also a success. Also remember that our official club website is www.Spartanservice.org if people want to know more about us.

Marcus Bolles and George Liu, Co-Presidents

STOC Sponsors (and Participates in) The Better Life Walk-A-Thon

The registration forms are trickling in! Let's show the community that STOC members are planning on "walking the walk!"

It's the perfect opportunity for you to get healthy and help others at the same time! **On Saturday, May 15, 2010, the Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team will hold the Better Life Walk-A-Thon to benefit the After-School & Summer Programs at the Lussier Community Education Center.** In the LCEC's Youth Programs, kids receive tutoring after school, take trips, experience the arts, volunteer with younger children, plan projects, and connect with caring adults.

Your participation in this family-oriented, neighborhood event will make a difference in the lives of hundreds of area children. **The Better Life Walk-A-Thon starts at 9:00 a.m.** (on site registration at 8:00 a.m.). The Walk-A-Thon route is a loop starting at Mansfield Stadium and going into the neighborhood next to Memorial H.S. One loop is 2.5K and 2 loops are 5K. There will be a **bake sale, face painting, and games for kids of all ages** before and after the walk so bring the whole family!

You can register using the form included with this newsletter or at the event. More information can be found at www.spartanservice.org/better5k or call Mary at 576-5711. If you cannot attend, consider sponsoring someone else to walk in your place. Donations are always welcome. Watch for an e-mail with volunteer opportunities. **Mary Schwartz**, JOOI Co-Leader

Sauk Trails Optimist Club Future Activities

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| ✓ | Respect for Law | Wed. 05/12 (VINTAGE, old JT Whitney's.) |
| ✓ | Better Life Walk-A-Thon | Sat. 05/15 |
| ✓ | Scholarships Awarded | Wed. 05/19 |
| ✓ | 2 Students Honored, Speech Given | Wed. 05/26 |
| ✓ | Evening Get-Together (Starts June 2nd) | First Wednesday, each month |
| ✓ | 2 Meetings each month in summer: | July and August 1st and 3rd Wed. |
| ✓ | Summer Picnic | Sunday, June 27th , Henry Vilas Zoo |
| ✓ | Service Club Olympics | Jul 26 (eve), Jul 27 th |
| ✓ | Childhood Cancer Meal Serving | Sun, Sept. 19 th , Oct. 17 th . |
| ✓ | Basketball Fundraising Scheduled | Saturday, October 2 nd |
| ✓ | STOC New Board Induction | Wed Evening October 6 th |
| ✓ | Supporting JOOI activities and others. | Continuous |

Please get involved in as many of these activities as you can.

Optimists Sharing: Each month there will be an Optimist/s sharing about themselves at a lunch and providing a short bio and picture for the newsletter. Please let Jeff Hosking, haphosking@yahoo.com the speaker coordinator know, which month would be a good time for you to share with other optimists. If you cannot make a lunch, we would like to have you e-mail a picture and bio about yourself to Bonnie Spindler blspindler@charter.net for a future Sauk Trails Newsletter.

Heather Rice, Optimist

Heather Rice is one of three owners of Fundraising Fulfillment Services in Madison. FFS works with local school, churches, and charities in setting up custom programs to help them meet their fundraising goals. The fundraising programs work in conjunction with local businesses in an advertising exchange program. The program promotes commerce in the business community, raises funds for nearby organizations, and provides a discount program to its customers. She loves working directly with the charities and creating campaigns to raise funds for those in need.

Heather Rice



Membership Incentives:

Sauk Trails Optimist Club is offering 'Sprecher Pub Cards' to the first 10 Optimists who bring in a new member.

Optimist International is offering one year of no international dues if a member sponsors four members from Feb. 22nd - Sept. 30th.

The SWIS District is offering the following:

- Anyone sponsoring four new members from Feb. 22 – May 3 will have their name entered in a drawing at the 3rd quarter conference for a **\$50 gift card**.
- Anyone sponsoring four new members from February 22 – September 30 will have their **2010-2011 district dues waived**.

Attendance at the 3rd quarter conference is not required to win the \$50 gift card, but it would be a wonderful way to personally present the card to the winner. A certificate will be sent to the club president for any member qualifying for the free 2010-2011 district dues, and that certificate will be presented as the member's dues payment.

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.**





Better Life Walk-A-Thon

Benefiting After-School Programs at
the Lussier Community Education Center

Saturday, May 15, 2010

Mansfield Stadium at James Madison Memorial High School
Event Start 9:00 am -- On Site Registration 8:00 -8:45 am

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The Spartan Youth Service JOOI* Team (SYSJT) is an after-school volunteer group at Memorial High School dedicated to making our school and community a better place.

This event is part of our ongoing efforts to support the **After School Programs at the Lussier Community Education Center** next to Jefferson Middle School and Memorial High School. In the LCEC's youth programs, kids receive tutoring after school, take trips, experience the arts, volunteer with younger children, plan projects, and connect with caring adults. These programs serve youth of all ages from elementary through high school. *JOOI is Junior Optimist Octagon International

Fun for the Whole

Family!

- Before & After the Walk-A-Thon:**
-Games for kids of all ages
-Face Painting
-Bake Sale
-Tie-dye your t-shirt for \$1.00

The Walk-A-Thon route is a loop starting at Mansfield Stadium and going into the neighborhood next to Memorial H.S. One loop is 2.5K and 2 loops are 5K.

Advance Entry Fee: \$20 adults / \$10 students / \$5 kids age 10 and under Payment must be received along with the entry form by April 24th

Race Day Entry Fee: \$25 adults / \$15 students/ \$5 kids age 10 & under Registration will take place beginning at 8:00 a.m.

-- Participants will get an event t-shirt --

Visit our **WEBSITE** for **PLEDGE FORMS & more information: www.spartanservice.org/better5k**

Event Sponsors:

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- CTF Web Services
- Culligan Total Water
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This is not a school sponsored activity and the Madison Metropolitan School District does not approve, support, or endorse this program/activity.

ENTRY FORM



First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____, WI ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-mail: _____

Adult Student Child

T-shirt Size: Small Medium Large X-Large None Needed

I cannot walk, but wish to contribute so someone can walk in my place \$ _____

I wish to make an additional contribution to the Lussier Community Education Center of \$ _____

Please send this completed form with payment to:

LCEC/Better Life 5k, 55 S. Gammon Road, Madison, WI 53717

Disclaimer: I hereby release the SYSJT, all sponsors and any persons connected with this competition from all liability for any injuries or damages which I might suffer. Specifically, I release said persons from any liability or responsibility for my physical condition, for the condition of the course route and for the presence or actions of any other participant. I authorize photos and/or video taken of me at the event to be used in promotional material without notice or compensation. Participants under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign this form.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____