



Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club
Madison, Wisconsin



Weekly Lunch Meetings
Wednesday's 11:45 - 12:45
The Radisson on Grand Canyon Drive

August 2018

PRESIDENTS NOTE

Dear STOC Friends,

Well we waited so long for summer and now the 4th of July has come and gone, and football season is right around the corner. Heck, the trees will full of color before we know it. Fall is my favorite time of year! Where did the summer go?

Speaking of football, it is Football Crazr time. Gene Spindler has tickets for sale. Make sure you reach out to him to purchase yours.

August 4th is Mustard Days. It is always a great event! Bob has indicated we have over 20 STOC Optimist lined up, but we can always use a couple more! Feel free to join us.

We could use some speakers, for August and September. If you know of some people that would like to speak, please reach out Mary Schwartz, John Fons, or myself.

I have also just sent out an email, regarding the STOC Foundation Grant Application for 2018. We have always had some great organizations that we have made awards to. Please get these applications to worthy non- profits!

Finally, Bob Wortinger sent everyone an email about the third annual STOC Golf Scramble. The date is Saturday, August 25th at Pleasant View Golf Course. Hope to see you there!!

Optimistically yours,

Dan



STOC Bulletin Board

Sauk Trails Club Officers 2017-2018

President: Dan Chart

Vice President: John Fons

Secretary: Rick Thomas

Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

Past President: Mike Grasmick

Board of Directors

- Steve Bailey
- Rick Conne
- Mary Schwartz
- Nancy Hach
- Kathy Johnson
- Todd Geltemeyer

August Birthdays

Bob Wortinger	4
BJ Bailey	7
Steve Bailey	28



SWIS Activities

3rd Quarter Conference Report

4th Quarter Conference
Aug 3-4, 2018

Registration information:
www.swisdistrict.org
Radisson Hotel West
Milwaukee, WI

Newsletter Editor:
Liv Sandberg
jlivsandberg@gmail.com



STOC Calendar

Date	Speaker	Topic
8/1	Linda Armas of Prepare Parents, LLC	Routines Made Easy
8/4	VOLUNTEER	Mustard Days in Middleton
8/8	Pat Ready	Bluebird Restoration of Wisconsin
8/14	STOC Board Meeting (5:00 p.m.)	Park Bank, 2275 Deming Way, Middleton All members are welcome to attend
8/15	Social	Trivia Fun II
8/22	Bruce Schweiger	UW Madison OJ Noer Turfgrass Research
8/25	SOCIAL EVENT	Golf Outing at Pleasant View
8/29	OPEN	

Please let us know if you have someone who would like to speak at a lunch meeting.
Speaker Committee: Mary Schwartz, John Fons, & Steve Bailey

CALLING ALL GOLFERS! OR GOLF WANNA BEE'S!!

STOC is in the process of putting together the third annual STOC golf outing. After missing last year, we are going to try to get it going again this summer. We are looking at Saturday, August 25 before Badger football season kicks in.'

We are tentatively planning on doing a scramble at Pleasant View and would do our best just to make it a very enjoyable couple hours of golf with STOC friends and family.

At this point we are trying to get a feel as to whether there would be enough interest to make that date work. Between football games and vacations, a couple of us are not available at all in September, so we are hoping to make this August date work.

Please let me know if you are interested and how many - you are welcome to bring spouses, partners, etc.

Thanks!
Bob Wortinger



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

National Mustard Days

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity

Saturday, August 4, 2018 in Downtown Middleton

One of the more successful fundraisers STOC has adopted over the past few years is volunteer support at National Mustard Day. We have provided over 20 volunteers annually in recent years in exchange for a donation to our Foundation and have offered to provide a similar level of support this year.

Barry and Patti Levenson, long-time friends to many of us, continue to be heavily involved in leading the event through their involvement with the National Mustard Museum Foundation.

It is always a great event with lots of people – young and old – having lots of fun. It is an excellent opportunity to work together with other Sauk Trails members for a great cause. There will be bands, cheap hot dogs, free T-shirts and former Brewer, Gorman Thomas, selling his barbecue sauce!

Volunteering at REACH-a-Child:

There are volunteer days on the last Thursday of each month. Volunteer slots are from 4:00 – 6:00 or 6:00 – 8:00, or you can stay the whole time if you prefer. They are located at 6501 Watts Road, Suite 217, Madison. You can call their office at 608-285-5221 for more information.



Football Crazr

We have received the Football Crazr tickets for 2018. Last year as a club we sold 70 tickets for which we received \$12 for each ticket sold. I have 80 tickets for the 2018 year. The tickets sell for \$20 and are valid for seventeen weeks of the PRO football season beginning September 9, 2018 and ending December 30, 2018.

Have individuals fill out the ticket stubs in BLACK ink and have all information completed and legible. I will have tickets available at lunch meetings beginning May 2nd. I will need sold and unsold tickets returned to me by **August 23rd** so I can return them to Fred Dorn by August 28th. Checks for purchase should be made payable to FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKES.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 608-850-9561. Gene Spindler-Football Crazr Ticket Coordinator.

SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE

www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org

Current and previous STOC Newsletters are available as PDF's on the www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org website.

To acquire the newsletter, CLICK on the 'PDF Download' of CHOICE.

Call for website sponsors.

If you are interested in being a sponsor of the STOC Website for the 2017-18 year, and have your business/name in the rotation on our website, please contact Bonnie Spindler. See contact info below.

If you have any problems acquiring the Newsletter or are NOT receiving the monthly message, please contact me so we can correct that situation. Optimistically, **Bonnie Spindler** blspindler@charter.net 850-9561 (H)

Sauk Trails Website Coordinator

**SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

MINUTES**PRESENT:** Dan, Mary, Nancy, Rick T., Steve, Bob, Rick C., Kathy, John, Todd**Others Present:****Absent:** Mike

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

1. **Addition to Agenda:** Mustard days
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 6/12/2018.** John moved to approve the minutes, Mary seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of June Financial Reports:**
Bob presented the financials from June. Rick C. moved that we approve \$295 to pay for Quick Books, Steve seconded, Passed unanimously. Rick C. moved to accept the financial report, Nancy seconded, Passed unanimously.
Bob moved to transfer \$5000 to the Vanguard Prime Money Market, Kathy seconded, Passed unanimously.
4. **Membership Report Update:**
We remain at 37 members. We started the year at 39.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Christmas party – Rick C. spoke with Lussier this month. Frank is still willing to help with the event. Rick has spoken with Target and some entertainers.
 - b. Fundraising opportunities
 1. Mustard Days currently has 10 people signed up. We need 25.
 2. Madison Festivals has several opportunities we are exploring
 3. Kwik Trip – So far no opportunity except scrip
 4. Fundcrazr sales are down
 - c. Club shirts – We are still working on it
6. **New Business**
 - a. Installation of officers – Working on the date and location. Tentative dates would be Sept. 19th or 26th
 - b. Process for applying for grants. Rick will email the board a tentative grant application form
7. **Adjourn to August 16th at 5:00pm, at Park Bank on Deming Way,** Steve moved to adjourn, Todd seconded, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Thomas, President

STOC Luncheon Speakers

No folks, this is not a presentation about the fish that got away. On July 11th, STOC member Dan Bergs brought members up to date on Tax reform to help them gain an understanding of the current status of laws.



Thy Pham Remmete provided a very interesting depiction of her experiences: 'From Saigon to Madison!' On July 18th.

Fred Dorn, Lt. Gov Zone 8, shared information pertaining to OI, Optimist International on July 25th.



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.





SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB Youth & Community Foundation

To Whom It May Concern:

The Sauk Trails Optimist Club's Youth & Community Foundation will be considering requests for funding in September of 2018. If your non-profit organization would like to submit a request to our Foundation, it is helpful for us to have all requests in the enclosed format. Please attach proof of your organization's non-profit exempt 501(c)(3) status. No grant distributions will be made without this proof. Please complete this application form and return by mail, or e-mail, no later than September 1, 2018 to the following:

Sauk Trails Optimist Club's Youth & Community Foundation

Attention: Rick Thomas

*Address: 5914 Raymond Rd.
Madison, WI 53711*

Email: rlthomas5914@gmail.com

Grant Criteria

Types of Projects Favored:

1. Disadvantaged Youth
2. Youth

Types of Expenditures Favored:

1. Innovative Projects
2. Startup Projects
3. Equipment

Other Considerations:

1. Operational expenses are generally not favored
2. Projects should benefit The Greater Madison area
3. Projects benefitting only one individual will not be funded.

Please note: Our grants usually range between \$250 and \$1,500.

GRANT REQUEST APPLICATION

1. **Name and address of organization:**
2. **Executive director and grant contact person(s) name and contact information:**
3. **Primary function or mission statement of organization:**
4. **Amount of assistance requested: \$_____.**
 - 4a. **Please describe your project and how this grant would be used.**
 - 4b. **How many people will benefit or be served by your project?**
 - 4c. **What percentage of those served would be youth?**
5. **Will continuing support likely be required in subsequent years for the same project?**
6. **What percentage of the funds will be used for management and/or administration?
Please send a year-end report from your organization.**
7. **The Sauk Trails Optimist Club Youth and Community Foundation requires a report evaluating your progress and results by August 1, 2019. We would also like a copy of your agency newsletter if you have one. Do you understand that we must receive the report for you to be considered for future grants?**
8. **Any additional comments you would like to make?**

Application completed by: _____ Date: _____

Reviewed by Sauk Trails Optimist: _____ Date: _____