



# Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



**November 2009**

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



## Sauk Trails Optimists:

*"To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet."* That's the second line of our Optimist Creed and one that truly resonates right now – especially since we're in the midst of our Koeze Nuts fundraiser, we have the Salvation Army Bell Ringing volunteer opportunities in conjunction with the JOOI club, the board is working to find ways to reach out to our current members, and find ways to recruit new members. All of this reflects the health of our club – which I believe is growing as evidenced by the board's adoption of the following **09/10 Club**

### Goals:

1. **Increase attendance at Lunch/Club meetings** – it's important for us to be a viable Optimist Community that we all get together and grow our "optimism." That may sound kind of old fashion, but it is truly the only way this club will remain viable and able to help as many children in our community as we can.
2. **New Member Recruitment - +12** – we set a goal of 12 new members this year Overall! This means that even though we might lose a few, we want to be able to recruit enough new folk so that our overall numbers are higher by 12. We truly are OPTIMISTS and believe we can do this.
3. **Every Committee – Every member** – if we want committed members who have a reason to be in the club, we have to find ways to involve all of us. Thus, the board proposes that every member will be assigned to an active committee, which means they have a voice in various club activities. So, if someone feels that we don't have enough volunteer or service activities, they can be on the program committee to help find those "fun" service activities. AND, finally,
4. **SWIS District Involvement** – we're going to try to encourage more member participation at the district conferences – mainly because we can get some good ideas from other active clubs.

So, there you have it – OUR Goals for this year. Someone once told me that if you don't write your goals down, then you will never reach them – mainly because you won't know or remember what they are a week from now. Well, the board wrote them down and we're sharing them with everyone. I hope each of us will take the time to find a way to help Sauk Trails Optimist be the club we want it to be. And, anyone who has an idea or something to share let anyone on the Board know OR come to a board meeting and bring it up. The more we communicate with each other, the stronger we'll be.

Many thanks to each of you for your participation and I'll see you at Babe' for lunch!

**Carole Klopp**, STOC President 2009-2010

## Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC Board Meeting Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, October 6th, 2009

**Members in Attendance:** President: Carole Klopp; Past President: Kevin Campos; Sec/Treas: Gene Spindler; VP: Alison Scherer; Board Members: Pat Beiersdorf, Ray Schmitz, Bonnie Spindler, Kathy Johnson, Jeff Hosking **Not attending** –Bob Wortinger.

Carole Klopp called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm.

The minutes of the September 1st Board Meeting were discussed. Several corrections to the minutes were made. A motion was made (Kathy Johnson), seconded (Ray Schmitz) and passed to approve the amended minutes of the September Board Meeting.

The Financial Report through September 30, 2009 was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the information provided. A motion was made (Ray Schmitz), seconded (Alison Scherer) to accept the financial report as presented.

The President's report (09/10 Planning) was given by Carole Klopp. Carole reported that she and Gene Spindler had met with Lyn at Babe's and that we would continue to hold our luncheon meetings at Babe's through December of 2009. We will meet each Wednesday with the exceptions of November 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion on member recruitment and a possible change in location for our luncheon meetings. Kevin Campos and Jeff Hosking will check on a possible location in the Sauk Trails area to have Club lunch meetings at beginning in January 2010. They will report back to the Board with information on this at a future board meeting.

The Board discussed having Committee Chairs for the four committees and the following Committees were established with Chairpersons:

- Membership – Jeff Hosking
- Fund Raising – Kevin Campos & Kathy Johnson
- Social – Alison Scherer
- Service Events – Bonnie Spindler & Pat Beiersdorf

The SWIS District Conference will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> in Platteville and will be attended by Jeff Hosking and Steve Bailey. The Board discussed Local-District Service Events and it was decided to participate in Special Olympics Bowling (Oct 24<sup>th</sup> & Nov 7<sup>th</sup>) and Salvation Army Bell Ringing (Dec 3,4,5,10,11,12,17,18,19). The bell ringing is from 6-8 pm on Thursday and Friday and from 10 am to 8 pm on Saturday in 2 hour shifts.

Kevin Campos requested that his wife, Kristi, be removed as a member. A motion was made (Gene Spindler), seconded (Jeff Hosking) and passed to remove Kristi Campos from membership.

A motion was made (Alison Scherer), seconded (Jeff Hosking) and passed to adjourn. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting **is set for 4:45 on November 3rd at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. (December Board Meeting: Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>).**

**Gene Spindler.** Secretary/Treasurer 2008-2009

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### Sauk Trails Club Officers 0910

#### 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



### 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

February 6, 2010	UW-Whitewater
May 8, 2010	Wisconsin Dells Kalahari
August 14, 2010	Pewaukee Radisson Inn

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>, beginning in 2009) will be billed an additional \$50 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter statement, July-September, as a donation to the Youth and Community Foundation.

### Special Olympics Bowling

The annual Special Olympics bowling tournaments were held **October 24<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks so much to Rick Thomas for coordinating this yearly activity and Steve Bailey and Janine Richgels for also volunteering to help these wonderful bowlers on these Special Olympics Bowling days.



### 2009 Koeze Nut Fundraiser

Our club kicked off our annual Koeze Nut Fundraiser was in October. 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 were: **November 11<sup>th</sup>** for Thanksgiving sales, and **December 9<sup>th</sup>** for Christmas sales.
- Bring order forms to Wednesday meetings or contact Rick Thomas at 212-7582 or [jathoma2@wisc.edu](mailto: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 program was held on **November 11<sup>th</sup>**, and will be held in February and May. Each quarter 3 students will be honored at a Babe's luncheon..

### UW Football Booth

Thanks so much to Steve Bailey and his family for covering all the UW Football games. There is one left this season on 11/14 against Michigan.

### Progressive Dinner

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

### 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Madison Area Service Clubs Luncheon – MASCC

**DATE:** November 18<sup>th</sup>, 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

**MASCC tickets, for the 18 who signed up, were distributed at lunch, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Those who were not at lunch can pick them up at 11:45 am from Gene Spindler on November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Alliant Energy Center.**

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 through a service club. (Please wear a name tag, an OI incentive).

See more information at this following 'link':

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

## SCHEDULED SPEAKERS and LUNCHES

Date	Speaker	Topic	Babes Noon Lunch
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	TBA		Turkey & Swiss or Raspberry Chicken Salad
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	3 Students of the Month and 'club meeting'.	3 Students Share, 'Future Club Plans'	Chicken Breast Sandwich or Beef Taco Salad
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Babe's Cancelled	MASCC, See Article	CANCELLED
November 25 <sup>th</sup>	CANCELLED		CANCELLED
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Our Lady of Hope Clinic	Programs at Clinic	½ Club Sandwich or Cobb Salad
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Allen Ebert	WI Film festival	½ French Dip or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	'Club Meeting'	'Future Club Plans'	Chicken Pita or Beef Taco Salad
December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Holiday Party, Ornament Exchange		TBA
December 30 <sup>th</sup>	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/s 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**. Following is the scheduled needs for signing up. *(Sign-up is still needed for those time slots in RED)*. If you haven't already signed-up, you may get a call from coordinator, Pat Beiersdorf: [pat@madisonfinancial.net](mailto:pat@madisonfinancial.net).

Thursday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,	6-8pm	Saturday, December 12 <sup>th</sup> ,	noon-2pm
Friday, December 4 <sup>th</sup> ,	6-8 pm	Saturday, December 12 <sup>th</sup> ,	2-4pm
Saturday, December 5 <sup>th</sup> ,	10am-noon	Saturday, December 12 <sup>th</sup> ,	4-6pm
<b>Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>,</b>	<b>noon-2pm</b>	<b>Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>,</b>	<b>6-8pm</b>
Saturday, December 5 <sup>th</sup> ,	2-4pm	Thursday, December 17 <sup>th</sup> ,	6-8pm
Saturday, December 5 <sup>th</sup> ,	4-6pm	Friday, December 18 <sup>th</sup> ,	6-8 pm
<b>Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>,</b>	<b>6-8pm</b>	Saturday, December 19 <sup>th</sup> ,	10am-noon
Thursday, December 10 <sup>th</sup> ,	6-8pm	<b>Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>,</b>	<b>noon-2pm</b>
Friday, December 11 <sup>th</sup> ,	6-8 pm	<b>Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>,</b>	<b>2-4pm</b>
<b>Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>,</b>	<b>10am-noon</b>	Saturday, December 19 <sup>th</sup> ,	4-6pm
		<b>Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>,</b>	<b>6-8pm</b>

STOC WEBSITE LINK

[www.sauktrailsoptimistclub.nexo.com](http://www.sauktrailsoptimistclub.nexo.com)

## 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 at 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.

