



# Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



**JANUARY 2010**

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



## Happy New Year to All!

Well, 2009 was a busy year for Sauk Trails Optimists as we continued our support of our JOOI Club, Special Olympics, and, of course, staffing the concession stands at the Badger Football games. It's hard to believe that 2010 has come, but come it has and we have a lot to accomplish in the coming year. Which brings me to the next line in our Optimist Creed – "To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true."

We are definitely going to have to be optimistic as we seek to build our club membership – which has to be a priority for us in 2010. To that end we will be moving our meeting location after unanimous consent of the Board and the members at the December 23<sup>rd</sup> luncheon. Since we are the Sauk Trails Optimists, it makes sense for us to be located in the Sauk Trails Business Park where, hopefully, we will be able to attract new members. We have scouted out new locations and have found the new "Sprechers" restaurant (in the site of the old Houlihans) to be an ideal setting for us. The management is eager to have us and our Membership Chairperson, Jeff Hosking, is excited to begin recruiting. Looking on the sunny side, this move makes a lot of sense for us and I hope you all will continue to be supportive as we work through the logistics of making this move. Our goal is to be in the new location by March of this coming year. We will keep everyone up to date on the exact timing of the move, etc. as the information becomes known to us. Please watch your emails for updates on this exciting development for STOC.

So, we're starting a new year, a new lunch site – that only means one better thing – new members for all of us to welcome and bring into the club. I'm optimistic that we'll see more members at the lunch meetings so that new members can see a vibrant active club. Please plan to attend a meeting a month at a minimum. AND if you have any recruiting ideas, don't hesitate to contact either myself or Jeff Hosking – all ideas are welcome.

Hoping this newsletter finds all of you healthy and well,  
Happy Holidays AND see you at Babe's, of course, for lunch,  
**Carole Klopp**, President 2009-2010



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December 23rd, 2009  
**HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE and  
an OPTIMISTIC 2010**

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Website**

## Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC Board Meeting Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, December 15th , 2009

**Members in Attendance:** President: Carole Klopp; Sec/Treas – Gene Spindler; Board Members: Pat Beiersdorf, Ray Schmitz, Kathy Johnson, Jeff Hosking, Bonnie Spindler.

**Not attending:** Past Pres: Kevin Campos, VP: Alison Scherer, Board - Bob Wortinger.

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

The minutes of the November 3rd 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 minutes of the September Board Meeting.

The Financial Report through November 30, 2009 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.

A 2009-2010 draft budget was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the draft budget and made several minor adjustments to the budget. A motion was made (Ray Schmitz), seconded (Pat Beiersdorf) and passed to approve the amended budget.

The Board discussed a possible change to the Lunch meeting site. It was reported that Sprecker's Restaurant in Sauk Trails Park was scheduled to open January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010. It was decided to schedule a meeting at the restaurant location on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> to check if the facility would meet our needs. Kevin Campos would set the meeting time up and inform board members so that members you could fit the time into their schedule could attend.

Luncheon Speaker Coordinator. The board discussed the need for a change to this activity as Rick Thomas has too much on his schedule to continue doing this alone. The Board decided to create a committee chaired by Jeff Hosking to coordinate the scheduling of speakers. The members assigned to the committee were Beth Knight, Liv Sandberg, Bill Monkemeyer and Rick Thomas.

On Committee Reports it was reported that for the Basketball event there was a grade school available for Sundays in late February and early march. Attempts will be made to determine if this will work for the Club's schedule. It was also reported that we need to have two members available on **March 21<sup>st</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup>** to assist Madison West in serving meals for Childhood Cancer at the UW Children's Hospital.

The Board discussed the motion from the November meeting on not to participate in the dime-a-day program. The Board decided that this, the dime-a-day program, should be a personal decision of members and not a Board decision.

Dropping of Club Members. A motion was made (Gene Spindler), seconded (Ray Schmitz) and passed to drop Wade Anunson and Carrie Schroeder as Club members at their request.

A motion was made (Gene Spindler), seconded (Jeff Hosking) and passed to adjourn. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting **is set for 4:45 on Tuesday, January 19th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.**

**Gene Spindler**, Secretary/Treasurer 2009-2010

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### Sauk Trails Club Officers 0910

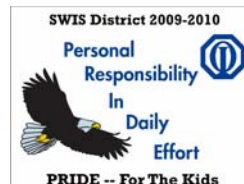
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Bob Wortinger  
Kathy Johnson  
Pat Beiersdorf  
Bonnie Spindler  
Ray Schmitz



### Annual Dues Update

The annual dues paid to Optimist International are \$59.62 and to SWIS are \$12.00. This equals 51% of the dues paid by each member. The remainder of the dues paid provides money to support the Club's annual budget needs.

### 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 for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club.

### 2010 Scheduled Conferences

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

## 2009 Koeze Nut Update

We once again sold Koeze Nuts as a major fundraiser for our club. Once all orders are paid for, we will have a profit of approximately \$1150. Kathy Johnson was once again our biggest seller. Ray Schmitz also had large orders once again this year. 13 members sold Koeze Nut products this year and helped us fund our many programs.

### Rick Thomas, Coordinator

A BIG THANK-YOU to Rick Thomas for coordinating all the orders, picking up the nuts, and making them available and/or delivering them to optimists. Also, THANKS to all who participated in this annual fundraiser for the youth sponsored by our club.

## 2009 Bucky Book Update

We have sold all 60 Bucky Books that the Club originally received. **Thank You** to everyone who participated in selling and buying one. The Club made \$900.

Congratulations to Alison and John Scherer who sold 18 Bucky Books. The Bucky Book is totally new this year so make sure you keep checking [www.BuckyBook.com](http://www.BuckyBook.com) to get all their updated coupons, they post new ones regularly. Make sure you tell everyone who has one to Register on the website and they will also get periodic emails w/new coupons. This went so well that I just picked up another box of 20 books. If you want to start the New Year off right buy yourself a Bucky book or give it to that person you forgot to get a present for. they'll be thanking you. If you need more Bucky Books contact **Kevin Campos** at [Camposfinancial@gmail.com](mailto:Camposfinancial@gmail.com). A BIG THANK YOU to **Kevin** for Coordinating Bucky Books.

## CHILDHOOD CANCER

Sauk Trails Optimists will be able to sign-up, along with West Madison Optimists, to serve meals at UW Hospital for Childhood Cancer. Two optimists from Sauk Trails and one from West Madison will meet at the clinic entrance at 11:00 am, ends at 1:30 PM on **March 21<sup>st</sup>** and **April 18<sup>th</sup>**. Future dates in fall will also be chosen. **GREAT Service Opportunity for 4 Optimists.**

Please check your schedule, sign-up at lunches or by e-mail to Bonnie Spindler [blspindler@charter.net](mailto:blspindler@charter.net) or Pat Beiersdorf at [pbeiersdorf@bankahb.com](mailto:pbeiersdorf@bankahb.com). SERVICE Event Co- Coordinators

## Oratorical/Essay Contest Programs

Thanks to input from Rick Conne, a home-schooled parent in the Madison area has been contacted. I have e-mailed the Oratorical and Essay information to be included in their 2009 Newsletter and recently applications. We will be doing a presentation at Memorial HS on **Jan 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:45**, if anyone would like to come and support this effort.

Any child under the age of 16 before Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009, can enter the Oratorical Contest and compete for the \$2,500 scholarship. (Topic: "Cyber Communication. Progress or Problem?" Club Contest: late **Feb/early March** 2010.) Application at this 'link': [http://www.optimist.org/Form/ORATORICAL\\_RULES\\_PAD-E\\_09-10.pdf](http://www.optimist.org/Form/ORATORICAL_RULES_PAD-E_09-10.pdf).  
(The Zone 4 Contest is tentatively scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> in Middleton).

Any child under the age of 19 as of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 can enter the Essay Contest and can compete for the \$2,500 scholarship. (Topic: The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace?" Received by: **February 21<sup>st</sup>**, 2010). Application at this 'link': [http://www.optimist.org/Form/ESSAY\\_RULES\\_PAD-E\\_09-10.pdf](http://www.optimist.org/Form/ESSAY_RULES_PAD-E_09-10.pdf).

We would like to have some club competition in the first quarter of 2010. Depending on the response for either of these contests, there will be a need for Optimists to support the youth. Please contact me with your interest and I can give you more information. Also, if you have any more possible interested youth, please let us know.

**Bonnie Spindler**, Service Event Co-Chair 833-7244 [blspindler@charter.net](mailto:blspindler@charter.net),  
**Pat Beiersdorf**, Service Event Co-Chair 695-0421 [pbeiersdorf@bankahb.com](mailto:pbeiersdorf@bankahb.com).

## Annual UW Spring Band Concert Sign-Up

If anyone is interested in attending the UW Spring Band Concert on Saturday Evening, **April 17<sup>th</sup>**, please let me know by **Wednesday, January 6, 2009**. Cost is \$20 per ticket.

**Alison Scherer**, Social Coordinator, [schereraj@hotmail.com](mailto:schereraj@hotmail.com)

## SERVICE EVENT for January 2010

Do you have any of these items that are on the Wish List for those in need this season:

- ✓ Personal-sized toiletries
- ✓ Shampoo, conditioner, lotions, soaps
- ✓ Madison Metro bus tickets
- ✓ Disposable diapers
- ✓ Twin sheets and pillow cases
- ✓ Pillows
- ✓ Toothpaste
- ✓ Disposable razors
- ✓ Deodorant
- ✓ Baby lotion, baby shampoo and wipes
- ✓ Large socks
- ✓ Washcloths and towels

Please bring them to a lunch at Babe's in January 2010, last date of 01/**27/10** or contact **Pat Beiersdorf** or **Bonnie Spindler**, Service Event-coordinators).

Distribution will be to: MOM'S, Salvation Army, Wexford and other possibilities, depending on what is received. (Any other suggestions are helpful).

Bonnie, [blspindler@charter.net](mailto:blspindler@charter.net)  
Pat [pbeiersdorf@bankahb.com](mailto:pbeiersdorf@bankahb.com)

**Happy Birthday**

Kathy Johnson	1 / 2
Greg Hermus	1 / 6
Haywood Simmons	1 / 13
Jeff Hosking	1 / 16

## SCHEDULED SPEAKERS and LUNCHES

Date	Speaker	Topic	Babes Noon Lunch
January 6th	Jeff Hosking, Optimist	Membership Requirement Ideas	BLT or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
January 13th	<b>TBA, MEET in ATRIUM</b>		Fish Sandwich or Cobb Salad
January 20th	Optimist Membership	Club updates	Rueben or Caesar Salad
January 27th	Allen Ebert	WI Film Festival	Turkey & Swiss or Raspberry Chicken Salad

### Salvation Army Bell Ringing

21 Optimists volunteered to ring the Salvation Army Bell with Memorial High School JOOI students. Each of the students received their service credit for their bell ringing and the optimists received the experience of getting to know some of the Memorial students that we sponsor. Thanks to all who participated. A **special thanks to Pat Beiersdorf** -Sauk Trails Optimist, who did a fantastic job of coordinating this annual service activity.

### Other Service Events Available

In December were: Toys for Tots run by the Marines and Empty Stocking Club. With a lot of publicity, each optimist could choose to participate individually, based on his or her personal schedule.

**Basketball Fundraiser:** Will be scheduled on a Sunday (April 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, or 25<sup>th</sup>). The committee is finalizing a location, sponsors and coordinating many details. Thanks to: Kevin Campos & Kathy Johnson for their continuing work on this project. More info will come in future newsletters.

### Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM) Sharing Christmas Program

Our Christmas Family this year was a 29-year-old mom of four young children (five year old twin boy and girl, 18 month old boy, and 3 month old girl). Shortly after I received the family information, I called the mom to let her know we would be purchasing gifts for her family. She was so happy and excited! Since we had a very generous budget this year, we did get them an artificial Christmas tree with decorations and a set of pots and pans. I did get a call from the mom asking if we could get a tree because the twins were asking when they would be getting one. She was thrilled when she found out we had already gotten one for them.

For the mom, the main gift was a complete bedroom set (sheets, comforter, ruffle, etc.) For the five-year-old boy, the primary part of his gift was a couple of action figures and robe. The five-year-old girl loves Dora, so we got her a Dora comforter, nightgown and watch as her main gift. The 18-month-old boy's main gift was a couple of educational toys and two pairs of pajamas. The three-month-old baby girl received a sweater and two outfits, winter hat and mittens, and baby toys.

I delivered the gifts directly to the family. Grandma and Grandpa took the three older children so we could get everything into the apartment and hidden without them knowing. The mom also wanted to get the tree set up as a surprise for the kids. I did get to see the baby, which was fun. Even though I was a stranger, I did get her to smile and laugh. The mom was so happy and grateful she hugged and thanked me several times. This was a very rewarding experience because I did have contact with the family so I could see first hand how much this meant to a mom who otherwise couldn't provide much for her kids for Christmas.

I would also like to thank Janine Richgels for her help in purchasing some of the gifts. (The money that was used for this was from an award that Kathy Johnson received.) **Thanks to Ricki, Janine, & Kathy.**

**Ricki Hoefler**, Sauk Trails Optimist

## 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 Progressive Dinner Scheduled for Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, January 31st** for our annual Sauk Trails Progressive Dinner. Optimists / spouses / significant others are welcome. Please sign-up to participate and to bring a dish to pass at one of the 3 houses. RSVP with a type of dish (*appetizer, entree, or dessert*) to Alison Scherer at: [schereraj@hotmail.com](mailto:schereraj@hotmail.com) or on a continuing sign-up at lunch starting on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Directions:** Off of the beltline, go past West Towne & Gammon Road, turn left (east) on South Yellowstone Drive (go .4 mile), turn left on Gettysburg (.1 mile), right on Appomattox Court.

**Carole & Reed Klopp's Home:**      **Appetizers**      **From 3:45 – 5:00 PM**  
22 Appomattox Court  
Madison, WI 53705      Cell Phone: 213-5170



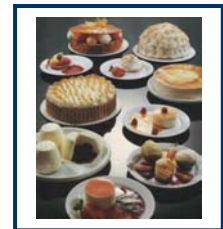
**Directions:** Go back to Mineral Point Road, turn right (west) then turn Right (north) on Gammon Road, past Memorial School & Old Sauk (approx 1 ½ miles) to Stonefield Drive, turn right (.5 mile) house on left, north side of street.

**Jacci & Ted See's Home**      **Main Entree:**      **From 5:15 – 6:30 PM**  
6326 Stonefield Road  
Middleton, WI 53562      Home Phone 827-6326



**Directions:** Go back onto Gammon Road & turn left (.5 mile). Continue to Old Sauk Road, and turn right (1 block). Turn left on N. Westfield Road (3 short blocks) and Left on Oxwood Circle.

**Rick & Judy Conne's Home**      **Dessert:**      **From 6:45 - 8:00 PM**  
5 Oxwood Circle  
Madison, WI 53717      Home Phone: 833-3795



**Rick & Judy have a very valuable collection of glass for your viewing only. They request that you do not touch any of these beautiful pieces.**

Drive time of 15 minutes is scheduled between the 3 homes. (By map quest, they each are about 5 minutes apart). If you can only make some of the houses and time frames, please come to those. Use [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com) or a google-mapping site for further direction detail.

**A special thank you to the host families, we appreciate your involvement.**

**Hope to see everyone there.**



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### Summary of Service Events Scheduled for Optimists

**Oct/Nov:** Special Olympics Bowling, UW Football Booth, and 3 Students Honored.

**Nov/Dec:** Koeze Nuts & Bucky Book Fundraisers, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Mom Chosen Family Christmas Gifts Purchased, Personal choice for 'Toys for Tots' and 'Empty Stocking Fund'.

**Jan 2010:** Wish List Drive, Progressive Dinner (Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>).

**Feb 2010:** Essay Contest Entries (Due by Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>), 3 Students of the Month Honored.

**Mar 2010:** Move to Sprecher's, Club Oratorical Contest held March 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> (Winner to Zone Contest, March 13<sup>th</sup> (tent)), Childhood Cancer (March 18<sup>th</sup>) Serving of Food.

**Apr 2010:** Childhood Cancer (April 21<sup>st</sup>) Serving of Food, Basketball Fundraiser (Scheduled April 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, or 25<sup>th</sup>), UW Band Concert (April 17<sup>th</sup>).

**May 2010:** Special Track Olympics Sat. (May 6<sup>th</sup>), Award 2 Scholarships.

**JOOI Planning need Optimists to help with 2010 Activities. Watch for Events.**