



April 2007



# Sauk Trails Optimist Club

April 2007  
Newsletter



## 2006 - 2007

Meet Weekly for Lunch,  
Wednesday 11:45 –  
12:45 at Babe's on  
Schroeder Road.

### Sauk Trails Optimists:

Spring seems to be the Optimistic season. Everyone is looking forward to the warmth and new growth of the coming months. As our focus turns to spring let's also remember the warmth we feel when helping others, the warmth the kids feel in their hearts when they know how much we care, and the new growth we initiate in them and ourselves when we do the many things we do to help youth in the Madison area.

Our most rewarding and largest event, the Special Olympics Track Meet, is just weeks away. Please check the schedule of events in this newsletter for specifics and put it on your calendar. With the changes that have happened in Special Olympics over the last year we want to try extra hard this year to make sure things go as planned, remembering that it's all for the participants. Anyone who has seen them compete to overcome the daily challenges of things you and I do with little effort knows how blessed they are to have the fortitude to do what they do. We are lucky enough to be able to share in that a few days each year. Let's make it memorable once again by volunteering in large numbers and with our great Optimistic spirits!

I would be remiss if I did not mention the great job done by Rick Thomas, Carole Klopp and Steve Bailey in running the Essay and Oratorical contests. Great job re-starting a couple programs we have not run for several years. Thanks to Rick we also are doing meals at Ronald McDonald House on such a regular and successful basis that we almost forget about it. Thank you to all who have helped serve the community in recent months. You are truly sharing the warmth of your hearts and are nurturing the growth of kids in the Madison area. What a wonderful time to be an Optimist!

### Greg Hermus

Sauk Trails Optimist Club President 2006 - 2007

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### Spring 2007 Garage Sale

The Fundraiser, benefiting STOC Youth and Community Foundation, will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup>. (See page 4 of this April newsletter for details).



**Members in Attendance:**

**President:** Greg Hermus  
**Past President:** Rick Thomas  
**Board Members:** Bob Wortinger, Carole Klopp,  
 Kathy Johnson  
**Sec/Treasurer:** Gene Spindler  
**Members Not Present:** Barb Mulcahy, VP; Kevin Campos,  
 VP; Kelly Piper, Diane Riley, Bill  
 Monkemeyer, Board Members.

**SWIS – Southern Wisconsin  
Conferences**

**April 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>,** Janesville

**August 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>,** Madison

*(Training will be scheduled on Saturday at these conferences. As a board member, try to work the dates into your schedule to learn more about being an Optimist.)*

**Sauk Trails Optimist Club STOC Board Minutes,  
Zimbrick Buick 03/13/2007**

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm.

The minutes of the February 13, 2007 Board Meeting were discussed. A motion was made (Rick Thomas), seconded (Carole Klopp) and passed to approve the minutes of the December Board meeting.

The Financial Report through February 28, 2007 was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the information provided. A motion was made (Kathy Johnson), seconded (Bob Wortinger) and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

The Board discussed the calendar of events. The \*Texas\* Hold-em Poker tournament will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> at J.T. Whitney's at 6:00 PM. The Silent Auction to raise funds to support our Youth Programs will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> along with the JOOI Officer Induction banquet, which will be held at Rocky Rococo Pizza on Mineral Point Road.

Rick Thomas gave a brief report on the Tri-Star Basketball activity. The Board discussed this activity and ways to improve attendance. Members will follow-up with Fitchburg Optimists and Middleton Breakfast to get ideas on improving Tri-Star Basketball attendance.

Two up coming activities (Oratorical Contest and the Garage Sale) were discussed. The Oratorical contest will be held at the noon lunch on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The Garage Sale will be on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and be coordinated by Rick Thomas. Members are asked to provide items to be sold at this garage sale. More information will be available later informing members when and where items can be delivered.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting **is set for 4:30 on April 10<sup>th</sup> at Keller Williams Realty, 2005 West Beltline Highway.**

Gene Spindler, Secretary/Treasurer 2006-2007

**FUTURE Board Meetings:** Due to Beltline highway construction between Fish hatchery and Verona Roads starting April 30th we are looking for an alternative location to meet May through July. If anyone has a place we can meet please contact Greg Hermus

**Sauk Trails  
Club Officers  
2006-2007**

**President**  
Greg Hermus

**Secretary/Treasurer**  
Gene Spindler

**Past President**  
Rick Thomas

**Vice Presidents**  
Barb Mulcahy  
Kevin Campos

**Board of Directors**  
Diane Riley  
Kelly Piper  
Bob Wortinger  
Bill Monkemeyer  
Carole Klopp  
Kathy Johnson

**FUTURE BOARD  
Meetings, 4:30 PM  
at: Keller-Williams**

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
 May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
 June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
 July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
 August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
 September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
 October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
 November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
 December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**April 2007 Schedule:**

- April 4<sup>th</sup> – Lunch Babe’s, 11:45 am
  - April 10<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 PM Board Mtg, Keller Williams
  - April 11<sup>th</sup> – Lunch Babe’s, 11:45 am
  - April 18<sup>th</sup> – Lunch Babe’s, 11:45 am
  - April 20<sup>th</sup> (Fri)–Texas Hold-em Poker, 6:00 PM
  - April 21<sup>st</sup> (Sat) –Gardner Park Cleanup, SWIS 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr Conference, UW Band Concert
  - April 24<sup>th</sup> - Ronald McDonald House meal
  - April 25<sup>th</sup> – Lunch Babe’s, 11:45 am
  - April 26<sup>th</sup> (Th) – JOOI Induction Banquet
  - April 30<sup>th</sup> (Mon) – Spirit Day, Memorial HS
- The board can reschedule dates and activities.

**Membership Activation Committee**

We are looking for volunteers to join a new committee: the Membership Activation Committee. Our responsibilities will be to make about ten telephone calls every month or two. We will be communicating with members in order to increase participation in fundraising, volunteering and club social activities. Our goal is to get every member involved in at least one activity, which will make Sauk Trails Optimist Club more fun for all while improving our ability to serve the children of our community.

Please contact Kelly Piper at [kellypiper@charter.net](mailto:kellypiper@charter.net) if you are interested. Thanks very much. Kelly Piper

**LUNCH UPDATE for 2007:**

*Choice of Salad OR a Sandwich.  
(Sandwiches ONLY come with a choice of soup, fries, or fruit)*

**Student of the Month**

**Dates Scheduled,**  
April 18<sup>th</sup>, and May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Happy Birthday**

**Pete Graven 4/25**

DATES	Location	Speaker	Topic	Lunch
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Babes	Dr. Wade Anunson	TBA	Club Wrap or Beef Taco Salad
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Babes	Kathy Martinson	United Way - National Volunteer Week	Cajun Chicken Sandwich or ½ Cobb Salad
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Babes	Student of the Month	April Student of Month Shares	Teriyaki Chicken Sandwich or ½ Chicken Caesar Salad
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Babes	Mary Schwartz	Trip to Europe	Fish Sandwich or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad

**STOC Garage Sale**

Please save your Garage Sale items for the upcoming sale to take place at Rick Thomas’ home. Remember that you can get a full donation value for everything since you are donating it to the Sauk Trails Optimist Club Youth & Community Foundation, a not-for-profit charity.

**Football Craze NFL Raffle Tickets**

"We need an estimate of the number of NFL raffle tickets each of you might sell this year. This sale keeps gaining momentum. Please contact Greg Hermus to reserve your tickets."

**Sauk Trails Temporary Speaker Coordinator Needed**

We are in need of a temporary speaker Coordinator to work with Ray Schmitz. Thank you to Diane Riley for arranging speakers during Barb's maternity absence. The role involves finding and scheduling speakers for a couple meetings per month, which often means contacting speakers recommended by members. This is considered temporary until Barb is able to resume the duties of that role.

Please contact Greg Hermus, President if you can help out with this activity.

DATES	Sauk Trails Scheduled Activities > Mark Your Calendar
Fri. 04/20/2007	<p align="center"><b>2007 Spring Fundraiser / Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament</b></p> <p>We will be hosting our first Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament at JT Whitney's on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> <b>starting at 6:00 PM</b>. The doors will open at that time, with the tournament starting at 7:00 PM. The cost will be \$20 to enter, and a grand prize trip for two to Las Vegas will be awarded. Even if you don't play, this should be a very entertaining way to help raise money for our youth and community foundation. Sign up at lunch or by contacting Rick Thomas at: <a href="mailto:jathoma2@wisc.edu">jathoma2@wisc.edu</a> or 212-7582.</p>
Sat. 04/21/2007	<p align="center"><b>Gardner Park Cleanup:</b></p> <p>Help do your part in keeping our parks clean. We will be helping to clean up Gardner Park on April 21<sup>st</sup> (Earth Day) from 10-1. Please contact Rick at: <a href="mailto:jathoma2@wisc.edu">jathoma2@wisc.edu</a> or 212-7582 if you would like to sign up. <i>(5-6 volunteers needed.)</i></p>
Sat. 04/21/2007	<p align="center"><b>UW Band Concert:</b></p> <p>For those Optimists who acquired tickets through Kathy Johnson for the 7:30 PM Concert. We can grab a burger at The Coliseum Bar and take the bus from there <i>(for about \$2/person)</i>. We'd meet at 5:30ish in order to be finished when the bus starts taking loads to the Band Concert at the Kohl Center.</p>
Sat. 04/21/2007	<p align="center"><b>Oratorical District Conference</b></p> <p>We sponsored the Sauk Trails Optimist Oratorical Contest on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Five students took part in the competition with the boy's winner being Abilash Seshaderi and the girl's winner being Sandra Krueger. All of the students performed admirably, and the winners will be going on to the district competition in Janesville on April 21<sup>st</sup>.</p>
Tues. 04/24/2007	<p align="center"><b>Ronald McDonald House Meal</b></p> <p>Meal served with JOOI kids, 1-2 volunteers needed on Tues. 04/24, 4:30 – 6:00 PM.</p>
Thur. 04/26/2007	<p align="center"><b>JOOI Induction Banquet</b></p> <p>We will be holding our annual Youth and Community Foundation silent auction fundraiser in conjunction with the Spartan Youth Service Team's Induction Banquet on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Help raise money for our community programs while honoring the accomplishments of our many fine youth. The event will start at 5pm, and will be held at the Rocky Rococo's on Mineral Point Rd. Sign up at lunch or by contacting Rick Thomas at: <a href="mailto:jathoma2@wisc.edu">jathoma2@wisc.edu</a> or 212-7582. We'll see you there!</p>
Mon. 04/30/2007	<p align="center"><b>Memorial High School SPIRIT Day of Service</b></p> <p>Drivers will be needed to bring kids from Memorial High School to their service locations at 9 a.m., then to return them to the school about 11:30-noon.</p>
Sat. 05/05/2007	<p align="center"><b>Special Olympics Track and Field Meet</b></p> <p>On Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> our club will be helping to run the Special Olympics Track and Field Meet at Oregon High School. This is a regional event with over 140 athletes taking part in the Meet. We need your help to make this event a success! Sign up at lunch or contact Rick Thomas at 212-7582 or <a href="mailto:thomas@kw.com">thomas@kw.com</a>. It is truly inspiring to see the athletes compete. Be there!</p>
Sat. 05/12/2007	<p align="center"><b>STOC Garage Sale</b></p> <p>Fundraiser benefiting STOC Youth and Community Foundation. Start saving items now for the STOC garage sale, which will be held on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The sale will be held at Rick Thomas' house at 5914 Raymond Rd. Current plans have it also including a bake sale and other fundraising ideas. Watch for more details in upcoming newsletters. 3 – 4 Volunteers needed.</p>
Tues. 05/22/2007	<p align="center"><b>Ronald McDonald House Meal</b></p> <p>Meal served with JOOI kids, 1-2 volunteers needed on Tues.05/22 – 4:30 – 6:00 PM.</p>

### Sauk Trails Oratorical Contest, March 21<sup>st</sup>

There were 5 students who entered the Oratorical Contest. They each gave a presentation on: "My Biggest Challenge Is...". The one boy entry, Abilash was an automatic winner, with a great speech. All 4 of the girls also gave great speeches and the judging was very close. The winner of the girls was: Sandy Krueger.

Both Sandy and Abi will be going to the District Conference in Janesville on April 21<sup>st</sup>. (There is no Zone Contest scheduled in Zone 6).

Special thanks to Rick Thomas, Steve Bailey, and Carole Klopp for organizing this and arranging for judges.

Good luck to both of them at the Oratorical Contest in Janesville.

*(From left to right in the picture: Lisa Deneckere; Sandy Krueger; Abilash Seshadri; Aarushi Agai; & Ruiqi Wang.)*



### Student of the Month, March 28<sup>th</sup>

Mandy Bidwell is our Student of the month for March. She was honored on March 28, 2007. I had the pleasure of sitting with Mandy during our luncheon so I would have a better understanding of her involvement in school as well as her community.

Her honors include but are not limited to Spartan Youth Service grades 10, 11, 12, Forensics grades 10, 11, 12, Drama Club grades 10, 11, Teen Advisory grades 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, tutoring grades 10, 11 and is a member of HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) and NHS (National Honor Society).

In the past three years Mandy has dedicated herself to Spartan Youth Service by participating in Bell ringing for the Salvation Army, Halloween at the Zoo, Book drive with Jefferson Middle School, Selling paper hearts through Delitalia for children's cancer, SPIRIT day, Food drive with Jefferson middle school, Organizing a car wash with Jefferson middle school with proceeds donated to children's cancer and UNICEF trick or treat. She placed second in the recent essay contest regarding involvement in the community.

In Mandy's spare time she loves to hang out with friends, hang out with sisters and go to concerts.

Mandy has been accepted to University of Minnesota and is interested in Pre-med studies or Environment studies.

**Christina Smith-Wilkie**, SOM Chairperson



### REMINDER

STOC Articles for May 2007 Newsletter  
Are due to Bonnie Spindler  
[blspindler@charter.net](mailto:blspindler@charter.net) by April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

## Sauk Trails Optimist Club, Ltd. - Membership Roster April 2007 (Updates in RED)

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## SCHEDULE for April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed (Babe's, 11:45 – 12:45 PM)	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> Dr. Wade Anunson, TBA	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> 4:30 Board Meeting	<u>11</u> Kathy Martinson, United Way	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> April Student of the Month	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> Spring Fundraiser	<u>21</u> Gardner Park Cleanup, UW Band Concert, SWIS 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr Oratorical Conf
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> Ronald McDon Meal, 4:30	<u>25</u> Mary Schwartz, Trip to Europe	<u>26</u> JOOI Ind Banquet, Mem HS, 5:00 PM	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> Spirit Day					

### CONGRATULATION KELLY

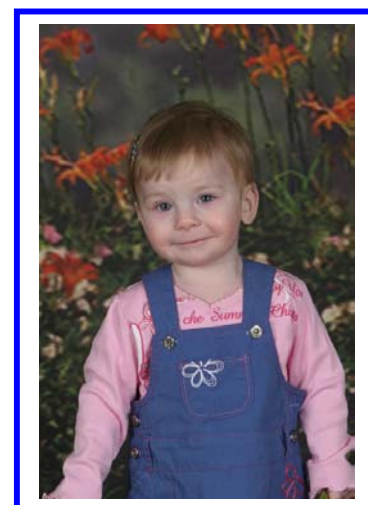
Kelly Piper went to Tver, Russia two different times. The last time she returned with her beautiful little girl and named her:

#### GRACE Aleksandra Piper

Grace was born on 8/22/05 and was adopted on 2/17/07. She weighs 19 pounds and is 30 inches tall.

As Kelly wrote in her blog: *"I think that I'm falling head over heels in love with this little one. She's got me wrapped around her finger! I'm so blessed to have her."*

**Kelly we're ALL so happy for you and your entire family. What a little cutie. Congratulations.**



### 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.