



January 2007



Sauk Trails Optimist Club

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2006 - 2007

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

Sauk Trails Optimists:

Happy New Year! We say that to many people each year, but as Optimists we live that every day of our lives. We focus on making each day better for those we meet and we volunteer through our club and other ways to serve our community.

Let's focus on making 2007 a year where **every** member of our club volunteers for a minimum of one event to serve youth, and attends a minimum of one social event with our members to recharge our Optimistic spirit. To aid in doing this we have a Member Activation Committee, chaired by Kelly Piper. Board members will be making calls to members to encourage them, starting with calls to attend the **Progressive Dinner on January 7th**. Please take these calls for what they are: encouragement to do what, in your heart, you have already committed to doing. We love having each and every one of you as members and the youth of the Madison area needs your help in 2007. Review the calendar of events in the newsletter: which ones hit the soft spot in your heart that led you to become an Optimist? Choose one or two events, commit to them, and arrange your schedule accordingly. Sign up at a lunch meeting or contact Kelly Piper or me and ask how you can help. If you think of another way we should be helping youth, let us know.

I am extremely proud of what we have accomplished as a club over the years, yet we can and should do so much more. Live your Optimism. Start by celebrating with us on January 7th and carry that enthusiasm throughout the year. We need you, and many kids you have never met are counting on you. Let's make sure 2007 is a Happy New Year!

Greg Hermus, Sauk Trails Club President 2006 - 2007

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: JANUARY 7th, ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER (See Details on Page 4 of this January Newsletter)

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Members in Attendance:

President:	Greg Hermus
Past President:	Rick Thomas
Vice President:	Barb Mulcahy
Board Members	Diane Riley, Kelly Piper, Bob Wortinger, Kathy Johnson, Bill Monkemeyer
Sec/Treasurer	Gene Spindler

SWIS – Southern Wisconsin Conferences

February 17th	Madison,
<i>(President and Sec/Treas only)</i>	
April 20th – 21st,	Janesville
August 10th – 11th,	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 12/12/2006**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM.

The minutes of the November 14th, 2006 Board Meeting were discussed. A motion was made (Barb Mulcahy), seconded (Diane Riley) and passed to approve the minutes of the November Board meeting.

The Financial Report through November 30th, 2006 was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the information provided. A motion was made (Bob Wortinger, seconded (Kathy Johnson) and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Rick Thomas reported to the Board on activities of the JOOI Club. He reported that the Ice Age Trail activity project on Saturday, December 9th went well. Rick also reported that the meal served at Ronald McDonald House was well received by the parents of children being treated for cancer at UW Hospital.

There was a report that needy family had been selected to receive presents for the Christmas season and that the presents had been purchased at the time of the meeting. Christina Smith-Wilkie and Bonnie Spindler are coordinating the shopping to select gifts for the four members of the selected family. The gifts purchased will be available for members to see at the lunch meeting on December 13th.

The Board discussed donation requests. Shirts remaining from Tri-Star Basketball will be donated to St. Vincent De Paul. A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$50 to IHN. Another motion was made (Kathy Johnson) seconded (Gene Spindler) and passed to donate \$50 to the Wexford Committee.

The Board discussed soliciting donations from former members and businesses. A committee will be created to plan and implement this activity. Discussion on the timing for business solicitations indicated that these should be made during March, April and May.

The Board decided that Board Members should contact Club members and personally invite them to the Progressive Dinner scheduled Sunday, January 7th, 2007. A list of members would be circulated to Board members to select members to call and to forward the list on.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting is set for **4:30 on January 9th at Keller Williams', 2005 West Beltline Highway.** (Future Board meeting dates can be put on calendars, See >>>>)

Gene Spindler, Secretary/Treasurer 2006 - 2007

**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: Zimbrick Buick**

February 13th, 2007
March 13th, 2007
April 10th, 2007
May 8th, 2007
June 12th, 2007
July 10th, 2007
August 14th, 2007
September 11th, 2007
October 9th, 2007
November 13th, 2007
December 11th, 2007

January 2007 Schedule:

January 3rd – Lunch Babe’s, 11:45 am
 January 7th (Sun) – Progressive Dinner
 January 10th – Lunch Babe’s, 11:45 am
 January 17th – Lunch Babe’s, 11:45 am
 January 24th – Lunch Babe’s, 11:45 am
 January 31st – Lunch Babe’s, 11:45 am

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 if you are interested. Thanks very much!

Kelly Piper, Chairperson

LUNCH UPDATE for 2007:

Starting in January 2007, All Sandwiches come with a choice of soup, fries, or fruit.

DATES	Location	Speaker	Topic	Lunch
<i>January 3rd</i>	<u>Babes</u>	Social Sharing	Social Sharing	Club Wrap or Beef Taco Salad
<i>January 10th</i>	<u>Babes</u>	Marilynn Lawler- from Independent Living	Speaking on "Caring for Aging Parents and Working Care Givers".	Cajun Chicken Sandwich or ½ Cobb Salad
<i>January 17th</i>	<u>Babes</u>	Carrie Bernhardt	Hope House (home for young single mothers)	Teriyaki Chicken Sandwich or ½ Chicken Caesar Salad
<i>January 24th</i>	<u>Babes</u>	TBA		Fish Sandwich or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
<i>January 31st</i>	<u>Babes</u>	Student of the Month	January Student Presents	Chicken Sandwich or Chicken Taco Salad



ORGANIZATION EXHIBIT

Sauk Trails Progressive Dinner Sunday, January 7th, 2007

Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 7th! We are holding the annual Sauk Trails Progressive Dinner for the holiday season. Join us for an entertaining get-together.

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, entrée, or dessert) to kellypiper@charter.net or on a continuing sign-up at lunch.

Appetizers	3:30-5:00	Kevin and Kristi Campos' Home
Main/Salad	5:00-6:30	John and Alison Scherer's Home
Dessert	6:30-8:00	Gene and Bonnie Spindler's Home

Directions to Campos' Home: (3:30 – 5:00 PM): (Phone: 846-2997)

<http://maps.google.com/maps?sourceid=navclient&ie=UTF-8&rls=GGLD,GGLD:2005-03,GGLD:en&q=2813+Military+Road%2c+cross+plains%2c+wi>

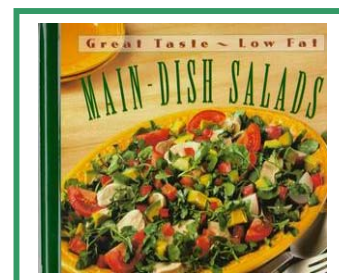
From the Beltline, take Highway 14 west to Cross Plains.
Highway 14 is called Main Street in Cross Plains.
Turn right on Church Street.
Turn right on the third street: North Military Road. *(past Baer Park)*
2813 Military Road, Cross Plains *(Across from Glacier Creek Middle School).*



Directions to Scherer's Home: (5:00 – 6:30 PM) (Phone: 836-0151)

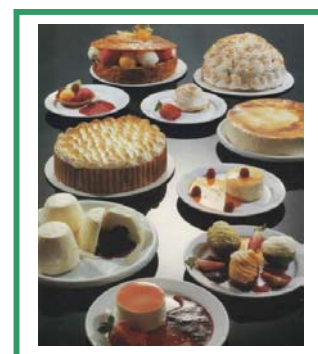
From the Campos' residence, take Military Road to Church Street.
Turn right on Church Street, go 0.5 miles. *Church Street turns into Thinnes Street.*
Go straight as Thinnes Street turns into Airport Road. Go 4 miles.
Turn right on Stonewood Drive, go 0.5 miles.
4549 Stonewood Drive, Middleton

From Beltline: Exit Airport Road west, go 1 mile past the airport & Tallards Station, turn left onto Stone Wood Drive (there's a streetlight on the corner) and go all the way to the very top of the hill, on the right (north) side of the road.



Directions to Spindler's Home: (6:30 – 8:00 PM) Phone: 833-7244)

From the Scherer's residence, take Stonewood Drive to Airport Road.
Turn right on Airport Road. Go 0.4 miles.
Turn right on N. Pleasant View Road. Go 3.6 miles.
Turn right on Mineral Point Road. Go 1.7 miles.
Turn left on Pioneer Road. Go 1.0 mile.
Turn right on Valley View Road and **quickly** turn left on Hickory Hill Road.
3460 Hickory Hill Road, Verona *(4th house on the left)*



If you can only make some of the houses and time frames, please come to those. This is a great annual Social Outing for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. **A special thank you goes out to the host families... we appreciate your involvement!** Hope to see everyone there!

December Student of the Month Honored

December's Student of the Month was given to Shelley Pan. She was born in China and lived in Japan and Canada. She speaks Chinese, Japanese, French and she is fluent in English. She would prefer to go to school either here or in California. . She will use her skills in language and work with international business in her degree. She has volunteered for the UW in the blood lab and work with Attic Angels. Her favorite part of JOOI is working with the "Seniors".

Christina Smith-Wilkie, SOM Chairperson



Student of the Month

Dates Scheduled in 2007:

Jan. 31st, Feb 21st, March 21st, April 18th, and May 16th.

2006 Koeze Nut Fundraiser

Please turn in any checks you have for the Koeze Nut fundraiser. Rick Thomas will be contacting you in early January if your orders are not paid in full. Thank you to everyone who placed orders, and a special thank you to Kathy Johnson and Ray Schmitz who were 1-2 in orders again this year. Final numbers are not in yet, but it looks like we raised around \$1300 for youth programs this year!

Bucky Book Fundraiser

All of our Bucky Books have been distributed to members and we are just waiting on returns and checks to come in. Please turn in your money and any unsold books to Rick Thomas as soon as possible. Please contact Rick at 212-7582 or jathoma2@wisc.edu to arrange the pickup of checks or return of unsold books. If all of the books are sold we will make about \$600 for youth programs in our community.

Ronald McDonald House

The Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team prepared a meal for approximately 40 people staying at the Ronald McDonald House on Friday, December 8th. The students did a great job preparing a meal of: sirloin tips, pasta salad, green beans, and rolls. The students were supervised by Rick Thomas, but did all of the prep work and cooking themselves. Great job students! If you would like to volunteer to supervise a group of students preparing a meal at the Ronald McDonald House, please contact Rick Thomas at 212-7582.

We are pleased that our member, Laurie Irwin, is now managing the McDonald house.

JOOI Update for December 2006

The JOOI club had a very busy month of December. The students covered 15 bell-ringing shifts at West Towne Mall throughout the month. The students also cooked a meal for approximately 40 people staying at the Ronald McDonald House on December 8th. They cooked a meal of sirloin tips, pasta salad, green beans, and rolls. On December 9th the students completed several different projects. A group of about 8 JOOI kids and 3 Optimists worked on the Ice Age Trail at University Ridge Golf Course. It was amazing the difference 1 day's work can make. The students also had an alternative gift market where they raised over \$1200 for local and international charities. They were even featured on Channel 27. Plan on attending this event next year. Finally, the students also volunteered to help raise funds for WPT on the 9th.

In addition to all the work early in the month, the students were able to organize a book drive at Jefferson Middle School where they collected and sorted over 900 books for local children to read. Finally, the Seniors committee organized a caroling event at Oakwood where they sang for the residents there on December 16th. The JOOI club enjoyed this busy month of activities and looks forward to more events after winter break.

Submitted by: Rick Thomas

The JOOI-Ful Spartan

The JMM Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team Monthly Newsletter

The Presidents' Corner:
Hi All!

This month has been a great one for Spartan Youth Service! We have had so many volunteer opportunities this month! Many of these opportunities have been the first attempt at an event, such as the Alternative Gifts Fair and Jefferson's Book Sorting Party, both of which were very exciting! We are continuing to strive for the new and creative ideas that we have had this past month and look forward to the future!

Be JOOI-Ful,
Holly DeWerd and Suvai Gunasekaran
Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team co-Presidents

Committee News

Community

The Community committee has been working hard on fundraising for Childhood Cancer by hosting many morning bake sales. They have had many WPT sign ups and are now working on a run/walk.

Global Outreach

Global Outreach committee just finished their big Alternative Gifts event on December 9th, which raised over \$1,000! They were extremely happy with the success of their 1st attempt at this new project. They are currently working on ideas for fundraisers for Childhood Cancer.

Jefferson

Jefferson committee has been attending weekly meetings with the Jefferson club. They just had their first book drive. They collected books and later had a book sorting party with Spartan Youth Service members.

Optimists

The Optimists have had several projects going on such as bell ringing, Ice Age Trail and Ronald McDonald dinner. They are working on the Miracle Mile of Quarters fundraiser and Pop Tops Drive Collection.

Seniors

On Saturday December 16, the Seniors Committee had their annual Caroling at Oakwood Village. They too are planning future events and fundraisers for Childhood Cancer.

JOOI - SW District

The district is continuing a project to increase communication throughout clubs in the district. Clubs are given random points based on activities that they participate in. For more information contact Kristen Fox at Kfox5122@sbcglobal.net Service co-Presidents

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

A heartfelt **thank you** goes out to all of the members who volunteered to ring bells for the Salvation Army this year at West Towne Mall. We covered **30 hours of bell ringing shifts** this year! Besides supporting the great work the Salvation Army does, we also supported our JOOI club in this community service event.

REMINDER: STOC Articles for February 2007 Newsletter are due to Bonnie Spindler
blspindler@charter.net by **January 29th, 2007.**

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

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SCHEDULE for January 2007

JANUARY 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed (Babe's, 11:45 – 12:45 PM)	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> Social Sharing	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u> 3:30-8:00 Progressive Dinner	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> Marilyn Lawler, "Caring for Aging Parents and Working Care Givers" – from Independent Living	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> Carrie Bernhardt - Hope House (home for young single mothers)	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> TBA	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> January Student of the Month, New Optimists Welcomed			

Spring 2007 Future Garage Sale Fundraiser benefiting STOC Youth and Community Foundation

Start saving items now for the STOC garage sale, which will be held in April this year. The sale will be held at Rick Thomas' house on Raymond Rd. Current plans have it also including a bake sale and other fundraising ideas. Watch for more details in upcoming newsletters.

Sauk Trails Club Publicity

Any club announcements that our club would like to promote can be submitted to the Wisconsin State Journal and The Capitol Times by e-mailing to:

Donald Kosterman at neighbors@capitalnewspapers.com or calling 608-252-4330. The club announcements or follow-up on an activity will be published in the Wednesday "Neighbors" publication.

Bonnie Spindler, SWIS Publicity Coordinator

Sauk Trails Purchase Christmas Gifts for Wexford Family

Christmas presents were purchased and delivered to a chosen family in Wexford Village. The grandmother and 3 grandsons' each received gifts that were purchased and delivered by Christina Smith-Wilkie and Bonnie Spindler. The gifts consisted of jogging suits for each of the 4 of them, games, books, DVD – 'Over the Hedge', and movie tickets. The family was very appreciative of the thoughtfulness during this holiday season.

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.

Kathy Johnson	1/2
Phil Schrabek	1/3
Greg Hermus	1/6
Jill Thomas	1/28