

Sauk Trails Optimist Club, Ltd.

“Where Every Kid Counts”

If there is one thing that is constant it is change. Our lives keep changing as well as our club. This month’s newsletter is an example of change. Bonnie Spindler has taken over from Jessica O in publishing this newsletter and I personally want to thank her for helping us all out. I want to also thank Jessica for the many issues of this newsletter that she has done. Please take a moment to email and wish her well.

My year as your President is winding down. Soon Ray Schmitz will be calling for another Impeachment process to begin, Tim get ready! I know that I could not have done anything without all of your help and support. I would really like to take a moment and say Thank You to:

- A. All my board members for your guidance especially Gene Spindler for keeping me fiscally inline.
- B. Andy Lochner and Ray Schmitz for the great lineup of speakers.
- C. Mary Norrbom for all your leadership with the JOOI kids
- D. Rick Thomas and Jared Holthe for the Silent Auction/Scholarship dinner & program.

My ‘Thank You’s’ will continue in other issues but my point is I couldn’t do this job without all of your support. Lets all get together and enjoy the Service Club Olympics. I hope everyone can participate. Please contact Jim Judd or Tim Belter about the open events that we still need help with. Lets all make an effort to meet for lunch on Wednesdays.

President Rick Tiedemann

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SAUK TRAILS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Thanks again to all who have helped raise funds for the Sauk Trails Optimist Youth & Community Foundation over the past year. This year the Foundation is once again awarding two \$500 scholarships to seniors from James Madison Memorial High School. In May we were pleased to award those two scholarships to high school seniors who devoted 100 or more hours of community service during their high school years. Once again Presidential Service Scholarships of \$500 each matched our scholarships.

In our second year of giving scholarships, our winners were **Prethy Rao and Ike Sriskandarajah**. Both were ideal winners with their community spirit and long lists of scholastic achievements, combined with personalities marked by a true concern for others.

I hope we are lucky enough to continue to find such excellent award candidates. We wish them all the best as they embark on their college years. With our scholarship program established through Sauk Trails Club and with the additional funding, this program should carry on into perpetuity.



Greg Hermus, Scholarship Committee Chair



**JESSICA OEHRLEIN > Leaving
Sauk Trails Club**

The last 3 years Jessica has been editing articles received from Optimists, putting together the Sauk Trails newsletters and distributing them on a monthly basis. She has done a FANTASTIC job and we all appreciate it. Her Sauk Trails Newsletters have been entered for recognition to Optimist International. Jessica is leaving the club for now but hopes to return someday.

We wish you all the best Jessica. Thanks so much for your years of service. Your vivacious personality, contribution to the club & youth through your talents, will be missed. We wish you all the happiness and best in your future. Your footsteps will be a challenge to follow. Keep in touch.

Bonnie Spindler (Continuing Newsletter Editor)

Picture: Jessica as Optimist of the Month during Bonnie's Presidency, 2002



**WAYNE & LAURA WILSON > Leaving
Sauk Trails Club**

Wayne & Laura Wilson have been members of the Sauk Trails Optimist Club for almost 8 years. They have both supported the Special Olympics, Tri-Star program, Halloween at the Zoo and many other youth programs. Laura contributed her talents on the STOC Board in many ways including documented plans for helping the Clown Corp and Membership Growth and implementing a STOC Website and STOC Database. She also scheduled speakers for a year and was on the STOC board and merger team. Wayne has contributed his talents in the past and recently by providing legal input for the Scholarship program.

Both Wayne & Laura have been a TREMENDOUS asset to Sauk Trails over the years. We have enjoyed them at the Service Club Olympics, where they were bridge partners, and many other STOC programs.

Thanks to both of you for being Optimists in the support of youth over the many years. Wayne & Laura, we'll miss your enthusiasm and tremendous knowledge, and especially your great outlook on life. Keep in touch.

Bonnie Spindler (Continuing Newsletter Editor)

Picture: Wayne & Laura at Tri-Star Basketball, 2002

Happy Birthday

Lynne Frits	7/5
Laurie Irwin	7/5
Dale Kalscheur	7/6
John Scherer	7/6
Joseph Marty	7/10
Alison Scherer	7/14
Lori Handel	7/18

**OPTIMIST FUTURE
DATES**

July 18 – 21
OI International
Convention, St. Louis

July 26 – 27
Service Club Olympics

August 6 – 7
SWIS Conference in Racine

**Sauk Trails Optimist Board Minutes
Wilson Law Office, June 21st , 2004**



Members in Attendance:

- President: Rick Tiedemann**
Vice President: Tim Belter
Board Members: Ray Schmitz, Kevin Campos, Lori Handel, Dale Kalscheur, Alison Scherer
Treasurer: Gene Spindler
Past President: Jim Judd

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by President Rick Tiedemann.
 The financial report was presented to the Board. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the financial report.

Rick reported to the Board on the SWIS District Golf Tournament. The tournament was held at the Sun Prairie Country Club. There were 42 participants ranging in age from 12 through 18. The low score of the participants was a 72. Seven golfers qualified to attend the international tournament, which will be held in Florida during July. The entry fee will be paid for four of the golfers from the fees paid by each and the money provided by the SWIS District.

The Club received a request from Optimist International to make a five year pledge to support the Childhood Cancer Campaign. The Board discussed this issue and was not comfortable with making a pledge for five years. The Board decided to consider donations to the Childhood Cancer Campaign on an annual basis with the preparation of the Club's annual budget.

There was discussion on the Club's Social Event for this summer. It was decided to attend a Madison Mallards baseball game. Details as to the date will be determined after members provide information on which day of the week would be best.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to provide additional support for the four golfers attending the Optimist International Tournament until the additional amount (\$350) is received from other clubs and/or the SWIS District.

There was a brief discussion on the Club's Scholarship activity. It was decided to reinvigorate the Scholarship Committee and to continue the effort to raise amounts for the Scholarship Endowment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.
Secretary/Treasurer: Gene Spindler

Mark Your Calendar

Sauk Trails Speaker/Event Agenda, July 2004

Babe's, Wed. 11:45 – 12:45 (Please enter through backdoor, its unlocked for meetings)

Date	Place	Speaker/Event	Topic/Focus
July 7th	Babes	George Dreckman	Madison's New Automated Recycling Program
July 14th	Babes	Social/Optimist of the month	Social/ Optimist of the month
July 21st	Babes	Laurie Irwin	Race for the Cure
July 26-27th	Cherokee Country Club	Service Club Olympics Week	Competition Week
August 7th	Racine	SWIS Conference	Training for New 2004-5 Leaders

JOOI CORNER

It's time to take STOC of the Spartan Youth Service Team/JOOI activities for the 2003-2004 school year. The Team is probably STOC's biggest ongoing project (this was our 5th year!) and uses a good share of the Youth Fund for its dues and general support. So, how did the kids do?

Over the past 5 years, club membership has quadrupled to about 100 students. While it is great so many kids have the opportunity to perform community service, it has also given us challenges as to how to get everyone involved. This past year we implemented the committee system, which provided more opportunities for leadership roles and member participation. In addition to attending weekly meetings, about one-third of the students performed over 10 hours of community service during the year with 16 students giving over 20 hours.

Not all projects went off without a hitch, but there have been many more successes than failures. The Team raised money for their JOOI convention expenses (UW Football concession stand), Trick or Treated for Food, and helped with the WHA Pledge Drives, Fun at the Zoo, and Brat Fest (on behalf of the Westside Senior Coalition). A school in Africa, the American Cancer Society, a hospital in India, and St. Jude's Children's Hospital are a few of the organizations who received funds from The Team. Projects at Oakwood are being expanded beyond the monthly visits. Two years ago, The Team threw a theme party for the residents (now an annual event). This year they added a well-received Talent Show to the mix.

This summer 4 students and 2 chaperones will attend the JOOI convention in St. Louis. Another group of students will work with the 'Kids As Self-Advocates' program through the Wisconsin Council on Developmental Disabilities and ARC-Dane County. Planning for the coming school year will start in July.

I would like to say **THANK YOU!** to all STOC members for your support. The kids enjoy the joint projects and look at the Optimist members as role models. You help make 'Every Kid Count!'

Mary Norrbom

SWIS District Golf Tournament

The SWIS District Golf Tournament was a Big Success. From Lacrosse to Racine, Milwaukee to Madison, kids came from around the district to play in this years event. This tournament qualifies boys and girls from our SWIS district to play in the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship (OIJGC) held at PGA National Golf Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. The OIJGC is one of the largest and most prestigious junior golf tournaments for boys and girls age 10 – 18. Junior players from around the world will be playing in this event from July 22 – August 1, 2004. You will be happy to know that 7 boys and girls from our district are already signed up to participate 4 of which the district is sponsoring.

Jessica Hauser, Richie Burke, Preston Dembowiak and Quinn Moe are the winners of their age brackets that the district will be sponsoring. 42 golfers participated at the Sun Prairie Golf Club and with the exception of a minor rain delay we had a terrific day. Although the participation in this years event was down the quality of play was fantastic.

I would personally like to thank the folks at the Sun Prairie Golf Club for their help and support especially Tony, Steve and Mark. The course was in great shape, the location is perfect and the food was good. If any of you Optimists are in the area please stop by and thank Sun Prairie Golf Club for supporting the kids.

Rick Tiedemann, OIJGC Junior Golf Chair



Safety on Wheels

Safety on Wheels was held on Saturday, June 5th at Chavez Elementary School. The weather was great, but the attendance was not. This year, organization of the project was turned over to the JOOI Club. It was definitely a learning experience for the 3 boys who organized the event.

This important project has suffered in the past few years. It has been difficult to promote and get participation. Steve Meier from the City of Madison Department of Transportation has suggested pairing with the Girl Scouts or Cub Scouts to ensure a base level of participation. He also suggested holding the event on a weeknight instead of a weekend.

Safety on Wheels comes at a busy time of the year. The STOC board will want to consider whether we should continue with this project or focus our energies elsewhere. Special thanks to the Optimists who gave their time: Gene Spindler, Ricki Hoefler, and Greg Hermus.

Mary Norrbom

Service Club Olympics

Please put the dates of July 26 & 27 on your calendar for this year's Service Club Olympics competition. This event requires a commitment from all club members. We will be competing against 20 to 30 other service clubs in Dane county in a variety of athletic events and various card & board games. This year, they added a 10 mile Bike Race on the morning of the 27th. Service club Olympics is a great event.

In the ten-year history of our Optimist club, we have finished first several years and have always finished in the top three clubs. You will find a signup sheet for the events in this newsletter. Complete it and return it to Tim Belter. Please note if you can attend dinner. As the event approaches, we will give you more information through this newsletter, e-mails & at the luncheons. If you have any questions, call Tim at 455-1455.

Jim Judd & Tim Belter, Co-Chairs

Special Olympics Recognition

One of the best events of the year that I truly enjoy as a club is the Special Olympics Track Meet. This is an event that brings our club together. Below are some of the photos of the day to remember the great memories. We have to mention **Mitch Hagens** for all his work in organizing and leading us. Mitch, you deserve the recognition that Special Olympics gave you this year. You work hard and did a terrific job of leading us on that day. Rick



2004 SERVICE CLUBS OLYMPICS
MEMBER SIGN UP SHEET
MONDAY, JULY 26, AND TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2004
(Please make a copy of this sheet for each of your members)

Member Name: _____
Club Name: _____
Club Rep or
Event Chair: _____

Please check those events in which you are interested in participating. A single, final list will be compiled after all club members have turned these sheets into your Olympics Club Rep.

1. July 26 Evening Events

- Eight-Ball Pool (6 p.m.) The Green Room, 5618 Odana Road, 277-8588
 Bowling (6 p.m.) Schwogler's Park Towne, 440 Grand Canyon Drive, 833-7272

2. July 27 Morning Events

Starting times are noted after each event. All morning events are over by 12 noon.

- Bike Race **Details are currently being finalized**
 5K Run (7 a.m.) Cherokee West parking lot
 Golf (7 a.m.) Cherokee Golf Course
 Volleyball (7:30 a.m.) POOLEY'S, 5441 High Crossing Blvd., 242-1888
 Ping Pong (9 a.m.) Cherokee Courts

3. July 27 Afternoon Events

- Swimming (11:30 – 1:15 p.m.) Cherokee Pool
 Backgammon (1:30) Center Court Lounge - Upper Level
 Bridge (1:30) Center Court Lounge - Upper Level
 Checkers (1:30) Sequoia Room Annex
 Cribbage (1:30) Center Court Lounge West - Upper Level
 Euchre (1:30) Sequoia Room
 Horseshoes (1:30) Cherokee NE side of parking lot
 Racquetball (1:30) Cherokee Next to Court 5
 Scrabble (1:30) Sequoia Room Annex
 Tennis (1:30) Cherokee Courts

4. July 27 Open Events

- Agility Course (3 p.m. – 5 p.m.) Cherokee Courts
 Bait Casting (3 p.m. – 5 p.m.) Cherokee Courts
 Darts (3 p.m. – 5 p.m.) Cherokee Courts

5. July 27 Evening Events

- Cocktails (4:30 p.m.) Cherokee Lounge
 Dinner/Awards (5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.) Cherokee Lounge

Please Sign Up for Only One Event in Each of Groups B & C

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August 2004 STOC Articles Due to Bonnie Spindler by: 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.