



Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



February 2009

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



Sauk Trails Optimists:

Wow, I can't believe it's February already. Are you off to a good start for 2009?

Hopefully you have been called by one of our Board Members regarding our new Member survey. We are trying to make our Club more productive in our efforts to help the kids in our Community. From our Survey we are trying to determine the reasons that most of you do not attend our weekly lunches or participate in our activities. It seems to be the same 15 people that attend lunches and activities. We would love your feedback. Did you know we have 43 members? We would like to increase participation in our Club along with increasing our membership base. So please spread the word that we are looking for New Members to Join our great Sauk Trails Optimist Club so we are able to help more Kids in the community.

If you need more information or want one of our Board Members to call your guest, please let us know and we would be happy to do so. If you would like to request a new member application please e-mail Gene Spindler genespindler@charter.net or 833-7244 and he will get you one.

Please watch for our upcoming Events and Activities and let us know which ones you would like to participate in. Thanks for listening and have a great February.

Kevin Campos, President 2008--09

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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 Optimist Club – STOC Board Meeting Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, January 14, 2009

Members in Attendance: President: Kevin Campos; Board Members: Bob Wortinger, Alison Scherer, Ray Schmitz, Kathy Johnson, Bill Monkemeyer; Club Members: Greg Hermus; Past President: Rick Thomas; Secretary/Treasurer: Gene Spindler

Members Not Present: Vice-President, Carole Klopp; Board Member, Ricki Hoefler.

Kevin Campos called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

The minutes of the November 11, 2009 Board Meeting were discussed. A motion was made (Bob Wortinger), seconded (Alison Scherer) and passed to approve the minutes of the November Board Meeting.

The Financial Report through December 31, 2008 was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the information provided. A draft copy of the 2008-09 budget was also provided to the members present. A motion was made (Ray Schmidt), seconded (Kathy Johnson) to accept the financial report presented. The Budget will be discussed at the February Board Meeting.

The JOOI Club had members present and they presented information on the Run/Walk that will be held in May 2009. Their goal is to raise \$15,000 from this activity.

Kevin Campos gave the President's Report. There were no new members to accept. There was discussion on how to increase Club membership. It was decided that we need to define ourselves as a Club before recruiting new members. It was also mentioned that we need to focus on membership and structure.

Greg Hermus provided an update on the Harlem Ambassadors. Currently the location for this activity is being evaluated. Possible locations include Middleton High School, Memorial High School and a possible location in Verona.

On Committee updates it was reported that the Koeze nut Fund Raiser had generated about \$1,700 in income over expenses. Several payments are still due. Discussion on Member minimum commitments and activity will be on the agenda for the February Board meeting. It was mentioned that the Progressive Dinner all locations in place and will be held on February 8th.

A motion was made (Greg Hermus), seconded (Rick Thomas) and passed to adjourn, at 5:50. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting is set for **TUESDAY, 4:45 on February 3rd at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.**

Gene Spindler, Secretary/Treasurer 2008-2009

SWIS 0809 Conferences

2 nd Qtr	Feb. 6 th - 7 th	Radisson, Madison
3 rd Qtr	May 1 st - 2 nd	Kalahari, Wis. Dells
4 th Qtr	Aug 7 th - 8 th	Turner Hall, Monroe

STOC Officers and Board Members Need to coordinate so there is representation to acquire the information at each of these pre-scheduled SWIS Conferences.

New Project - Baby and Birthday Kits for M.O.M

A new project we have decided to support is purchasing items for new baby kits and children's birthday kits for the Middleton Outreach Ministry. Families who receive support from M.O.M. do not have the means to purchase items so their children can have a basic birthday party with their friends. Also, it is difficult to afford some of the essential items needed for new babies. The project involves shopping for these items (possibly on a quarterly basis), assembling the kits and delivering to M.O.M. where they are made available to the families. Anyone interested in assisting with this project, please contact Ricki Hoefler (833-6268 after 5pm and weekends at home or philricki@aol.com).

Ricki Hoefler, STOC Optimist

SPEAKER SCHEDULE

Date	Speaker	Topic	Babes Noon Lunch
Feb. 4 th	Student of Month (from Jan)	Student Shares	Rueben or ½ Caesar Salad
Feb. 11 th	Steve Lien	Walbridge School	Fish Tacos or Chicken Taco Salad
Feb. 18 th	Marilynn Lawler	Independent Living	Chicken Pita or Beef Taco Salad
Feb. 25 th	Social/Student of Month Feb.	Student Shares	BLT or Buffalo Chicken Salad
Mar 4 th	Mary Dowling	Sharing Resources Worldwide	½ French Dip or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
Mar 11 th	TBA		Fish Sandwich or Beef Taco Salad
Mar 18 th	Donna Gray	"Never Quit..." author	Turkey & Swiss or ½ Cobb Salad
Mar 25 th	Social/Student of Month Mar	Student Shares	Rueben or Chicken Taco Salad
Apr 1 st	TBA		
Apr 8 th	TBA		
Apr 15 th	Cindy Herbst	Restoring Hope Transplant House	
Apr 22 nd	Social/Student of Month Apr	Student Shares	
Apr 29 th	TBA		

January 2009 JOOI Club Update

The return from winter break and finals week made for an abbreviated month for the JOOI Club. They mainly worked on planning projects for the rest of the year. Some of the upcoming highlights include: Better Life Run/Walk, Ronald McDonald House meals, SPIRIT Day, Daffodil days, and visits to a retirement community. If you are aware of a need and/or would like to help with a project, please contact one of the JOOI advisers to make them aware of any possibilities.

Rick Thomas, JOOI Co-Chair

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for BOOTH at WIAA Wrestling Tournament

In the fall of 2008 our club had volunteers at the UW Booth for football games, which is one of our fundraisers. In conjunction with that opportunity, there is a need for our club to have 6 volunteers for the WIAA Wrestling Tournament on February 26, 27, and 28th. (*This is in conjunction with the Downtown Optimist Club*).

There is a need for 6 volunteers for each of the following time frames:

Thursday, February 26th	12:30 - 5:30 PM
Thursday, February 26th	5:30 - 10:30 PM
Friday, February 27th	5:30 - 10:30 PM
Saturday, February 28th	8:30 - 1:30 PM
Saturday, February 28th	1:30 - 5:30 PM
Saturday, February 28th	5:30 - 10:30 PM

Steve Bailey will be 1 of the 6 at most all of these time frames. Please contact Steve to let him know which of these times you can volunteer to help at the concession stand at the Kohl Center for the WIAA Wrestling Tournament.

Steve Bailey 271-5537 (W) 238-8535 (H)
SBailey100@aol.com

American Players Theater Possible Social Event

American Players Theater 2009! We had a great time at APT last fall and there's been enough interest in doing a play again in 2009. Comedy of Errors, one of Shakespeare's timeless comedies, is the play we've chosen for this summer. Specific dates aren't announced yet, but we're aiming for a Saturday evening in August.

We'll be ordering tickets soon and just need to know who is tentatively interested in going so we have a rough idea of how many tickets to order. This isn't a firm commitment on your part, but just an indication. Please contact/email Kathy Johnson at kjohnson@rmstrategies.net or 663-9032 if you are interested.

Kathy Johnson, Social Chair

Sauk Trails Progressive Dinner Scheduled for Sunday, February 8th, 2009

Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 8th 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 Kathy Johnson at: kjohnson@rmstrategies.net or on a continuing sign-up at lunch.

Directions: Off of Mineral Point Road, turn Left onto County M, go about 4 miles, then make a Left Turn onto Cross Country Road and go 1.1 miles and then a left onto East Pass, and then left onto Arctic Fox Drive (all .1 of a mile turns).

Barb & Tim Mulcahy's Home: **Appetizers** **From 3:30 - 5:00 PM**
7302 Arctic Fox Drive
Madison, WI Cell Phone: 513-6965



Directions: Go back to County Road M, turn right and go 2 miles, turn right on Mid-Town Road. Go .7 miles and turn left onto Legacy Lane for .1 of a mile.

Christian & Jill Gridley's Home **Main Entree:** **From 5:00 - 6:30 PM**
1702 Legacy Lane
Madison, WI Cell Phone 358-7532



Directions: Go back on Legacy toward Mid-Town Road. Turn Left onto Mid-Town Road, go .6 of a mile, turn right onto Gammon, go .1 of a mile and left turn onto Raymond Road, make an immediate right onto Muirfield Road, go .8 of a mile, then left onto Carnwood Road .1 of a mile, and then right onto Greenway Trail, go .1 of a mile, left onto Chelsea Street, go .1 of a mile, and then right onto Jason Place.

Bill and Johnna Monkemeyer's Home **Dessert:** **From 6:30 - 8:00 PM**
3022 Jason Place
Madison, WI Home Phone: 848-4871



All of these homes are in the PD area of Madison. See directions above or use www.mapquest.com. If you can only make some of the houses and time frames, please come to those.

**A special thank you to the host families, we appreciate your involvement.
Hope to see everyone there.**

Happy Birthday

Bonnie Spindler

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Sauk Trails Club Website

There have been 23 Optimists who have signed up for the Sauk Trails Website. If you haven't already signed-up, please respond to the INVITE received. (*Need another Invite, contact John Scherer.*)