

## Sauk Trails Optimist Club, Ltd.

**MAKE a DIFFERENCE: SUPPORT YOUTH !**

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### March 2002 President Notes

February has been an exciting month. Salt Lake 2002 Olympic games have athletes from all over the world 'Going for the Gold'. With tremendous amounts of energy and passion for their sport, each athlete takes full responsibility for their performance and does their very best. Olympic athletes have tremendous support in their quest for personal and/or team achievement.

March 2002 offers opportunity for our local basketball athletes. Tri-Star involves competition by age group and gender in shooting, passing and dribbling contests. The idea is to generate enthusiasm among youth about participation in sports and reward them for their efforts. Special Olympics Basketball Tournament provides athletes an opportunity to participate in a team sport and do their very best. There are many more events planned for 2002.

Our desire may not have been to participate or be there physically to support athletes at Salt Lake, but we can 'Make a Difference: Supporting Youth' in our local events. Whether its individual or team achievement, Optimists provide leadership, inspiration, experience, energy, enthusiasm, and have fun; in return receive more back personally than they could ever give. As an Optimist or a future Optimist, we all "Go for the Gold" through our actions and thoughts, how we lead our lives, and the differences we make by supporting others along the way.

Bonnie Spindler

**Mountain Jacks Closed!!  
Optimist Luncheons Moved to a  
Different Location...to be Determined  
More Information Coming Soon!!!**



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# Sauk Trails Optimist Board Minutes

## February 14, 2002



### Members in Attendance:

President: Bonnie Spindler  
Vice-President: Brian Fisher.  
Past President: Caroline Heath  
Board members: Gail Koehler, Jared Holthe, Greg Hermus, Laura Wilson,  
Members: Chuck Koehler, Mary Norrbom.  
(Minutes taken by Gail Koehler, formatted by Bonnie Spindler)

### Secretary / Treasurer's Report:

President Bonnie Spindler called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

- A motion was made by Brian, seconded by Greg & passed to approve the January 2002 board minutes.
- A motion was made by Brian, seconded by Jared & passed to approve the January 2002 Treasurer's Report.

### Presidents Report:

Newsletter Articles Due: Bonnie reminded everyone that newsletter items are due to Jessica by 2/20/2002.

Zone Meeting Update: Bonnie & Caroline attend a Zone Meeting on 1/16/2002. Information was acquired on upcoming events: District Conference > Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>; Oratorical Contest > April/May; other events.

District Conference Update: 5 members and 2 JOOI representatives attended the District Conference in Waukesha on Feb. 8-9<sup>th</sup>. Various meetings, training, videos, awards, club honors, meeting other Optimists, a full agenda occurred.

HONOR CLUB Needs Help: The club needs a minimum of 2 applications before March 31<sup>st</sup> to maintain Honor Club

Nominating Committee: Past Presidents will be meeting March 6<sup>th</sup>, 12:45 to make recommendations for 2002-3 officers.

STOC Optimist Policies: Bonnie has updated the policies and placed them out on the Sauk Trails Optimist Website.

MASCC > Madison Area Service Club Council: Bonnie met for John Scherer (our MASCC Rep). Plan on TV Club advertising starting in April 2002. Sauk Trails has been updated in Chamber of Commerce publications, further publicity.

### Youth Projects:

Oratorical Contest: Committee of Bonnie Spindler, Ricki Hoefer, Chris Strub, Karen Morris are busy getting applications of boys/girls less than 16 years old. Club Contest is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>, Zone Contest mid April, District Contest May 4<sup>th</sup>. Committee will work with those interested in speaking workshops, practices. Need judges, timekeepers.

Safety on Wheels: Chuck Koehler prepared a listing of tasks that need to be done and presented it. Brian Fisher, coordinator, with Mark Kraemer & Chuck's help are planning for May 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>, same location as last year or nearby. JOOI kids will be helping, along with members. There will be more information coming in the newsletter.

Junior Golf League: Rick Tiedemann, coordinator. Presentation, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> lunch meeting by Dick Schulze, Chairperson Jr. Golf Tourney. Committee has many volunteers, who will be contacted for this early summer activity.

Tri-Star Basketball: Greg Hermus, coordinator. Scheduled March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Stoner Prairie Elementary, evaluating passing, shooting, dribbling boys and girls ages 8 to 13. Medals/certificates (approved) will be awarded, many volunteers needed. First place winners for each age and gender can compete at Wisconsin District Contest, March 23<sup>rd</sup> in Brookfield Schools. First place winners can participate at Brookfield, can ask for \$15 reimbursement from club when they attend. (Approved).

JOOI Club / Member Activity: Mary Norrbom, coordinator. Scheduled April 13<sup>th</sup>, tentative idea Rocky's Pizza, Millionaire type games, more information coming, see newsletter for more updates / details.

Special Olympics Basketball: Mitch Hagens, coordinator. Scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>. Need skilled referees, timers, scorekeepers (WIAA high school rules). See newsletter for more information.

HOBYS Support: Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar, requesting \$175 for a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student to attend in June 2002. Plan to have HOBYS speak at lunch meeting soon, and then determine for 1 or 2 students to sponsor.

Memorial Neighborhood Support: Presentation on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, currently have large grant, decided we support currently a lot through the JOOI program. No donation approved at this time, but could be in the future.

JOOI International Convention Support: Mary Norrbom indicated a need for some support, along with JOOI fundraisers, for the July convention in Indianapolis. She'll be finding out how many JOOI kids are interested and report back. The club will pay a portion of those expenses for those attending, to be determined at future meetings.

### Sauk Trails Optimist Club Business:

Optimist of the Month, March 2002: Lori Handel or Dale Kalscheur (Bonnie will contact and schedule)

NOW Meeting, March 19<sup>th</sup>: John Wyttenbach, Governor speaker, Westside club, h'orderves, time to be determined. More information in newsletter, need to invite potential members, contact Rick Thomas, Membership Chair.

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter District Meeting: Scheduled, May 3-4<sup>th</sup>, Chula Vista, and more information in newsletter.

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter NOW Meeting: Tentative schedule, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

VP Needed for Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> lunch meeting: Bonnie will contact the VP's, Brian and Rick on who can run lunch meeting.

Next board meeting: March 14<sup>th</sup>, Baymont Motel, 4:30 - 5:45 PM. Meeting adjourned: 5:45 PM

## Special Olympics Unified Basketball Tournament

It will be held at the Keva Sports Center in Middleton on Saturday, March 16, 2002. Games will be conducted on three courts, starting at 9, 10 and 11 am. We have been invited to provide volunteers to help with scorekeeping (running the clock and book), charting shots and officiating. Volunteers should contact me during a weekly meeting or by e-mail. I have three Optimists signed up so far, and several non-Optimists have also expressed an interest. Volunteers are expected to be at the Keva Sports Center by 8:15 am and stay through the morning.



Mitch Hagens

## Oratorical Contest

The Oratorical Committee has received applications from interested boys and girls who will be competing for monetary prizes and medallions for our Sauk Trails Club Contest. The contest will be April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Middleton District Administration Center on South Avenue. .



Members of the committee have taken active roles in: Presenting the program to various Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Memorial Highschool; Optimist parents and others. After acquiring names of those interested, there is continuing follow-up with all of the youth on: Rules; various dates; schedules of requirements for speech; practice sessions; suggestions by committee members and other administrative details.

The first place boy and girl winners from the Club Contest on April 4<sup>th</sup> will present their speeches at an April 10<sup>th</sup> lunch. They will also participate in the Zone Contest on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Winners there compete for \$1500 scholarships at the District Conference on May 4<sup>th</sup>, at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells. Come and support our participants and winners at the various contests. There will be more information coming as the committee proceeds.

Bonnie Spindler

## April Newsletter Deadline March 20th

Please email Jessica at [jesso1016@hotmail.com](mailto:jesso1016@hotmail.com)  
with articles

## Chris Strub

### Optimist of the Month of March

I am currently working as a Substitute Teacher at Preschool of the Arts, Local Coordinator for a foreign exchange program and Assistant Bar Manager/Tour guide at Capital Brewery. Besides my three part-time jobs I keep very busy with my lovely 6 year old daughter, Lauren. She attends Crestwood Elementary and I volunteer with Art Appreciation, Garden Club & Field Trips. I also am hosting a 15-year old boy from Korea, Chang-Mo (Michael). He is a very pleasant kid & fits into our family very well. My brief history...I grew up on a dairy farm in Southeastern Minnesota, I attended the University of MN, Minneapolis and was probably the last person to receive an Associates Degree there. I received my Bachelors of Arts in Liberal Studies at La Sierra Univ. in Riverside, CA. After living on the East Coast & West Coast, I've decided to settle in the Midwest. For the rest of the eclectic details of my life come to the March meetings for the "live" bio!

## Kevin Wichman

### New Member

Married to Jane for 16 years. Two Children Ayssa 10 yr old; Travis 8 yr old. Thunder 1yr old Golden Retriever.

Coach basketball for Alyssa's fifth grade team and coach Travis' third grade basketball team.

Jane and I are also Travis' Cub Scout leaders. Members of Good Shepherd Lutheran church, Blackhawk Ski Club, and involved in numerous Businessendeavors.

About 14 capitols shy of touring all 50 capitols in the country, enjoy sports, and sport memorabilia collecting. Glad to be a member of the Sauk Trails OptimistClub.

## March Birthdays



2	Jason Kadow
5	Kevin Campos
10	Brinda Stratton
27	Wayne Wilson
31	Gene Spindler

## Optimist E-Mail Activity:

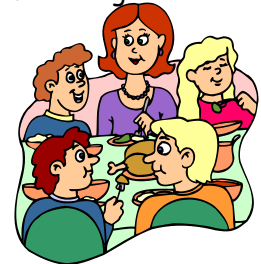
There are a lot of Optimists who use their business address to receive e-mail. If you e-mail to everyone for an Optimist event or project, respect the business environment by keeping messages short and to the point. Also, avoid sending out e-mail messages to all other Optimists on subjects that are not related to the Optimist program.

Thanks  
Bonnie Spindler

## NOW (New Optimist Wanted):

John Wytttenbach, our SWIS Governor, will be our speaker at an early evening NOW Meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>. (This will be in place of the noon lunch at Mt. Jack's). Who do you know that could be a future Optimist? Maybe it's a neighbor, old friend, co-worker, bowling buddy, anyone you know who would enjoy supporting youth. Give their names to Rick Thomas, our Membership Chairperson, by **Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**. Rick will be sending out NOW invitations early that week, so a follow-up phone call can occur later in the week. Following are details for the early evening NOW meeting:

**Date:** Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> (Notice Update on Date from the 19<sup>th</sup>)  
**Location:** West Side Club, 437 County Trunk M  
**Time:** 5:30 Cash Bar & Socializing  
 6:00 Light Dinner Meal \$8.00  
 6:15 NOW Presentation, John Wytttenbach, SWIS Governor  
 7:00 Socializing with members and future members



There will be initial sign-up sheets at the March 13<sup>th</sup> lunch of members coming and anyone that they're inviting. If you can't sign-up at the lunch, could you e-mail or call Rick Thomas to let him know if your planning on attending. The final count to the West Side Club will need to be made by **Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**.

John Wytttenbach, our SWIS Governor, is a very dynamic speaker. He's been at various levels in the Optimist organization over the years, including the President of the Monroe Optimist Club. He has his own business in Monroe, and uses the same leadership training videos with his employees as are used at the district conferences. If its difficult for you to make the noon lunches, this gives you a great opportunity to come, bring a guest, and visit with your friends. Please come and support your club and meet John, even if you don't have a guest.

Bonnie Spindler

## Student of the Month for February Marci Foltz

- Captain of the Soccer Team
- Member of the National Honor Society
- Member of the French Club
- Has spent 3 summers doing Mission Trips
- Tutors at Memorial High School

## Student of the Month for March Scott Peterson

## Special Thank You's:

- **Chris Strub, & Social Committee** - Capitol Brewery Tour
- **Greg Hermus** - Tri-Star Basketball
- **Mitch Hagens** - Special Olympics Basketball
- **Mark Kraemer** - Obtaining West Side, NOW Meeting
- **Chuck Koehler** - Documentation, Safety on Wheels
- **Bonnie Spindler** - Helping with the Newsletter
- **Laura Wilson** - Putting together the Luncheon Schedule



**Sauk Trails Optimist Club, Ltd. -****Membership Roster****March 2002**

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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.