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Sauk Trails Optimist Club

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

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Sauk Trails Optimists:

At the start of every year it is prudent to look back at your accomplishments of the prior year and look forward to the year that is to come. As an Optimist club we accomplished great things in 2007. We ran successful programs in the following areas: Oratorical Contest, Essay Contest, Tri-Star Basketball, Special Olympics Track and Field Meet, Special Olympics bowling, Ice-Age Trail and Earth Day Events, Youth Community Service Scholarships, Ronald McDonald House Meals, first place in the Service Club Olympics, Christmas gifts for a needy family and a highly successful JOOI program with over 150 members. We had a member of the JOOI club elected to the international JOOI Board of Directors! We even had our member, Bonnie Spindler, chosen to be a Lieutenant Governor of SWIS district. These are just some of our many successes.

It is going to be very hard to top our accomplishments, but I can see several ways it can be done. **First**, we need to energize our current membership with new service opportunities. It is time we look at adding some new programs that our current membership can get excited about. **Second**, we need to add new members to the club. We should aim to add one member per month throughout the year. To do this we need you to attend the lunch meetings and bring a guest! You know we do great things in this community; share it with someone else. **Third**, we need everyone to become active in the committee they were assigned to. Many hands make for light work. If you get involved you will get a lot more out of your club. **Finally**, we need to continue to have fun serving the youth in our community. 2007 was a great year, but I am optimistic that 2008 can be a lot better!

Rick Thomas,
Club President 2007 - 2008

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Members in Attendance:

President:	Rick Thomas
Past President	Greg Hermus
Sec/Treasurer	Gene Spindler
VP & Board Members:	Barb Mulcahy, Kevin Campos, Ricki Hoefler, Ray Schmitz, and Bill Monkemeyer
Not Present:	Carole Klopp, Kathy Johnson, and Bob Wortinger

SWIS – Southern Wisconsin Conferences

February 8 th – 9 th , 2008	Madison
May 2 nd – 3 rd , 2008	Wis. Dells
August 2 nd – 3 rd , 2008	Racine

**Sauk Trails Optimist Club Board Meeting Minutes,
Keller Williams, 12/18/2007**

Rick Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:25 pm.

The minutes of the November 13, 2007 Board Meeting were discussed. A motion was made (Barb Mulcahy), seconded (Greg Hermus) and passed to approve the minutes of the September Board meeting.

The Financial Report through November 30, 2007 was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the information provided. A motion was made (Ray Schmidt), seconded (Barb Mulcahy) and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Rick gave the President's Report. There were no new members to accept. The board voted to drop two members, Phil Schrabek and Joe Marty, per their request. The Boards also requested that Joe Marty be asked to pay dues for July through September of 2007 since his request to be dropped was received after the Dues statement for October-December of 2008 was mailed. It was reported that volunteers were needed for the date of December 22nd. It was reported that Shopping for the Family was complete. The Board discussed whether to continue with Babe's after December. No action was taken and Rick Thomas would check to see if The West Side Club could accommodate our club on Wednesday's.

On Committee updates it was reported that the JOOI Club raised \$700 at the Alternative Gift Fair. Greg Hermus provided information to the Board about the Harlem Ambassadors as a fundraiser. They are available in our area during September 2008. Further work will be done to consider this as a fund raiser on September 14th, 21st or 28th depending on location availability, sponsors and no conflicts with Packer home games. The Projects Committee will meet on January 3rd.

A request was received to make a donation to the People to People Ambassador Program. A motion was made (Greg Hermus), Seconded (Ricki Hoefler) and passed to donate \$100 to this organization

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting **is set for 4:30 on Tuesday, January 8th at Keller Williams-Three Park Place.**

Gene Spindler, Secretary/Treasurer 2007-2008

Sauk Trails Club Officers

President
Rick Thomas

Secretary/Treasurer
Gene Spindler

Past President
Greg Hermus

Vice Presidents
Barb Mulcahy
Kevin Campos

Board of Directors
Ricki Hoefler
Bob Wortinger
Bill Monkemeyer
Carole Klopp
Kathy Johnson
Ray Schmitz

FUTURE BOARD Meetings, 4:30 PM

January 8th, 2008
February 12th, 2008
March 11th, 2008
April 8th, 2008
May 13th, 2008



January 2008 Schedule:

January 2nd Lunch Babe's, 11:45
 January 8th 4:30 PM Board Meeting
 January 9th Lunch Babe's, 11:45 am
 January 15th Kenosha Not Quite Chicago at the West Side Club for those signed-up
 January 16th Lunch Babe's, 11:45 am (FRONT AREA)
 January 23rd Babes, 11:45 am
 January 30th Babes, 11:45 am

Ronald McDonald House Meal

The next meal we will prepare will be in, date to be determined in January. If you have interest in helping with this project in the future, please contact Rick Thomas at 212-7582 or jathoma2@wisc.edu.

STUDENT of Month 2008 Dates
 January 30th; February 20th; March 26th;
 April 16th; May 14th.

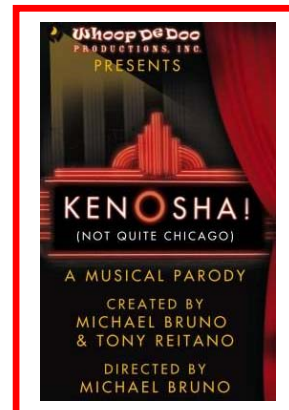
DATES	Location	Speaker	Topic	Lunch
January 2 nd	<u>BABES CANCELLED</u>			NA
January 9 th	<u>Babes</u>	Steve Puckette	"How Your Wired", Exercise Information	Chicken Pita Wrap or Chicken Taco Salad
January 15 th	<u>WestSide Club</u>	Whoop Dee Doo Production	KENOSHA, NOT QUITE CHICAGO	(See below)
January 16 th	<u>Babes in the Atrium</u>	Social	Holiday Family Stories	Club Wrap or Beef Taco Salad
January 23 rd	<u>Babes</u>	Marcia Whittington	Gilda's Club	Cajun Chicken Sandwich or ½ Cobb Salad
January 30 th	<u>Babes</u>	January Student of the Month	Student of Month Shares	Club Wrap or Beef Taco Salad
February 6 th	<u>Babes</u>	John Olson	Madison Foundation	Chicken Sandwich or Chicken Taco Salad
February 13 th	<u>Babes</u>	TBA	TBA	Fish Sandwich or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
February 20 th	<u>Babes</u>	February Student of the Month	Student of Month Shares	BLT or ½ Cobb Salad
February 27 th	<u>Babes</u>	Dave and Mary Olson	National Pork Board	Club Sandwich or Beef Taco Salad
March 5 th	<u>Babes</u>	Neal Kunde	New technology for your home/business.	Turkey & Swiss or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
March 12 th	<u>Babes</u>	Tentative Oratorical Contest	Students give their Oratorical Speech for judging	BBQ Chicken Sandwich or ½ Chicken Caesar Salad

KENOSHA (NOT QUITE CHICAGO)

The social committee has planned an enjoyable evening of dinner and theatre on Tuesday, January 15th at the Westside Club/Queen Anne's at the corner of Mineral Point and Hwy M. The Whoop Dee Doo Production Kenosha, "Not Quite Chicago" is a parody of the play Chicago and is destined to be a huge hit. This will be the opening night production, and should be a lot of fun. The price for dinner and the show will be **\$24.00**. For those who have decided to go, reservations were made by December 31st.

Happy
 Birthday

Kathy Johnson	1 - 2
Greg Hermus	1 - 6
Jill Thomas	1 -28





ORNAMENT EXCHANGE on December 19th, 2007 at Babe's.



New Member, Pat Beiersdorf purchased presents for 5 members of the Sauk Trails Christmas Family. The Mom & Dad, 2 teenage girls, and a 3-year-old boy received them before the holidays. THANKS Pat.

Morgan Spindler, (1 ½) enjoys spending a holiday day with grandparents, Gene & Bonnie.



Jim & Dee Judd, former club members, enjoy the holidays in sunny Florida.



Sauk Trails Progressive Dinner Sunday, February 17th, 2007

Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 17th! We are holding the annual Sauk Trails Progressive Dinner for the winter 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 Kathy Johnson at: kjohnson@rmstrategies.net or on a continuing sign-up at lunch.

Appetizers: 3:30 – 5:00 PM

Mark & Kathy Kraemer's Home

3513 Field Crest Way

Madison, WI Phone: Home Phone: 848-6899

Heading South on Verona Road, turn (right) on Hwy PD a/k/a McKee Rd. – 1.9 miles and turn (left) on Country Grove Drive - .5 miles (right) on Field Crest Way – 2nd house on left, **3513 Field Crest Way**.

Heading toward Verona on Hwy M, turn (left on Hwy PD a/k/a McKee Rd. – 1.1 miles and turn (right) on Country Grove Drive - .5 miles (right) on Field Crest Way – 2nd house on left, **3513 Field Crest Way**.

Main/Salad: 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Barb & Tim Mulcahy's Home:

7302 Arctic Fox Drive

Madison, WI Cell Phone: 513-6965

From Kraemer's to Mulcahy's, $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. South on Field Crest Drive, turn left on to Mammoth Trail, turn right on to East Pass, right onto Artic Fox Drive to **7302 Arctic Fox Drive**.

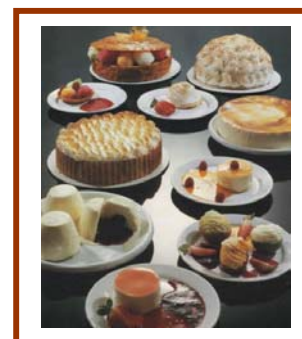
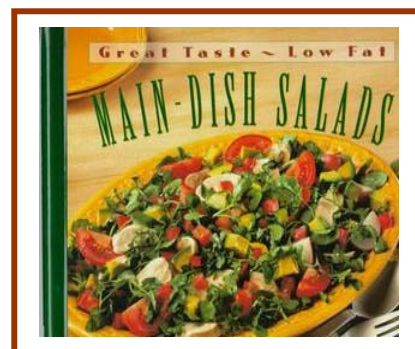
Dessert: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Kathy Johnson's Home

3254 Stone Creek Drive

Madison, WI Cell Phone: 513-7527

From Mulcahy's to Johnson's, 1.16 miles, Go East on Arctic Drive and turn left on to East Pass. Go .9 of a mile and turn left on to Stone Creek Drive to **3254 Stone Creek Drive**.



All of these homes are in the PD/Maple Grove area of Madison. See directions above or use www.mapquest.com to determine directions to an individual house if you can come later.

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!

UW Badger Band Concert! April 19th, at the Kohl Center!

Tickets need to be ordered **BEFORE January 11th** for Saturday, April 19th at 7:30 PM for the UW Badger Band Concert. Any optimist and spouse/significant other, need to contact Barb Mulcahy at: barbara.mulcahy@crossplainsbank.com or sign-up at lunch on January 9th. Cost: \$20 / ticket.

Thanks Barb for coordinating sign ups, collecting money and distributing tickets and Kathy Johnson for acquiring the tickets.



Alternative Gift Fair

The JOOI club conducted Alternative Gift Fairs on December 1st and 15th, and on both days we had significant snowfall. Despite the bad weather, the Fairs raised over \$800 for local and international charities. Thank you to everyone who helped with this project. The students are already planning on how to make this even more successful next year.

Koeze Nut Wrap Up

We once again conducted a very successful Koeze Nut fundraising campaign. Our profits this year should exceed \$1600! A special thanks goes out to **Kathy Johnson and Ray Schmitz, our top two sales people.** Thank you to everyone who ordered and I hope you are enjoying your candy and nuts.

Step for Life Run/Walk

The Step for Life Run/Walk will be held in the spring, but some of the planning needs to start now. If you have knowledge of run/walks, marketing, getting sponsors (or if your business would like to be a sponsor), or event planning in general, we could use your help. **There will probably be some organizational meeting now, with more closer to the event.**

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

THANKS to ALL who participated with the JOOI youth in ringing the Salvation Army Bell in December.

Volunteer for Vets

Is there an Optimist who would like to assist the JOOI Community Team to connect with the Madison Veterans Hospital? We know there are many volunteer opportunities that our JOOI students could be involved in and only need an adult to help make the initial contact with the VA Hospital Volunteer Coordinator, meet with the committee chairs to outline possibilities and assist as a liaison with the VA Hospital's Volunteer Coordinator (all day time tasks that the kids cannot do as they are in school!). Interested? Please contact one of the JOOI leaders

JOOI VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNIES

The JOOI club is looking for adults to mentor them on their projects: who could meet once or twice per month to help with planning projects. The students need help finding sponsors and in promoting the events. The students can accommodate your schedule and arrange to meet with you after work. If you are unable to help organize one of these events, we still welcome your participation the day of. If you have any interest in helping with projects, contact Carole Klopp, Mary Schwartz, or Rick Thomas.

Sauk Trails Optimist Club, Ltd. - Membership Roster **January 2008**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Work No.</u>	<u>Home No.</u>	<u>Fax No.</u>	<u>E-Mail Address</u>
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Rick Thomas	Keller Williams Realty	212-7582	274-0528		jathoma2@facstaff.wisc.edu
Amy Tripp					No E-Mail
Bob Wortinger	Kiesling Associates	664-9110	829-3926	664-9112	Rwortinger@kiesling.com

A Place for Mom or Dad

There have been a lot of great speakers at lunches at Babe's. In case you missed it, in the Fall of 2007 we had speakers from "A Place for Mom". This organization is a free service helping families find assisted living communities, Alzheimer's care, nursing homes, respite care, retirement communities, residential care homes, homecare, and hospice care. They are proud to be the nation's largest eldercare referral service, helping thousands of families each month find the right eldercare resource for their loved ones with expert and personalized guidance.

You can call the Eldercare Advisor, Carrie Kirkpatrick at 866-333-6252 or e-mail carriek@aplaceformom.com for more information.

Oratorical Contest, 2008

The Sauk Trails Optimist Club will be again sponsoring an Oratorical Contest in 2008. Last year's winners were Abi Seshaderi and Sandra Krueger. We will be having the contest at our lunch meeting on **March 12th**. We are currently soliciting contestants and judges for this competition. The winners will compete for \$1,500 scholarships at the District Conference in May. This year's topic will be, "Why Me? Why Not?" *(If there are other clubs in Zone 6 who have entries, there will be a Zone Competition scheduled for late March / early April.)*. Club or Zone Winners are due to Jim Costanzo, SWIS Oratorical Chair, by April 21st, 2008 for May 3rd competition at the conference.

Essay Contest, 2008

The Sauk Trails Optimist Club will be again sponsoring an Essay Contest in 2008. We are currently soliciting contestants and judges for this competition. The winners will compete for a \$600 scholarship at the District level and up to \$6000 in scholarships at the national level. This year's topic will be, "Today's Choices Shape My Future" If you would be willing to judge the essays or know someone who is interested in the competition, please contact Rick Thomas at 212-7582. Essays are due to the club by **February 8th**. *(Club winners are due to Earl Brockman, SWIS Essay Chair, for District competition by February 29th, 2008.)*

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.