



Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



AUGUST 2010

**Summer Schedule: 1st Wed of Month,
5:30 PM Evening; 3rd Wed of Month,
11:45 – 12:45 Noon, SPRECHER'S,**



Greetings All!

Well, here it is August 1st and summer's almost gone! However, not before our hearty team of "athletes" took **FIRST PLACE** at the **Madison Area Service Club Olympics!** *Two special notes to pass on to all:* Greg Hermus did a fabulous job of organizing this event ONCE AGAIN! AND Bob Wortinger, with his partner (this year, Greg), WON his fourth consecutive Ping Pong tournament at the games. Way to go, Bob! If you weren't able to participate this year, never fear – you'll have your chance next year to be part of our winning team! (See more info AND pictures below!)

Meanwhile, the business of our club continues – meaning our meetings. In August we will still ONLY meet TWICE – in the **EVENING on Wednesday, August 4th (from 5:30 to 7pm)** AND at **LUNCH on Wednesday, August 18th at 11:45am.** Please get out your PDAs, calendars, phones – wherever you keep your schedule – and mark these dates now. Oh- and while you're at it, make sure you note that EVERY first Wednesday we'll have an evening meeting and the rest of the month will be lunches. This is an attempt to help those who cannot make lunches very readily have an opportunity to be with all of us.

Our biggest news this month, however, is getting our "Fitness Challenge" Fundraiser organized! Many thanks, again, to Kathy Johnson and Kevin Campos for they're untiring dedication to making this event happen. Your Board has decided that, if we all pitch in and help, this fundraiser will hopefully make enough to replace some of the smaller fundraisers we do! That's a great goal, but it will only happen if each of you signs up for a committee. So, check it out and don't hesitate to call Kathy or Kevin if you have any questions. Many hands will definitely make this event "sing"!

You're probably wondering now, what part of our creed works here? Why, that's easy! *To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.* We spent a lot of time this past month smiling – especially at the Olympics. Let's give Kathy and Kevin an even better reason to smile by signing up to help with our fundraiser!

So, there's a lot to do and I'm sure (dare I say Optimistic) that you'll pitch in and help! Oh, and remember – we still need to be inviting new folk to join our merry band of Optimists! (Jeff, our membership chair, will be even happier!) We've even got incentives for you (see below), so be sure to invite a friend to join us!

Optimistically Yours,
Carole Klopp, President
Sauk Trails Optimist Club

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 Sprecher's, July 7th , 2010

Members in Attendance: President: - Carole Klopp, Past President: Kevin Campos, Board Members: Jeff Hosking, Kathy Johnson. Optimist: Darrin Sharp, Bob Wortinger, John Scherer.

Not attending: Gene & Bonnie Spindler, Pat Beiersdorf, Ray Schmitz, Alison Scherer

Carole Klopp called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm on July 7th .

The minutes of the June 1st, 2010 Board Meeting, e-mailed to the board, were discussed. Motion was made and passed that the Newsletter be changed regarding the time of the basketball fundraiser. It currently says 2-5pm and it should **read 3-5pm**.

The Financial Report through May 31st, 2010 was e-mailed to the Board by Treasurer, Gene Spindler. A motion was made and passed to accept the treasurer report.

Two separate motions were made and passed to donate \$100 to Fishing Has No Boundaries and \$50 to Occupaws.

Board discussed the succession of VP to President in regards to the sitting VP becoming the Pres. elect. The discussion was tabled until the by-laws can be checked for proper terminology.

Oct 6th will be the new board induction.

Regarding the basketball fundraiser: WE will be having a free throw contest and jump rope contest. More details to come on both. We also need Committee chairs and volunteers to make this event run smoothly. There will be a letter mailed out on obtaining sponsorship. We are also looking at T-shirts and Jerseys for the players.

Madison Mallards game will be Saturday July 24th at 1pm.

Next board meeting is 8/4 (Wed) at 4:30 at Sprechers.

Darrin Sharp, Optimist
(Minutes taken in absence of Gene Spindler, Sec/Treas)

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Sept Newsletter Articles
Due by 08/30/2010

Sauk Trails Club Officers 09-10

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Vice President
Alison Scherer

Board of Directors

Jeff Hosking
Bob Wortinger
Kathy Johnson
Pat Beiersdorf
Bonnie Spindler
Ray Schmitz



ANY Sauk Trails Club Optimists

There should be club representation at each quarterly conference to acquire the information for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Please put these dates on your calendar and try to make at least one of these SWIS Conferences.

August 14th, 2010 **Pewaukee Radisson**
November 7th **Minneapolis, MN**

CHILDHOOD CANCER

Future sign-up dates for 2 Sauk Trails Optimist to help serve meals on Sunday's for Childhood Cancer families with West Madison Club Optimists are:

September 19th; October 17th; November 21st

This is a wonderful way to support those going through family cancer challenges. Sign-up will be coming in the future.

www.swisdistrict.org

www.optimist.org



Sauk Trails Evening Get-Together: On July 7th from 5:30 – 7:00 PM optimists and invited guests enjoyed appetizers, each other and found out more about the Optimist organization. The plan is to have a similar event, with more appetizers, the first Wednesday of each future month to help with membership.

Mallards Game: Six Optimists and four family and friends attended the Mallard’s game on Saturday afternoon **July 24**. Kevin Campos managed to get us seats directly behind home plate so we had a great view of the game and the seats were in the shade to boot, which was great as the as it was a scorching day out. Liv Sandberg was particularly happy to sit in the section where the vendors were selling peanuts, popcorn, sunflower seeds, and BEEF STICKS. In addition to the tickets being free, we all got a complimentary soda and hot dog as part of the reward for our success selling Bucky Books in 2009. The game was a lot of fun, and the Mallards did their part, beating the LaCrosse Loggers 4-1. Jeff Hosking and Russ Scott were particularly happy that the ‘Great Dane Beer Batter’ struck out in the 7th, meaning beers were ½ price for the next inning! Hopefully next year we can get out again to cheer on the Mallards and socialize with fellow Optimists. Thanks to Alison Scherer for organizing this event.

Reach a Child: Paul Gilbertson, speaker gave a very informative presentation of this program whose mission is: “To put a smile on the face of a Child in the time of need”. This program centers around providing children’s books to police officer, first responders in red backpack’s for them to give to children at the scene of an accident, fire, domestic disturbance or traumatic situations. Past Governor, Steve Bailey and Bonnie Spindler, Governor Elect nominee, will be looking into the future of this program as an OI initiative with presentation at a SWIS conference on Feb. 5th, 2011. (A video of the program will be sent for future



Date	Speaker	Topic	SPRECHERS Menu's
Aug 4th	EVENING Get-Together	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Hors d'oeuvres
Aug 18th	TBA	, summer programs	Menu 3
Sept. 1st	EVENING Get-Together	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Hors d'oeuvres
Sept 8 th	TBA	TBA (Menu 2
Sept 15 th	Fran Puleo TBA OR Diane Schwartz TBA	Monona Terrace Options. OR 'Get Kids Outside'	Menu 3
Sept 22 nd	TBA		Menu 4
Sept 29 th	Joanne Ganske, OI Rep	Optimist Incentives/Programs	Menu 1
Oct. 6th	All Optimists / Spouses / Significant Others Invited	EVENING Induction Banquet New Officers	Location: TBA
Oct. 13,20,27	TBA		
Nov. 17 th	MASCC Lunch, Alliant Ctr	NOON, Sprecher's CANCEL	

SPRECHER'S MENU CHOICES for Lunch

Lunch Cost: (\$12.00 includes entrée, beverage, tax, & tip)

Evening Hors d' oeuvres (\$12.00, includes soft drink beverage, tax & tip)

Menu 1	Menu 2	Menu 3	Menu 4
½ Sprechers Chicken Wrap, with side and soup	½ Roast Turkey Sandwich, with side and soup	Ratatouille with Soup	Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo with soup
Rueben with soup or side	Meatloaf with soup	Sprechers Chicken Sandwich with soup or side	Classic Cobb Salad
Chicken Caesar Salad with soup	Classic Cobb Salad with soup	Chicken Caesar Salad with soup	Pork Sliders with side and soup

**Optimist Club “Fitness Challenge” Fundraiser
Committee Sign Up**

- PR / Advertising** - to include PR, posters, other signage, reaching out to media, promotion, etc. This group would come up with graphics.

Chairperson: _____
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

- Sponsorship** - this group focuses ONLY on sponsorships and event program.

Chairperson: Bonnie Spindler
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

- Event Logistics - People** - concentrates on announcer, referees, coaches, teams, team prep and liability waivers

Chairperson: _____
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

- Event Logistics - Materials** - concentrates on tickets sales before and on game day, t-shirts, equipment, facility set-up and clean-up

Chairperson: _____
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

- Event Logistics - Facility** - concentrates on facility set-up, locker rooms, clean-up

Chairperson: _____
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

- Concessions** - determines food to be sold, obtains food, staffs the concession booth at the game

Chairperson: _____
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

- Raffle Coordination** - obtains prizes and coordinates at event

Chairperson: _____
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

- School Assembly** - promotes healthy, active life styles at event held for students at Memorial

Chairperson: Carole KLopp
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

**‘Fitness Challenge’
Fundraiser**

The Basketball ‘Optimist Club Fitness Challenge’ is planned for Saturday, Oct 30th from 3 – 5 pm at Memorial High School. All the profits from this event go to the Sauk Trails Optimists Youth & Community Foundation to provide funding for youth programs and scholarships.

What is your interest in serving on any one of these defined committees? A lot of hands make for a successful event. If you haven’t already volunteered for a committee, please contact Kevin or Kathy, Co-Coordiators.

A ‘general’ Bball Sponsorship letter and Application has been e-mailed to each of you. Please update that letter with the addresses of potential sponsors, which could be businesses, friends, organizations, etc. and US mail or e-mail to them along with the application. A follow-up will probably be needed with each letter distributed.

Any sponsors and donations that you receive, please send that information to Bonnie Spindler, who will keep a list of sponsors that will be used for programs & flyers.

Thanks for your future involvement in acquiring sponsors and volunteering on a committee to make this fundraiser a successful event.

Kevin Campos
Camposfinancial@gmail.com &
Kathy Johnson
kjohnson@RMStrategies.net
 Co-Chairs

Message From Club President: Because this fundraiser is **KEY** to our efforts to continue giving student scholarships AND assisting local, needy folk and organizations, the Board respectfully requests that **ALL** club members sign up for a spot on a committee. You’ll note that there are committees requiring your help BEFORE the event as well as for the DAY of the EVENT. It’s time to get out your STOC spirit and help!

Many thanks, Carole Klopp, President

Madison Area Service Club Olympics – MASCC, July 26 – 27th

LATE BREAKING NEWS: It s 7:05 and the Announcer at the Madison Area Service Club Olympics announces the following: **And the team winning 1st Place overall is Optimist, Sauk Trails.** The room bursts into applause (okay, it s all of us STOC standing and applauding) and the President runs up to the podium to accept the award!! WOW what a night!.

Congrats to all who participated and made this possible!! SPECIAL THANKS goes to Greg Hermus for his organizing talents and seeing things thru and thru!!!!!! Greg, we couldn't have done it without YOU! Special recognition ALSO to our **first place event finishers** John, BJ and Haywood in B-Ball; Alison and Liv in Cribbage; Bob and Greg in Ping Pong; and Jeff Hosking for Marshmallow Golf 213 feet! AND to Bonnie Spindler for adding 90 points by being the scorer! But, most of all, it was a ton of fun playing with all of you this afternoon- all 28 plus of us as we also got the High Efficiency Award (which Greg can explain to us at some later date! Lol). Here's many of us in our WINNERS Group Picture!

Cheers to all! **Carole Klopp**, Proudest President Ever



SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB 1st PLACE WINNERS at SERVICE CLUB OLYMPICS



Greg Hermus's Name Tags

Bowling Team:

Darrin Sharp, Brinda Mechan, Gene Spindler, BJ Bailey took 2nd Place

Billiards Team

John Scherer, Russ Scott, Jeff Hosking, Greg Hermus.

Congratulations to ALL! GOOD JOB!

**Membership Incentives:**

Sauk Trails Optimist Club is offering 'Sprecher Pub Cards' to the first 10 Optimists who bring in a new member. Optimist International is offering one year of no international dues if a member sponsors four members from Feb. 22nd - Sept. 30th. The SWIS District is offering the following:

- 1) Anyone sponsoring four new members from Feb. 22 – May 3 will have their name entered in a drawing at the 3rd quarter conference for a **\$50 gift card**.
- 2) Anyone sponsoring four new members from February 22 – September 30 will have their **10-11 district dues waived**.

Sauk Trails Newsletter Editor/Distributor Needed: There is a need to have a Sauk Trails Optimist continue with creating this monthly newsletter. I recently made the decision to become a candidate for SWIS Governor Elect for the 10-11 year and SWIS Governor for 11-12 year, to be determined at the August 14th SWIS Convention. If you have an interest, I can share with you what the process is and help with the transition. This is a great opportunity to help your club and become more involved with the various events and programs in future years. Please contact me if you have an interest. **Bonnie Spindler**, 833-7244 blspindler@charter.net