

## Sauk Trails Optimist Club, Ltd.

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### “Where Every Kid Counts”

My fellow Optimist,

Well another summer in Wisconsin is flying by. I hope that all of you are enjoying it. Although summer is not a busy time for Sauk Trails we have been active. I want to thank everyone that came out to the Duck Pond and enjoyed the tailgate party and Mallards game. It is always fun to spend time together and take a little break from the normal busy routine.

I also want to thank everyone for the great participation at Service Club Olympics. It truly was a fun day but we could not have done it without all of you. There were many highlights that I could mention from pool to golf but I have to say the comeback victory of our volleyball team has to be at the top of the list. Our very own Olympian of the Year Laurie Irwin coached the guys to victory, Congratulations. With all the fun and special times together we still fell just 25 points short of keeping the trophy for another year. Well lets all plan on getting it back next year. I would like to thank Jim and Dee Judd for all the work that you both have done over the years with Service Club Olympics. I would also like to thank my two VP's for their active involvement and leadership of this event, Tim Belter and Greg Hermus. I'm glad Tim is in shape because he did the running, biking events before playing tennis that day.

My year as president is winding down and soon I will be passing the role on to Tim Belter. I hope that you all can make plans to attend his upcoming induction banquet. I personally want to thank everyone for your help and involvement with Sauk Trails Optimist. There are better times ahead and I know that Tim will do a terrific job leading us.

I want to welcome the new members of our club and encourage you to get involved. You will not only be doing good things but having fun in the process. Let's all remember why we're involved and continue to spread the word of our club and the great things that we do for our community and the kids in it

Have a terrific summer

**Rick Tiedemann - President**

August 2004

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### TAIL-GATE & MALLARD'S GAME 'HUGE SUCCESS'

On July 22<sup>nd</sup> 18 Optimists attended the Tail Gate Party and Mallard's Baseball game. A **BIG Thank You to Jennifer Tiedemann** for organizing and preparing the food for the party. **Thanks to both Rick & Jennifer** for their hospitality that evening.

Another **BIG Thank You to Rick Thomas** for supplying the tickets for the game, it was really appreciated. Everyone had a great time and the Mallard's won 2 - 1.

## Sauk Trails Optimist Board Minutes Wilson Law Office, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004

### Members in Attendance:

**President:** Rick Tiedemann  
**Vice President:** Tim Belter  
**Board Members:** Ray Schmitz, Lori Handel, Alison Scherer  
**Treasurer:** Gene Spindler

President Rick Tiedemann called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

The financial report through June 30, 2002 was presented to the Board. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the financial report.

Tim reported on the status and participation of members for the Service Club Olympics. The Club will be represented in all events for SCO on July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

There was a discussion of "Halloween at the Zoo". Zoo officials asking if the Sauk Trails Optimist Club could handle all three days of this activity had contacted Ricki Hoefer. This item was discussed and the board thought that the Club should be able to handle the three days. There was concern about the participation of the JOOI Club on Friday because of school. The Halloween at the Zoo is scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup> is a non school day, so the board assumed that the JOOI Club would be available on Friday. This will be confirmed with Mary Norrbom.

There will be a social activity on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, a Madison Mallards baseball game. Rick will provide food and beverage for those who are able to attend.

In March, Mike Parpovich from Scenic Design had presented a fund raising idea to the Board. The program presented was "Terror on the Fox", a mobile haunted House Company. To use this, as a fundraiser would require a large up front cost. The Board decided not to use this as a fundraiser.

There was a brief discussion on the Club having a second Social Event this summer. No decision on what this activity would be was made.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm. **NEXT BOARD MEETING, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM, ALL NEW & CONTINUING OFFICERS SHOULD MARK THEIR CALENDAR. (Also: September 12<sup>th</sup>)**

**Secretary/Treasurer: Gene Spindler**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR for our ANNUAL SAUK TRAILS BANQUET**

**Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Babe's for an early evening induction and banquet of the new Sauk Trails Board. ALL Optimists and spouses and/or significant others, put that date on your calendar to support our new and continuing board members who will start their 2004-5 term in October 2004. The following will be inducted:**

<b>President Elect:</b>	<b>Tim Belter</b>
<b>Past President:</b>	<b>Rick Tiedemann</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Greg Hermus</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Pete Graven</b>
<b>Sec/ Treasurer:</b>	<b>Gene Spindler</b>
<b>Continuing Board Member:</b>	<b>Kevin Campos</b>
<b>Continuing Board Member:</b>	<b>Dale Kalscheur</b>
<b>Continuing Board Member:</b>	<b>Ray Schmitz (cont. for Pete Graven)</b>
<b>New Board Member:</b>	<b>Rick Thomas</b>
<b>New Board Member:</b>	<b>Sandy Fischer</b>
<b>New Board Member:</b>	<b>Jill Thomas</b>



### **Bob & Mindi Whiteis – Joining Sauk Trails Club**

We are Bob Whiteis, and Mindi Whiteis, new members of the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. We moved to Madison last year from Des Moines. I work as an independent contractor doing database programming. My wife, Mindi is a territory manager for IBM. We were married last year on May 17th and are expecting our first child on August 28th. We are both very excited about being new parents.

We were both involved in the Jaycees in Iowa; in fact that is how we met. Since moving to Madison we have wanted to get involved in another community organization. I found out about the Sauk Trail Optimist Club after talking to my neighbor, Greg Hermus. It sounds like a great organization and we are looking forward to participating in the Optimist Club's events and getting to know all the members.

**Bob & Mindi Whiteis**



### **Mike Milia – Joining Sauk Trails Club**

Hello everybody, my name is Mike Milia, I am one of the newer members of the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. I am 37 years old and have resided in the Madison area since 1990.

I own a real estate company called Advantage Real Estate, Inc. and have been in the real estate business for 12 years. I love what I do so I do not look at what I do as a job.

I enjoy all types of outdoor sports, hunting, fishing, hanging out with friends, riding my Harley, reading, and traveling.

I was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA and moved to a small town called Cashton, which is in the Sparta, WI area.

I enjoy what Madison has to offer and look forward to being an active member in the Sauk Trails Optimist Club.

**Mike Milia**

### **Lori Laufenberg Joins Sauk Trails Club**

Hi! I am Lori Laufenberg, a new member of the Optimists Club in July 2004. I was born and raised on a farm in Muscoda, WI the "Moral Mushroom Capitol." After one too many mushroom festivals, I went on to college in Platteville where I met my husband, Brian Laufenberg. We both graduated from UW-Platteville in 1997, he with a degree in civil engineering and myself with a business degree. We currently reside with our cat Spot, on the near west side of Madison, one mile from Camp Randall Stadium. Yes we usually do host a couple of tailgating parties in our backyard – look forward to the invitations!

After recently being laid off, I decided to join Heartland Benefits Group as a Senior Benefits Consultant and Managing Partner. I am very excited about this opportunity and look forward to helping individuals and small business owners grow and protect their business by implementing cost saving employee benefit plans. I have been involved in the insurance industry for the past 5 years and look forward to a career as a consultant in this field.

I decided to join the Optimists Club after attending a weekly luncheon and finding the members to be friendly, outgoing and very sincere in their desire to help community children. I look forward to getting involved and helping children realize their potential by helping their dreams come true!

**Lori Laufenberg**

## Caroline Heath - Leaving Sauk Trails Club

Caroline joined the STOC on August 8, 1994, making it almost a decade that she has served our club in one capacity or another. Jim Judd was president at the time, and the laid back, fun nature of our club was one of the reasons Caroline was eager to join.

Caroline served as a volunteer member for many years, and agreed to join the board soon after her induction. She was Vice President for Cheryl Vickroy and Mary Norrbom, becoming President in 2000-2001. Caroline was instrumental in maintaining club participation in the clown corp., which visited children in local hospitals and clinics. Caroline has contributed to the success of our club in the Service Club Olympics, taking first place in cribbage one year! Caroline also had a significant impact outside our club, serving as Lt. Governor.

We all wish Caroline good health and happiness on her journey to Virginia and best wishes with establishing a new club at her new destination. *(She will be continuing her membership in Sauk Trails to help with the new club establishment).* See her new US mail address below, e-mail to come.

Thanks for your commitment and devotion to the growth of the STOC Caroline, you can always count on us for support. Sauk Trails Members

**Caroline Heath**  
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### 2004 Olympian of the Year Laurie Irwin

The Madison Area Service Club Olympics Council selected Laurie Irwin as the 2004 Olympian of the Year. As a Director for Special Olympics, she has had the opportunity to supervise the training in seventeen different athletic events, as well as providing activities that help improve the overall social adjustment of the developmentally disabled individuals who participate in Special Olympics in this area. Besides her work with Special Olympics, she has been an active volunteer in our community, including helping at UW Women's sport events. She has been the director for 'Race for the Cure' for breast cancer for the past couple years and prior to that was responsible for the run.

Her overall involvement in the Madison community for the past 20 years has been a mixture of volunteer service as well as service related to her employment in athletics. She has greatly assisted individuals to improve their overall enjoyment of life and athletics, and the opportunity to develop both physical and social skills, thus becoming greater resources for the community.

Laurie was honored at the July 27<sup>th</sup> Service Club Olympics. Congratulate Laurie, a Sauk Trails Optimist, on receiving the honor of **2004 Olympian of the Year**.

**Jim Judd, 2001 Olympian of the Year**





## "Reaching the Hearts of Youth through Christian music"



### Sauk Trails Optimist, Jared Holthe sings Christian Music

Lifest was such a blessing this year to attend and be a part of. Sheri and I arrived on Thursday. We walked into the park to the tune of Casting Crowns, one of my favorite bands. Later that night, I was blessed with the opportunity to talk with Mark, the lead singer, and get his take on the whole Christian music scene. As I looked around, the festival was filled with thousands of youth. It was a blessing to see so many of them being encouraged by the messages from various speakers and bands. It is amazing to me how putting Gods Word to rock music can touch some of these kids who would otherwise be listening to music with such negative content. What a blessing. Probably the most difficult thing for me to stomach while at Lifest was the lack of modesty. Tight fitting belly shirts that said, "boy friend wanted", and shorts that read "gotcha!" across the bum just didn't seem appropriate at this kind of festival to me? But, that didn't seem to stop the vendors from selling them. They seemed to draw attention away from the Lord.

Friday was our gig day! We spent all morning getting things set up with our booth, and praying. If you were tuned in to WNWC that morning, you may have heard Anne put me on the spot when she asked me to sing something for her. That after noon we read the book of James, and then the 4 of us took the stage. There must have been probably 75-100 teens and adults that attended our concert. We had 45 minutes to sing nine songs. Afterwards, I had the opportunity to talk with a few of the teens that showed up to our gig. There was a whole youth group there from down in Iowa somewhere that were asking us to play at their church, and sign their CDs. That was pretty cool. After performing, we went from radio station to radio station doing interviews and Q&A talks. That night we got to spend 15 minutes talking one on one with the band Third Day, which was awesome. Certainly a day I will not soon forget.

The rest of the weekend was spent recovering from the two prior days. We got to go and see some of our favorite artists, and eat good nutritious food like funnel cake! If you would like to see some pictures of our event or check out some of the songs we sing go to [www.4told.com](http://www.4told.com). Also, we are selling CDs right on the site, or you can get them directly from me. Thank you for all your encouragement and support.

Lord bless, Jared

### SCRAPBOOK VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Starting in October 2004 – September 2005 there is a need for an Optimist to take and gather pictures from others and put together the Sauk Trails Scrapbook. Jill Thomas is the 2003-4 scrapbooks volunteer, but she is going on the board and would like to give it to someone else. If you're interested, contact either Jill or Tim Belter, future club president.

### SAUK TRAILS NEWSLETTER EDITOR / DISTRIBUTOR INTEREST

If you're interested in putting out this monthly Sauk Trails Newsletter, please contact me, Bonnie Spindler for details. This would require acquiring timely articles on past and future events, editing, formatting, putting in pictures / clipart, creating an ADOBE file, and distributing on a timely basis to ALL STOC Optimists. *(I can work with you on the transition and monthly article needs.)*

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR, OPTIMIST ACTIVITIES

## Bucky Books Fundraiser, September / October 2004

We'll be selling Bucky Books books again this year. The books sell for \$35 and have lots of great values from businesses in Madison, the Dells, and the surrounding communities. The club profits \$15 per book for our Sauk Trails Optimist youth fund. **If you choose not to buy a book for yourself or sell to friends, please consider donating the full \$35 to the youth fund. (It would be totally tax deductible.)**

Watch for an email with a prospecting letter the end of August. Books will be available around Labor Day, end of August / early September. Members can contact Rick Thomas at: 274-0528 to reserve copies for themselves, friends, and family.

### ALERT YOUR PROSPECTS AND FAMILY ABOUT THIS OPTIMIST FUNDRAISER.

Rick Thomas & John Scherer (co-chairs)

#### FOOTBALL BOOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Starting Labor Day weekend, the Sauk Trails Optimist Club will need **2 volunteers for each HOME game** to help sell hotdogs, pretzels, & soda at a booth. The money earned from this activity goes into the Youth Fund. Steve Bailey & his son BJ will be there most if not all Saturday's. The JOOI Club will have 4 kids there, so that leaves 2 each time to make the 8 volunteers which are needed.

**Check your calendar for the following HOME game dates: 9/4; 9/11; 9/25; 10/2; 10/23; 11/6.** Sign-ups will occur at lunch and by e-mail in August.

**Steve Bailey, Coordinator**

#### Halloween at the Zoo: October 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

There will be a need for many volunteers to cover the **3-day event**, which brings in over 4000 kids. More information and sign-up will occur in September & October.

**Ricki Hoefer, Coordinator**

#### SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL BANQUET & BOARD INDUCTION OF OFFICERS.

### Mark Your Calendar

#### Sauk Trails Speaker/Event Agenda, August 2004

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

Date	Place	Speaker/Event	Topic/Focus	Lunch
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Babes	Cheri Haines	Using Acu Pressure to relieve stress	BLT or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
August 9 <sup>th</sup> (Monday)	Wilson Law Office	Board Meeting, 5 – 6 PM	Current 2003-4 Board, New board members invited	--
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Babes	Terry Maraski	UW Club	Tuna Croissant or Cobb Salad
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Babes	Optimist of the Month	Social Event	Chicken Pita Wrap or Beef Taco Salad
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Babes	TBD	TBD	Grilled Cheese or Chicken Salad

## **FUTURE Southern Wisconsin - SWIS CONFERENCES, 2004-2005**

**October 1st** is the District-Wide First Quarter Zone Meeting at the Crowne Plaza on E. Washington Ave. in Madison, WI. All President-elects and Lt. Gov. Elects are aware of this and should have it on their calendar.

**SWIS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED DATES:** *(Officers should try to come).*

Oct. 29 – 30 <sup>th</sup> -	Port Washington
February 4 – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Madison, Sheraton
May 6 – 7 <sup>th</sup> -	Chula Vista, Wis. Dells
August 19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Country Inn in Waukesha, WI

### **‘General’ CALENDAR of EVENTS for Sauk Trails Optimist Club, 2004 – 2005** **(Other events determined by board during the year)**

- September:** Bucky Book Sales for Youth Fund  
Volunteer at Football Game ‘Stand’ for Youth Fund  
Annual Banquet / Officer Induction: **September 23<sup>rd</sup>**
- October:** Start monthly to Chaperone JOOI Club visits to Oakwood residents  
Student of the Month, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of Month, Oct - May <sup>(to be determined)</sup>  
Finalize Bucky Book Sales  
Start Koeze Nuts Sales  
Special Olympics Area Bowling  
Halloween at the Zoo: **October 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>**
- November:** MASCC Fall Lunch, **November 17<sup>th</sup>**, speaker on Hubble Telescope  
Special Olympics Regional Bowling  
Finish Koeze Nuts Sales
- December:** Salvation Army Bell Ringing with JOOI Club  
Christmas gift for the Needy – Magic 98.1  
Christmas Party Lunch: **Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>** <sup>(to be determined)</sup>
- January:** Skate with the Badgers, (based on interest)  
Start Oratorical Contest (based on interest)
- February:** Help with JOOI Club Oakwood Residents
- March:** Special Olympics Basketball  
Tri-Star Basketball
- April:** Safety on Wheels
- May:** Special Olympics Track – Oregon High School (May 7<sup>th</sup> to be determined)
- July/Aug** Service Club Olympics  
Annual Club Picnic / Get-together

## Service Club Olympics

“On July 26 & 27, several members of our club participated in the 2004 Madison Area Service Club Olympics. In the eleven years our club has been in existence, we have never finished below third place. In the recent three years, we have placed first. After a valiant effort by all participants, **we finished a close second this year.** This event rewards participation. The first place team beat us by only 25 points and won because they were the only club who participated in every event.

Of the 25 events, we placed:

**First** in Agility, 8-Ball Pool, Ping-Pong,  
Racquetball, Tennis, & Volleyball,

**Second** in Men and Women’s 5-K Run, Dinner,  
and Scrabble

**Third** in Women’s bowling.

In addition, we received 60 points for running Agility and 8-Ball Pool, 60 for being MASCC Treasurer and Events Chair, and 175 points for attending MASCC meetings. Our club’s total point total was **1,438.**

Congratulations to all who participated. Your efforts were greatly appreciated. I also want to thank Tim Belter for taking over as our club’s Service Club Olympic representative.

**Jim Judd, MASCC Treasurer & Events Chair”**





## An Optimistic Look At the Future

This year the Junior Optimist Octagon International (JOOI) Convention was held in St. Louis, Missouri. Four members of our Spartan Youth Service Team attended the convention. It was an excellent learning experience and a worthwhile trip. The people at the convention were from across the country. We met people from California, Kentucky, Iowa, and even Canada. Many of the people from Canada were French speaking and to help them understand speakers during general session meetings, there were French translators.

The itinerary for the convention included general meetings where JOOI members voted on passing amendments including changing the JOOI membership age to include those turning eighteen before the month of October so that seniors in high school could still continue being a member of JOOI before they graduate.

At these general meetings we would also hear inspirational speakers such as racecar driver Paul Dana. In addition to the general meetings, we had different workshops including ones on leadership, French, dance, and theater. These workshops gave people new ideas on how to spread optimism and service through unconventional and fun ways. Furthermore, they helped give people confidence and motivated them to become better leaders once they returned home to their clubs.

The convention also served as an election for the new JOOI board members and the new president of the club. Andrew Casey was elected club president of JOOI for 2004-2005. The convention did not just include meetings and workshops all day. On our second day in St. Louis, they took us to Six Flags amusement park where we spent half the day riding on roller coasters and it was an excellent way to become better friends with the people in our own club. The other team bonding experience we did was the service project at a local park where we picked up trash. One of the most valuable aspects of the convention was that it gave us the opportunity for our own club to organize events for the upcoming year. Not only did the convention help team building skills within the members of our own club, but we also had the privilege of making friends with junior optimists across the country. The talent show and the impromptu contest held at the end of the convention were wonderful ways of meeting new people.

The most meaningful part of the convention was meeting other young people who are equally as interested as us in spreading optimism and service. Their kindness, generosity, and overall, optimistic look at the world was inspirational and it left us all feeling content to know that are those in the world who value service and want to make the world a better place for all of us to live in.

**Swathi Damodaran, JOOI Club Officer**

### **REMINDER**

STOC Articles for the September Newsletter are due to Bonnie Spindler at [blspindler@charter.net](mailto:blspindler@charter.net) by August 25<sup>th</sup>

**Sauk Trails Optimist Club, Ltd. - Membership Roster July 2004 (UPDATES In RED)**

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# Happy Birthday

<u>Bob Wortinger</u>	<u>8/4</u>
<u>Daniel Gibson</u>	<u>8/6</u>
<u>BJ Bailey</u>	<u>8/7</u>
<u>Mitch Hagens</u>	<u>8/8</u>
<u>Jim Judd</u>	<u>8/10</u>
<u>Amy Tripp</u>	<u>8/21</u>
<u>Steve Bailey</u>	<u>8/28</u>
<u>Carrie Leonard</u>	<u>8/28</u>

Jim & Dee Judd become first time grandparents to Brooklyn Lee Judd. She was born on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 8 lbs 4 oz, 20 1/2" long, to Brian & Cari Judd.

John & Brinda Mecham welcomed Chase Kenneth Mecham, 7 lbs 15 oz, 19 1/2" long on Memorial Day, May 31st . Proud brother Jacob Stratton and sister Danielle Stratton, and grandpa Steve Bailey are all enjoying baby Chase.

## REMINDER

**Thursday Evening, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**ANNUAL BANQUET & BOARD INDUCTION of New and Continuing OFFICERS.** Please put that date on your calendar. More information will be coming.

## 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.