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Sauk Trails Optimist Club

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I BELIEVE 'In Tune With Kids'

Sauk Trails Optimists:

I would like to extend a special "Thank You" to Rick Thomas for coordinating our 2nd annual silent auction on April 28th. The entertainment from the Madison Memorial choir was outstanding. The bids on a number of items were high, raising additional money for scholarships. In early June, we will award two \$1,000 scholarships to Madison Memorial seniors.

Just a reminder, we are planning to volunteer at the Special Olympics Track Meet at Oregon High School (Saturday May 7th) and Optimists in Action Day at Owen Conservation park (Saturday May 14th). There is still time to sign up for both of these events if you haven't done so already.

The Service Club Olympics is fast approaching. OK, it is three months away - plenty of time for training. This is a fun event and we have had great participation from our club in the past and have always finished in the top three as a team. Please start thinking about the events you would like to participate in. Please refer to the article in the newsletter for more information.

Please welcome Diane Riley and Dave Braun, our newest club members. Please continue to encourage prospective Optimists to attend a lunch meeting and let's keep the new enrollments coming!

Tim Belter, President
Sauk Trails Optimist Club 2004-2005



Optimist in Action Day:

Mark your calendars for **Saturday May 14th** for Optimists in Action Day. This is a day where all area Optimist Clubs will be participating in a community service project in their areas.

We will be volunteering at Owen Conservation Park on the west side of Madison from **9:00 am to Noon** to help clean up the park. The event is sponsored by the Madison Parks Department. Sign-ups have been occurring at lunches or contact Tim Belter.

**Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC
Board Minutes, Wegner LLP
April 12th , 2005**

Members in Attendance:

President: Tim Belter

Vice Presidents: Greg Hermus

Board Members: Kevin Campos, Ray Schmidt,
Rick Thomas

Secretary/Treasurer: Gene Spindler

President Tim Belter called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2005 Board Meeting..

The financial report through March 31, 2005 was presented to the Board. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the financial report.

The Board discussed the upcoming Scholarship Fundraiser scheduled for April 28th. Rick Thomas reported that he has the event scheduled with the Holiday Inn West from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The dinner will be served at 6:00 PM with the entrée being Chicken and Beef Tenderloin. Rick mentioned that he had about 30 items for members and guests to bid on during the silent auction that will end at 8:00 PM.

The Special Olympics Track Meet is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th. This event is a major activity of the Sauk Trails Optimist Club and we need to have a good turn out of members for this activity. Sign Up sheets will be passed out at lunch meeting and members will also be contacted via e-mail to volunteer for this activity.

Optimist in Action Day – Saturday May 14th. We will be working with other area Optimist clubs to do a pick-up at Owen Park on Old Sauk Road.

The Madison Area Service Clubs Olympics is scheduled for July 25th and 26th. A motion was made, seconded and approved to send in the Club Registration Fee of \$130 for this event.

The Board briefly discussed the Respect for Law event as we received a letter from Optimist Club of West Madison to join with several clubs to sponsor a Respect for Law Program. We will be having a Respect for Law Program at our luncheon meeting on May 25th where we will honor two Madison Police Officers and two Dane County Officers. Steve Bailey will coordinate this event.

Our Club received a request for a donation from Easter Seals. The Board will make a decision on remaining contributions for the year at a future meeting. The Secretary/Treasurer will e-mail a list of contributions from April to September of 2004 to Board members to assist with this decision.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 5:50. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 10th at 5:00 P.M.**

Gene Spindler, Secretary/Treasurer 2004-2005

SWIS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED DATES

(New Officer's need to attend the Training on August 20th in Waukesha)

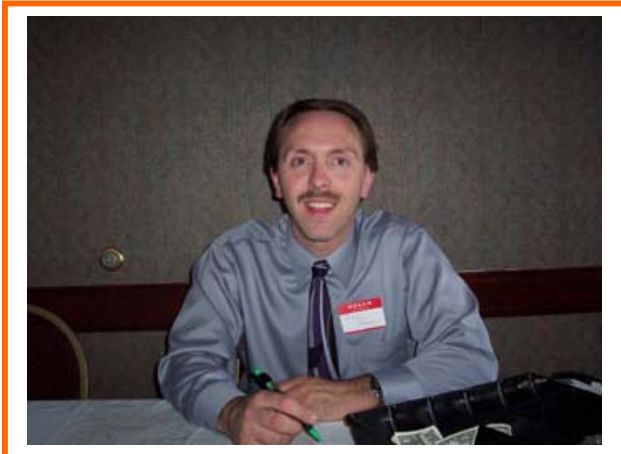
May 6 – 7th - Chula Vista, Wis. Dells

August 19th – 20th Country Inn, Waukesha

SECOND ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

The **2nd Annual Sauk Trails Scholarship Fundraiser** for Memorial High School Youth was held at the Holiday Inn West, Thursday, April 28th from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. There was a Silent Auction of: Baseball & Basket Ball tickets; hotel & restaurant gift certificates; Packer signed football; and other miscellaneous items.

There was a reception, followed by a fantastic buffet dinner, followed by entertainment from the Madison Memorial's JMM Singers, and ended with the Silent Auction. The profit from the entire event is still being determined, but will be over \$1,500. Thanks so much to Rick Thomas for coordinating this event and for Rick, Ray Schmitz and others for collecting the various auction items. Below are some pictures that were taken of coordinator Rick Thomas, silent auction balls, people who came to enjoy the activities, and the JMM Singers performing.



Sauk Trails Board Members Elected & Continuing at the April 20th Lunch.

President: Rick Thomas
 Past President: Tim Belter
 1st Vice President: Greg Hermus
 2nd Vice President: Pete Graven
 3rd Vice President: Kevin Campos

 Sec/Treasurer: Gene Spindler
 Board Member: Jill Thomas (continuing)
 Mike Milia (new, 2 years)
 Barb Dwyer (new, 2 years)
 Jason Kadow (new, 1 year replacing Rick Thomas)
 Sandy Fischer (continuing)
 Bob Wortinger (new, 2 years)

Congratulations to all. Their terms will continue or start on October 1st, 2005.

SCHEDULED ACTIVITES, Babe's – Mark Your Calendar, 11:45 – 12:45

Date	Place	Speaker/Event	Topic/Focus	Lunch
May 4th	Babes	TBA	TBA	French Dip or Veggie Salad
May 11th	Babes	TBA	TBA	Fish Sandwich or Chicken Caesar Salad
May 18th	Babes	Student of the Month, April & May	Student of the Month share with club,	Rueben or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
May 25th	Babe's	Police Officers	Respect for Law	Pork Salad or Cobb Salad
June 1st	Babe's	NOW Lunch	New Optimist Wanted (TENTATIVE)	Tuna Filet Sandwich or Chicken Taco Salad
June 8th	Babe's	Dr. Bonsett-Veal	Bocce Ball	Chicken Sandwich or Grilled Chicken Salad

Mark Your Calendar

'General' CALENDAR of EVENTS for Sauk Trails Optimist Club, 2005

(Other events determined by board during the year)

- May:** SWIS 3rd Quarter Conference, Chula Vista – Dells, **May 6th – 7th**
 Special Olympics Track – Oregon High School **May 7th, 9:30 – 3:30**
 Optimist Action Day – Owen Park, **May 14th, 9 – 12:00**
- June:** New Optimist Wanted –NOW Lunch, **June 1st** (tentative)
- July/Aug** SWIS 4th Quarter Conference, Country Inn, Waukesha, **August 19th – 20th**
 - (Officer Training for 2005 – 2006 year on August 20th)
 Service Club Olympics: **July 25th – 26th**
- September:** New Optimist Wanted –NOW Lunch, **September 7th**
 Induction Banquet New Officers – **end of September 2005**

JOOI CORNER

Student of the Month May 18th

Spartan Youth Service Team/JOOI Induction Banquet

Thursday, May 5th at 5:30 p.m. at the Pizza Hut on Mineral Point Road
Cost: \$5/person

Please come and support the JOOI kids! Recognition will be given to outgoing officers and board members. The newly elected will be sworn in by STOC President Tim Belter. Please RSVP to Mary Norrbom at mnorrb@aol.com, call 829-0884, or sign up at the May 4th STOC meeting.

Spartan Youth Service elected officers and May Projects

Elected officers for the next school year are:

Co-presidents	Annie Wilcox and Kristen Fox
Co-VP's	Kristina Merrick and Tenzin Dhanze
Secretary	Ashley Zellhoefer
Treasurer	Eric Bent
Webmaster	Micah Herstand
Senior BOD	Brigitte Knoll, Annemarie Rodriguez
Junior BOD	Holly Dewerd, Spencer Retelle
Sophomore and freshmen BOD's will be elected early in the next school year.	

Other May projects will include helping with the Special Olympics track meet, WHA fundraiser, cleaning the school grounds, Optimist in Action Day, decorating bags for Meals on Wheels, and the regular Oakwood visit. **Mary Norrbom**

Special Olympics Track Meet May 7th

This annual event will be held at Oregon High School. Mitch Hagens and John Scherer will be our 'head officials' and will lead the Sauk Trail Optimist Volunteer efforts.

The time frame runs from 9:30 am until about 3:30 pm. For those of you who have volunteered before we welcome you back and for those of you who have not yet enjoyed this experience – there are few like it. A sign-up sheet has been circulated at upcoming meetings or you can contact John Scherer. You may also contact club member Laurie Irwin at 221-2900. See you there.

Service Club Olympics, July 25th – 26th

The Madison Area Service Club Olympics will be **Monday July 25th & Tuesday July 26th**. There are a number of events to participate in including bowling, pool, 5K run, biking, volleyball, board/card games, horseshoes, tennis, ping-pong, and racquetball. A new event is being added this year - Bocce Ball. We plan to have Dr. Jon Bonsett-Veal from the Downtown Rotary Club come to a lunch meeting in June to give us more information on Bocce Ball.

Tuesday evening there will be a dinner and awards ceremony at Cherokee Country Club. Our club has always finished in the top three, largely due to participation. The Service Club Olympics is a great way to spend a day with your fellow Optimists and meet other members of Madison area service clubs. The schedule of events and sign up sheets will be forthcoming. If you are interested in a particular event or if you have any questions, please give Tim Belter a call.

Tim Belter, President
Sauk Trails Optimist Club 2004-2005

Sauk Trails Optimist Club, Ltd. - Membership Roster **May 2005** (Updates in Red)

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Life Time Membership Award Presented:

The Sauk Trails Optimist Club has announced Gene and Bonnie Spindler as Lifetime Optimists. They have both been long time, dedicated members of the club. They have both held leadership positions and have been very active not only in the Sauk Trails Optimist Club but also at the SWIS Optimist District level. I would like to thank both of them for all of their hard work and help to the club. Please congratulate Gene and Bonnie on this honor.

Tim Belter, President Sauk Trails Optimist Club 2004-2005



SAUK TRAILS OPTIMIST CLUB 'WEBSITE'

If you're interested in being on a committee to discuss the Sauk Trails Website, that has been established, please contact me. *(I've had one optimist so far express an interest).*

How the Website can be used, what it should and should not contain, how it would be maintained, what impact it could have for the growth of the club, and other related topics need to be discussed. Please contact me if you're interested. **Bonnie Spindler** (833-7244)

Happy Birthday

Sandy Fischer

5/10

REMINDER: STOC Articles for the June 2005 Newsletter are due to Bonnie Spindler at blspindler@charter.net by **May 27th**. Thanks. **Bonnie**

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.

