



Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



FEBRUARY 2010

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



Sauk Trails Optimists:

As we move into our last month, after 8 years at Babe's, we can **'think only of the best'**. There have been new optimists welcomed and inducted into the club, students honored, scholarships given, law officers honored, many scheduled speakers, service events planned, JOOI activities supported, Special Olympics supported, fundraisers supported, Social events, and many other activities. With yearly changes of club officers, many leadership opportunities were made available. We will have many memories of the great food, fine service, and warm welcome we've received at Babe's. Our communication to the owners at Babes as to why we're moving in March, with the main reason 'to attract new members' in the Sauk Trails area for our 'Sauk Trails Optimist Club', was understood and respected.

We are definitely going to be optimistic and **'work only for the best'** as we seek to build our club membership – which is one of our 'goals' in 2010. . The management at Sprechers (the old Houlihans in Sauk Trails Business Park) is eager to have us and our Membership Chairperson, Jeff Hosking, is excited to begin recruiting. Please watch emails for any updates on move dates, but currently it will be **March 3rd**. We can all **'expect only the best'** as we see more potential members at our new lunch site. They will see a vibrant active club and will want to get involved with clubs activities and supported youth events. Some of the upcoming activities and events are on page 3 & 4 of this Sauk Trails Optimist Club February Newsletter.

Besides new member recruitment, each optimist needs to be part of a committee depending on their interest. These Committee's include: Service Events; Membership; Fundraising; and Social. There is also a tremendous source of information at the Southern Wisconsin - SWIS District quarterly conferences. Over 60 clubs have optimists represented to share their activities, challenges, experiences, and information to help each other support the youth in their club area. Any optimist can attend these quarterly conferences to learn more about the 'Optimist World in Wisconsin' and can then share that with their club.

As we move to an exciting new environment, we need to ensure that the purpose of the club, to 'Promise Yourself for the Kids' this years motto, is achieved. Potential members need to have a reason to become an optimist for the youth we serve through currently planned and future planned activities, besides some youth events they are aware of that optimists could support. We all need **'To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best'** as we each get involved to support the youth in the Sauk Trails area, our sponsored Memorial High School Spartan Youth Service Team – JOOI and continue as role models for the youth in our lives.

Bonnie Spindler, Sauk Trails Past President and SWIS District Leader
(for **Carole Klopp** 09-10, current president)

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Carole Klopp, our 09-10 Sauk Trails President, is currently supporting her family in Florida as a caregiver for her mother and brother. Carole is also one of the co-leaders of the JOOI group, besides her position at MOM. She manages to juggle a lot of activities all the time. Thanks Carole for all you do in your various life positions. *"Our prayers are with you and we'll see you back in Wisconsin real soon."* Take care. Sauk Trails Optimists



Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC Board Meeting Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, January 19th, 2010

Members in Attendance: President: Carole Klopp; Sec/Treas – Gene Spindler; Past Pres: Kevin Campos, VP: Alison Scherer Board Members: Pat Beiersdorf, Ray Schmitz,, Jeff Hosking, Bonnie Spindler.

Not attending:, Board - Bob Wortinger. Kathy Johnson

Carole Klopp called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm.

The JMM Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team made a presentation and requested financial support for their Better Life Walk-A-Thon, which is scheduled for May 15, 2010. After the JOOI Students departed there was discussion on what amount we should provide to support this activity. A motion was made (Alison Scherer), seconded (Ray Schmitz) and passed to provide \$300 and be a SILVER SPONSOR of the Better Life Walk-A-Thon.

The minutes of the December 15th Board Meeting were discussed. A motion was made (Ray Schmitz), seconded (Bonnie Spindler), and passed to approve the minutes of the December Board Meeting.

The Financial Report through December 31, 2009 was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the information provided. A motion was made (Ray Schmitz), seconded (Kevin Campos) and passed to accept the financial report as presented.

The Board discussed a request received from the Madison Area Service Clubs Council asking several questions about service clubs. The mission of our club was defined as "Friend of Youth". Service was defined as "Giving of Time and Talents to Others". The primary activity of our Club was to "Support Youth through Service". This information will be provided back to Greg Hermus who will turn it in to the MASCC.

The Board discussed the move to Sprechers and of having Talking Points for members to use when meeting with and talking to persons about our club and Sprechers. Kathy Johnson had listed some talking points on her January 18th e-mail to Carole Klopp. Carole advised all Board members to add talking points to those included in Kathy's e-mail.

Committee Reports: Kevin reported that the Bucky Books needed to be returned by January 31st, so he will be returning the last box he had picked up. We were able to raise \$900 by selling two boxes of Bucky Books. The Basketball event was discussed and it was tentatively set to schedule this activity in late November or Early December of 2010. The Oratorical Contest is scheduled on Wednesday, March 17th at Sprechers. We will assist the West Madison Optimist Club in serving meals for Childhood Cancer on March 21st and April 18th. Two Sauk Trails Optimists are needed to help on each of these days.

A motion was made (Bonnie Spindler), seconded (Pat Beiersdorf) and passed to adjourn. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting **is set for 4:45 on February 16th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.**

Gene Spindler, Secretary/Treasurer 2009-2010

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.

May 8th, 2010
August 14th, 2010

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Pewaukee Radisson

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SWIS District 2009-2010



Service Event for January 2010

On 1/27/2010 there were MANY items taken to MOM, thanks to the optimists donations. **These items were very much appreciated by MOM - Middleton Outreach Ministry.**

We will plan on having another drive for items in spring sometime for the Salvation Army.

Thanks again TO ALL who donated their items.

Happy Birthday

Bonnie Spindler 2/11

Oratorical/Essay Contest Programs

Any child under the age of 16 before Dec. 31st, 2009, can enter the Oratorical Contest and compete for the \$2,500 scholarship. Club Contest: will be held: **March 17th at Sprechers.** (*The SWIS Zone 4 Contest is scheduled for April 17th in Middleton.*)

There are currently 3 JOOI students working on their speeches. Home-schooled kids, John Scherer's Basketball team, and Steve Bailey's church group have yet to respond of their interest. (Date for response of interest: Feb. 17th).

Any child under the age of 19 as of Dec. 31st, 2009 can enter the Essay Contest and can compete for the \$2,500 scholarship. Essay's need to be received by: **02/17/2010.**

There are currently 15 JOOI students working on their Essays. Home-schooled kids have been e-mailed and need to let me know real soon. Optimist volunteers will be judging 02/17-02/24. The winner will be sent to the SWIS Essay Chair by Feb. 28th.

Participants and winners will all be recognized and some prizes will be distributed to at least the 1st place winners in each contest, and possibly others depending on the participation. (*This will be addressed at the February board meeting.*)

Bonnie Spindler, Service Event Co-Chair 833-7244 blspindler@charter.net,
Pat Beiersdorf, Service Event Co-Chair 695-0421 pbeiersdorf@bankahb.com.

CHILDHOOD CANCER

Sauk Trails Optimists will be able to sign-up, along with West Madison Optimists, to serve meals at UW Hospital for Childhood Cancer. Two Optimists from Sauk Trails and one from West Madison will meet at the clinic entrance at 11:30 am, ends at 1:30 PM on **March 21st and April 18th.** Future dates in fall will also be chosen.

Please check your schedule, sign-up at lunches or by e-mail to Bonnie Spindler blspindler@charter.net or Pat Beiersdorf at pbeiersdorf@bankahb.com, SERVICE Event Co-Coordinators. **GREAT Service Opportunity for 4 Sauk Trails Optimists.**

Date	Speaker	Topic	Babes Noon Lunch
February 3 rd	Mark Tiedemann , Energy Specialist	Energy Efficiencies	Chicken Breast Sandwich or Beef Taco Salad
February 10 th	Liv Sandberg , New Member	Sharing About Herself	½ Club Sandwich or Cobb Salad
February 17 th	3 Students of Quarter Honored	3 Students Share	½ French Dip or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
February 24 th	TBA		Chicken Pita or Beef Taco Salad
March 3 rd	TBA – Sprechers		SPRECHERS - TBA
March 10 th	TBA – Sprechers		TBA
March 17 th	Oratorical Contestants	Speeches on OI Internet Topic	TBA
March 24 th	EVENING KICK-OFF at Sprechers Party	Everyone Shares	NOON CANCELLED
March 31 st	TBA – Sprechers		TBA

Sauk Trails Optimist Club Future Activities

Honoring 3 Students on (Feb. 17th & in May); Essay Contest Judging (Feb. 17-24); Oratorical Contest (Mar 17th); WPT Support (Mar); Childhood Cancer Meal Serving (Mar 21st, Apr. 18th); Special Olympics Track Meet (May 6th); Respect for Law (May); Scholarships Awarded (May); Better Walk-A-Thon (May 15th); Basketball Fundraising Planning (for fall), Supporting JOOI activities and others. Please get involved in as many of these activities as you can. (*See the Feb & Mar Newsletters for more information.*)

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.



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Sauk Trails Progressive Dinner 01/31/2010

The Progressive Dinner was a huge success with 14 attendees who each provided a 'dish to share'. Jacci and Ted See hosted the Appetizers and Main Course and Judy and Rick Conne the Desserts. **Thanks to both of these hosts** for providing their beautiful homes. Also, **thanks to Alison Scherer**, Social Chair for coordinating this annual event. In the future, a lot of the attendees thought that two houses was better than three so there was more visiting and house touring time available. If you couldn't make this annual event this year, hopefully it'll work with your schedule in the future. It's a great time to share with others.



Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team

The Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team will be very busy this spring.

- ✓ The **Dane Committee** will help out at Wisconsin Public Television - WPT, do projects with residents at senior citizen facilities, and organize the annual Daffodil Days that benefits the American Cancer Society.
- ✓ The **Optimist Committee** is planning a Valentine's Day project along with contacting the Humane Society for possible volunteer opportunities.
- ✓ The **Spartans Committee** is beginning to train club members for *Service Begins at Home*, the project where Memorial students visit elementary schools and teach the importance of volunteerism, and a "SWAT" team (Students With A Task) to help out teachers at the high school.
- ✓ The **Outreach Committee** will help maintain the Ice Age Trails again this year along with other park cleanups in the spring.

With 250 members, we welcome additional ideas for service projects. You can let our advisors know by e-mailing Mrs. Schwartz (mnorb@aol.com) or Mr. Thomas (jathoma2@facstaff.wisc.edu). We would also like to ask the adult Sauk Trails Optimists to volunteer with us at WPT. (*See the dates and times for volunteering below*). WPT now requires an adult to work along side student volunteers. It's really fun and one of our club's favorite projects! Please let us know if you can help.

George Liu and Marcus Bolles, Co-Presidents

Wisconsin Public Television Chaperone's Needed – Service Event

The Spartan Youth Service Team has requested chaperones so they can participate in the Wisconsin Public Television Telethon – WPT. The WPT requires one volunteer chaperone (minimum) for any group over 5. (*The students need to be 16 or older*). The chaperone can also choose to or not take the training and answering the WPT phones taking pledges, along with the students, when they are there. The following time frames each need an optimist volunteer/s.

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| ✓ | 3/6 | Sat | 8:30 - 12:30 pm | (not live) |
| ✓ | 3/6 | Sat. | 3:30 - 7:30 pm | (live at 6) |
| ✓ | 3/7 | Sun | 3:30 - 7:30 pm | (live at 6) |
| ✓ | 3/13 | Sat | 3:30 - 7:30 pm | (not live at 6) |
| ✓ | 3/14 | Sun | 3:30 - 7:30 pm | (not live at 6) |

Check your schedule to see if you can volunteer for one of these service events to support our JOOI group – Spartan Youth Service Team from Memorial High School. Contact either Steve Bailey and/or Bonnie Spindler to indicate the date and time you can volunteer. Thanks a lot. **Bonnie Spindler**, Past Club President