



# Pathways

Sauk Trails Optimist Club  
Madison, Wisconsin



**Weekly Lunch Meetings**  
**Wednesday's 11:45 - 12:45**  
**The Radisson on Grand Canyon Drive**

**May 2017**

Presidents note

We really need to step up our fundraising efforts in order to meet our annual goal. Just a friendly reminder that you can still sign up to make the club \$8/hour at Brat Fest, May 26 – 29 through Diane Hoebel. [hoebels@yahoo.com](mailto:hoebels@yahoo.com)

STOC will be volunteering again for Special Olympics on May 13 in Oregon. Please sign up at and then send John a note that you've signed up. [john@trinfin.com](mailto:john@trinfin.com)

We have some awesome speakers for the month of May. Mark your calendars for these dates and speakers:

May 10      Respect for Law

May 17      McKenzie Genin      Geothermal Energy

May 24      Grace Knutson      WI Guardian Support Center

With the exception of June 14, we desperately need speakers after May 31. If you could, please recommend a speaker name or your own to Mary Schwartz ASAP. [schwrtzmry@aol.com](mailto:schwrtzmry@aol.com)

Optimistically,  
Mike Grasmick, President

## STOC Bulletin Board

### Sauk Trails Club Officers 2016-2017

**President:** Mike Grasmick

**Vice President:** Dan Chart

**Secretary:** Rick Thomas

**Treasurer:** Bob Wortinger

**Past President:** Carole Klopp

#### Board of Directors

Steve Bailey

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Dashni Sathasivam

Nancy Hach

Kathy Johnson

### April Birthdays

Mary Poole 17



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### Next District Conference

SWIS 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference, 2016-2017

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Kalahair, WI

Come and see the Oratorical winners from across all the Zones compete for a \$2500 scholarship.

[http://swisdistrict.org/client/client\\_images/uploads/pdfs/newsletters/DISTRICT\\_NL\\_89683.pdf](http://swisdistrict.org/client/client_images/uploads/pdfs/newsletters/DISTRICT_NL_89683.pdf)

### Run Mad Town

May 27-28, 2017

STOC Fundraiser opportunity

Mark your calendars and watch for further details.

## Special Olympics Regional

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Location: Oregon High School track field**

The Special Olympics track meet is just six weeks away! We need as many volunteers as possible to make this another great event. We will once again be escorting athletes from the staging area to their races and then to the awards ceremonies from both the red and blue race tracks. We all must sign up to volunteer directly with Special Olympics Wisconsin at <http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org/volunteer-events/r6-regional-athletics-oregon/>

It's most helpful if people can stay the entire day, once you get in the rhythm of the event it goes pretty smoothly – and lunch is included for free! But there are options for working half of the event as well. The 'official' times for partial days are 9am-1pm and 12:30pm – 4pm. The reality is that races don't start until almost 10:30a and should be complete around 3pm, so the times we really need people are 10:30-1p and 1 – 3:30p.

We'd love to have a STOC breakfast again, if we get enough people who will be there and want to gather for social purposes before the even we will make arrangements. Please contact John Scherer with any questions.

John 608-829-1010 [john@trinfin.com](mailto:john@trinfin.com)

Date	Speaker	Topic
May 3	Katy Schalles	Insights & challenges facing independent business owners in Madison
May 10	Respect for Law	Honoring Madison Police Officers
May 17	McKenzie Genin	Geothermal Energy
May 24	Grace Knutson	Wisconsin Guardianship Support Center
May 31	Open	
June 7	Open	
June 14	Steve Schmitt	Madison Mallards
June 21	Open	
June 28	Open	

**Many thanks to Dashni for lining up 3 of our May speakers!**

Let’s have a great turnout on May 10<sup>th</sup> for our annual **Respect for Law** program, honoring two officers from the Madison West Precinct.

Please note: Mayor Soglin, who was to speak on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, had a scheduling conflict. We are in contact with his office and hope to have him rescheduled soon.

*Speaker Committee: Mary Schwartz, Carole Klopp, John Fons, & Steve Bailey* you know of someone who would be interested in talking to the club, please let us know and we would be happy to contact them.

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**SAUK TRAILS – Madison Club WEBSITE**

[www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org](http://www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org)

There have been some recent questions on the receiving of the monthly STOC Newsletter. The current STOC Newsletter and previous newsletters are available on the [www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org](http://www.sauktrailsmadisonoptimist.org) website.

The newsletters are in the ABOUT tab under NEWSLETTERS. The Current and Past Newsletters available as PDF’s:



**To acquire the newsletter, CLICK on the ‘PDF Download’ of CHOICE.**

If you have any problems acquiring the Newsletter or are NOT receiving the monthly message, please contact me so we can correct that situation. Optimistically, **Bonnie Spindler** [blspindler@charter.net](mailto:blspindler@charter.net) 850-9561 (H)

Sauk Trails Website Coordinator

There are two opportunities to earn funds for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club this Memorial Day weekend.

The Brat Fest is taking place May 26 – May 29. We have 9 shifts covered by Optimists and 4 covered by Spartan Youth Service. We will earn \$8.00 per hour. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Diane Hoebel at [hoebels2618@yahoo.com](mailto:hoebels2618@yahoo.com).

The other event is Run Madtown which is taking place May 27 -28. We have six Optimist members that have signed up for far. Our club will earn \$9.00 per hour. If you are interested in signing up, go to Run Madtown - Get involved – volunteer.



## 2017 STOC Snap Shots

Joel Weitz President and owner of  
Vitense Golf

### 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  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Tuesday, April 11, 2017  
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mike, Rick T., Steve, Kathy, Carole, Rick C., Nancy, John, Bob, Dan, Dashni

Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

1. **Addition to Agenda:** Mustard Days, Oratorical contest, Bylaws and Policies
2. **Approval of Board Minutes from 3/14/2017.** Carole moved to approve, Steve seconded, Passed unanimously.
3. **Acceptance of February Financial Reports:**  
The Board discussed the Vanguard Bond fund investment currently with a balance of \$3,849. No changes deemed necessary at this time. Carole moved to accept February financial reports. Dashni seconded. Passed unanimously.
4. **Membership Report Update:.**  
We are at 41 members.
5. **Old Business**
  1. Service – Essay winners will read their essays at tomorrow's meeting. The Zone contest judges will receive an honorarium. The Oratorical contest will be at Memorial High School at 1:00 on April 22. Dashni moved that we use the honorarium from a judge that has declined it for gift certificates for the winners. Carole seconded. Passed unanimously.
  2. Madison Marathon and Bratfest have spots available
  3. Nominating committee – Dan C., Dan B. and Todd will work on getting nominees
  4. Policies were approved at the board meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>. The Bylaws were approved at the club meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>.
  5. May 24<sup>th</sup> may be the next social meeting. Liv, Carole, and Jacci are working on this event.
6. **New Business**
  - A. Spirit Day has enough chaperones. Thank you to everyone who is helping out
  - B. We will plan on doing the Fundcrazr again this year
  - C. Mustard Days – We will plan on doing it again this year.
  - D. Christmas Party – Walmart has changed its donation policy, but we do not have a confirmation as of yet. Carole moved that the STOC will support the Christmas party whether or not we get the donation from Walmart. Kathy seconded, Passed unanimously.
  - E. Dan Chart is looking into a fundraising opportunity at the Kohl Center for next winter.
7. Adjourn to May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, Kathy moved to adjourn, John seconded, meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Thomas, Secretary

Spartan Youth Service Students are keeping busy!

From left to right:

- 1) Having a blast hanging up posters made by kindergartners at Crestwood!
- 2) I scream! You scream! Everyone screams for ice cream! A great way to end the Youth for Youth committee meeting last week :)
- 3) Crestwood SPIRIT Day group picture! Everyone had a great time!

