

## Sauk Trails Optimist Club, Ltd.

### MAKE a DIFFERENCE: SUPPORT YOUTH !

"It's March 20<sup>th</sup>, and at 1:16 PM today spring begins. You may not feel it, as winter continues to linger, but be clear: It is here". (Quote: Wisconsin State Journal). The headlines today had this quote and an article on the '20 things' to think about the first day of spring. Some of these included: Daffodils in bloom; Miller Park opening; Dogwood shrubs; Spring elections; Frisbees; Daylight savings; spring leaf/brush collection; Trout season; kites; redwing blackbirds and others.

Some of our 'Optimist spring season headlines' could include:

- Sauk Trails Optimist meet at Babe's on Schroeder Road;
- Tri-Star First Place athletes competing in Brookfield;
- Special Olympics Basketball had many winners;
- Oratorical Contest participants, winners for entering;
- JOOI kids had Oakwood visit, presented cards/cookies to residents;
- Safety on Wheels program coming in May;
- Special Olympics Track Meet coming in May;
- Respect for Law coming in Spring;
- JOOI / Optimist Bowling coming in April;
- Sauk Trails Optimist Newsletter, a big success;
- Sauk Trails Optimist board nominations, 2002-2003 year;
- Sauk Trails Optimist Speaker program, a big success;
- Optimist training scheduled in May;
- Other numerous spring support / projects;
- Sauk Trails NOW Meeting, 5 potential members.

Thanks to all members who have supported youth through the 'Optimist spring season headlines'. The club is a combination of everyone's input and as a group we can "Make a Difference" in our "support for youth".

Bonnie Spindler  
President

**Babe's to be the NEW home for the  
Sauk Trails Optimists more on pg 4!**

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# Sauk Trails Optimist Board Minutes

## March 14, 2002



### Members in Attendance:

President: Bonnie Spindler

Vice-President: Rick Tiedemann

Board members: Gail Koehler, Mark Kraemer, Greg Hermus and Jared Holthe.

Secretary-Treasurer: Jim Judd.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by President Bonnie Spindler.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the financial statements and past months disbursements.

The Optimist Zone meeting for club officers is on April 23 at the Monona Community Center.

The Optimist District Conference is on May 4 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wi Dells. This is the same day as the Special Olympics track meet and the Memorial H.S. prom.

We need to recruit new members to be able to earn Honor Club. Members should consider getting their spouse to join.

The Oratorical Contest is moving forward. A motion was made, seconded and approved to buy medallions for about \$30.

Safety on Wheels is set for May 18 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1701 McKenna Blvd.

The Junior Golf Tournament will be 6/17 in Baraboo. Mark & Rick will attend to learn how it is run so we can take it over in 2003.

Greg indicated that six winners from our recent club competition would be competing at the District level on March 23. Our club has paid their entry fee of \$15 each.

Our joint outing with the JOOI club is scheduled for April 13 at Rocky Rococo's restaurant.

The board is looking into setting up a scholarship program at Memorial H.S. for the neediest individual of our Student of the Month candidates. We may try to get matching corporate funds.

It was decided to have our Optimist of the Month presentation at the same meeting as our Student of the Month with no other speakers.

After a review of possible meetings sites, a motion was made, seconded & passed to have our weekly luncheon meetings at Babe's. The board will consider having a quarterly evening meeting at the West Side Club or another site.

The nominating committee has candidates for all open positions. The election will be at the March 27 luncheon meeting. Bonnie will notify members by e-mail of the candidates running for each position.

For Optimist of the Month, we will invite members who cannot attend regularly so we can keep in touch.

Mark indicated that everything was set for the NOW meeting on March 20 at the West Side Club.

Mary Norrbom has indicated that the JOOI club may need help with the cost of their conference.

The Service Club Olympics is scheduled for July 22 & 23 at Cherokee.

The next board meeting will be April 11 at 4:30 pm at the Baymont Inn.

The meeting was adjourned around 5:40 pm.



**April Birthdays**  
**21<sup>st</sup> - Jared Holthe**  
**25<sup>th</sup> - Pete Graven**



## WISCONSIN SPECIAL OLYMPICS AREA TRACK AND FIELD MEET

Oregon High School, Saturday, May 4th, 2002

We are looking for volunteers to assist in running this quality athletic event for South Central Special Olympics. I'm hoping that we can provide 30+ volunteers. I'll have more information on times and a sign-up sheet at upcoming weekly meetings. If you can't make a meeting and want to help, feel free to e-mail your interest to me.

Thanks, Mitch Hagens



## Spartan Youth Service Team/JOOI

**ELECTIONS:** The Service Team/JOOI Club has elected officers for the coming school year. The new co-presidents are Dylon Tubb & Jessica Floerke. STOC members are invited to their induction banquet on Tuesday, April 9, at 5:15, at the Memorial High School home ec room. Pizza and refreshments will be served. Please let me know if you would like to show your support by attending.

**BOWLING OUTING:** There will be a joint outing for the Optimists and the Service Team on Saturday, April 13. We will "Glow 'n Bowl" at Schwoegler Park Towne Lanes starting at 12:30 (come a little early to get your shoes, ball, etc.). We will bowl two games, feast on pizza, and have the opportunity to win fabulous prizes. The kids really enjoyed doing this last year. No bowling skills are required, so come on out, have a good time, and meet the future leaders of tomorrow! The cost will be \$3/game/person. Shoes are free if we collect money in advance. Let me know if you can make it!

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**May Newsletter Articles  
Due April 24th**



## SWIS District Conference, May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, Chula Vista

The SWIS District Conference is scheduled for May 3 & 4, at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells. There will be more information and sign-up for the conference in early April.



If you were nominated for a board or officer position in the club, this would be a very beneficial conference to learn more about the 'Optimist World' and receive training in various areas of interest. The District Oratorical Contest will be held on Saturday morning, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Won't that be great if we had a club participant win the zone contest and be in competition for the \$1500 scholarship?

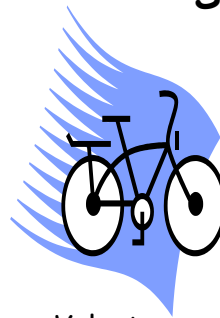
The conference is the same weekend as the Special Olympics Track meet. We need to support the track meet also. If your undecided as to which to attend, please call Bonnie Spindler and we can discuss your interests with Mitch Hagens (Track Coordinator), and give you input to help with your decision.



Optimist of the  
Month of March  
Chris Strub

Optimist of the  
Month of April  
Dale Kalscheur

## Safety on Wheels



This year it will be held on Saturday, May 18th (9am-noon) at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church/School (1701 McKenna Blvd across from the new police station). Thank you much.

Volunteers are appreciated. Members can call or e-mail me if Interested.

Brian Fisher

# New Home: Babe's on Schroeder Road

I found out about Mt. Jack's closing on an 'emergency recorder call' 2 days before our lunch meeting. In that I was traveling out west, there was communication back to board members to follow-up on cancelling the immediate Wednesday lunch. Thanks to your Vice Presidents, Rick Tiedemann & Brian Fisher, members Steve Bailey, Jim Judd and Mary Norrbom, besides others most members found out. Other activities that needed to take place included finding a new temporary location to meet, thanks to Jim Judd and rescheduling all speakers, thanks to Laura Wilson. Others were involved also in the transition that needed to occur. Everyone followed through like a true 'Optimist' in a trying situation for everyone.

Jim Judd did some further investigation of locations for the lunch meetings and found out that, some weren't available on Wednesday's, some weren't in an easy access location, some of the meals were 'cold' all the time, and other situations. Our club criteria included: good location; good food; bright and larger room, and audiovisual equipment.

Based on your input, the board decided that we would make our new home Babe's for an indefinite period of time. The suggestion was also made that we have a quarterly meeting in the evening so members who are unable to make luncheons regularly have an opportunity to meet the other members. It also would be a good meeting to bring guests.

Bonnie Spindler

Student of the Month for March  
Scott Peterson

Student of the Month for April  
Bree Andersen

## Special Thank You's:

- **Greg Hermus** - Tri-Star Basketball
- **Mitch Hagens** - Special Olympics Basketball
- **Chuck Koehler** - Documentation, Safety on Wheels
- **Brian Fisher** - Safety on Wheels
- **Bonnie Spindler** - Helping with the Newsletter
- **Laura Wilson and Jim Judd** - Putting together the Luncheon Schedule
- **Mary Norrbom** - JOOI
- Rick Thomas - NOW letters
- Jim Judd - Nominating Follow-up

**Sauk Trails Optimist Club Speaker/Event Agenda 2002**  
*Optimist Weekly Meeting held at Babe's from 11:45-12:45pm.*  
*Please contact Laura Wilson for further details*  
*Please enter through the backdoor, it is unlocked for the meetings*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Speaker/Event</b>	<b>Topic/Focus</b>	<b>Menu for Weekly Meeting</b>
<b>March 27, 2002</b>	Babes	To be determined		Chicken Taco Salad or French Quarter Dip Sandwich
<b>April 3, 2002</b>	Babes	Stan Kitson	Websites	Ty Cobb Salad or Muskies Fish Sandwich
<b>April 10, 2002</b>	Babes		Oratorical contest winners give their first place presentations	Oriental Chicken Salad or DiMaggio Burger
<b>April 17, 2002</b>	Babes		Student of the Month	Cajun chicken Salad or Babe's Special Sandwich
<b>April 24, 2002</b>	Babes	To be determined		Chef Salad or Chicago Bull's Steck Sandwich
<b>May 1, 2002</b>	Babes	To be determined		Blackened Tuna Caesar Salad or Teriyaki Chicken Breast Sandwich
<b>May 8, 2002</b>	Babes	To be determined		Chicken Fajita Salad or Razorback Pork

### Mark Your Calendars

- March 31<sup>st</sup> - Easter
- April 4<sup>th</sup> - Sauk Trails Local Oratorical contest, Dist. Adm. Building, Middleton, 6:00pm.
- April 7<sup>th</sup> - Daylight Saving, Spring Forward!
- April 11<sup>th</sup> - Board Meeting, Baymont
- April 13<sup>th</sup> - JOOI Bowling with Optimist, Schwoegler's
- May 3-4<sup>th</sup> - District Optimist Conference, Chula Vista
- May 4<sup>th</sup> - Special Olympics Track Meet
- May 12<sup>th</sup> - Mothers Day

**Please check the website for further information.**  
<http://www.orgsites.com/wi/sauktrailsoptimist>



## Oratorical Contest

All members are welcome to attend the Club Oratorical Contest on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM at the District Administration Building, South Avenue in Middleton. Come and support the youth that are entering from the Boy Scouts, JOOI Club, Children of members, and others. Each participant will be giving a 4-5 minute speech on, "If I Could Change the World". The committee has acquired judges who will be judging the boys and girls separately. We will also be awarding monetary prizes and medallions to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners for each gender.

The first place winners and judges are invited to attend the April 10<sup>th</sup> lunch when the boy and girl winners will be giving their speech again in preparation for the Zone Contest, scheduled April 16<sup>th</sup>. Come and support the youth in our Sauk Trails Optimist Oratorical Contest.

Bonnie Spindler

### New Optimist Wanted (NOW), March 20

We had a great turn-out at the NOW meeting at the West Side Club on March 20<sup>th</sup>. John Wyttenbach, SWIS Governor gave us information about himself and the optimist organization. Members of the club also participated telling about the history of Optimism and our Sauk Trails Club. Various members also talked about club activities that they have participated in. Current members brought 5 guest who seem interested in helping with youth activities and could be future members.

Bonnie Spindler

## Tri-Star Basketball



The Tri-Star basketball contest was attended by 12 kids ages 8 through 11, of which 10 received award certificates and medals for 1st through 3rd place finishes and the other two received participant certificates. Six contestants are going to the district competition in Brookfield.

We had 11 volunteers, including a couple non-Optimists and 2 kids. The event was short on youth participation due to a heavy snowstorm that resulted in cancellation of the Tri-County basketball tournament and probably caused people to think we had canceled as well. For those who participated the event was a success. We received very positive comments from several parents, including one who wrote a thank-you note on their district participation response form. Another mother commented on the phone that her son, who placed first in his event, "really needed that." She said he had been feeling down recently, not hanging out with the same crowd he had been with at school, and really needed the positive feedback this event provided. Apparently his self-esteem had been hurt and now he's shining again, even bragging to his relatives about his award. He was so proud of his accomplishment that he even wore the medal to a basketball game that evening.

Several volunteers commented that the snowstorm may have been OK since this was the first time we ran the event. As a first try, this was very successful. Thank you again to all volunteers. We look forward to a larger event helping many more youth in 2003.

Best Regards,  
Greg Hermus

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## 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.