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Sauk Trails Optimist Club

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I BELIEVE 'In Tune With Kids'

Sauk Trails Optimists:

It is officially spring and with nice weather, comes additional club events and activities. I would like to thank all of the Sauk Trails Optimists who volunteered time at the Sweet Shoppe booth at the Kohl Center during the Boys High School Basketball Tournament, and especially Steve Bailey for coordinating the event for our club. I think we set a record for serving ice cream cones!

Just as a reminder, in April, we will have our club officer elections for 2005-2006 (April 20th) and our 2nd annual silent auction on Thursday April 28th at the Holiday Inn West. It is my understanding that the auction items will be bigger and better than last year.

In May, we are planning to volunteer at the Special Olympics Track Meet at Oregon High School (Saturday May 7th). This is also the same weekend as the 3rd Quarter SWIS District Conference. On Saturday May 14th, we are planning to participate in an event for Optimists in Action Day. Please refer to the article in the newsletter for additional information.

Please continue to encourage prospective Optimists to attend a lunch meeting and show them what our club has to offer. We have one new member in March but we are always looking for more.

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. More details to follow at lunches / e-mails.

Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC
Board Minutes, Wegner LLP
March 15th, 2005

Members in Attendance:
President: Tim Belter
Vice Presidents: Greg Hermus, Pete Graven
Board Members: Sandy Fischer, Ray Schmidt, Dale Kalscheur
Secretary/Treasurer: Gene Spindler

President Tim Belter called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2005 Board Meeting.

The financial report through February 28, 2005 was presented to the Board. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the financial report.

There was discussion of staffing the Kohl Center Ice Cream Booth on March 17th through March 19th for the Boys State Basketball Tournament. Sauk Trails Optimist Club will provide staffing along with Downtown Optimists during the Tournament.

The Board discussed the upcoming Scholarship Fundraiser. The Dinner and Silent Auction is scheduled on April 28th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Holiday Inn West. The Board decided that the charge for the meal would be $12 for adults, $9 for students and $5 for students who bring a parent along. This activity provides funds for the Club's Scholarship Program that will provide two $1,000 scholarships this year.

The Special Olympics Track Meet is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th. Tim Belter announced that Mitch Hagens and John Scherer will coordinate the organization and running of 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.

The Board discussed the Optimist in Action Day – Saturday May 14th. We will work with other area Optimist clubs to do pick-up at several Madison Parks.

Our Club received a request for a donation from the Keep Wisconsin Warm Fund. There was discussion on how this meets our service to kids idea and the Board voted not to make a donation to this organization. The Board also decided to make this request known to Club members, and those who so desired could make personal donations.

Tim mentioned having a featured Optimist of the Week. There will be members selected each week to provide the Club with information on their background; where they are from, their activities as they grew up from childhood to their adult time and any other information they may wish to share.

The spring election of Officers and new Board Members will be at lunch on April 20th. On April 28th a club member will be presented a Lifetime Optimist Award. This will be done at the Scholarship Fundraiser at the Holiday Inn West.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 5:45. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 12th 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 will be held at the Holiday Inn West, Thursday, April 28th from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. There will be a Silent Auction of: Baseball & Basket Ball tickets; hotel & restaurant gift certificates; Packer signed football; and other miscellaneous items. Agenda includes:

5:00 PM - Social;
6:00 PM - Meal, $12.00 - Adults, $9.00 - Students;
6:45 PM - Entertainment of Pop/Jazz Choir from Memorial High School;
7:15 PM - Silent Auction.

You can sign-up at lunches for the meal OR RSVP by April 24th to 274-0528. *(Leave message of name, phone & number attending).*

Rick Thomas, Coordinator

SWIS District Tri-Star Tournament

Sauk Trails sponsored 4 1st place winners to the District Tri-Star Tournament on March 19th at Brookfield Central High School. Optimists from the Mukwonago Optimist Club set up a competition for 139 kids between the ages of 8 and 13. These kids were winners from 20 of the 61 clubs in Southern Wisconsin. One of Sauk Trails sponsored entries, Georgia Breunig won 2nd place in the 9-year-old girl category. You can see more of the SWIS District Tri-Star Tournament at this 'link':

http://www.swisdistrict.org/Projects/Tri-Star05/tsbball.html

Congratulations all the winners.

Thanks again to Greg Hermus for coordinating the Sauk Trails Tri-Star tournament this year and for ALL the volunteers who helped out.

TRI-STAR
Optimist International

Special Olympics Track Meet May 7th, 2005

Your valuable time is needed again for our Special Olympics event – the track meet. This event will be held on May 7th at Oregon High School and your help is needed. 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 is being circulated at upcoming meetings or you can contact John Scherer. You may also contact club member Laurie Irwin at 221-2900. Thanks again for the time you put forth to help this wonderful organization.

Laurie Irwin, Special Olympics

Service Club Olympics, July 25th – 26th

Please put July 25th – 26th on your calendar for this year's Service Club Olympics competition. This event requires a commitment from all club members. We will again be competing against 20 – 30 other service clubs in Dane county in a variety of athletic events and various card and board games. In the ten-year history, we have finished first for several years and have always finished in the top three clubs. ***(Last year we were a close second).*** As the event approaches, we will give you more information through this newsletter, e-mails & at the luncheons.

Competitors race toward the finish line
Photo by Ms. Lou Anne Sledge

Optimist Caroline Heath's Greeting from Virginia

Greetings from Virginia. The sun is shining, the grass is green and daffodils and tulips are blooming. It is a no coat day today, feels wonderful. Yes. I am really enjoying Virginia Beach. Miss all my friends back in Wisconsin and especially the Optimist Club. The one out here is so inactive mostly have JOOI clubs with a member being their leader in 3 high schools. Mostly these are teachers. They do a law day where they take the kids to the capital, observe a couple sessions and visit court rooms, meet judges etc. *(Bonnie sends me a newsletter each month so am keeping up with home.).*

I connected with a scrap-booking group, which gets together once a month. I am doing some volunteer hospital chaplain work and have two grief support groups here at Hospice each month and started two groups at church. Right now they are meeting weekly but hopefully will meet less as time goes on. I get to the beach as much as possible, it has been interesting to see the ocean change with the seasons...won't belong and it will be tourist heaven again and the streets will be almost impossible to travel on down by the beach. I did go to my ministers' conference in Ft Lauderdale the first week in Mar. It was 82 degrees and my hotel window looked over the ocean. It was nice to get away, dealing with death and dying does take a toll.

Hope all of you are well, and shining up your golf clubs...I hope to be back to Wisconsin in August, as my oldest grandson is getting married. *(We'll see if he really walks down the aisle:)*

Love and Peace. Caroline

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

Date	Place	Speaker/Event	Topic/Focus	Lunch
April 6th	Babes	Nadine Hopenhauer & Ruth Carpenter	Home Schooling & Parental Rights	Tuna Croissant or Cobb Salad
April 13th	Babes	Jane Lomvardo & Ruth Carpenter	Women In Law Enforcement	Chicken Pita Wrap or Beef Taco Salad
April 20th	Babes	Student of the Month, April	Student of the Month share with club, Voting for 2005-6 officers	Grilled Cheese or Grilled Chicken Salad
April 27th	CANCELLED	NONE		
April 28th, Thursday	Holiday Inn West	5:00 – 8:00 PM	Scholarship Fund raiser, Silent Auction, JAZZ Music	6:00 PM Meal
May 4th or 11th	Babe's	Captain Davenport	Respect for Law	French Dip or Veggie Salad (5/4)

Mark Your Calendar

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

(Other events determined by board during the year)

April: Nominations / Voting for 2005 – 6 Year, **April 20th**
Scholarship Annual Fundraiser, **Thursday, April 28th**

May: SWIS 3rd Quarter Conference, Chula Vista – Dells, **May 6th – 7th**
Special Olympics Track – Oregon High School **May 7th**
Optimist Action Day – Owen Park, May 14th 9 – 12:00

June: New Optimist Wanted –NOW Lunch**, June 1st**

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 Future Dates 2005
Apr 20th; May 18th

The Spartan Youth Service Team/JOOI will put on a Talent Show for Oakwood residents the afternoon of Saturday, April 2. A number of acts have signed up. This was a big hit with the residents last year.

Committee leaders are looking for ideas to incorporate service projects into the weekly meetings. Once a month the kids use meeting time to make cards for Oakwood residents. Coming up with additional projects like this would give members the opportunity to earn more hours and the chance to socialize with other members.

Nominations are being taken for the election, which will be held on April 20. The JOOI Induction Party is tentatively scheduled for May 6th. Please mark your calendars. More information will be coming as the plans are finalized.

Mary Norrbom

March Student of the Month
Jeff Wymore

March Student of the Month was Jeff Wymore. Jeff is a senior at Madison Memorial High School. He is the Treasurer for the National Honor Society and The Vice President of a group called Peace & Action Change Tomorrow. Other school activities include being a member of Youth Service, the Recycling Club, the Radio Club and the Memorial Organization of Bicyclists.

Jeff is also involved in numerous other activities. One of his most admirable accomplishments involves Boy Scouts. Jeff is a few weeks away from achieving the status of Eagle Scout. He also volunteers at Queen of Peace Church and has gone on mission trips to serve American Indians with Christ Presbyterian Lutheran Church.

As far as Jeff's plans for the future, he is going to study political science in college. His first choice for college is Carleton followed by UW-Madison. Congratulations to Jeff and best wishes in your future endeavors!

Barb Dwyer, Student of Month Coordinator

Optimist Junior Golf Program Honors Lindsey Solberg

Lindsey was selected as one of the 3 participants in the 2005 Optimist Junior Golf – Bogey Golfer International Youth Exchange Program. Based on a nomination by Optimist Junior Golf Chair, Rick Tiedemann (our Past President), she will represent the Golf program on a two-week expense-paid golf and cultural experience to Germany and surrounding European countries. This is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity.

If she chooses to go, she will depart on July 31st from Florida with a tentative return of August 10th. This is an all expense paid trip with the exception that she needs to pay for her way to Florida. The SWIS District will be contacted to see if there could be help with that expense. What a FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE for a young golfer. Congratulation Lindsey, we're ALL proud of you and your accomplishments in life.

Rick Tiedemann, Optimist Golf Chair 03-04

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Barb Dwyer

Jeff Wymore

Mary Norrbom

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

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Our Sympathy and Support goes out to Cheryl Vickroy and her family on the sudden death of her sister, Nancy Smith. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time.

A Future Gift of Life in Waiting

Lisa Schluesche has gone through all the testing and will be a future 'living liver donor' for her older brother Todd, who potentially would need a transplant. Her brother is stable now and hopefully that will last for a long time. If it doesn't Lisa will be giving him the **"Gift of Life".**

What a wonderful gift between siblings. Lisa, we wish you and your family the best. We're proud of you….

SAUK TRAILS NEW OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Nominations for officers and board members have begun with election on April 20th. If you're interested in serving on the board, please contact President, Tim Belter.

The new board members and continuing board members will take office starting in October 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

Jared Holthe	4/21
Andrew Lochner	4/23
Peter Graven	4/25

REMINDER: STOC Articles for the May 2005 Newsletter are due to Bonnie Spindler at blspindler@charter.net by April 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 at 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.