



Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



June 2009

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



Sauk Trails Optimists:

Wow, the year is going by quickly. Can't believe it's June already. Thanks to everyone who participated in our last few events, May was a busy month. We started with the Special Olympics in Oregon, JOOI Club induction banquet and the Better Life 5k/Run Walk. Now we are coming up on summer and looking at different events we can participate in to raise some money for the kids.

- ✓ We are looking at opportunities to help with any of the local festivals. If any of you have connections to a festival or the organizer of a festival please let us know and we will contact them.
- ✓ We are also working on another Basketball Event in the fall. We will be doing it ourselves this year so we can add more activities for the kids so they can participate and hopefully raise more money. The Club will be partnering with Champion Style Athletics for the Basketball Event. This worked well last year.

There will be a few new things coming this summer so watch for updates on the Event. Please remember that we will be meeting for LUNCH on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of June, July, and August. Don't forget! Have a Great Month!

Kevin Campos, STOC President 2008--09

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Kathy Johnson's Donation:

Congratulations! And a big **Thank you** to one of our own members, **Kathy Johnson**, for her Donation of \$500 to our Club. Kathy was awarded the "Friend of WASBO" (WI Assn of School Business Officials). She's been involved in this organization over the past 10 years where she makes a difference for schools and children. This award is not given every year, only when they feel a person has gone above and beyond. She was honored to receive it. The \$500 had to go to an organization that helps Kids and she chose her own Club.

Thanks again Kathy, we are proud of you. Keep it up!

SCHEDULE for SUMMER MONTHS for Sauk Trails Optimist Club

For the summer months **ONLY**, the lunch meetings will be the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of the month. Following are those dates: *(The regular schedule of weekly lunches will start again in September 2009.)*

June 3rd	and	June 17th
July 1st	and	July 15th
August 5th	and	August 19th

The Service Club Olympics is scheduled for **Monday, July 27th** and **Tuesday, July 28th**. Sign-ups will be coming soon for the events. **SUNDAY, JULY 26th** will be Summer Potluck Picnic for Optimists / Spouses / Significant Others / Children. This will include preparation for Service Club Olympics. *(See page 2 for details).*

**Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC Board Meeting
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, May 9th , 2009**

Members in Attendance: President: Kevin Campos; Vice President: Kathy Johnson, Board Members: Bob Wortinger, Ray Schmitz, Alison Scherer, Ricki Hoefer; Secretary/Treasurer: Gene Spindler, Club Member: Greg Hermus; Past President: Rick Thomas . Not attending: Pat Beiersdorf, Bill Monkemeyer, Carole Klopp. .

Kevin Campos called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm.

The minutes of the April 14, 2009 Board Meeting were discussed. A motion was made Ricki Hoefer), seconded (Rick Thomas) and passed to approve the minutes of the April Board Meeting.

The Financial Report through April 30, 2009 was presented to the Board. The Board discussed the information provided. A motion was made (Rick Thomas), seconded (Kathy Johnson) to accept the financial report as presented.

Kevin Campos gave the President’s report. There was discussion of a New Member Drive. A letter will be mailed to businesses in the Sauk Trails Business Park area. Ricki Hoefer will get names and mail letters to these businesses. The calendar of events was discussed and included the Better life 5K Run Walk on May 16th and the Respect for Law luncheon scheduled for May 20th. There was discussion on doing a Community Project Activity (CPA) report. Rick Thomas will prepare a CPA for the event “Spirit Day” which was completed on April 22nd.

There was discussion on having chairperson for each Club event. Chairpersons are also needed for Membership and Social. On fund raising the status of the Badger Concessions booth is not known at this time. A decision should be made within several months. Kathy reported that Champion Style Athletics is in for the Basketball Fundraiser. More information will be coming on this event.

A motion was made (Kathy Johnson), seconded (Alison Scherer) and approved to make a donation of \$60 to Restoring Hope Transplant House

The Board discussed meeting schedule for the summer and it was decided that during the months of June, July and August we would meet the first and third Wednesday’s of each month and have a social on July 29th.

A motion was made (Bob Wortinger), seconded (Alison Scherer) and passed to adjourn, at 5:55. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting **is set for 4:45 on June 2nd at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.**
Gene Spindler, Secretary/Treasurer 2008-2009

SWIS 0809 Conferences
4th Qtr Aug 7th – 8th Monroe

STOC Officers and Board Members Need to coordinate so there is representation to acquire the information at each of these pre-scheduled SWIS Conferences.

Service Club Olympics Event, July 27th – 28th

Sauk Trails Optimist Club will again be participating in the Service Club Olympics at the Keva Center. The goal is to have participants in each and every event. The sign-up sheet from last year will be a starting point where optimists are signed up for the same event and need to confirm it OR select a different event, if it works out with their schedule. That sign-up sheet will be distributed by e-mail and at lunches. To see more information about the SCO, you can click on the following ‘link’ at the very new and fantastic website.
http://www.kevasports.com/Madison_Area_Service_Clubs_Olympics_2009.html.

SPRING 2009 SPEAKER SCHEDULE

Date	Speaker	Topic	Babes Noon Lunch
June 3 rd	Wayne Swank	Author	½ French Dip or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
June 17 th	TBA		Chicken Breast Sandwich or Beef Taco Salad
July 1st	TBA		
July 15th	TBA		



Captain Lengfeld, Michael Hanson, Kevin Campos (Club president), Justine Harris, & Lt. Anderson.

RESPECT for LAW

Respect for Law was held on May 20th. Special thank you to Steve Bailey for coordinating this annual event at STOC.

Captain Jay Lengfeld and Lt. Anderson, introduced the two officers, Michael Hanson and Justine Harris. Both of these officers have done an excellent job in both preventing crimes and also implementing pro-active programs in the areas they serve. CONGRATULATIONS to both of these fine officers, **Michael Hanson & Justine Harris**.

May 2009 JOOI Club Update

The students planned and carried out a wide variety of projects this month. The biggest project of the year was held on May 16th. It was the Better Life 5K. The students raised over \$1500 to support the Lussier Community Education Center. It was a great event that was a year in the planning. Thank you to Mary Schwartz for advising the students on this event. The students also worked at the Brat Fest, coordinated a bake sale, and completed their Service Begins at Home projects which involved 15 students visiting Glen Stephens Elementary School and discussing the importance of service with the 2nd graders there. The students finished their club year with a party on May 20th. Now the new presidents will start planning for next year's activities.

Rick Thomas, JOOI Co-Chair



Champion Style Athletes Haywood Simmons and Kenny Gales lead the pre-run warm-up



The race begins!

2nd Annual Better Life 5k

The Better Life 5k Run/Walk was held on Saturday, May 16th, at Mansfield Stadium. The Spartan Youth Service JOOI Team did a tremendous job of organizing the event. We had approximately 70 participants, in spite of blustery weather, and raised \$2,400 for the Lussier Community Education Center. The funds raised will help LCEC continue their youth programs.

SYSJT would like to thank the STOC members that volunteered, participated, and donated money towards this worthwhile cause. For more pictures, check out the BL5k website at www.spartanservice.org/better5k.

Mary Schwartz,
JOOI Co-Chair



Students volunteer at the water station



Autograph session at the Lussier Center - Michael London, Ron Dayne, Haywood Simmons, & Kenny Gales with LCEC director Paul Terranova

Sauk Trails Optimist Club Gives 2 \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS

Annually 2 scholarships are given to Memorial High School Students with the emphasis on their service work as well as their academics. This year the scholarships went to Rachel Wang and Dashni Sathasivam. Rachel, who graduated in the top 3% of her class, will be continuing her studies at Dartmouth. Dashni will be studying at the UW Madison. **CONGRATULATIONS to both Rachel and Dashni.**



Rachel Wang, Scholarship Winner, with Carole Klopp, JOOI Co-Advisor, honored at STOC lunch. Both Rachel and Dashni received the award at the JOOI Banquet on May 20th.

Happy Birthday

Mary Schwartz	6/2
Rick Conne	6/5
Chuck Koehler	6/7
Ray Schmitz	6/27

Ron Dayne's Football Camp:

As part of our relationship with Ron Dayne and Champion Style Athletics I would like all of our members to know about Ron Dayne's Football Camp held at Middleton High School. He is holding a Youth Camp on June 29-July 1st and his 1st Annual Advanced Football Camp from July 10-12. This is a great opportunity for kids to sharpen their football skills. If you know of anyone who would like to attend please let me know and I can get you the information or go to www.ChampionStyleAthletics.com. They are also looking for Adult volunteers so please contact Kevin if you have any interest in volunteering.

American Players Theater, Scheduled, August 22nd Social
 There have been tickets ordered for 8 Optimists who indicated they would attend the Comedy of Errors at the American Players Theater 2009 on Saturday, August 22nd. Comedy of Errors, one of Shakespeare's timeless comedies, is the play that was chosen for this summer social.
Special THANKS to Kathy Johnson for coordinating/ordering the planned 8 tickets.

Annual Sauk Trails Optimist Club Picnic

The annual STOC picnic will be held **on Sunday, July 26th 2:30 PM** at the home of Kevin and Kristi Campos in Cross Plains. They live on a park where there is volleyball, softball, baseball, sand volleyball, and playground equipment for kids. Our picnic is right before Service Club Olympics so we'll have a chance to practice volleyball and build team spirit! We'll have our usual fun camaraderie and delicious food. The Club will provide meat to grill (and possibly beverages) and we ask that you bring an appetizer, salad, fruit or dessert. You can sign-up at club lunches or by contacting Kathy Johnson, Social Event Coordinator. If you have questions, please contact Kathy at kjohnson@rmstrategies.net or 663-9032.

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 Club Website
 There have been 23 Optimists who have signed up for the Sauk Trails Website. If you haven't already signed-up, please respond to the INVITE received. (Need another Invite, contact John Scherer).