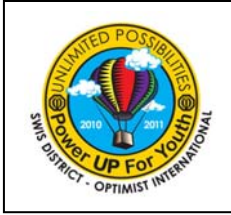




Sauk Trails Optimist Club of Madison



NOVEMBER 2010

**Schedule: 1st Wed of Month, 5:30 PM
Evening; other Wednesday's, 11:45 –
12:45 Noon, SPRECHER'S, Middleton**



Taking S.T.O.C. - Again

There's a lot going on as we enter the second month of the Optimist Club year. By far the biggest is by the time this is published our Sauk Trails Optimist Club Fitness Challenge 2010 will be history, and in addition to a great time there will be \$2,000 more in our fundraising account to be distributed to kids.

Thanks to everyone who helped out but especially Kevin Campos and Kathy Johnson for their dedication to making this thing fly. They each spent dozens of hours building the template upon which we can replicate this year's success and they deserve a 'thank you' from all of us.

Other critical things to be aware of, some which have further details inside this newsletter:

- Nov 3 is our evening social meeting; we will have a short presentation at 5:45 so be sure to be there on time
- Nov 6 is the Special Olympics District Bowling tournament at Prairie Lanes in Sun Prairie. Also this weekend Bob Wortinger will be attending a MN-WI joint Optimist International conference in Minneapolis
- Our lunch meeting on Nov 10 will be a business meeting where the Board will ask for input from the membership on a number of issues, but primarily on *how we should be spending our money in 2011*. **Please make a point to come to this meeting so you can participate or email me or any other board member with your thoughts and comments.**
- November 17 is the MASCC luncheon at the Alliant Energy Center. UW Chancellor Bidy Martin is the keynote speaker. Registrations must be in by Tuesday Nov 2, email or call Steve Bailey to get your reservation in.
- The Koeze Nut sale is in full swing. The President of the Waukesha Optimist Club spoke at our lunch on Oct 27 and said her club raises \$3-5,000 annually with their nuts.
- We will not be meeting on Nov 24 in anticipation of the Thanksgiving holi

I've again attached a newsletter from 1997 to look back on 'then and now' of my

Press On (to greater achievements in the future!) –

John Scherer, STOC President 10-11

Message From Club President: The Board respectfully requests that **ALL** club members sign up for a spot on a committee. You'll note that there are committees requiring your help **BEFORE** the event as well as for the **DAY** of the **EVENT**. It's time to get out your STOC spirit and help! *Many thanks, John Scherer, President*

Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC Board Meeting Vintage Restaurant October 6, 2010

Members in Attendance:

Past-President (Presiding): Carole Klopp
 President-Elect: John Scherer
 Vice-President: Jeff Hosking
 Board Members: Bonnie Spindler, Darrin Sharp, Gene Spindler, Kathy Johnson, Ray Schmitz, Kevin Campos
 Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Wortinger

The meeting was called to order by Carole Klopp at 4:35 pm.

The minutes of the September 1, 2010 Board Meeting were discussed. A motion was made (Bob), seconded (Bonnie), and passed to approve the minutes of the September Board Meeting.

The Financial Report through September 30, 2010 was presented to the Board by Gene Spindler. The Board discussed the information provided. Discussion included whether our current dues, which have been at the same level for several years, are adequate to cover current operating expenses – this was tabled for discussion at a future meeting. A motion was made (Kathy Johnson), seconded (Darrin Sharp) and passed to accept the financial report as presented.

A motion was made by Gene Spindler to raise the dues for spousal members in the club from \$17.50 to \$20.00 per quarter (the other spouse pays full dues) effective 10/1/2010. This motion was seconded by Bonnie Spindler and approved.

Jeff presented comments from the Membership Committee. Our club currently has 40 members plus two “Friends of Optimists”. It was noted that Jacci See and Jeff Hosking are in charge of obtaining meeting speakers for the upcoming Club year.

The Board discussed fundraising activities. The October 30th B-Ball event at Memorial High School was discussed in detail. Currently \$750 has been received from sponsors for this event with a goal of \$2,000 - \$2,500. Mitch Henck has agreed to be the announcer. More celebrity and non-celebrity players are still needed as well as celebrity coaches. The JOOI Club will be handling concessions with drinks and baked goods for sale. There will also be a raffle. This is planned to be our club’s major fund raiser for the year so all members are being strongly encouraged to help at this event.

Regarding Bucky Books – All books have been distributed. To date, payments have been received for 41 of the 64 books.

Darrin and Carole reported on JOOI Club activities. Discussion included potential international and local projects – right now progress is being made in establishing a joint project with the local Salvation Army chapter.

Upcoming Club service events include Special Olympics Bowling on October 23 and November 6 as well as two servers needed for upcoming “Cancer dinners” on October 17 and November 21. The board also discussed Salvation Army bell ringing and the need to get a club coordinator in place for this event ASAP.

Bonnie noted that she has been working with Steve Bailey who will be taking over producing and distributing our monthly newsletter.

It was noted that current board member terms are as follows: Darrin Sharp two year term ending September 30, 2012; the other 5 board members each have one year remaining with their terms expiring on September 30, 2011.

A brief discussion ensued on interpretation of certain provisions of the Club’s By-Laws and approving the 2010-2011 Club budgets for operating and Foundation activities. Both of these items were tabled until the November, 2010 meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn. The date, time and location for the next Board Meeting is set for **10:30 AM on November 10 at Sprecher’s**. The following board meeting will be held on December 8.

Bob Wortinger, Secretary/Treasurer 2010-2011

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CHILDHOOD CANCER

Future Sunday sign-up dates for 2 Sauk Trails Optimist to help serve meals for Childhood Cancer families with West Madison Club Optimists are:

November 21st

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.

November 7th	Minneapolis, MN
February 5th	Madison Area
May 7th	Wisconsin Dells
August 6th	Milwaukee Area

2010 Koeze Nut Fundraiser

Our club kicked off our annual Koeze Nut Fundraiser on October 13th. We had over \$1000 in profits last year, hoping to top \$1500 in profits in 2010!

What you need to know to sell Koeze Nuts:

- Order deadlines: **November 10th** for Thanksgiving sales, and **December 8th** for Christmas sales.
- Bring order forms to Wednesday meetings or contact Rick Thomas at 212-7582 or jathoma2@wisc.edu
- **Collect money up front** with checks made payable to **Sauk Trails Optimist Club**.
- Products normally available include:
 - Colossal Cashews and Classic Mixed Nuts** in decanters, canisters and boxes.
 - Milk or Dark Chocolate Puddles** in decanters and boxes
 - Delan Caramel Crunch and Chocolate Covered Dried Cherries**
 - Executive Gift Packs**-combinations for corporate clients
- Product prices range from \$11.75-\$50.00+
- Come to a weekly meeting or contact Rick Thomas for promotional information, brochures or order forms.
- You can look at the online catalog at: <http://koeze.com>, but please order all products from the club so we get the profits from this fundraiser.

There are two parts to the Koeze Nuts Fundraiser: 1) Accumulating the orders from everyone and ordering the Koeze products. 2) Distributing the Koeze products when they come in. If you have an interest in helping out with either of these tasks, please contact me at 212-7582 or jathoma2@wisc.edu as soon as possible.

Rick Thomas, Koeze Chair

Bucky Book Fundraiser

Kevin Campos, Past President, has worked it out for our Club to sell Bucky Books again. Bucky Books have a lot more coupons, a website and you can download coupons only if you have a Bucky Book.

The Bucky Books is available from Kevin currently. If you can't make a lunch, please email/call Kevin to reserve how many books you want. Again, there are many coupons and online incentives that can be used.

All money for Bucky Books should be in by now, if you still have some hue, please let Kevin know,

Kevin Campos, 235-1030 (cell)
Camposfinancial@gmail.com
 Bucky Book Coordinator

ATTENTION SAUK TRAILS MEMBERS

- At our last meeting, Oct. 27th, President John encouraged us to think about inviting a guest to our meeting; not just a guest, but also a potential member! There are probably one or two people you've been thinking about asking for some time now, and how about now is the time to do just that....ask!!

Date	Speaker	Topic	SPRECHERS Menu's
Nov. 3 rd	President John Scherer	Surprise! A brief presentation at 5:45 P.M.	Horesdovers
Nov. 10 th	The Board of Directors	A number is issues	Menu 2
Nov. 17 th	MASCC Lunch, Alliant Ctr,	Sprecher's CANCELED	
Nov. 24 th	TBA		Menu 4
Dec. 1 st	TBA		Menu 1

SPRECHER'S MENU CHOICES for Lunch

Lunch Cost/Evening Hors d' oeuvres: (\$12.00 includes entrée, beverage, tax, & tip)

Menu 1	Menu 2	Menu 3	Menu 4
½ Sprechers Chicken Wrap, with side and soup	½ Roast Turkey Sandwich, with side and soup	Ratatouille with Soup	Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo with soup
Rueben with soup or side	Meatloaf with soup	Sprechers Chicken Sandwich with soup or side	Classic Cobb Salad
Chicken Caesar Salad with soup	Classic Cobb Salad with soup	Chicken Caesar Salad with soup	Pork Sliders with side and soup

Reach a Child:

The purpose of the program is: "To put a smile on the face of a Child in the time of need". This program centers around providing children's books to police officer, first responders in backpack's for them to give to children at the scene of an accident, fire, domestic disturbance or traumatic situations.

Bonnie Spindler & Steve Bailey met with Paul Gilbertson and Erik Gammell and received a proposal for the Reach a Child program to be submitted to Optimist International. This proposal was given under the Sauk Trails Optimist Club name to the President of OI, Mark Shriver at the August 14th convention in Milwaukee. It will be placed on the OI Board agenda, which will be held in late September 2010. Depending on OI, this could either become an OI future event or remain initially a SWIS event.

CoryAnn St Marie-Carls, SWIS Governor 10-11 has been contacted and approval was given for the Reach a Child program to be presented at the February 5th conference in Madison area.

Bonnie Spindler, STOC Newsletter

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

No November Birthdays, so Happy Birthday to anyone you know who has a November Birthday!

UW Football Booth Needs

As an additional fund-raiser, the Sauk Trails Optimists have a booth at the UW Badger games where they sell food and drinks. Steve Bailey and BJ Bailey have scheduled themselves to be at each game and need help from **1 more optimist and 4 JOOI kids** at following games.

11/13	Badgers vs Indiana,	TBA
11/27	Badgers vs Northwestern,	TBA

A lot of optimists have season tickets for these games. If it works with your schedule and you can help with any of these games, please contact Steve Bailey at SBailey100@aol.com or 238-8535. *(Remember when you help with a game you can also sneak peaks of the game itself during the day).* Steve will provide more information about when you need to be there and the procedure for getting into the stadium. If you have any questions, please contact him.

Steve Bailey, UW Booth Coordinator

Special Olympics Bowling

Its that time of the year for Special Olympics Bowling support that is needed by our optimists. The dates that are scheduled are:

November 6, 2010: Regional Bowling Tournament: Madison and Sun Prairie

There will be shifts of morning, afternoon or all day that will need to be filled by our fantastic volunteer optimists. More information and sign-up will be forth coming at lunches and by e-mail.

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.

