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Sauk Trails Optimist Club

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I BELIEVE 'In Tune With Kids'

Sauk Trails Optimists:

The holidays are coming to an end and a new year is beginning. Our club had a successful year - we recruited new members, volunteered in many community events and finished second in the Service Club Olympics. As we move into 2005, I know we will have another great year.

Thank you to Cheryl, Mike, Kevin, Mark and Gene for all their help on the Koeze Nut fundraiser this year. We set a record this year with a \$1,900 profit.

Also, thank you to all of the club members who volunteered for Salvation Army Bell ringing shifts this year. The Salvation Army is a wonderful organization that does so much for families in this community and our club has always been a great supporter by donating our time in December.

On January 9th, our club will again be putting together a progressive dinner. If you have not yet signed up, please e-mail Bonnie Spindler or myself. More information will be in this newsletter.

Enjoy the rest of the holiday season!

Tim Belter, President, Sauk Trails Optimist Club 2004-2005



REMINDER: Progressive Dinner Sign-Up

Sign-Up for the Sauk Trails Annual Progressive Dinner scheduled for Sunday, January 9th, 4:45 – 8:30 PM. See page 3 of this newsletter for details.

**Sauk Trails Optimist Club – STOC
Board Minutes, Wegner LLP
November 9th , 2004**

Members in Attendance:

President: Tim Belter

Vice Presidents: Greg Hermus

Board Members: Jill Thomas, Sandy Fischer,
Rick Thomas, Ray Schmitz

Secretary/Treasurer: Gene Spindler

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

Greg motioned to approve the November 9, 2004 board meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Sandi and passed unanimously.

The financial report through November 30, 2004 was presented to the Board. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the financial report.

There was discussion on dropping members from the Club. There was discussion and eight members will be dropped during December.

Upcoming events were reviewed. January 9th will be the Progressive Dinner which will be at Kraemer's for appetizer's, at Hermus's for main meal/salad and at Vickroy's for Dessert. The December lunch meetings were discussed with Dec 15th being the Student of the Month and Dec 22nd being a Holiday Celebration. Tim said he would contact Jared Holthe to provide music on Dec 22nd.

There was discussion on the Club providing Christmas gifts to a needy family. The board agreed to work with local organizations to select a family in need and to provide a tree and gifts for the family. Greg agreed to coordinate this activity and Tim volunteered to assist Greg.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 5:45. Next meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 11th at 5:00 P.M.**

Gene Spindler, Secretary/Treasurer 2004-2005

**Sauk Trails New Optimist Wanted – NOW
March 2nd, 2005**

You can bring any potential Optimist to a Wednesday lunch during the year. There will be very interesting speakers that have been scheduled as well as your friend finding out more about your Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Just a reminder, that March 2nd is scheduled for the 2nd quarter NOW lunch. That will be a lunch devoted to finding out more about the club with presentations by members and a Powerpoint slide show.

As of the end of 2004, the club has dropped 8 members for various reasons. Check out the roster on page 7 and update the Optimist group you may have in your e-mail address book.

REMINDER: STOC Articles for the February 2005 Newsletter are due to Bonnie Spindler at bspindler@charter.net by **January 28th** **(at the latest)**

Sauk Trails Progressive Dinner

Sunday, January 9th has been scheduled for the annual Sauk Trails Progressive Dinner for the holiday season. The following has been finalized at this time.

Appetizer's	4:45 – 6:00	Mark & Cathy Kraemer's Home
Main / Salad	6:00 – 7:15	Greg & Debra Hermus's Home
Dessert	7:15 – 8:30	Cheryl Vickroy's Home

Directions to Kraemer's Home:

Heading South on Verona Rd, turn (right) on Hwy PD a/k/a McKee Rd. - 1.9 miles and turn (left) on Country Grove Drive - .5 miles (right) on Field Crest Way - **2nd house on left, 3513 Field Crest Way.**

Heading toward Verona on Hwy M, turn (left) on Hwy PD a/k/a McKee Rd. - 1.1 miles and turn (right) on Country Grove Drive - .5 miles (right) on Field Crest Way - 2nd house on left, **3513 Field Crest Way.**

(From Kraemer's to Hermus's: Turn left on Country Grove Drive for .3 mile, turn right on Autumnwood Circle, 4th house on right).

Directions to Hermus's Home:

From west side: Mineral Point exit from Beltline, west to Hwy M, left (south) about 3 miles to Hwy PD. Left (east) about 1 mile to Country Grove Road. Right (south) on Country Grove Road to first left on Autumnwood Circle. **14 Autumnwood Circle (4th house on right).**

From elsewhere: Verona Road south 2-3 miles to Hwy PD. Right (west) on PD approx 2 miles to Country Grove Road. Left (south) on Country Grove Road to first left on Autumnwood Circle. **14 Autumnwood Circle (4th house on right).**

(From Hermus's to Vickroy's: Turn right on Country Grove Road, then right on PD/McKee Road, go to next road, turn right on to Tanglewood, go to stop sign, turn right on East Pass, 7202 East Pass on right side).

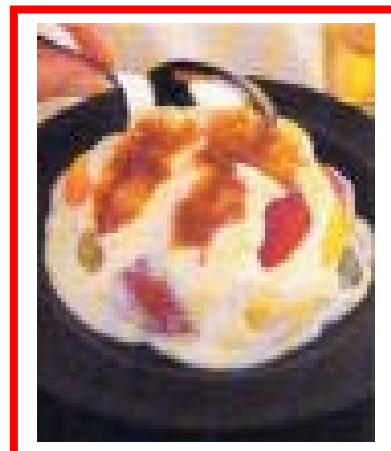
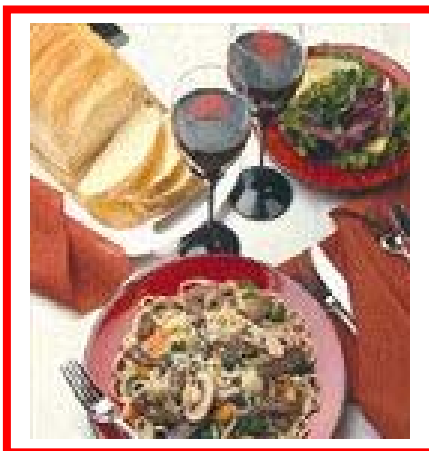
Directions to Vickroy's Home:

From beltline, go south on M. Then turn left onto PD or McKee Road, Right onto Tanglewood, which is just before the Maple Grove intersection, and past Country Grove. Turn right onto East pass. Address: **7202 East pass.** on the right side.

There are continuing sign-up's at lunches and by e-mail. Optimists / spouses / significant others are welcome.

Please sign-up to come and to bring a dish to pass at one of the 3 houses. *(If you can only make some of the houses and time frames, please come to those).*

Bonnie Spindler, Coordinator



Annual Fall Fund Raisers for the STOC Youth Programs

Bucky Book Fund Raiser Update:

Thanks to Rick Thomas for coordinating the Bucky Book fundraiser. He is finalizing things now with only money needed from two people.

Looks like final sales will be in the 56-60 books sold with a profit of about \$900. He'll be getting the remaining books back to Select Enterprises before the end of 2004.



UW Booth Fund Raiser Update:

Thanks to Steve Bailey for coordinating the UW Booth Fund Raiser again this year.

The total profits are yet to be finalized, but it looks like both the JOOI Club and the Sauk Trails Youth Account will **each profit** a little over \$1,000 for their efforts.

2004 Koeze Nut Fundraiser 'Huge Success'

The Koeze Nut Sale fundraiser for 2004 was our greatest success ever!

Thanks to many club members who helped, we have a profit of just over \$1900.00. This is \$400 more than our prior best effort.

Congratulations on a job well done! Our hard work will allow us to do greater good in our



Congratulations to **Kathy Johnson** who sold over **\$1900** (her best ever!) and led the sales effort for the sixth year in a row! Close behind was **St. Raymond** who sold over **\$1575**, also a personal best. **Steve Bailey** sold over **\$600**, while **Cheryl Vickroy** sold almost **\$500**. Many members sold \$100-200 dollars, and we are grateful for everyone's contribution.

Thanks to all of you who worked hard to make this fund-raiser a great success, especially committee members **Mark Kraemer, Kevin Campos, Mike Milia and Gene Spindler**, who worked long and hard. Special thanks to **Bonnie Spindler** for e-mailing and to Accurate Business Services for allowing us to use their dock for delivery.

The fund raising committee is grateful for all of your support and assistance!

Cheryl Vickroy, Koeze Nuts Coordinator

Sponsored Family for the Holidays

This year the Sauk Trails Optimist Club sponsored a local family for Christmas by purchasing Christmas presents. This family had 6 children and the parents were unable to work. We received the family's name from the Middleton Outreach Ministry. Our club purchased presents for each of the children and hopefully made their holidays a little brighter. Thanks to Tim Belter and Greg Hermus for purchasing, wrapping, and delivering presents during this busy time of the year.

SCHEDULED ACTIVITES – Mark Your Calendar

Date	Place	Speaker/Event	Topic/Focus	Lunch
January 5th	Babes	Hector Alvarez - Centro Hispano Youth Programs	Hispano Youth Program Information	French Dip or Veggie Salad
January 9th, Sunday	Optimist Homes	Progressive Dinner	Good food, good friends, good time	Appetizers, Main/Salad, Dessert
January 12th	Babes	Cheryl Bailey - Associate UW Athletic Director	UW Athletics Program	Fish Sandwich or Chicken Caesar Salad
January 19th	Babes	Student of the Month, November	Student of the Month shares with club	Rueben or Cajun Fried Chicken Salad
January 26th	Babes	Van Stout - Former Sports anchor, Wisc TV 3	Sports Anchoring as a former position	Pork Salad or Cobb Salad

‘General’ CALENDAR of EVENTS for Sauk Trails Optimist Club, 2005 (Other events determined by board during the year)

Mark Your Calendar

- January:** STOC Progressive Dinner: Sunday, January 9th, 4:45 – 8:30 PM
STOC Board Meeting, January 11th, 5:00 PM
 Skate with the Badgers, (based on interest)
 Start Oratorical Contest (based on interest)
- February:** SWIS 2nd Quarter Conference, Sheraton Madison, February 4th – 5th
 Help with JOOI Club Oakwood Residents
 Tri-Star Basketball (Sometime in last 2 weeks of February, 2005)
- March:** District Tri-Star Basketball Tournament – March 19th
 New Optimist Wanted –NOW Lunch, March 2nd
- April:** Safety on Wheels, Scholarship Annual Fundraiser (*date to be determined*)
- May:** SWIS 3rd Quarter Conference, Chula Vista – Dells, May 6th – 7th
 Special Olympics Track – Oregon High School (May 7th)
- June:** New Optimist Wanted –NOW Lunch, June 1st
- July/Aug** SWIS 4th Quarter Conference, Country Inn, Waukesha, August 19th – 20th
 Service Club Olympics: July 25th – 26th
- September:** New Optimist Wanted –NOW Lunch, September 7th
 Induction Banquet New Officers – **end of September 2005**

Kathy Johnson	1/2
Phil Schrabeck	1/3
Gregory Hermus	1/6
Cheryl Vickroy	1/15
Jill Thomas	1/28
Brian Fisher	1/30
Jennifer Tiedemann	12/15

Happy Birthday



JOOI CORNER

The JOOI/Service Team members (and advisors) are enjoying a well-deserved winter break. December was a very active month! Special thanks to all the Optimist members who helped with the Salvation Army Bell Ringing - you truly helped to make a difference in the community.

The next JOOI board meeting will be January 9th. The kids will set the calendar and plan out their activities for the second semester. Watch for opportunities to help them out!

Mary Norrbom

November Student of the Month

Sisi Chen, a senior at Memorial High School, has served as a JOOI/Youth Service board member and officer. In addition, she is a member of Re-Act, JMM's recycling club, has done peer tutoring, and has participated in the Science Olympiad and mock trial. Sisi is an editor and writer at the *Simpson Street Free Press*, a community newspaper based in South Madison. She has also had several guest columns in the *Wisconsin State Journal* and *Capital Times*.

Sisi has made valuable contributions to the Youth Service Team by providing leadership on numerous projects including the WHA telethons and school fundraisers.

December Student of the Month

Cara Evanson, a senior at Memorial High School, has been a member of JOOI/Spartan Youth Service for the last two years. She is on the board of directors and has helped organize a number of club projects including the recent Holiday Party at Oakwood.

Cara participates in many community activities including Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra, her church youth group, and volunteering at Meadowridge Library. She hopes to attend Gustavus Adolphus College, studying Spanish, religion, and library sciences.



December Student of the Month

Cara Evanson receives award from Mary Norrbom and Carole Klopp

Student of the Month Dates 2005

Jan 19th; Feb 16th; Mar 16th; Apr 20th; May 18th

Sauk Trails Optimist Club, Ltd. - Membership Roster January 2005 (UPDATES In RED)

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SWIS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED DATES:
(Officers, put these dates on your calendar)

February 4 – 5 th	Madison, Sheraton
May 6 – 7 th -	Chula Vista, Wis. Dells
August 19 th – 20 th	Country Inn, Waukesha

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 your 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.

