

Sauk Trails Optimist Club, Ltd.

MAKE a DIFFERENCE: SUPPORT YOUTH!

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February President Notes:

What do you want to achieve and why would anyone care? These are questions that were asked as part of two lunch meetings presented by Laura Wilson, our speaker coordinator. Each meeting I started putting some things on paper, only to look at them and ask myself is that the goal I want to achieve at this stage of my life. Then I would come up with an entirely different goal, now this is the one I want. Where do I want to be in five years? I know that I need to plan to succeed. Maybe I need to update the 'infamous goal list', which I've done many times. It seems as I accomplish one there is another one to take its place. I know, I'll prioritize my list, I can only accomplish certain goals this year, the rest need to wait.

One of my goals, to make a difference, has always been to 'support youth'. When our boys were in Boy Scouts, there was a lot of continued activities, meetings, projects, badges, awards, etc. Now, I'm supporting youth in another way through the optimist club. Each of you also made the decision to support youth when you joined the club. So that means that each of us must have that goal on our list. We fail to succeed because we don't plan to succeed. It's so important to write it down, I've heard that for years. But what you also need to do is not only write it down, but also review and update it to determine what is important at different stages of your life. Patience with yourself and making the best use of your time in building your future can make anything achievable. Not everything can be accomplished at once, but continued steps and helpful reminders, like the sessions our club had, has helped me prioritize my goals. Now I can identify the Vision of what I want to achieve and define the objectives and strategies needed to accomplish that Vision.

Bonnie Spindler
President



February 2002

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Sauk Trails Optimist Board Minutes

January 10, 2002



By: Jim Judd

Called to order by President Bonnie Spindler at 4:30pm.

Members in Attendance:

President: Bonnie Spindler

Vice-President: Brian Fisher. Past President: Caroline Heath

**Board members: Gail Koehler, Mark Kraemer, Jason Kadow, Jared Holthe,
& Rick Tiedeman. Secretary-Treasurer: Jim Judd.**

A motion was made, seconded & passed to approve the previous month's minutes.

A motion was made, seconded & passed to approve the Treasurer's Report.

A CPA (Community Projects Award) booklet plus an Awards Point Sheet was submitted to the SWIS District for the quarterly awards competition. Board members were reminded of the next District conference on February 8 & 9 at the Country Inn in Waukesha.

Seventeen club members attended 5 or more luncheons during the first quarter.

The next Zone Meeting will be at 6:15 pm on Wednesday, January 16th in Middleton.

A motion was made, seconded & passed to approve the revised club policies and procedures presented by Bonnie.

A motion was made, seconded & passed to have Rick Tiedeman assume the remainder of the Vice-Presidency term of Lisa Schluesche who resigned as an officer due to her employment.

Bonnie will contact members to get a candidate to serve the balance of Rick's one-year board term.

Bonnie indicated that she has sent a letters & checks to both Big Brother/Big Sisters and the Wisconsin Safety Patrol asking them to come to our club and speak about their organizations.

Bonnie indicated that our committees received good feedback on the Power Point presentation at the January 9th luncheon meeting. Those names will be forwarded to each committee.

Our next NOW (New Members Wanted) meeting will be at our luncheon on January 23rd. Anyone who has potential members to invite should get the names to Rick Thomas.

We are considering having a 5:30 to 7 :00 pm NOW meeting in the spring. Mark Kraemer will research a possible site with hors d'oeuvres. We may invite some past members to see if they might be interested in re-joining.

Rick Thomas & Laura Wilson are working on ways to get our club more media coverage. They will try to get our next NOW meeting in the Madison paper.

The Oratorical Contest committee will have a kick-off meeting in late January.

Brian Fisher & Mark Kraemer will begin working on planning for Safety on Wheels for this spring.

Rick Tiedeman has contacted the SWIS District about helping with the Junior Golf Tournament this spring. Mark Kraemer has volunteered to help him.

The Spartan Youth JOOI Club will be helping us with the Skate with the Badgers fundraiser for Wisconsin Special Olympics on January 27th at the Kohl Center.

It was suggested that we contact members who cannot attend regularly and ask them to be our future Optimists of the Month. Bonnie will contact a few of them to get volunteers to come to one of our monthly meetings in February & March to let us learn more about them.

Jason Kadow gave a report to the board on his progress on searching for a possible new site for our weekly luncheons. Jim Judd and Mark Kraemer are also looking at possible sites. No decision has been made to move from Mountain Jack's but it was felt we should look around, in case service or quality of food deteriorates in the future.

Our club web site address will be given to members.

It was decided to participate in the 2002 Tri-Star Invitational Basketball Skills Contest if some members with young children are willing to chair the event, rather than not participate at all in the event.

If anyone is interested in competing in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge fund raiser, they should contact Mitch Hagens for details.

Jared Holthe indicated that, at an early February luncheon, he will sing a Christian song he has written. He will also invite all members to a concert, in early March at his church, where he will sing several of his songs.

Bonnie will set up a nomination committee for our club's April elections of officers & directors. Anyone interested in filling open positions should contact Bonnie.

The next board meeting will be February 14th at 4:30 pm at the Baymont Motel.

The meeting was adjourned around 5:45 pm.

Oratorical Contest 'Kick-Off'

The Oratorical Committee will be meeting in late January to plan and implement the various phases for the Oratorical Contest sponsored by Optimist International. Each participant, age 13 -15 will need to write and give a 4-5 minute speech on "If I Could Change The World". Depending on the number of participants, there will be judging for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for boys and girls separately. The 1st place winners will present their speeches on April 10th (tentative), at a lunch meeting. They each will be entered into the Zone Competition, which will occur on a Saturday in mid-April. The winners there go on to present their speech at the May 4th conference at Chula Vista in the Dells. To compete for a \$1,500 scholarship.

Bonnie Spindler



Brewery Tour

On behalf of the Social Committee, I would like to submit an invite to...Capital Brewery on February 14th for beer, brewery tour & heart shaped pizza. Agenda is Brewery tour from 6-6:30pm, tasting from 6:30-7pm. If you can stay we will order heart shaped pizzas.

-Chris Strub

Sauk Trails Optimist Board Update:

Rick Tiedemann is our latest new Vice President. He took over the position vacated by Lisa Schulesche who needed to go off the board because of job conflicts. Greg Hermus will be taken over the vacant position on the board starting in March. His term will run through September 2002. A big thanks to Lisa for her dedicated work on the board over the last two years.

Bonnie Spindler



February Birthdays

- 1 Shelly Dyksrta-Moore
- 11 Bonnie Spindler
- 12 Lisa Schluesche
- 17 Mark Knipfer

Sauk Trails Optimist Club Policies

The Sauk Trails Optimist Club Policies were separated from the Optimist International Policies. This separate document contains only our internal policies and guidelines with reference to the OI Policies. The main reason for the separation was to be able to update our internal policies easier. If you would like to view or print a copy of the Sauk Trails Optimist Club Policies, you can acquire them off the website or please contact Bonnie Spindler, President.

District Conferences

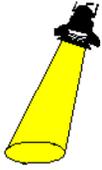


The district conference, February 8th and 9th in Waukesha, will be attended by 7 members of the club. Each member going will choose what training they feel they need, acquire a lot of good information on the various optimist programs, and see the bigger picture of optimism. The next conference will be May 3rd and 4th at Chula Vista in the Dells. (That is the same day as the Special Olympics Track Meet). If your interested in both the track meet and the conference, please call Bonnie Spindler and we'll discuss, with the Special Olympics Committee Chair, Mitch Hagens his needs for the track meet and your personal plans for leadership in the club.

March Newsletter Deadline

February 20th

Please email Jessica at jesso1016@hotmail.com
with articles



Optimist Spotlight Page



Karen Morris

My name is Karen Morris and I became a member of the Sauk Trails Optimists in October/November of last year...here is a brief bio:

I've been married to Wayne for 30 years and we have three children.

Leslie age 26. She is a CPA living in Chicago (I am obnoxiously proud of her and will find a way to insert her CPA title into any conversation).

Bryan age 18. He is a senior at Memorial High School and a very talented writer. He will be attending MATC this fall.

David age 14 who is in 8th grade at Jefferson Middle School. His kindness, generosity and great sense of humor are all excellent reasons why couples should wait and have a third child in their forties.

Fred and Ethel are my two cats. They are marvelous companions and are gifted at knocking over their water dish. I was born and raised in Sterling, Illinois and moved to Rockford, Ill. to attend nursing school. I met and married my husband, Wayne in Rockford. After working as a charge nurse in the newborn nursery at Swedish American Hospital for 16 years, I decided I needed a career change. I turned a writing hobby into a career and became a freelance writer. I write humorous columns about common, ordinary experiences such as standing in line at the post office during the holidays or replacing a clothes washer. I presently write for the Rock River Times (which can be accessed over the internet ...rockrivertimes.com) and the North End Beat. I hope to soon be published in several area weeklies.

My husband is a salesman for WKOW-TV. We packed up and relocated here in February of 2000. It was our first move and took us several months to find a doctor, cello instructor, and dentist. We were able to find excellent people for our medical and musical needs; unfortunately, we are still looking for our towels, toothbrushes and Tupperware. My interests include figure skating, underwater exploration, and mountain climbing...I like to watch them on TV. I also do a little cross stitch while I watch TV. I enjoy people and positive attitudes.

I've been involved with scouting and school volunteer work over the years. I am active in my church and have started clowning with Chuck and Gail Koehler. I would like to do more but due to my inability to make left turns, I am somewhat limited.

I cannot sing or dance and I carry a purse at the beach. I am looking for others with the same talents.

Elaine Sloan

Optimist of the month of December

Thank you for naming me Optimist of the Month. It meant a great deal to me. My background is chemistry and engineering. I have over 20-years experience at major US corporations in sales, marketing, engineering and research positions. Employers include Dow Chemical, General Motors, Nalco Chemical and Dresser Industries. I have lived in Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois and Colorado. I "retired" from a sales manager job in Denver in 1998 and moved back to Madison. I went back to work for Physicians Mutual Insurance Company and enjoy selling Long-Term Care and other life and health insurance.

My adult daughters are the joy of my life. Maribeth lives in Chicago and Amy in Lake Geneva. We get together frequently and especially like to relax at the family lake in the Minocqua area. I recently bought a new condo downtown Madison and live happily with my cat Karma.

World travel is my favorite hobby. I love to visit castles, museums, stone circles and other archeological sites. I especially enjoyed France, Scotland and Mexico. Around Madison I work out at a health club, see lots of movies, read several books a week, meditate and hang out with friends. I spend a lot more time "smelling the roses" than ever before.

Mitch Hagens

Optimist of the month of January

Mitch Hagens has been a member of the Sauk Trails Optimist Club since 1993. He has served on the Board and has chaired the Special Olympics committee for several years. Mitch grew up in Madison (he's a Madison Memorial grad), received a mechanical engineering degree from UW-Madison and has worked as an hvac consulting engineer in the construction industry ever since. He is currently employed by HSR Associates of Madison, an architectural-engineering firm. Mitch has been married to Betsy for over 21 years, has a son Ross (age 15, computer whiz) and a daughter Anna (age 13, talented musician.) He is active at his church and with various son and daughter activities. He likes to read, always has home projects to do, and of course, he is a big Badger fan!

Joe Laubmeier

Optimist of the month of February

I've been a member of the Old Sauk Optimist Club for about 10 years. I've helped with bike safety, Halloween at the zoo, a few of the auctions they had early on, and the service club olympics. People who've had a significant influence in my life and have supported me are my parents, several high school teachers, my wife and children. I have a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's degree in theology. I've worked in religious education and public relations during most of my career. My current job is managing editor at American Family Insurance. Spending time with my family -- especially watching my two sons' sporting activities, jogging and reading are the ways I spend my free time.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS OPPORTUNITY!



Special Olympics Area 6 has rearranged its basketball tournament this spring, which results in a great volunteer opportunity for the Sauk Trails Optimist Club. Area 6 will conduct their Unified Team Basketball Tournament at the Keva Sports Complex in Middleton, on Saturday, March 16th from 9:00 a.m. until noon. They will run games on three courts simultaneously throughout the morning of March 16th.

We can help by providing referees, timers, scorekeepers and charting help. I would like to provide enough help for at least one court (i.e. 5 volunteers.) To help, you should have some experience with one of the above listed duties plus have a good knowledge of the game of basketball and how a game is run. Referees don't need to be certified, but should have previous experience and a good knowledge of the rules of basketball (Special Olympics uses WIAA high school rules.)

I will be asking for volunteers at weekly meetings, but if you don't regularly get to meetings and you would like to help, please send me an e-mail: mhagens@hsrassociates.com

As I find out additional details, I will provide them at the weekly meetings and to those who express an interest. This should be a very fun event and will take a minimal commitment of time. It is an opportunity to provide a crew of Sauk Trails Optimists who can work together at a Special Olympics event. This is also a new event for Special Olympics Region 6 so if we start this year, we should be able to repeat our involvement every year like we do with the track meet.

Please consider helping on behalf of the Special Olympics basketball players, including my brother David.

Mitch Hagens

Board / Committee Quarterly Updates

There was a presentation of first quarter activities and accomplishments and second quarter goals on January 9th. This quarterly presentation was given by the various committee leaders with the support of 'PowerPoint Slides', which they each contributed to. Another presentation on what has been accomplished in second quarter and an update on what is scheduled for the third quarter will occur on April 3rd, 2002.

Bonnie Spindler



Nominating Committee for 2002 - 2003 Optimist Year.

April 1st, 2002 the names of members who will be President, Vice Presidents and Board Members starting in October 2002 need to be submitted to OI. A nominating committee will be established late February, early March to accomplish this task. There is a rotation of three board positions each year, so they will be available. If you're interested in serving on the board, or any additional committees, please contact Bonnie Spindler, current President.

Bonnie Spindler

Student of the Month for
January
Anna Dahl
Student of the Month for
February
Marcia Foltz

SWIS District Contest for Hearing Impaired Children:

There is a program, which reaches a minority number of youth who are hearing impaired. It gives them an opportunity to "Develop Communication Skills". The club has received information on who to contact at various schools in the area that have programs for this youth group. There is information available on a club contest to develop a presentation on the subject: "If I Could Change the World". The district meet will be held on Saturday, April 27th (with a pizza party and overnight the night before). If this is something you're interested in, please contact Bonnie Spindler for more information.

Bonnie Spindler



New Optimist Wanted NOW Lunch

There was a very enthusiastic group at the NOW lunch on January 23rd. Rick Thomas, Membership Committee Chair sent out NOW invites to potential members and made many phone calls of members and future members. A new format at the lunch was the use of a 'PowerPoint Slide Presentation' of information from each Project leader or Committee Chair. Thanks to all who participated by attending, bringing a guest, providing input for the slides, and contacting potential members. The board has planned that the next NOW meeting would be at 5:30 in the evening, late March early April. There will be more details coming.

Bonnie Spindler

Come and See Jared Holthe Sing!

February 6th - Optimist Luncheon at Mountain Jacks

March 5th - Concert at West Madison Bible Church.
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

West Madison Bible Church
2920 County Trunk M
Verona, WI 53593

TRI-STAR Basketball Contest



We are tentatively planning to hold the Madison Tri-Star Basketball competition in Madison the weekend of March 2. The 2002 TriStar Basketball District Invitational will be held on Saturday, March 23rd, from 9am to noon. It will be sponsored by the Brookfield Optimist Club and held at Brookfield Central High School gymnasium in Brookfield. The entry fee will be \$15 per participant. Our local event will determine who from our area will go to Brookfield for the District competition.

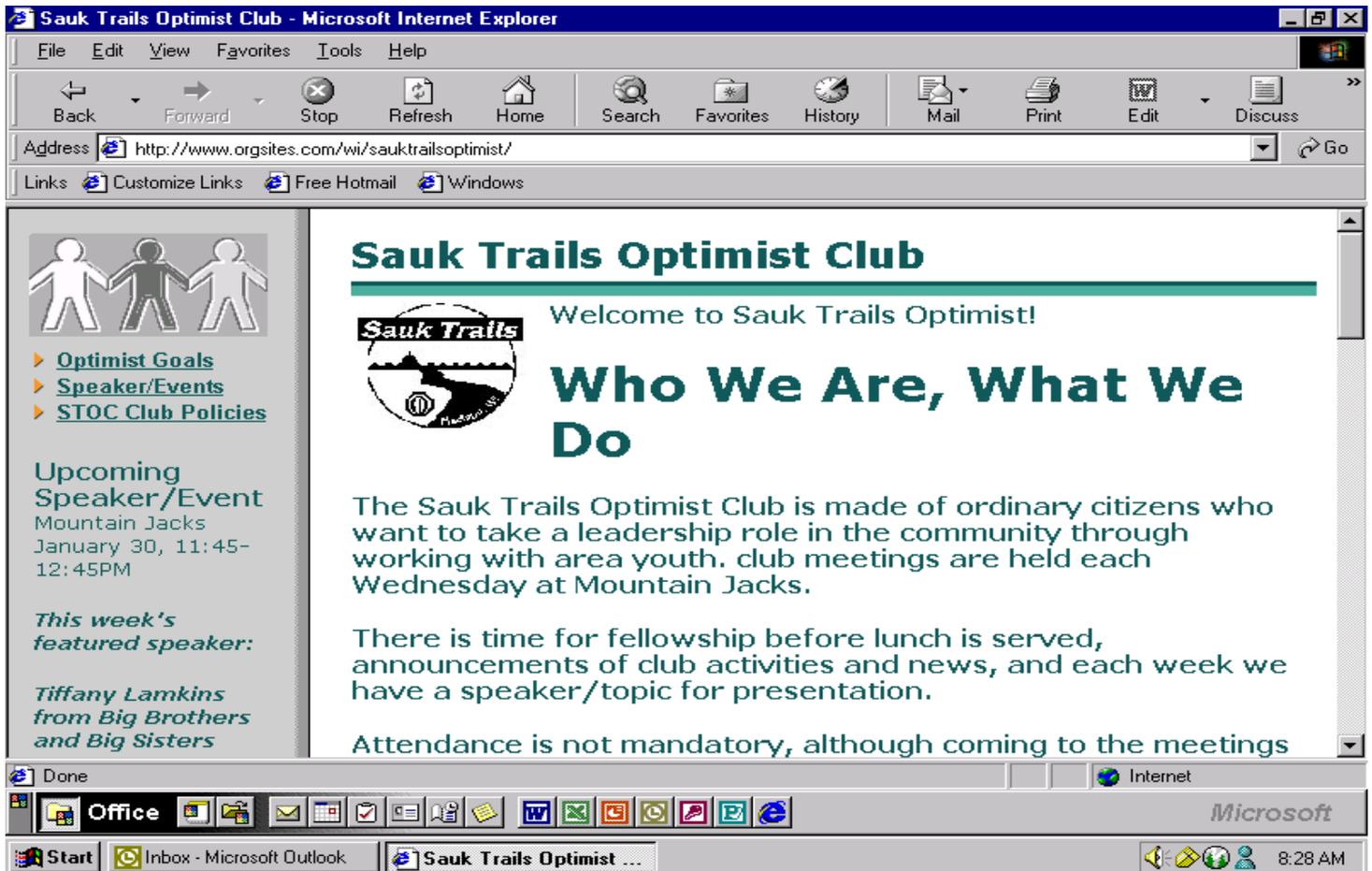
Preliminary (oral) information I have received indicates the competition involves free-throw shooting, passing and dribbling contests. The competition is split into age categories, similar to the Punt, Pass & Kick competitions many of you have seen in the past. The idea is to generate enthusiasm among youth about participation in sports and reward them for their efforts. Recognition comes in the form of trophies for first place through third place in each division at District. We are considering similar awards for the local competition.

Please think about who you know who might participate, either as contestants or as volunteers. Assistance will be needed for a few hours on a Saturday morning to help judge contestants and manage the event. We would like to have 10 or more kids in each class, so we could end up hosting an event with 50 or more children attending. Any help you can provide will be rewarding and appreciated.

Greg Hermus

Special Thanks:

- ❑ A special Thank You to all of you that sent in articles for the Newsletter, Thanks
- ❑ Bonnie Spindler, for all her help on the newsletter
- ❑ Rick Thomas, NOW Membership Chair
- ❑ Chris Strub, Student of the Month
- ❑ Mitch Hagens & Ray Schmitz, Skate with the Badgers
- ❑ Laura Wilson, Website and Activity Schedule
- ❑ Jared Holthe, Greeter Schedule and Singing



Sauk Trails Meets the Internet!

Exciting progress for the club: We now have our very own web page! Laura Wilson located a great service on the web for organizations such as ours. At no cost to our club, we can now communicate through our own club website.

You can see the website for yourself by going to <http://www.orgsites.com/wi/sauktrailsoptimist>.

Right now the site is used as a generic introduction to our club; a great place to share with friends and colleagues you would like to invite to join our membership! Long term, the potential is endless on how we can utilize this site to communicate amongst ourselves.

In February a one-time task force will meet to brainstorm potential uses for the site and issues to consider before doing so. If you would like to take part in this session, please contact Laura at 833-4001 or by email at laurawilson1@mindspring.com.

This is an exciting achievement for our club; take a moment and take a peek!

Sauk Trails Optimist Club Speaker/Event Agenda 2002
Optimist Weekly Meeting held at Mountain Jacks from 11:45-12:45pm.
All members encouraged to come!



Date	Place	Speaker/Event	Topic/Focus	Menu for Weekly Meeting	Contact Person	Comments
January 30, 2002	Mountain Jacks	Tiffany Lamkins Big Brother/Big Sisters	Looking behind the scenes at this great organization		Laura Wilson	
February 6, 2002	Mountain Jacks	Hanna Franke Certified Neuromuscular Therapist Jared Holthe--An optimist with a voice!	A unique way to dealing with common ailments such as backaches Jared will sing one of his original Christian songs	Baked Mahi with lemon herb marinade	Laura Wilson	Hanna was scheduled in December; Reconfirmation in process of attendance
February 13, 2002	Mountain Jacks	Optimist of the Month, Joe Laubmeier Kelly Pochop Memorial High School	Joe will share his "story" with all of us--if you haven't met Joe, great opportunity! Kelly has spearheaded a unique program called "Memorial Neighborhoods" which is receiving national recognition.	South Sea Chicken over Rice	Laura Wilson	
February 14, 2002 6PM	Middleton Brewery	Tour of Middleton Brewery	Social event: All invited!		Social Committee	More information to follow
February 20, 2002	Mountain Jacks	Dick Schulze, Chairperson Junior Optimist Golf Tourney Student of the Month: Marcia Foltz	Dick will report on this special event and how we can be involved. Marcia hails from Memorial High School. Don't miss meeting her!	BBQ Bacon Cheeseburger	Laura Wilson	
February 27, 2002	Mountain Jacks	Who's Who???? Do you know your fellow Optimists?	A new monthly "event": Enjoy the luncheon with NO structured program; simply an opportunity to share time together	Chicken Scampi	Laura Wilson	
March 6, 2002	Mountain Jacks	Stan Kitson	Learn how to take web applications to the next level of communications!	Alfredo pasta with beef tenderloin tips	Laura Wilson	

Feb. 14th Board Meeting, 4:30 - 5:45 Baymont Boardroom
March 5th Jared Holthe, Christian Song Concert

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Membership Roster

Updated as of February 4th, 2002 – Changes are italicized

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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.