

# OSA VIBRATIONS

## **Family Picnic Time!**

Once again it's time to pack up the cooler, kids, & charcoal, and celebrate another successful camping season at Owasippe. The OSA will once again sponsor the Annual Family Picnic on Sunday August 20th. This year's picnic, is to be held at Grove #1 in the Theodore Stone Woods. It is located just east of LaGrange Road on 67th Street. This has been site of many OSA picnics in the past and is very easy to get to from all directions.

The picnic will begin at 11:00am and lasts until you want to call it a day. Bring a grill, some picnic foods, cold drinks and plan to stay for the afternoon.

Children's games such as the JeII-O money hunt, water balloon toss, and a piñata will be held with lots of prizes for all. Games for the adults & teens (horseshoes, softball, volleyball, etc.) are on tap. So here is your opportunity; call up some of your old buds, organize a reunion or maybe just round up a former cabin partner and head on out to the OSA Annual Picnic!



## **Rewards Offered in Arson Cases**

*As seen in the White Lake Beacon*

Two deliberately set fires in the White Lake area have significant rewards attached to them. A fire at Camp Blackhawk on the Owasippe Boy Scout Reservation in Blue Lake Township damaged a vacant dining hall on Sept. 24. In Otto Township, a mid-September fire charred two bedrooms and the living room of a home owned by Rudy and Linda Schnotala on 116th Ave.

In both cases, the Michigan Arson Prevention office is offering rewards of \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for setting those blazes.

An accelerant, or fuel, was splashed around in four different areas of the building, said Det. Terry Leonard of the Muskegon County Sheriff Department. At the scene, Leonard was investigating the wood frame structure on the north and south walls of the dining hall and in the kitchen, which runs east and west.

Leonard said the fire extinguished itself. A member of the camp staff, Tim Toerber was delivering sand to the beach at the camp when he noticed the walls smoldering at about 12:30 p.m. and called 9-1-1.

Rudy and Linda Schnotala were called from their jobs to their Otto

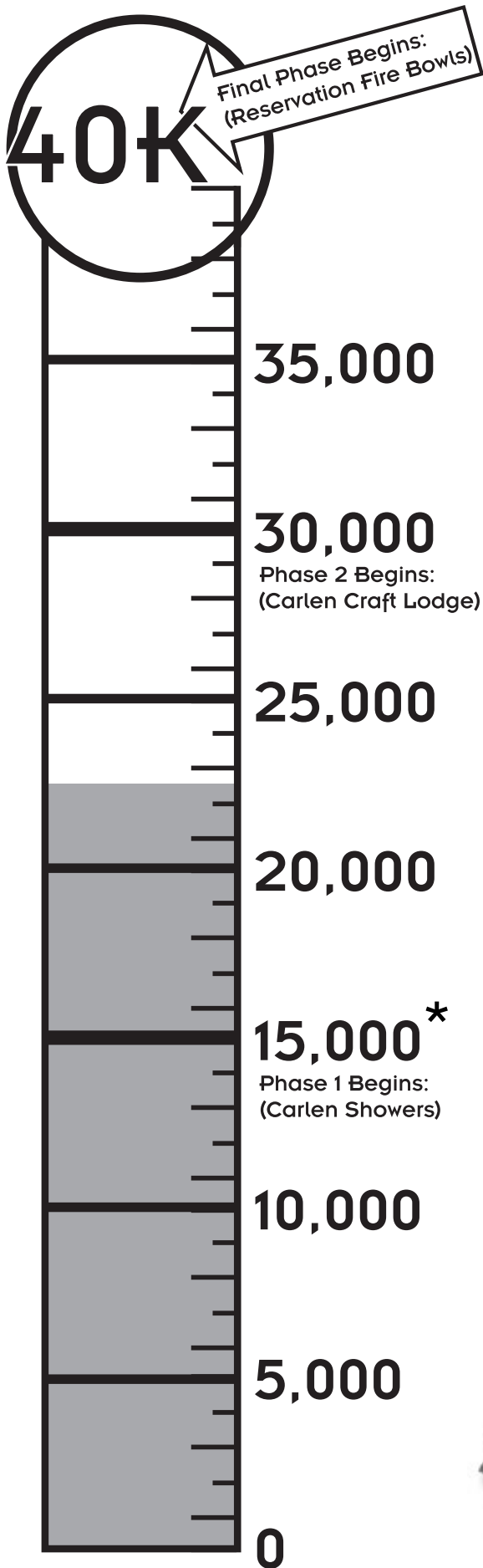
Township home in the early afternoon, Sept. 17. Someone had cut a screen on an open window to the attached garage to gain entry. Two beds in bedrooms were set ablaze and then papers, family pictures and facial tissues were strewn around in the living room and lit with matches from the Schnotala's kitchen. No accelerants were used in the Schnotala house fire and the owners are baffled about it.

"We don't know who would do this to us," said Linda Schnotala. She said until officials find out who is responsible for the blaze, she is uncomfortable in her home. The couple built the house and moved into it in December, 1990.

"It is frightening to think someone would break into your house and set it on fire," she said. The couple care for their granddaughter, Brittany Potter, weekday evenings. Brittany's bed and the heirloom bedroom furnishings the Schnotala's had from Rudy's grandparents were among the losses in the fire.

Anyone with information about either fire can call 1-800-44 ARSON. Information about the Camp Blackhawk fire can also be forwarded to Detective Terry Leonard at 231-724-6656. Oceana County Detective Sue Bailey heads up the investigation on the Schnotala fire.





As another camping season comes to a close, we find ourselves looking ahead to the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Owasippe Scout Reservation. Anyone who has been a part of Owasippe's long history can look upon this with excitement. Considering all of the Scouts, Unit Leaders, Staff and others who have been at Owasippe over the last 90 years, this is a huge number of people. Owasippe has given a lot to these people and these people have given a lot to Owasippe.

The OSA has been a part of Owasippe's history for 20+ years (with some members having been around much longer than that). During those years, we have given much to Owasippe. We have also received much from her. We have given Owasippe our ideas, labor and time; while Owasippe has given us a purpose for being, satisfaction in our accomplishments and opportunities for fellowship. Both Owasippe and the OSA have benefited from one another's existence.

During the coming years, Owasippe and the OSA will continue to benefit from each other's existence. Owasippe needs us, and we need Owasippe. If one were lost, the survivor would miss the other and suffer from that loss. Therefore the OSA will continue to do its part in making Owasippe the great Scout camp that it is. In doing so the OSA will continue to make itself proud of what it has accomplished so that the next 90 years of Scouts, Leaders, Staff and others who come to Owasippe, will gain as much as those who came during the last 90 years.

Just as a reminder, we are entering the last 6 months of our 40K drive and as you can see, we still have a long way to go. If you haven't gotten around to pitching in with a donation, now is the time. There is much to do, and we need the funds to make it all happen. Owasippe's future is built in the present. So give til it hurts, and thanks for your support!



\* Above amount includes \$5,330.00 in the Chuck Nagel Fund

# FLASHBACK!



## A Blast from the Past!

August '83  
(left to right) Al Schneegas,  
Tom Crissey & Erv Brinkman  
survey their work in the  
basement of the Owasippe  
Museum.



## Way back!

Pete Baker (left) surveys Roy  
Martino's carpentry work on  
the fascia of the Wolverine  
showerhouse.

The OSA 40K is a campaign by the Owasippe Staff Association (OSA) to raise \$40,000 (40K) in funds to support a series of projects at Owasippe Scout Reservation.

Currently, the projects include the following:

- Replace or repair roofs.
- Retrofit existing showers at Camp Carlen to supply hot water.
- Construct a Craft Lodge at Camp Carlen.
- Rebuild, and upgrade the firebowls at all section camps.

A number of premiums exist for contributions of varying amounts. These premiums are a token of appreciation for your generosity. They are actually quite nice, and very well made.

Donation .....	Premium
\$50 .....	Silk-screened cotton T-shirt.
\$100 .....	Embroidered baseball cap.
\$250 .....	Embroidered cotton sweatshirt or polo shirt.
\$500 .....	All three of the above, plus a complimentary weekend stay at a Gray Staff Village or Lake Cabin.
\$1000 .....	Embroidered jacket, plus all three above, plus a complimentary weekend stay at Hillcrest.
\$ MORE? .....	Let's talk.

Remember, as always, your contribution is tax deductible. We thank you in advance for your support of this great undertaking, and we look forward to seeing you in the trenches.

## **OSA 40K Donation / Pledge Form**

Mail to: The Owasippe Staff Association, P.O. Box 7097, Westchester, IL 60154

Yes, I would like to contribute to the OSA 40K fund in the amount of:

- \$50    \$100    \$250    \$500    \$1000    other

I designate my gift for the following project:

- General    Roofing    Showers    Craft Lodge    Firebowls    Other

My check (payable to the OSA) is enclosed.

Please contact me soon for a check.

I am unable to contribute now, but please contact me again after this date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Owasippe's Oldest Trail Map** by: Jim Marshall

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This map probably dates from the mid 1920's. In the lower left hand corner there is a notation that indicates that it was reprinted in 1944. In many ways this map is hardly more than a sketch, but it was a greatly needed one. Owasippe's network of roads, trails, streams, and lakes was, and is, hard to visualize without a map. By that I mean it was not like the City of Chicago. Almost any adult resident of Chicago can draw the lakeshore, State Street, Madison Street, and the North & South branches of the Chicago River. A map of Chicago is easy to visualize. Owasippe is not and hence this map and it's successors had to be regularly consulted.

The only paved roads were US 31, which was paved before 1926, and Fruitvale Road. The US 31 Freeway had not yet been constructed. The other roads were gravel, well maintained sand roads and unimproved sand roads, now called "two tracks". The trail system had attained great stability even though most of it was on private property. This was due to the fact that there was very little private development through the 1930's and World War II. Two of the trails had been blazed in two colors. This must have required a lot of manpower to set up and maintain. It took two people carrying paint buckets and brushes where it only took one person the other trails. There was a yellow trail south to Scout Siding. No such siding existed as far as I know. The train stopped on the main track. This is where the train from Chicago would drop off the Scouts. Those going to Crystal Lake camps would hike from there. Scouts bound for other camps would be transported by truck. The Pere Marquette Railroad became a part of the Chesapeake & Ohio in 1949.

Wheat Settlement then consisted of several abandoned houses called haunted houses by the Scouts who visited the place at night. The interior beams and columns of these houses were rough-hewn logs. The Spillway and Owasippe's Grave were popular hiking destinations. Biscuit Lake and the Locust trees survive. Several schools are shown that had long been abandoned and demolished with school consolidation. GHQ marked the Owasippe office, the predecessor to Administration Center. The Lake called Watisee is now called John Adams Lake and between it and Sweet Lake was Camp Belnap for African American Scouts. This property was sold in 1946. Trading Post, Dock #8, and Petakay Lodge marked sites occupied by buildings in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, but vacant since then. A dam shows in Cleveland Creek. The people who built Club Lake Wolverine removed it. Town Hall has long since been moved to become the E. Urner Goodman Museum. Log Bridge (out) and Log Jam have long

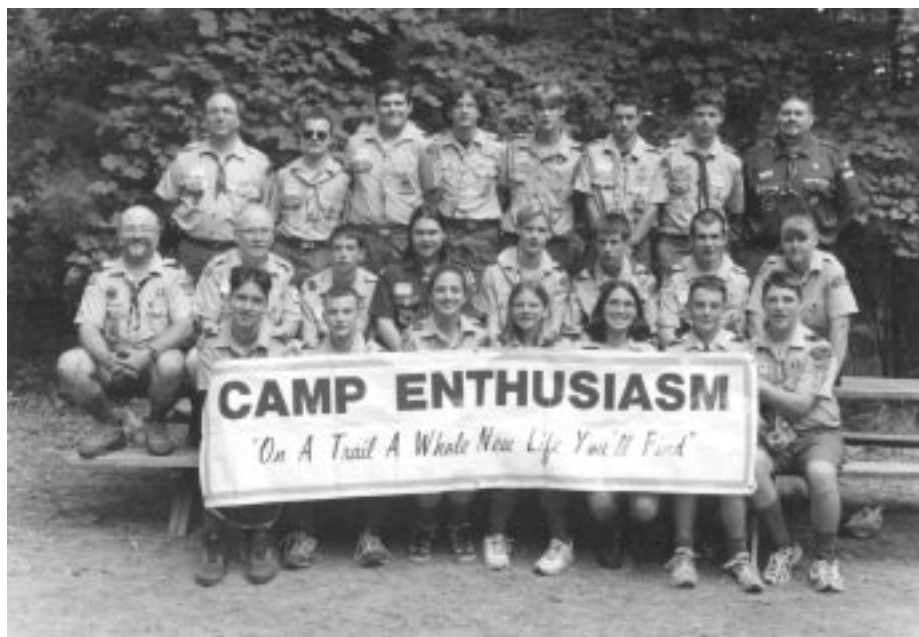
since been removed. It seems that these were very rudimentary structures and more likely were places for horse drawn wagons to ford the river. Scott's Rollway, Scott's Gully and Twin Rollways are located with near accuracy on this map.

There are many errors on the map. Lake of the Woods is shown where there is and was no lake. Pine Island Lake is not shown nor is Baxter Lake. Silver Lake is now called Hart Lake. Square Lake is actually Nine Acre Lake. Camp Wilderness is located accurately, but Camp Pioneer is shown too far west. Owasippe Road is too far north. Skeel's Creek is shown about a mile west of where it is as is Snows Mill, Deserter's Cave and Stockley's Rollway. All would have been nearly impossible to find with this map. The worst errors are the fair sand roads. There were many more of them than were shown on this map. The routes shown could not, in most cases, have been correct because there are steep slopes and swamps in the way. This map was probably drawn from state and county highway maps in the 1920's.

See map on  
following page.



# Images from the OSA Sponsored C.I.T. Week - Owasippe 2000





# Images from the OSA Spring Fix-it #1 May 19-21, 2000



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*is pulling together.*



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**Images from the  
OSA Spring Fix-it #2  
June 9-11, 2000**

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OSA MEMBERS TAKE PRIDE IN A JOB...

**WELL  
DONE!**



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The Board of Directors of the OSA will launch a new era of growth and development for our organization at our next annual meeting in March, 2001. The OSA will introduce three new development plans allowing more options for members to be of service to the OSA and the camp so dear to memory, Owasippe.

Owasippe celebrates 90 years of service to youth next year. The current Administration Center and Camp Wolverine opened in 1965. The needs of the camp, over and above what the Chicago Area Council is able to supply, has become almost a constant issue. Many members can not attend the annual fix-it weekends at camp due to other obligations.

In response to those needs and obligations, your OSA Board of Directors is pleased to announce the OSA Annual Fund. This fund-raising campaign will allow our membership to give something back annually and generate dollars to help Owasippe and the OSA. Part of this campaign will be to identify potential matching donors, e.g. employers, foundations, etc., to increase the size and amount of your annual gift. More details of this campaign will be shared in upcoming newsletters and at the OSA Annual Meeting. This campaign will annually last from September to December 31, each year! Mr. Frank Chlebek has agreed to chair the OSA Annual Fund Campaign for 2001!

A fact of life is that some day, just like we all have to stop serving the Owasippe Staff for the full summer, the great Scoutmaster of all great scouts will invite us all to the eternal camp. Over the past few months, we as an organization have shared the death of a number of our members. In a surprising number of instances, the deceased or their family has been extremely generous to the OSA in asking family and friends in lieu of flowers or as a final remembrance to make donations to the Owasippe Staff Association.

The OSA now numbers over 400 members spread out all over the United States. Your OSA Board of Directors has approved the creation of the OSA

Memorial Fund. This project, in the months ahead, will create a package of materials to assist folks when making funeral arrangements to provide the opportunity to remember the person's OSA membership. As a part of the remembrance, a plaque is planned to be displayed in an appropriate location at camp reflecting the member's name.

Chuck Nagel was one of those OSA members we lost last year. His sudden, unexpected death reminds us all to enjoy Owasippe and life while we can. Chuck was unique to the OSA. He served as one of the founding fathers and original members of the OSA Board of Directors. He was also the first OSA board member to pass away.

While at camp, Chuck was always vitally concerned about program. Whether as the Aquatics Director or Pack and Paddle Trail Boss or Project Amigo, Chuck was about program and support for kids. He often kidded that he would not mind some day if something as seemingly unimportant as a kybo was named after him as long as it helped kids have a better program while at camp.

The OSA Board of Directors is pleased to announce their intention to create the Charles F. Nagel Memorial Program Building Fund. This fund is being established by the OSA to undertake the ambitious project to construct a program building or structure at Owasippe, to be completed by Summer, 2001. This fund is simply being created as an extension of the generosity of Chuck's friends and family to memorialize Chuck at the time of his death and to remember him in perpetuity at Owasippe. The OSA will be meeting with the Chicago Area Council and Marlene Nagel, Chuck's widow, this fall to discuss and review options for the type of structure and the naming of the structure. Mr. Roy Martino has agreed to serve as part of this development team.

The next newsletter should have more details and plans for the Nagel Building as well as our other growth efforts.

## **NOTICE!!** **STEVE TROCCOLI**

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The OSA Board of Directors has been trying to reach you for months! Please contact us as soon as possible!

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## Spring Fix-its Recap

by: Scott Weber - OSA Board of Directors

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**Y**ou want hot water? You got it! This May, OSA members put their muscle where their mouths (and wallets) have been lately, and took the next step in the OSA 40K project. Thirteen hot water heaters and full enclosures were set into place at Camp Carlen in preparation for the summer of 2000 camping season. Even though the turnout of members was lower than usual for the May date, completion of the task was pretty much a breeze thru the trees.

Prior to our arrival, Rob Pruden, Property Superintendent, had worked with members of the Owasippe Hunters Group and pre-fabricated the sides and roofs of the shelters that boxed in the water heaters, and set the pieces at each KYBO. Cement pads were framed and poured by the Hunt Group also, so that when the heaters arrived, everything was ready for a step by step installation. After a training session on the first unit, crews turned to the task at hand. At the end of Saturday afternoon, all 13 units had been placed and boxed in and painted. All that was left was for the plumbing to be attached to the heater units. Other projects tackled and completed during the first fix-it included: Cleaning the gutters at the

Blackhawk dining hall, making a new scuttle cover for the well house at Blackhawk, making a new cover for the power box at Blackhawk, re-screening the doors in the Crown cabins, repairing picnic tables, moving picnic tables into the sites, mowing in Gray Staff Village and scraping/re-painting the Wolverine showerhouse inside and out.

Our second work weekend was in June, and once again we had a smaller than normal turnout, low even for this fix-it event which normally draws a lower attendance than May's event. Since our hot shower project had progressed so smoothly and was completed in one day, this fix-it would be mostly oriented toward smaller projects that were necessary for the opening of camp. Projects that could be tackled by smaller work crews. Projects included: repairing Project COPE events, painting the outside of KYBOs, pool preparation and other final camp preparation needs.

Thank you to all who turned out for these two weekends and gave your time and physical effort to continue the tradition of the OSA being there for the camp.

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## Fall Fix-it Preview

by: Scott Weber - OSA Board of Directors

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**August 16-18**

**W**e continue to work our way thru the original goals of the OSA 40K...which included the hot water systems for Camp Carlen, improving the firebowls in the three section camps, and some sort of handicraft pavillion for Camp Carlen to provide that program opportunity to the Carlen campers.

The Board of Directors is leaning toward the first phases of re-working the firebowls which may include log removal, digging out of ash, adding sand where needed, and coming up with some sort of lay-out that will take advantage of the natural surroundings and provide the campers with a better firebowl in which to enjoy the opening and closing fires.

There will be other projects taken into consideration for this fall, including suggestions from the Ranger staff of Owasippe as they prepare for another winter shut-down. Since plans for the fall weekend have not yet been finalized, we can only guarantee you that there will be something for you to do when you arrive.

One thing is certain....people will be needed for the kitchen crew. If you haven't worked in the kitchen, why not consider it this time? You don't have to be a master chef...there are plenty of things anyone can do without prior training. Honest. If you can work in the kitchen, please contact work weekend co-ordinator Scott Weber at (616)-364-7388. Help us plan in advance by committing now.

To make your reservation for this year's fall fix-it, once again make contact with Scott Weber by calling (616)-363-7388. Please make your call as soon as possible so that we may get a good estimate of the number of people who will be attending. See you at Owasippe.



## **C.I.T.'s Impress This Summer**

by: Ron Kulak - Staff Development Program Director

The summer of 2000 has given us some great staff prospects through our C.I.T. program which keeps rolling along. This year's class of 22 had 18 guys and 4 girls and represented 6 different Scout Councils. Twelve of the C.I.T.'s came from Chicago Area Council. The group as a whole has shown above-average talent plus a lot of imagination which helps greatly at those dining hall programs and at campfires. And, again, the vast majority had originally applied at camp while their units were attending there last summer.

The recruitment efforts and interviewing originally occurred last fall and culminated with the orientation weekend that the OSA and the C.A.C. hosted at Hoover Outdoor Education Center in Yorkville, IL, on May 2-3. It was there that the C.I.T.'s first exhibited their heightened interest and contagious enthusiasm. We knew then that Owasippe would indeed be blessed this summer and, hopefully, for many summers to come. After all, this is the "future" of Owasippe. The group bonded quickly and showed that they were quick studies.

The C.I.T.'s convened at Owasippe on June 17 for the beginning of "staff week" and to begin their week-long training with their volunteer C.I.T. trainers, all OSA volunteers. The training team was comprised of Frank Chlebek, Ron Derby, Ron Kulak, Chauncey and Mary Beth Niziol, Kevin Oster, Joe Sener, Dan Troy, and Patrick Troy. During the ensuing week, the C.I.T. troop received training in all basic outdoor Scouting skills, planned and offered their own campfire programs, visited with key personnel in the primary reservation program areas, hiked most of the Blue, Red and Orange trails, canoed the White River, paid their respects at Owasippe's grave, got a good taste of C.O.P.E., and made many more staff friends. It was hoped that, at a minimum, this group would come away with a greater appreciation of the scope of the reservation, a new sense of the Owasippe culture and history, and a feeling that they were now part of something very special called the "Owasippe Family". The mission was accomplished and the C.I.T.'s then began their rotation of staff assignments throughout the summer which took them to at least two section camps and at least three program areas for continued hands-on training under the supervision of program area managers. After staff week, the training is monitored and coordinated through the efforts of "Deacon" Dan Troy who is also at camp in the capacity of a Chaplain.

All C.I.T.'s must be at least 14 years of age and have finished their freshman year of high school, have been at summer camp for at least three sessions, provide three letters of reference and recommendation, and show an aptitude for leadership, communication and instruction. The male C.I.T.'s have to be at least of Star rank and show a diversified background of Scout training and outdoor experience via their troop involvement. All must present themselves for an

interview before being formally accepted into the program. Typically, those that apply have a high degree of interest, are personally motivated, and are in key positions of responsibility within their home troops.

The OSA plays a key role in all of this as they are the chief sponsor of the program providing the key volunteer staff trainers, program scheduling and coordination, training supplies and logistics, some of the food, staff paraphernalia such as caps, shirts and patches, as well as all necessary written correspondence. Funding for the program comes from the generous donations of our members and other interested parties such as Unit Leaders. We are grateful for the many donations that have made this program "click" over the years....BUT the tank is virtually empty now and we need to replenish our reserves for the next couple of years to come. So, if you are able and would like to play a key role in the continuation of this program, PLEASE send in your personal contribution of \$25 or more to the OSA via its P.O. Box. Earmark it for Staff Development. It is only because of your fond memories of being on staff or of camping at Owasippe along with your financial assistance that we are able to keep this machine running. It is a legacy that we cannot abandon.

The Staff Development program for C.I.T.'s has pretty much been administered in the same fashion with modifications since the late 70's when Gordy Stiefel coordinated the effort. It has also seen the valuable assistance provided by such notables as Chuch Nagel, Mark Behnke, John Grout (Super Scout), Curt Andrich, Tom Bolbot, John Kosik, and Edgar Wolff-Klammer. But their effort was preceded by a forerunner program from the 60's through the intercession of some prior staff such as Bill Dopke, Larry Putz, Tom Crissey, and Jim Richerson. If any of you know of similar earlier programs that were run for first year staff, ie. "Plebes", that date back to Owasippe's inception, please write us so we can include your story in subsequent issues of the **Vibrations**. It would not only be interesting reading but would help us complete a part of the staff history of Owasippe that we are not currently familiar with.

***Let's keep the fire burning for future generations of campers and camp staff! Make a Staff Development donation today!***



## Cost of Dues Increase

The Board of Directors of the OSA has voted and approved an increase in the yearly dues of its membership. The main reason for this increase is that revenue collected from the yearly dues is not paying for the services those dues are to intended provide. These services include the OSA Newsletter (printing and postage), the yearly Owasippe Staff appreciation event, expenses incurred by the Fix-it weekends, etc.

As of January 1, 2001, the **new member dues will be raised to \$20** (\$15 for the yearly dues and \$5 joining fee). **The yearly dues renewal will be raised to \$15.** The Lifetime Membership will remain at \$250. Members are more than welcome to prepay dues for the upcoming year at \$10 per year as long as the money is received by the OSA by December 31, 2000.

## Open Board Meeting

On Wednesday, October 25, 2000, the OSA will be holding an open meeting with our membership. The Board of Directors wishes to hear from our membership. What are your concerns, hopes and ideas? The Board wants to know. You are also welcome to attend to hear the Board's concerns, hopes and ideas. In what direction should our organization be heading? Attend this meeting and have a say in the future of the OSA.

The meeting will be held at the Lyons Township Hall starting at 7:30pm. The Lyons township hall is located at: 6404 Joliet Rd., Countryside, IL. Between Wolf & Willow Springs Roads. **See you there!**

## The OSA Online

We are proud to announce that the OSA's official homepage has a **brand new look**, and a **brand new address** on the Internet at: [www.owasippe.net](http://www.owasippe.net)

The OSA's Web site features information and news about the OSA and a calendar of events. It also carries news about Owasippe, The Chicago Area Council as well as links of interest to OSA members. You can also download and print extra copies of this very newsletter in PDF format!

The OSA's homepage has been visited thousands of times and the Guestbook now has over 130 entries! If you have access to the Web, please check it out and see who has checked in with the OSA!



## 2000 Staff Persons of the Year

Blackhawk	Steve Henclewski
Carlen	Senior ~ Pat Newell Junior ~ Ryan Gust
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C.I.T.	Chris Egner
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Wolverine	Bob Reynolds

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# Galloping Grapevine



## **Ed Hoolihan ~ Clare, MI**

SIGHTED.....former Owasippe property superintendent Ed Hoolihan has turned up at Camp Rotary as Director of Camping for the Lake Huron Council. Ed and his wife Nancy have been to Ohio, Washington D.C. and other east coast Councils since leaving Owasippe. Camp Rotary is located just North of Clare, Michigan. If you are travelling in that general direction, why not give Ed a call? You can reach him thru Camp Rotary at (517)-386-7943. He has lost the curly, permed hair look, added a couple pounds around the middle and stopped smoking years ago. Ed sends his greetings to all those from his era.

## **LeRoy (Lee) Banicki ~ Washington D.C.**

FOUND.....LeRoy (Lee) Banicki.....former staff member at Camp Beard, and later Camp Director at Blackhawk in the early 1970's...Lee has re-surfaced, and people can now answer their own question of "whatever happened to Lee"? Now living in Washington D.C. and employed by our federal government, Lee has recently joined the OSA just in the past couple months. For those of you who remember, Lee spent the summer living with an empty fish tank full of Massassauga Rattlesnakes that were captured at Camp Robert Crown just after it had opened. When he took his snakes out to play, he sure could clear a room. To contact Lee, check the OSA web-page. He signed in on the visitor's page. Hey buddy....welcome back!

## **Pat Monahan ~ Orland Park, IL**

If you have not already heard, effective May 16, Pat Monahan resigned as Reservation Director of Owasippe for an assortment personal reasons. This decision was a very tough one, but Pat truly felt it was the right thing to do. Upon Pat's recommendation, Bill Van Berschot stepped in as Reservation Director for the summer of 2000. By all accounts, against all odds, Bill did a great job! We all knew he would. As for Pat, what will he do next? Rumor has it Pat will be taking a job as a broadcaster on ABC's Monday Night Football. We shall see. Look out Dennis Miller!

## **Jim Rich ~ Chicago, IL**

Jim recently had open-heart surgery and is recovering well. Unfortunately Jim had to miss this summer at Owasippe. He was scheduled to be the Head Wrangler. Best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

## **Ken Gedgaud ~ Schaumburg, IL**

Ken was recently married to Julie Saum this past July 15th. The couple will reside in Schaumburg, IL. Ken served for ten years on the Owasippe Staff, working at camps Wolverine South and Blackhawk. You might remember Ken's wit, good humor and Scouting spirit. Congrats goes to Ken and Julie! Your Owasippe family wishes you the very best.

## **Jack Coussens ~ Park Ridge, IL**

Jack has had a rough 8 months. Just before Christmas, Jack was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer. After all of the follow-up tests, an aneurysm was found on his Aorta. Upon further examination, Jack's Carotid Artery was found to be almost completely blocked. He was operated on in Feb. to unblock the artery, and his Prostate was removed in March. The Anesthesiologist knew the Scout Oath & Law, Jack was comforted by this. The aneurysm just needs to be monitored, and Jack is recovering nicely. Hang in there Jack, we're all pulling for you!

## **Raymond Thomas ~ Suburbs of Chicago**

We would like to acknowledge and thank member Raymond Thomas (Camp West Staff - early 50s) for his donations of Native American costuming (that he personally made), books, uniforming, camp patches and staff neckerchief that date back to 1946-1954. This will be presented to the Owasippe Museum Committee for future displays at camp. It is through the thoughtful contributions of members such as Ray that we are able to keep the heritage of Owasippe alive for future generations. We appreciate these contributions. Ray is now a retired financial planner who resides in the Northwest Suburbs of Chicago. Thanks Ray, good to see you again!

## **See you at the end of the trail...**

### **Max Adamowski**

Early May: We are sad to report the death of Max Adamowski who served very admirably as an Aquatic Director at Camp Robert Crown under Bill Schaefer Sr. and Dave Schlichting in the mid-'70's. Max died from complications due to a stroke and Leukemia. Max's son, Mark, was a C.I.T. in the mid-'80's. Max was 62 years old.

### **Leon Winckel ~ Safford, AZ**

Late June: We pass this along with deep regret and sadness. Leon Winckel has passed away. Leon was a friend to all the staff and was a Ranger at Owasippe and then at Hoover when the OSA was first being formed in 1977-78. He was a charter member of the OSA and was instrumental in giving guidance with our initial projects and in the processing of new ones. He treated all of us as if we were his kids and always had time to bring us into his home as a type of an OSA Clubhouse. His grandson, Levi, was a C.I.T. in 1997 and then on the Blackhawk aquatics staff in 1998-99.

### **Josh Stegall ~ Ripon, WI**

Early July: Josh Stegall, beloved son of Hank and Jean Stegall was killed in a tragic automobile accident over the 4th of July weekend. He was very young and his loss is a very tough one. May the great Scoutmaster of all great Scouts lift Josh up on an Eagle's wing to soar like the sun and be held in the palm of His hand. Hank and Jean's address is: W12185 Olden Rd., Ripon WI 54971, or their phone # is 920-748-2328, for those who want to call or send a card. Josh was a great kid, and will be very much missed by all of us who knew him.

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## ***Dates of Interest to OSA Members***

### ***August***

*6..... 2000 Camping Season Ended*

*16..... Board Meeting*

*20..... OSA Family Picnic*

### ***September***

*13..... Board Meeting*

*16..... Fall Fix-it*

### ***October***

*15..... Vibrations Copy Deadline*

*18..... Open Board Meeting*

*31..... Happy Halloween!*

### ***November***

*15..... Board Meeting*

*23..... Happy Thanksgiving!*

