

OSA VIBRATIONS

The Grinch?

by: Ron Derby - Vice President

No, it's not the Grinch's fault. Due to lack of interest, Christmas is canceled! Just kidding. Actually, due to a lack of a chairperson, this year's OSA Christmas party for the kids has been canceled.

Every OSA event needs a chairperson and, ideally, a committee of helpers. This person gets it done. As you know, the Board is comprised of only nine members. There are only nine Directors running an organization of over four hundred members! Between publications, fundraising, fix-its and the dinner dance, we have our hands full. There are so many details associated with OSA events, the Board certainly can't do it all. We need your help.

Currently the OSA is in need of some volunteer help. We need a member(s) to adopt the Kid's Christmas Party and make it happen. We also need a member(s) to adopt the Family Picnic. We need a

member(s) to adopt the kitchen at fix-its. These much needed volunteers would be responsible for things like recruiting helpers, writing promos for the newsletter, lining up venues, gathering donated goods and organizing events/activities. Contact a Board member today!



Farewell to a Friend

by: Scott Weber - OSA Board of Directors

On a beautiful, clear blue day in late autumn, friends and family gathered at Owasippe to bid farewell to Leon Winkle. An Owasippe Ranger in the early 1970's and a Hoover Ranger in the mid 1970's, Leon went on to settle in the Southwestern United States in Arizona. Leon had passed away in early summer after battling ill health, and it was his wish to have a Broken Arrow Ceremony at Owasippe. The beautiful weather in itself was a fitting tribute to a man who gave so much of himself to others.

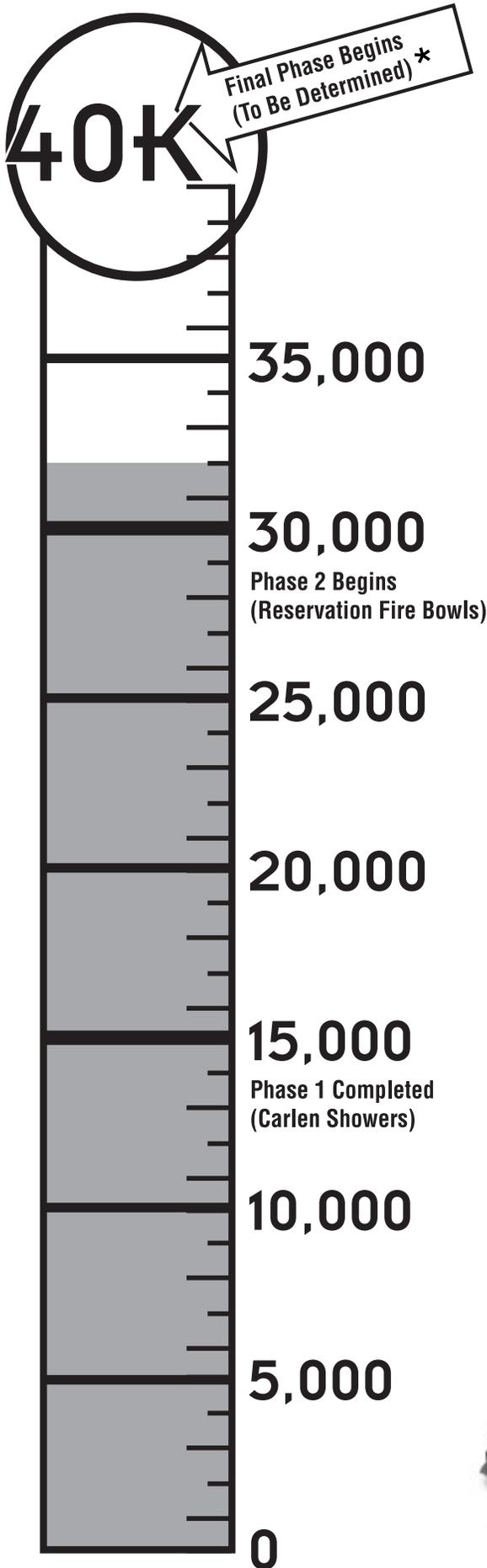
Attending the ceremony was his wife Virginia and grandson Levi Winkle, also an Owasippe Staff member, as well as family members and relatives of Virginia's who live in the area. Also in attendance were members of the Owasippe Staff who worked with Leon while he was either a Ranger at Owasippe or at Hoover. It was a show of respect for a man who had touched each person's life in some manner during their youth.

Members of the Owasippe family came from numerous states across

the mid-west. Bill and Judy Lotter, along with son Matt and his friend Nate Diekleman traveled from Oklahoma. Joe Sener and his daughter Christina came in from Ohio. From Indiana were Steve and Chris Henclewski and John and Jean Sanchez. Larry Miller and Phillip "Chauncey" Niziol came from Illinois and Guy Gogliotti, Mike Drazba with sons Christopher and Scott and daughter Dawn, and Scott Weber from Michigan. In Missouri, Jack "Tiny" Norman turned to the Northeast to join in spirit.

At dusk, we all gathered on the north shore of Lake Wolverine, down the two-track between Frontier Point and C.O.P.E., where a small ceremonial fire was built. Matt Lotter and Nate Diekleman beautifully performed the Broken Arrow Ceremony in full Indian dress as Mateau and Alowat Sakima. Each person who knew Leon was invited to relate a story or an impression Leon had made on their lives. As the last gray light was disappearing from the sky, we bid our friend our final farewell. So long Leon, we'll see you at the end of the trail.





The OSA 40K has currently raised just over \$30,000. We are three-fourths of our way to the goal and we are three-fourths of our way through the OSA 40K's lifetime. The fundraiser was kicked off at the 1999 Annual Meeting and will conclude at the 2001 Annual Meeting.

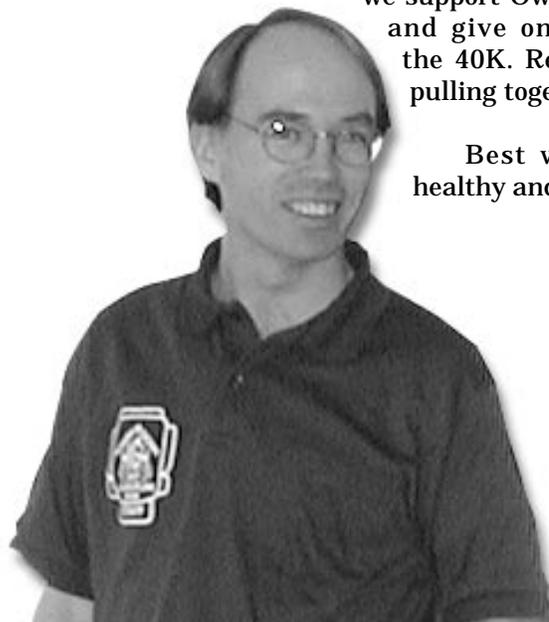
We need a final push to send us over the top and reach our goal. As the end of 2000 approaches, you may find you need to make some charitable contributions to offset your tax bills. I ask that you consider the OSA 40K as a recipient of those contributions.

The money that the OSA 40K has raised has already gone towards many needed projects at camp. As you know, we used some of the fund to re-roof every single Staff cabin on the Reservation. We also used some of the fund to install hot water heaters in every KYBO at Camp Carlen. Wait, there's more! We have begun a third phase of the 40K, the complete restoration of every fire bowl on the Reservation!

You may remember some other potential projects that were to come out of the 40K fund. As you might guess, Owasippe's needs can sometimes be a moving target. As problems and/or needs arise, priorities can change. The OSA in conjunction with the C.A.C., will be determining Owasippe's greatest needs. In keeping with the points of our purpose statement, we will then determine the use of the remainder of the 40K fund. As for the moneys donated in the name of Chuck Nagel, stay tuned, there are some big plans in the works!

Seeing the generosity of our membership over the last 18 months has been great. I think it reflects well on all of us. It shows that we are willing to "put our money where our mouths are" when we say we support Owasippe. Let's dig deep and give one last big push for the 40K. Remember, progress is pulling together!

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and safe Holiday Season!



* Due to the ever-changing needs of Owasippe, the final phase of the 40K project will be determined at a later date.

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.

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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. We are at roughly \$32,000 raised! Help us reach our goal.

Currently, the projects include the following:

- Replace or repair roofs. **COMPLETED**
- Retrofit existing showers at Camp Carlen to supply hot water. **COMPLETED**
- Rebuild, and upgrade the fire bowls 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.
\$ 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:

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Reneker Lodge Destroyed by Fire

The Reneker Lodge burned to the ground on August 31. Tim Toerber, Assistant Ranger, discovered the fire that morning between 8:30 and 9:00. There was little left of the building when Toerber arrived on the scene, just a few rafters and the roof. Firefighters arrived shortly after as the building collapsed, engulfed in flames. Thankfully, no one was hurt and the fire didn't spread to other buildings or the surrounding forest.



All that is still standing from the building is the stone fireplace and chimney, and even that is greatly damaged and fallen.

It is assumed the fire is a result of arson due to the additional vandalism discovered at Camp Reneker that day. Some of the cabins had all the windows completely smashed out. Some damage was done to the interiors of a few cabins, a refrigerator turned on its side. Three toilets and some screens were destroyed in the sanitary building. Most of the damage occurred on B-side.

This is the fourth fire at Owasippe in the past year. The first one, in October 1999, was in the Blackhawk dining hall, mainly scorching the walls. The dining hall has since been repaired. The second and third fires took place at Lake Cabin 1, then home of Rob

Pruden, Properties Manager, and his family. The LC1 fires occurred in March of this year. After the first fire was discovered, the Pruden family returned from their trip to Ohio to see the damage. The fire restarted later after fire inspectors declared it thoroughly extinguished. Over 90 percent of the building was destroyed as well as all belongings inside the cabin.

All three fires are suspected arson due to the



questionable circumstances surrounding the start of each. The Blackhawk dining hall showed evidence of a flammable liquid poured inside the dining hall and lit. The LC1 fire was restarted, even after the original fire had been put out, which burned the building to the ground.

At this time, plans have yet to be made for the reconstruction of the Reneker Lodge. Though the lodge is necessary for the camp's operation, plans cannot proceed until the investigation and insurance matters are resolved. The Michigan County Sheriff's Office has called in the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) to help in the investigation.

Any information regarding any of these fires is appreciated. The Arson Tip Line for Michigan is: 1-800-442-7766.

Family Camp Needs Our Help!

by: Bill Tenner - OSA Member

We are all saddened by the loss of the Reneker lodge. It's up to us as Owasippe supporters to do whatever we can to help!

In addition to the loss of the building, there were numerous program supplies that were inside the lodge at the time of the fire. I know that many families get new games and art supplies for Christmas. If you could save and donate your older complete games as well as any craft supplies, it would fill a great need at Camp Reneker. I have already received some new puzzles

and board games donated by the Hasbro Corporation. Many more materials are needed.

There will be a drop box available at the OSA dinner dance. I can also arrange to pick up any donations. I can be reached on my pager at (708) 892-0553 or at my home number, (708) 457-1858. There is a list of needed supplies posted on the Reneker Web site, www.campreneker.com. For more information, please e-mail Candy Merritt at candy@campreneker.com. Thanks in advance for your help. Bill Tenner.

America's Oldest Boy Scout Camp

by: David L. Eby

Which camp is the oldest? It appears the title belongs to Camp Owasippe in Michigan. The date a camp was established should be simple, but it depends on the criteria you use. When bragging rights are involved and you have some extremely loyal Scouters for almost every camp, the problem only gets worse. Do you determine the year the camp was established by the year the land was purchased even if it stayed vacant for a year or more? Do you go by the year they built the camp even if they didn't use it that year as a camp? Do you go by the year they held their first summer camp operation there even if they didn't have ownership of the land yet? I don't believe that using a purchase date by itself is a correct thing to do. If you had 40 acres of woodlands that no one camps on for a year or two, that is not a camp. It is a piece of vacant land, even if it is owned by a scout council. If you built a camp and/or had a council summer camp operation going on a parcel of land, then you had a camp. Only a true summer camp operation run by a council counts as an establishment date.

If you visit the Treasure Island Scout Reservation website it says Treasure Island is "America's oldest continuous Scout Camp." Then if you visit Chicago's Camp Owasippe's website it says Owasippe is "America's oldest continuous Scout Camp" and that it started in 1911. They can't both be the oldest since they have two different starting dates. The oldest (known) camp by whatever definition you choose; the year they bought it (1910), built it (1911) or held their first camp there (1912) appears to be Camp Owasippe.

After researching through Scouts-L, ASTAR and dozens of camp and council Web sites, it appears that there are at least 12 scout camps in the country that were created between 1910 and 1919 that are still in existence. But Web sites may have untrue or slanted information. This became evident when I found three different camps on the web all claiming that they were the oldest scout camp west of the Mississippi yet their dates of establishment were 1919, 1920 and 1924. The oldest camps that have been located and verified, by way of official Web sites and/or written documentation such as old camp manuals, are as follows:

Camp Owasippe - located near Whitehall, Michigan - Chicago Area Council - since 1911 The first 40 acres that became Camp Owasippe was purchased in 1910. In 1911 a small group of Scouts and workmen dug a well and built the basics of a camp. In 1912 they held their first summer camp operation. According to the 1919 camp manual, the camp was originally at Crystal Lake and was called Camp White. A steamship took the scouts to the camp in those first years. In 1913 the name was changed to Camp Owasippe. The Chicago Council was using the 1912 date as the 1972 Owasippe patch celebrates the camp's 60th anniversary. In 1961 they used a patch that said

1911 was the start date, their 50th anniversary patch. In 1996 the camp patch boasts Owasippe's 85th anniversary, again using the 1911 date. They seem to have been undecided as to which of the two years to use. I suppose you could take your pick of 1910, 1911 or 1912 but I use the latter date since it wasn't used as a camp until then. The original 40 acres eventually grew to about 14,000 acres in size. Some of it was sold off in recent years including the original 40 acres. The camp currently contains about 5,000 acres. This is not to say there were two different Owasippes in two different locations. The original and current acreage was all included in one massive reservation. It is still a very large camp with a tremendous history. Their camp manual, which is online, has the story of Chief Owasippe and his two sons.

Camp Teetonkah - located near Jackson, Michigan - Great Sauk Trail Council - since 1913 Camp Teetonkah has been located on Wolf Lake since 1913. It originally contained about 50 acres. Their 1930 camp brochure states it will be Teetonkah's eighteenth season. Subtracting 18 from 1930 results in 1912 but that is incorrect. If 1930 was the 18th year and you count them backwards, their first year was 1913. Teetonkah has operated on the same land since 1913 but the land was owned privately until the Jackson Council took official title in late 1916 or early 1917. Some councils rented or leased camp land or simply had free use of it from the owners until they had the finances to buy it. The Jackson Council held their first summer camp operation at Teetonkah in 1913 and continued to do so for about 80 years. It is now a weekend camp as are camps Belzer, Miakonda and Glen Gray. A number of local deceased scouters have had their ashes scattered at Camp Teetonkah to be part of the camp for eternity. The list includes a former council president as well as a council executive. According to a 1921 news clipping the name "Tee-Tonk-Ah" means "Big Lodge."

Treasure Island Scout Camp - located near Philadelphia - Cradle of Liberty Council - since 1913 Treasure Island was originally privately owned by a scoutmaster, Oscar G. Worman, who used it for his troop. Philadelphia Council leased the island from him for six years starting in 1913, the same year as their first summer camp. The council bought the island at the end of the lease in 1919. A council committee was inspecting the 50 acre island, then called Ridges Island, in 1913 when one member remarked that the scenic island truly was a "Treasure" which became the name for the new camp. Treasure Island Scout Reservation is made up of two separate islands with the other being Marshall Island. Interestingly enough, Treasure Island is part of New Jersey and Marshall Island is part of Pennsylvania. The suspension bridge erected to connect the two islands

was deemed an interstate bridge and required special permission. While their Web site says Treasure Island is the oldest continuous scout camp in the country, it isn't older than Owasippe, and with a 1913 established date Treasure Island is tied with Camp Teetonkah as the nation's second oldest camp. The claim on the Philadelphia Web site is based on the fact that Owasippe doesn't own the original acreage the original camp was on. My vote would still go to Owasippe even though I would love to vote for Teetonkah which my council owns.

Camp Delmont - located in Delaware County, Pennsylvania - Cradle of Liberty Council - since 1916 Camp Delmont was named after the two counties that made up the original Valley Forge Council, DELaware and MONTgomery. It is now one of the two camps that make up the 1400+ acre Musser Scout Reservation in Pennsylvania. The original 35 acres was purchased for \$500 and included a stone house. Summer Camp was first held there in 1916.

Yawgoog Scout Reservation - located near Rockville, Rhode Island - Narragansett Council - since 1916 Camp Yawgoog is named after an Narragansett Indian Chief and was a 150 acre parcel that was leased for one year then purchased by the Rhode Island Boy Scouts (RIBS) and includes two ponds named Yawgoog and Wincheck (another Indian Chief). They held their first summer camp operation there in 1916.

Camp Glen Gray - located in Bergen County, New Jersey - Northern New Jersey Council - since 1917 Glen Gray is named after Frank Gray, a well known early professional scouter of that area, and was originally 150 acres and is located in a valley in the Ramapo Mountains in New Jersey. Gray was one of America's earliest scoutmasters, having started a troop in Montclair, N.J. in March, 1909. He also created an honor program that was used in New Jersey and in the Brooklyn Council called "Senior Division."

Indian Mound Scout Reservation - near Oconomowoc, Wisconsin - Milwaukee County Council - since 1917 Indian Mound is named after a 1,000 year old Indian mound that is shaped somewhat like a lizard or turtle and is a 291 acre scout reservation with two camps on it.

Camp Miakonda - located in Sylvania, Ohio - Erie Shores Council - since 1917 Miakonda means "Crescent Moon" and is literally inside the city of Sylvania, Ohio. It began as a 78 acre camp. The half circle patches from Miakonda came in two sets, the three tree (1950's) and the four tree (1960's). Most councils were doing very well if they owned even one camp in the 1910s. Toledo Council had two. Because the Vineyard Lake camp in Michigan was where they held their summer camp from 1915-1923, Miakonda didn't host a summer camp operation until 1924 but

was built and used as a camp in 1917.

Camp Belzer - located near Indianapolis, Indiana - Crossroads of America Council - since 1918 Camp Belzer is named after the creator of the Firecrafters organization, Francis O. Belzer, who was the longtime professional in Indianapolis. It was originally called Camp Chank-Tun-Un-Gi (which meant "loud, happy place") and is a 130 acre camp next to Fall Creek. It was renamed Camp Belzer in 1948 after the death of their "Chief."

Scouthaven - located near Arcade, New York - Greater Niagara Frontier Council - since 1918 Scouthaven, purchased in 1918, was first called Camp Crystal as it was located on Crystal Lake. It was renamed Scouthaven in 1923. In the early years Scouts got to this 400 acre camp by riding a "milk" train which went nearby. It was originally owned by the Buffalo Council, located inside the Erie County Council, until the two merged in 1949. It was a turn of the century amusement park that was converted into a Scout camp. The dining hall is the former dance hall and the Camp Rangers office is the old railroad depot.

Camp Friedlander - located in Cincinnati, Ohio - Dan Beard Council - Since 1919 Summer camp was held there in 1919 and it was dedicated on August 23, 1919. The camp is currently undergoing a multi-million dollar renovation. Edgar Friedlander donated the original 41 acres and he donated 35 more acres in 1923. The current Dan Beard Scout Reservation which includes Camp Friedlander is 500 acres.

Camp Parsons - located on the Hood Canal in the state of Washington - Chief Seattle Council - since 1919 Camp Parsons was a 165 acre logging camp and was purchased by Reginald Parsons, the Seattle Council's first president, who donated it to the scouts. The camp was named in his honor. They held their first summer camp operation there in 1919 and continue to do so today. The camp is the oldest continuous Boy Scout camp west of the Mississippi and is the only camp in the west to make the list of "America's Oldest Scout Camps."

If there are other camps out there that were established between 1910 and 1919, I was unable to find information on them. Many websites do not give starting dates for their camp. It appears that a number of camps that would have made the list have been sold off in the last five or six years. For now this seems to be all of the nation's Boy Scout Camps that are deserving of the title "America's Oldest Scout Camps." Whether the term "established" means the year it was purchased, the year it was built or the year they had their first camp operation, it will determine what the year of establishment would be. Regardless, all the camps listed in this article have a lot of stories to be told. There are also many camps out there that were established in the 1920's that are still going strong.

Letter to the Editor

by: Jack Coussens
OSA Member

I very much enjoyed reading the article and seeing Jim Marshall's map in the last newsletter. As my Troop, 923, was very adventuresome and spent much time on the two-tracks, that map was a true boon to our exploring.

Given the poor maps of the day, his map was extraordinary in its accuracy. It showed much research and attention to detail. With it, a person could easily find his way to anywhere on or adjacent to the Reservation.

One thing the story did was to correct an error that I had carried with me since 1945. In that year, I was told that Camp Blackhawk had its name changed for one period every summer so that all the black Scouts could attend together, at one time, on a segregated basis. I never dreamed that there was a totally separate camp. Now that I know, I'll have to drive over there next summer to look over the sites. Good old Camp Belnap.

I have two maps in my possession. The Marshall map is set up slightly different from the one you showed. It seems that every year or so the Council made changes of one type or another. What a great waste of money! One map is referred to as the "cartoon map." The original is in glorious full color. It is basically the same as the map I first used in 1944. It was surprisingly accurate but not as detailed as the modern one. Because of its "cuteness," nearly every kid in camp considered it necessary to own one. With that in mind, it's surprising that there are so few in existence today. Yours in Scouting, Jack Coussens.

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Just as this issue was going to press, we lost Jack. He was a charter member of the OSA in 1978 and of Camp Pre in 1971-72. When the OSA first began, he was a cheerleader, confidant, and spiritual advisor to the original Board of Directors. He was a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, an Eagle Scout, and a Life Member of the OSA. Jack also served one term on the OSA Board of Directors from 1985-1988. Jack was a Veteran Owasippe Camp Director and Scouter.

Of course, for many years, he was the Scoutmaster of the legendary Troop 923, "The Plaut Scouts", and had more recently served as its Committee Chairman and Scoutmaster Emeritus. Through Jack's leadership and example, his Troop effectively camped as a lone Troop unit at Hiawatha Beach and contributed many of its own Scouts to the Owasippe Staff. He strongly supported the OSA in its effort to enhance Owasippe, to fight for its continued use for future generations of Scouts, and to unite Staff alumni in a common cause. He was recently instrumental in arranging a significant donation to the OSA 40K fund from the Troop 923 Alumni Club.

Those that would like to contact the family with a letter of condolence or a sympathy card may do so care of Jack's wife, Doris, at 225 East Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068. He is also survived by a son, Andrew, and a daughter, Susan...both of whom had previously served on the Owasippe Staff. The family has asked that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Owasippe Staff Association (P.O. Box 7097, Westchester, IL 60154) or St. Paul's by the Lake Church (7100 North Ashland Ave., Chicago, IL).

So long old friend, we'll see you at the end of the trail. You will be dearly missed.

Dog-n-Suds Does the Twist

The well-known restaurant among Owasippe Staff has decided to change something other than its menu to attract more customers. It has changed its direction. While it's still on the same lot of land, the restaurant has been picked up and turned so the front is facing the White River. Owner David Hosticka decided on the change to increase the number of customers served from their cars by carhops. In a time of plentiful drive-thrus, it's the drive-in feature that sets Dog-n-Suds apart from other eateries.

Dog-n-Suds will reopen in the spring, in plenty of time for the start of camp. The dining room will be closed temporarily. Customers will enjoy service at the picnic tables and from their cars. In a year, Hosticka plans to add a dining room to the rear of the restaurant.

At one time, there were nearly 100 Dug-n-Suds restaurants. The one on Dowling Street in Montague is the only remaining one in Michigan. The change in position brings back some of the retro feel of the restaurant. They will still have the same famous food and root beer, but with a new outlook. Hosticka is looking for memorabilia from early drive-ins, especially from the White Lake area. It would be used as decoration in his "new" restaurant.

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Fall Fix-it in Review

by: Scott Weber - OSA Board of Directors

Sunny skies greeted the small but eager group of OSA members who turned out for the fall fix-it (August 16-18). The task at hand this time was the clearing the land for the expansion and rebuilding of the Wolverine fire bowl. In the weeks prior to our arrival, Owasippe Properties Manager, Rob Pruden directed the members of the Owasippe Hunt Club in the removal of trees and the cutting and splitting of the existing log benches. With this advance work done, it was up to our group to finish the initial phase of preparing the bowl for the new look next spring.

After a rocky start with a piece of equipment that had been rented to grind out the old stumps, we got cranking when Owasippe loaned us the camp's backhoe to dig out the stumps. We replaced the rented stump grinder with a chipper to grind up all the tree limbs and tops that had been piled in a mountain of brush. We also used a mini backhoe to assist in the moving of small stumps and other smaller tasks. It was a sweaty, gritty day, but by the time the dinner whistle blew, our primary goal of removing all of the stumps and all shredding all of the brush was achieved.

Shortly after the fix-it, a member of the Owasippe Hunt Club pitched-in to help once again. This time using a bulldozer, the once uneven and pock-marked ground has been pushed around to level out the terrain and smooth out the grade. By doing this, it will allow the sand to settle over the winter under the pack of the snow (hopefully we'll get some this year) and the spring rains. The site is ready for phase 2.

It has been disappointing to many on the OSA board of directors to see such low turnouts for our projects this year. We are hoping this was only because people had other commitments during the dates that were established for the fix-its. There is a tremendous amount of work to be done in the spring to get the fire bowl, which is now just a crater in the woods, back to a usable first-class facility. Mark your calendars for the 3rd weekend in May (that's just before Memorial Day weekend) and please make every effort to join us as we lay the terracing and install the seating. It's going to be another gritty, sweaty job, and we'll need every able body we can get. There is much to be done. Stay tuned to the VIBRATIONS in the months to come for more information.

Images from the Fall Fix-it 2001

Progress...

is pulling together.



2001 Nominations and Election

by: Vince Rychtanek - Election Officer

YOUR OSA BOARD The affairs of the OSA are managed by the nine members of the Board of Directors whom you elect. Their terms are staggered so that three must be elected each year. Each Board member serves a three-year term unless a vacancy must be filled for a shorter term. A Director must be a currently registered Staff or Associate member age 21 or older as of the day of election (March 3, 2001), have a genuine interest in the success of the organization and be available for monthly Board of Director meetings.

Current Board of Directors			Term Expires
Michael Campbell (Secretary)	Ron Derby (Vice-Pres.)	Scott Weber	2001
Diane Posen	Vince Rychtanek	Pat Troy (Pres.)	2002
Kevin Oster (Treasurer)	Art Paull	Dan Kleinfeldt	2003

WHO MAY VOTE Each Staff and Associate Member currently registered ('01) is entitled to one vote at the annual meeting for the purpose of election of the Board of Directors. Voting may be done in person at the 23rd Annual Meeting (location to be announced) on Saturday March 3, 2001 from 6:30 to 7:00 PM.

Alternately, ballots will be accepted via the US mail starting again in 2001. A list of candidates, their resumes and a ballot will be sent out in a separate mailing in mid February.

BE SURE THAT YOU ARE CURRENTLY REGISTERED ('01) SO THAT YOUR VOTE COUNTS. The current year of your membership will be on the mailing label addressing this mailing. Any questions regarding the status of your membership can be presented to the Membership Committee Chairwoman Donna Troy at (630) 257-6967.

WINNERS Those candidates receiving the largest number of valid votes will be inducted into the Board of Directors during the 2001 Annual Meeting. For 2001, the top three vote getters will be considered duly elected. The positions will be three-year terms.

OPERATING OFFICERS The first official duty of the newly constituted Board of Directors will be to select operating officers for the next twelve months, namely: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

2001 Owasippe Staff Development Fund

by: Frank Chlebek - OSA Member & C.I.T. Trainer

The OSA would like to thank the members listed to the right who have contributed over \$2,400 to the Owasippe Staff Development Fund. These contributions will assist the Counselor In Training (C.I.T.) Program at Owasippe Scout Reservation. These funds help pay for C.I.T. hats, clip boards, extra staff shirts, and other extras that Owasippe cannot provide to the C.I.T. candidates.

If you would like to contribute to this effort, we would be delighted to hear from you. Donations of \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$250 or any amount that fits into your budget would be gratefully accepted. Make checks payable to the OSA c/o Staff Development. Please mail donations to:

Frank Chlebek
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Harry Howisen	John Sterling
Roger Humpreville	Michael Tranchita
Carolee Jaskolski	Edgar Wolff-Klammer
Kevin Joyce	

Galloping Grapevine



Scott Dorencz ~ Orland Park, IL

Scott Dorencz, son of OSA member Gary Dorencz, was recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at his Court of Honor on November 19th. Bob Ward was one of the presenters. The Troop is 699 and Gary Dorencz is the Scoutmaster. Swoop gave the Eagle charge. Scott is a senior at Stagg High School in Palos Hills and is in the National Honor Society. Scott has served on the Blackhawk Staff and was a C.I.T. in 1998. He is intending on returning to camp Staff in 2001. Way to go Scott!

Sean Monahan ~ Orland Park, IL

Sean passed his Eagle board of review just before Thanksgiving. Sean has served a few summers on Blackhawk Staff. A Court of Honor is in the planning stages, stay tuned. Great job Sean!

Pete Kulak ~ Tinley Park, IL

Pete is back in town and back in the Kulak family nest for the time being. He is student teaching at Joliet West High School in English/Literature and is expecting to graduate from EIU in December. Welcome home Pete

Curt Andrich ~ Fredericksburg, VA

Curt has retired from the Fairfax County Police Department and is currently working as a consultant for Booz, Allen and Hamilton in the same field. He says he's having a lot of fun on a Justice and Treasury Department assignment helping local governments establish radio systems. He is hoping to be up in Michigan within the next month on another assignment. His wife, Terri, and the kids are doing very well. Danielle, his oldest daughter, is now 14 years old and providing new challenges for Curt and Terri as she begins dating.

Phil Kaufmann ~ Homewood, IL

Phil, C.I.T. class of '99, is currently living and going to school in Israel until January 3rd. He says he is doing well and having the experience of a lifetime, but there have been scares as well. A bomb went off a few weeks ago not far from his school, bringing the region's fighting to a stark reality. Phil voiced concerns about missing the Staff interviews—so far away and still thinking about Owaspippe. All friends are invited to write to him at Philisinisrael@hotmail.com.

Bob Menard ~ Crystal Lake, IL

Bob is coming back to Owaspippe soon. He retired from the Navy six years ago and has since become re-involved in Scouting. He will be attending Owaspippe next summer with his Troop, 127, after a quarter-century absence. He currently lives in Crystal Lake, IL, and works for Motorola. After completing Wood Badge in 1996, he now serves as a member of the district committee, as a unit commissioner, and on staff for Wood Badge and SMF. His son just achieved Eagle this past September and is now the Chapter Vice Chief. He has become very active in the Order of the Arrow for his Lodge and attended NOAC this past summer. Next year it's off to college. Good luck to the whole Menard family.

The OSA Online

We are proud to announce that the OSA's official homepage is under complete reconstruction & will have a **brand new look**, and a **brand new address** on the Internet at: www.owaspippe.net

The OSA's Web site features information and news about the OSA and a calendar of events. It also carries news about Owaspippe, 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!



Blue Lake Township Election Results

Supervisor	Donald E. Studaven
Clerk	Fred E. Arbogast, Sr.
Treasurer	Melonie L. Arbogast
Trustee	Arlene J. Bevins
Constable	Arnold Bevins

See you at the end of the trail...

Edward Strenski ~ Chicago, IL

Early August: Edward, father of Dave Strenski, passed away at the age of 81. Mr. Strenski was a retired Chicago Firefighter who had attended Reneker Senior Camp for at least the past 15 years. He would always bring earrings for the Reneker Staff, and was known to be the life of the party. Edward leaves behind many loved ones and friends who will miss him dearly. He was laid to rest in St. Adalbert Cemetery.

James Budzileni ~ Chicago, IL

It saddens us deeply to announce the passing of James Budzileni. He is the former Scoutmaster of Troop 924 and was involved for a number of years with the Trailblazer then Phoenix districts. He also served on the Owaspippe Staff in the late 80's as a volunteer commissioner. His daughter Joanie Budzileni also served on Staff in the 80's at Reneker and Blackhawk. Jim you were well liked and you will be greatly missed.

Chester Chlebek ~ Chicago, IL

Friday, November 3, 2000: Chester Chlebek, father of Frank Chlebek, has passed away. Chester was a good man who will be missed. He was laid to rest in Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, IL.

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**Reminder: As of January 1st, 2001, new member dues
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December

- 16..... *3rd Staff Interview (@ Holy Ghost Church)*
- 20..... *Board Meeting*
- 25..... *Merry Christmas!*

January

- 1..... *Happy New Year!*
- 15..... *Ad Book Deadline*
- 15..... *Vibrations Copy Deadline*
- 17..... *Board Meeting*

February

- 21..... *Board Meeting*

March

- 3..... *Dinner Dance/Annual Meeting*

