

OSA VIBRATIONS

Spring Means Fix-it

by: Dan Kleinfeldt - OSA Board of Directors

Spring has finally made its appearance in the mid-west. That means the Spring Fix-it is right around the corner. We are holding only one fix-it weekend this spring, so make sure you plan ahead to be at Owasippe on May 18-20. The final phase of the 40K project (reservation firebowls) is ready to go, and we hope you are too!

This time around our main focus will be finishing the Wolverine firebowl. The big task will be installing benches in the crater we made during the Fall Fix-it. There are lots of jobs for every skill level including auger operators, drilling, fastening, sawing, staining, sinking poles and leveling benches. Depending on our attendance, there are also several other projects that can be worked on, not to mention the vital kitchen crew.

Camp has received some retired utility poles that will be cut and sunk into the ground. Sterling Lumber has graciously donated numerous treated 2x10s to make the seats. Some work will be done ahead of time by the Ranger Staff and Conservation Club to make our job a little easier and faster.

This is a great chance to gather a few old buddies from your years at camp to revisit the old stomping ground and catch up. Come be a part of this exciting project that will enhance every Wolverine camper's Owasippe experience. Your help will make a difference!

So what do you need to bring to Owasippe on May 18th? Bring cordless/corded drills, routers, extension cords, generators, chainsaws, levels, brushes for sealer, work gloves, eye protection and a few friends.

Call Dan Kleinfeldt for cabin reservations at (773) 594-9585 or e-mail him at jdkleinf@op97.k12.il.us Don't wait 'til the last minute to make your reservations! Sign up now for this great weekend.



What's Cooking...

Nothing unless there are a few people who are willing to work in the kitchen. It's hard work out in the field, and the work is a lot more difficult without food to nourish the body and provide some energy.

We are seeking volunteers who will help out with the whole weekend or just one of the three meals. If you haven't had fun in the Owasippe kitchen yet, why not gather some friends and consider this aspect of the work weekend instead of grunting and getting dirty in the field?

Even if you can't help out with the actual cooking, maybe you are able to donate some food or supply us with a great discount food source. Remember, the more we save on food, the more help we can give to Owasippe.

If you can help in preparing, supplying or suggesting food for the work weekend, contact Dan Kleinfeldt.

Dinner Dance Fever

The Annual Meeting & Dinner Dance was held on Saturday, March 3rd. To those who could not attend: you missed a great time, and we missed you! Everyone really seemed to enjoy good conversation and socializing. There were over 100 people in attendance this year, including Tom Donlan, Don Studaven, Kevin Joyce, Bill Lotter and countless others. The OSA was also pleased to have

Chief Scout Executive of the Chicago Area Council Jim Stone present.

The general elections were held and the open seats on the board

were filled by incumbents Ron Derby and Mike "Buda" Campbell and newcomer Jim Rich. The 2001 officers were announced: Ron Derby takes over as President, Kevin Oster as Vice President, Pat Troy as Treasurer and Mike Campbell as Secretary.

Many thanks go out to Jerry Brown, our emcee for the event, and to everyone who participated in our brand new raffles both during the evening and beforehand by mail. We would also like to thank those who advertised in our brand new calendar/ad book. Most of all we would like to thank everyone who came out for the fun.



President's Perspective by: Ron Derby - President

Hi. How's it going?

For those who don't know me, my name is Ron Derby. I've been involved in Scouting for 22 years. I'm an Eagle Scout. I worked at Owasippe from the late 80s to the mid-90s and as a C.I.T. Trainer for the past four summers. I have been a member of the OSA for over ten years and have served on the Board for the past four.

I am the 15th person to hold the title of OSA President, and I am proud of it. There have been some great presidents over the years, names like Monahan, Ward and Finnegan. Big shoes to fill. Not unlike those of my predecessor, Pat Troy. Pat has led the OSA with professionalism and enthusiasm for the past two years, and I thank him. He has given me the helm of a seasoned ship in good condition, a ship that has sailed a steady course for 23 years. I am here to tell you she's in good hands.

I take over knowing full well that we are in stormy seas. Scouting, Owasippe and the OSA are all at a crossroads. I am still in love with all three. I owe an eternal debt of gratitude to all three.

I was going to title this article "Forever in Blue Jeans" because that's who I am. I am the kind of guy who gets his hands dirty. I am rarely seen in a three-piece suit. I prefer my blue jeans, eye contact and a firm handshake. I may not be polished or overly political, but I know how the game is played. I know where my loyalties are; they are with you.

In the short two months since the election, we have gotten much accomplished. We have donated money to fund the Charles F. Nagel Memorial C.O.P.E. Base, we have taken on an aggressive plan for our Web site, and we are preparing for our Spring Fix-it. You can read about all this, and more, in these pages. In the coming months, we have even bigger plans on tap.

This is an exciting time to be involved in the OSA. I am asking you to get fired up and get involved again. Now is the time to come home.

Thanks and I hope to see you all soon.



Election Report by: Vince Rychtanek - Elections Chairman

The following members were nominated to run for the Board in the 2001 elections: Steve Troy, Mike Finnegan, John Kosik, Paul Herdzina, Jim Rich, Frank Chlebek, Bill Van Berschot and Vincent Rychtanek. Seeing how I am already serving on the Board, I declined the invitation to run for a second position. Of the remaining seven, only Jim Rich accepted the invitation to run for the Board. All of the above people would have made excellent additions to the Board but lack of time to dedicate to meetings, etc., was the unanimous reason for not running.

There were a total of 50 ballots handed out and cast at the meeting. No proxies were used at the meeting. The final vote totals are as follows:

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| Mike Campbell | 49 |
| Ron Derby | 48 |
| Jim Rich | 49 |
| Jim Richerson | 1 |
| Jim Marshall | 1 |

The top three vote-getters were duly elected to the Board for three-year terms.

There were many comments on the fact that we only had three candidates running for three positions. However, that is not such an unusual occurrence. Since 1989, there have been four elections where we had the same number of candidates as positions open on the Board. I don't have records prior to 1979.



Owasippe cabins will be available for rent:
May 1 – June 17 & August 17 – October 31

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| Reneker Cabins | \$30 per night |
| Gray Staff Village Cabins | \$60 per night |
| LC6 (Doctor's) | \$75 per night |

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| LC5 (Model) | |
| LC8 (Twill Do) | |
| LC10 | |
| LC12 (Red Dock) | |
| LC14 (Cinder Block) | \$50 per night |

For reservations call Janine, Camping Secretary,
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OSA Sponsors New C.O.P.E. Base

by: Susan Bisset - OSA Member

The Chicago Area Council and the Owasippe Staff Association have teamed up to install a new C.O.P.E. base at Owasippe. The Charles F. Nagel Memorial C.O.P.E. Base is scheduled to open in time for this summer's camping season. Materials have already been acquired and actual construction is set to begin in mid-spring once the weather settles down enough to break ground.

The OSA donated the estimated cost of \$17,200 for materials and labor. The new base will be designated "The Charles F. Nagel Memorial C.O.P.E. Base." Half of the funding was raised in Chuck's memory. The other \$8,600 was matched by the OSA from the 40K Fund. As we all know, Chuck Nagel was a former Owasippe Staffman who passed away just over a year ago and is remembered by the OSA and others who knew him as a good friend, dedicated Scouter and supporter of Owasippe. Chuck was a district chairman, a Silver Beaver and a driving force in the design and fabrication of the original C.O.P.E. course at Owasippe. The OSA and CAC plan to hold a dedication ceremony at some point after the completion of the base.

C.O.P.E., which stands for Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience, is a series of obstacles requiring mental sharpness, physical strength and teamwork. In the completion of each event, leaders emerge, friendships are forged and self-confidence is boosted. The new base will feature both high and low events. Some of the old favorites will reappear with all new materials and design.

The new high course events include a sky walk where participants must cross a 30 foot distance using swing-like fixtures, a cargo net, a balance beam and a multi-line traverse where Scouts travel across

60 feet of cable using only hanging ropes to steady themselves. Three other events complete the high course, which takes place 20 to 30 feet in the air and is capped off with a zip line to the ground. The plans for the low course call for a cable traverse, a trust fall, a circular track walk on balance beams, a 12 foot wall that participants must scale and four other events.

The new C.O.P.E. standards grandfather-in the use of trees as main supports. Allowances are made for course maintenance, but any major improvements or repairs require a change to Class 2 pressure treated poles. Owasippe's course needed vast improvements to meet standards, requiring the entire course to be removed from tree support with the exception of the zip line. Without this ambitious project, the existing course would likely be closed to Scouts for all use.

Ron Derby, president of the OSA, and Kevin Oster, vice president, presented the check to Jim Stone, Chief Scout Executive for the CAC, and Steve Adams, CAC Director of Camping, on April 6, 2001.

The OSA looks to the Charles F. Nagel Memorial C.O.P.E. Base with anticipation, excitement and enthusiasm. "We should all be proud to help sponsor such a valuable program at Owasippe while at the same time honoring the memory of a dear friend," said Ron Derby.



CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL #118 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

April 12, 2001

Ron Derby
Owasippe Staff Association
4523 N Elston Ave
Chicago, IL 60630


Dear Ron,

On behalf of the Scouts of the Chicago Area Council, please accept my thanks for the OSA's gift for \$17,200.00 for the COPE Course. Your group is helping to fill a potentially large void in the Owasippe older Scout program with this super gift. The Charles F. Nagel Memorial COPE Base will be a lasting impression in the minds of thousands of Scouts for years to come.

As you are aware, the components of the course are now at Owasippe awaiting installation. Consumers Power will install the poles and string the cable for the high course. Various members of the Hunt Club and other Scouting volunteers will construct the low course and platforms on the high course. This is truly a community project and the OSA plays a very important role.

I want to thank you for your continued involvement at Owasippe Scout Reservation. Your group's support and investment in the property over the years is a great example to camp staff alumni groups around the country. Scouting depends on the support of individuals, companies, and groups such as yours to deliver a character building program as we have for 91 years. Thank you for your investment in the Chicago Area Council. It makes a difference.

Sincerely,


James D. Stone
Scout Executive/CEO

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April 6, 2001

Mr. Jim D. Stone
Chief Scout Executive
Chicago Area Council
Boy Scouts of America
1218 West Adams Street
Chicago, IL 60607

Dear Jim:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire Owaspippe Staff Association, I take great pride in presenting a check to the Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, in the amount of \$17,200 to fund the construction of a new C.O.P.E. Base at the Owaspippe Scout Reservation.

We provide this funding as a way to further our mission of assisting Owaspippe in program, materials, and facilities for present and future Scouts and campers. As primary sponsors of the new C.O.P.E. Base, we make this donation in the amount equal to the estimate provided to us by you as of March 20, 2001, and it is made with the understanding that the C.A.C. will fund any costs over and above this estimate. Further, it is understood that the project is scheduled for completion prior to the 2001 Scout camping season.

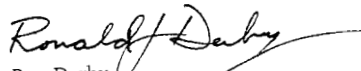
The OSA will provide a permanent plaque at the site in order to designate the base the "Charles F. Nagel Memorial C.O.P.E. Base," as much of the funding was raised in his name. Chuck Nagel was a former Owaspippe Staffman who passed away just over a year ago and is remembered by the OSA and others who knew him as a good friend, dedicated Scouter, and supporter of Owaspippe. Chuck was a District Chairman, a Silver Beaver, and a driving force in the design and fabrication of the original C.O.P.E. Course. His wife, Marlene, has been notified of the intended use of the money raised in her husband's name and supports the project.

As few OSA-sponsored projects have been completed without direct OSA involvement, we would like to offer our time and labor on a very limited basis for construction and observation. Our best success comes when we include fellowship and networking of our members. We have found that this best occurs when we come together and "swing a hammer." Though the focus of our Spring Fix-it must be the completion of the Wolverine fire bowl, we may attempt to arrange another weekend for a few of our members to be present to assist in the project under your leadership. We will share in the continued maintenance of the C.O.P.E. base and may revisit the project at a later time to add more events with C.A.C. approval. However, it is understood that primary responsibility for construction and maintenance of the base lies with the C.A.C.

We ask three things of you in return for this donation. First is a letter on behalf of the C.A.C. acknowledging the \$17,200 OSA donation and the intent of its use suitable for publication in our newsletter, *Vibrations*. It is important to us that we share this good news of our ongoing support of Owaspippe with our members. Secondly, that you publish the article that we have provided in the next issue of the Scouter. The intent of the article is to spark interest and entice Scouts and Scouters with yet another reason to attend Owaspippe in the summer of 2001. Finally, we request the opportunity to hold a dedication ceremony at some point after the project's completion. This would be our chance to gather our members and contributors so they may see the result of their generosity. C.A.C. representatives would, of course, be prominent participants at this ceremony.

The OSA's members and donors look to the Charles F. Nagel Memorial C.O.P.E. Base with anticipation, excitement, and enthusiasm. We are all proud to help sponsor such a valuable program at Owaspippe Scout Reservation.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or comments at (847) 433-1114 ext. 13.


Ron Derby
OSA President



History of the Broken Arrow Ceremony

by: Phil Koehl - OSA Member

I read the Winter issue of "Vibrations" and was saddened to hear of the passing of Leon Winkle. Those of us who got a chance to work with him and know him will miss him greatly. I noticed that he requested the Broken Arrow Ceremony and it got me to wondering if our members know the history of the ceremony. Not that I have any plans of dying soon but before I do, I thought I should share the story; so put a few more logs on the campfire, gather around and listen to my tale.

In the late 60s and early 70s, I was a chapter officer with Naju Amotion Chapter (Portage District), Order of the Arrow. One of our chapter members passed away and it was a tradition in our Chapter to perform the Broken Arrow Ceremony at the wake of our fallen brothers. Our Chapter Advisor asked me and another officer, Bruce Lenell, if we would perform the ceremony. We agreed and asked for a copy of the ceremony so we could "be prepared." Imagine my surprise when I was told, "Well, there is no written ceremony. We've just had Allowat Sakima and Meteu get up there and say a few nice words and, oh yeah, throw in a prayer." Needless to say, Bruce and I were a little nervous. We had never even been to a wake let alone have 100 mourners watching and listening to us. We managed to do a fair job with several mourners expressing their appreciation. Bruce assured me that it was the grief that had people in tears, not my improvised prayer. And Bruce wouldn't lie to me, right?

The next Chapter meeting I suggested that we actually write down the Ceremony so that it could be performed in some standard way. As is the case when one suggests something at a meeting - you guessed it - I was put in charge. I immediately roped in Bruce to help me, and Andy Witt volunteered to be our committee advisor.

Even at our young age, we knew that religion was

a very, very touchy subject. We were caught walking a tightrope between being a Judeo-Christian religious event, a wake and a ceremony with Native American overtones. We spent months researching different religions, calling various religious leaders active with the Chicago Area Council and writing and rewriting the Broken Arrow Ceremony. When we had a "finished version," we sent it to representatives of all the major religions for their review.

Finally we had a Broken Arrow Ceremony that was reverent, respectful and written.

When we distributed copies at our next Chapter meeting, there were some Brothers who thought we should keep it in our Chapter because, after all, it was a part of our history, our tradition, and our hard work. I believed this was a need for pride and tradition rather than ownership and selfishness. We decided to give it to Owasippe Lodge in 1970 (or 1971 or 1972). Soon after it was written, our neighboring Chapter, Keneu, asked if they could use the ceremony. Unfortunately, they had the opportunity to perform it several times that year. It wasn't long before other chapters were asking for copies. One of these days when I get around to cleaning out my basement, I'll see if I have the original drafts. If I do, I'll send them up to the Owasippe museum. Sheridan Nunn was the Lodge Advisor at the time and I think he would like that.

The story of the Broken Arrow Ceremony would not be complete without the "outtakes." The first time Bruce and I performed it, we used a real cedar target arrow. When it came time to break it, one, it was incredibly sinewy, and two, a few large splinters went shooting out into the audience. After that we decided to pre-cut the arrow which went much better.

I hope that the Broken Arrow Ceremony will be performed at my wake as it was at Leon's. My only regret is that I won't be able to see it.



Images from the 2001 Dinner Dance



Progress...
is pulling together.

Images from the 2001 Director's Weekend



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The OSA is proud to unveil a whole new online environment at www.owasippe.net. We know we've been promising it for a while, but this time we mean it.

What should you do? Make sure you clear your browser cache and trash any old bookmarks. Then type www.owasippe.net and go! The new site will be continually updated and tweaked, but this is it! Finally we are up and running.

The new site has much more than a brand new look; it has lots of new stuff including a picture page and a **free chat room**. It also contains the ever-popular guest book. There will also be news updates, and you can download copies of the newsletter in PDF format.

When you first get to the new site, you will have the option of registering with us. Once you've done that, you will be eligible to receive OSA e-mail updates. This will also enable you to use the guest book and the new chat room.

The OSA online is made possible by server space donation from xBx Channel Media. xBx has also been contracted by the OSA to engineer this powerful new Web site.

Staff Vacancies

by: Ron Kulak - OSA Member

CARLEN – Scoutcraft instructor (age 16+)

BLACKHAWK – 2 Aquatic Instructors (age 16+), a Nature Assistant (age 16-17+), and a Handicraft Director (age 18+)

WOLVERINE – An Aquatic Instructor (age 16+), Shooting Sports Instructor (age 16+), a Nature Instructor (age 16+), and an Astronomy Outpost Instructor (age 16+)

HIGH ADVENTURE – Outpost/Trek Staff (Age 18+)

AD CENTER – Office Secretary (age 21+) and 2 Medical Staff (age 21+)

C.I.T.s – We could still use another 8 male C.I.T.s ages 14-15 by July 1 and of Star Rank (minimum time at camp should be 5 weeks, including staff week). We had a great weekend orientation but only have 10 C.I.T.s, 3 of which are female for Camp Reneker.

These vacancies are reported as of April 20th. Please spread the word and refer those interested and qualified to Steve Adams at CAC or to the respective camp directors. Staff week officially begins on Saturday, June 23rd. The last day of camp is Monday, August 13th.

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We need someone to take over picnic operations. If you are interested in helping out with one of our most popular annual events please call Diane Posen at 773-935-3928.

Annual Family Picnic

Sunday, August 26th
11:00am

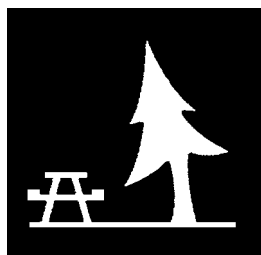
New Location:
Bemis Woods, Grove #1

Wolf Rd. between
31st St. and Ogden Ave.

Fun! Fun! Fun!

Pretty soon it will be time to pack up the cooler, kids and charcoal and celebrate another successful camping season at Owasippe. The OSA will once again sponsor the Annual Family Picnic on Sunday, August 26th. Due to changes in the FPD's policies, this year's picnic is to be held in a **new location**, Grove #1 in the Bemis Woods.

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!



What's News?

The long way home

U.S. 31 is currently under construction. The fourth and final step of the \$15 million project started recently and is expected to continue until Memorial Day.

Northbound lanes from Laketon Avenue to Sherman Boulevard near Muskegon are receiving the treatment this time. Travel is limited to one lane in both directions.

Also under construction are the two northbound bridges crossing the Muskegon River. Two of the three lanes are currently closed until the deck is repaved. Then the two lanes will re-open and the third lane will be repaved.

Be sure to plan extra travel time over the next few weeks if you plan a trip to camp.

What the?

The People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals faxed a letter to Boy Scout President Milton H. Ward asking that the BSA stop encouraging the killing of animals through the Fishing and Fish and Wildlife Management merit badges. PETA claims the merit badges encourage hooking, killing and maiming fish and that these actions are against the Scout law, which states, "He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason."

The PETA press release reads, "Desensitizing children to the suffering of others is a dangerous lesson. According to FBI profilers, the American Psychiatric Association, law enforcement officials and child advocacy organizations, cruelty to animals is a warning sign commonly seen in people who eventually direct violence toward humans."

PETA's Dawn Carr says, "The Boy Scouts are supposed to be compassionate role models, not bloodthirsty fish killers."

Guess we better keep our eyes on all those Fishing Merit Badge holders from now on.

Ferry Tale

Both Lake Michigan Carferry and Lake Express have begun investigating the possibility of a Lake Michigan ferry to dock in Muskegon.

Lake Michigan Carferry, which currently operates the Ludington ferry, has yet to name the connecting city on the western shore in either Illinois or Wisconsin. The company has turned in a proposal to Muskegon County officials who welcome the plan but disagree with Carferry's payment of \$75,000 in return for protection from competition. The company asks that the protection last the three years it would take to establish the new ferry route.

Lake Express is that very competition. Taking the reverse route, Lake Express has an agreement with the Port of Milwaukee and has been visiting Muskegon as a possible connecting city. The same high-speed Milwaukee-to-Muskegon plan fell apart last year with Hydrolink when company head Thomas Rankin could not put the funding together. Lake Express's plans call for a catamaran vessel that would hold 325 passengers and 80 vehicles and reach 35 mph, making the cross-lake voyage in two hours.

Survey says...

Michigan census results have revealed mixed results in areas surrounding Owasippe.

Blue Lake Township had the largest percentage of growth in all of Muskegon County for the 1990s. It grew over 61% since 1990; the additional 755 people brings the population total to 1,990.

Much of the increase can be seen on Holton-Whitehall and Silver Creek roads. Blue Lake Supervisor and OSA member Don Studaven said that a community of homes on Automobile Road has also added to the increase.

But Whitehall represents the other end of the spectrum. As one of the few shrinking cities in the county, Whitehall lost a reported 143 people, representing a 4.7% drop, to 2,884 people. Whitehall was expected to grow by as much as 400 people.

As a whole, Muskegon County's official population was 170,200 in 2000, up by 11,211 people from 158,983 in 1990, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Todd's closes

After 40 years, the diner at Todd's Pharmacy has discontinued a majority of its food service. The Montague restaurant was closed when health code renovations were deemed too expensive compared to revenue.

Todd's will still offer some foods like donuts, coffee and soft drinks, but prepared meals are no longer a part of the menu.

The Muskegon County Health Department allows existing businesses to operate as long as they met the department standards when the business started until the business changes ownership. The restaurant/pharmacy was sold late last year, requiring the new owners to bring the business up to the current health department standards. Major renovations, especially with the building's plumbing system, would be required to bring the diner up to current code.

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Galloping Grapevine



Ken Kaczmarz ~ LaGrange, IL

Ken is having a great year so far. Not only is he celebrating a new baby and a patent approval, he has a new house to celebrate in. Nadia Jo Kaczmarz was born on March 19th at 12:23pm. She was 7 lbs., 10 oz. and 21.5 inches long. Nadia and Barb are doing great! His patent (US6207118) for a mobile ultraviolet radiation curing device was approved. Congratulations, times three!

Barb Lea ~ Chicago, IL

Barb was an adult advisor with troop 512 (of Hyde Park) at Philmont Scout Ranch in July 2000. She then completed 3.5 months of student teaching in Honolulu, Hawaii! She graduated in December from Illinois State University with a Bachelor of Science in Education (Special Education). Congratulations, Barb! Can you show us a hula dance?

Chase Budziak ~ Chicago, IL

Chase, of C.A.C. Troop 430, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on Sunday, April 1st. Chase was a C.I.T. in the Class of 2000. Way to go, Chase!

Art and Laura Paull ~ Chicago, IL

It's official...doctors just barely finished injecting the epidural when the pushing started. Fifteen minutes later we had a daughter! Tipping in at 9 lbs., 4 oz., 21.5 inches, Kirsten Geraldine was born at 5:49 am, Sunday, April 8, two days ahead of schedule. They're both fine: healthy and beautiful. Another future Board member, perhaps?

Hans and Denine Anderson ~ Chicago, IL

Claire Leigh was born March 31, 2001 at 4:10 pm. The little 7 lb. - 6 oz. girl was 20.5 inches long and with plenty of hair on top. Nathan is quite protective of his new baby sister. Both mommy and baby are happy and healthy. We wish you all the luck!

Francis G. (Jerry) Scanlan ~ Oak Forest, IL

Father Scanlan is celebrating his 40th anniversary of his ordination to the Catholic priesthood on May 1st at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, IL. He held a special anniversary mass at St. Damian's Church in Oak Forest on April 29th. Jerry is also an Eagle Scout, a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow (inducted as a CAC Scout), a prior Chapter OA Advisor to Owassippe Lodge, a past Owassippe staffer (West, Beard, OO), camp chaplain, and a charter member of the OSA. He has been a good friend and personal counselor to many. Congratulations on reaching this amazing milestone!

Jerry Lutz ~ Warrensburg, IL

Long-time staffer and the current Wolverine Range Director Jerry Lutz arranged a grant through the NRA Foundation Inc. and The Friends of the NRA that will enhance the firearms safety program at Owassippe, enhance the marksmanship skills of trained Scouts and provide more education to the public about firearms. The grant also provided funding for the purchase of 18 new Remington 22-caliber rifles and 2 new shotguns. This is a very welcomed addition to Owassippe's inventory which, over time, has become weary and in a state of disrepair. This will go a long way in the improvement and overall presentation of the shooting sports program at Owassippe. Thanks Jerry for your continuing efforts and love of Owassippe.

See you at the end of the trail...

Marian Martino

Marian, mother of Rich, Roy, & Rusty Martino, passed away in late February. She was a great woman with a very big heart. As an active Scout Mom, she touched the lives of so many campers and Scouters, as well as all those in her family and personal life. We will miss her smile, hug and laugh. But we will always have her love.

Patrick Newell

Pat passed away on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, as a result of his battle with cancer. Services were held March 24th in Glen Ellyn. Scout vespers were sung in his memory. Hundreds of people attended the service, many in full uniform. Words cannot express the sorrow that was felt by all. At the same time there was a certain warmth in that Pat brought us all together once again in staff brotherhood.

Pat had attended Owassippe for numerous years, first as a camper and then as a Staffman. He served the most recent summers as Camp Director at Camp Carlen. Pat was well loved by people all across Owassippe. His enthusiasm and leadership encouraged many Scouts and staffers to make an extra commitment to the programs and beliefs that Scouting represents. He worked Aquatics at Wolverine before moving to Camp Carlen. He was very active in bringing the Cub Scouting program to camp as well as originating the development of the Where Eagles Dare program.

He will be remembered for any combination of many skills, talents and interests. He was working towards his Masters degree in writing at Columbia College. He was a published author of three special interest books geared towards older children. Pat was a fan of NASCAR racing to the point that all else stopped on Sundays when the races were on. He was a big fan of the Chevy Monte Carlo, evidenced by his undying devotion to keep his running even when it left him stranded in other states. And who can forget the famous Red Wings shirt and army green jacket that were staples in the Pat Newell wardrobe?

Our thoughts are with his brother, Carlen Staffman Jack Newell and his father James. Our thanks goes to Sarah Nizio, Tricia Monahan and Lindsey Ryan who spent many hours with Pat at Edwards Hospital in Naperville until his death.

Pat's high involvement and devotion to Owassippe are to be admired by all. An Eagle Scout himself, Pat led countless other Scouts along the path to the same achievement. His influence will be felt for years to come, both at camp and in the lives of those he touched.

We remember you with great pride, friend, and we look forward to seeing you when we reach the end of the trail. Owassippe has lost a big piece of its wealth to heaven, but the memories of Pat will never be lost.

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