



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

Vibrations

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Save Owasippe Update

by: Joe Sener - SOSR Committee Chairman

It is time for another update on the efforts of the Save the Owasippe Scout Reservation team. We have finalized our prospectus and distributed it to our presentation team. This prospectus is about 19 pages long and includes a complete business plan for the purchase of Owasippe and operation by the Owasippe Outdoor Education Foundation. We are sharing this prospectus with prospective donors and are putting the finishing touches on a tri-fold brochure we can give away to tell people about what we are doing.

The donor list includes about 18 foundations and individuals in Chicago and West Michigan. These include most of the foundations you would expect would be giving to youth movement activities. We had a meeting in mid-January with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to review our donors and make sure we are not in conflict, ringing the same doorbell for the same dollars. This is a true partnership, and John Legge from TNC is leading this effort from their side.

My opinion is that we are better than a 50/50 proposition at this point, which is leaps and bounds ahead of our position at the end of last October. I have had a chance to meet a number of times with members of the CAC Executive Committee. We are developing a rapport that shows we all agree that the best action for Owasippe is to have it managed by a group of people dedicated to its long-term profitability and viability.

By the time you get this *Vibrations*, we should have the Owasippe Outdoor Education Foundation formed and incorporated as a Michigan not-for-profit foundation, and our paperwork should be filed for recognition as a U.S. 501c(3) corporation by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

The survey of the property is complete, and the final tally is 4,766 acres, plus or minus some small parcels. (Glen Roberts has been telling me 4,800 acres for years; that is about as close as it comes.) Now that the survey is complete, the valuation can begin, which will take about 60 days to complete. I am preparing a report for the Executive Committee of the CAC Board

to describe our progress and recognition of our “substantive progress” [editor’s note — which was needed by January as part of our original agreement with the Council]. I will let you know when that has been accomplished, but our deadline of June 30 is still firm for receipt of commitments.

Thanks to all who have given their time and effort and money to our cause. Keep the memory alive – Omnes Divitiae Terrae et Caelli (all the wealth of Earth and heaven)!



There's a new eagle's nest on the reservation (photo by Joe Sener).

President's Perspective by: Ron Derby - President

Hello everyone, happy belated New Year! Let's hope this year is better than the last. I think I typed those very same words at this time last year. Oh well, hope springs eternal.

For this issue, I have decided to turn my column into a top 8 list of things I think you need to know. Anyway, here goes...

8) New Apparel in the Works - By the Dinner Dance, we will have a whole batch of new OSA logo apparel for your enjoyment. The list of new items includes new t-shirts (in 3 different colors!), polo shirts, ball caps, fleece jackets and the ever-popular dark green work shirts. We're talking new artwork. We're talking good quality, stylish apparel at good prices! Bring a little extra cash with you to the Dinner Dance and buy yourself some new OSA goodies.

7) Dues are Due - The membership chairman is cracking down again soon, and a number of members are flirting with being cut from the mailing list. Check that four-digit number <2001> next to your name on your mailing label. According to our records, that number represents the last year we received dues from you. If you're behind we'd really like you to get caught up. Thanks.

6) Member Appreciation - Watch your mailboxes in early spring for this year's member appreciation gift.

5) Officer Changes - Due to mounting responsibilities at work and home, Kevin Oster has handed the Treasurer duties to Ron Kulak. Ron is in turn handing off Membership duties to Hans Anderson.

4) Fixing and Climbing - The OSA will be holding two fix-its this coming spring. We'll be finishing the job at BLHK's firebowl. We are also in the planning stages of adding a climbing tower at COPE. There will be more details to come.

3) Candy Gets a Gold Star - If we had a Board Member of the month award, Candy Merritt would be the winner. Candy has been doing a great job! Actually, while I'm at it, Ron Kulak has been doing a damn good job as well.

2) Please Forgive Us - It's not an excuse, but in recent months we have been VERY busy running the OSA and trying to help Save Owasippe. We are very sorry for the delay in depositing checks to the OSA or the SOSR Fund. We are caught up now and we intend to keep it that way. Thank you for your patience.

1) It's Our 25th Birthday - It's going to be a year-long celebration and it all kicks-off at the Dinner Dance. We hope to see you there on March 1st!



More Troops to Camp by: Ron Kulak - OSR Committee

The Owasippe Camping Committee is preparing a full-court press to get every possible unit to Owasippe. This will be done not only with more camp promotions (with the team effort from Chauncey and Bill Tenner) but will also include phone calls to those units who have not been to Owasippe for some time. In addition, units not attending will be surveyed for reasons and an attempt will be made to remove those barriers (ex. few or no leaders, finances, transportation, etc.). To help with that, repeat units will be sought to help mentor such Troops as "big brothers" and assist with leadership and transportation. Such CAC units would also be further educated about the availability of camperships and the methods of application.

Through research, the committee has found that the single largest reason for CAC units not attending Owasippe is due to lack of adult leadership. It would be great if several of those units can be partnered together or matched with a well-developed unit as a special summer camp Troop, much in the same way that it was done in the '30s and '40s at Owasippe during the Depression and war years. When Owasippe first opened, Scouts attended Owasippe in provisional units with council-provided leadership, much in the same way that it is now done with the YMCA or Girl Scouts.

OSA members interested in helping with this effort either personally or through their home units are asked to contact Steve Adams, Director of Camping, at stadams@bsamail.org or (312) 421-8800, or Chauncey at chaunceyn@aol.com or (708) 562-8999.

Key OSR Staff for 2003

Reservation Director Bill VanBerschott
Assistant Reservation Director Pete Klaeser
Camp Blackhawk Director TBA
Camp Reneker Director Candy Merritt
Camp Wolverine Director Mike "Buda" Campbell
High Adventure Director Barb Lea

OSR Leader's Meetings

- Monday, Feb. 24, 7:15 p.m. at Five Holy Martyrs School Hall (43rd and Richmond) in Chicago.
- Monday, March 3, 7:15 p.m. at Tinley Park United Methodist Church at 6875 W. 173rd Place in Tinley Park (one block west of Oak Park Ave.).
- Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m. at Hoover Outdoor Education Center, dining hall, in Yorkville (1-1/2 miles west of Rt. 47).
- Tuesday, March 11, 7:15 p.m. at St Patrick's High School at 5900 W. Belmont in Chicago.



OSA's 25th Anniversary Annual Meeting & Dinner 2003

Bring your dancin' shoes, dress up in your Sunday best, and get your appetite ready for the OSA's 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance/Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 1, 2003.

Join us for a night of fun and fellowship at the European Chalet Banquets, located at 5445 South Harlem, just south of I-55! The night will begin at 6 p.m. for check in, the bar will open at 6:30, and the family style dinner will follow.

During the evening, we will have our annual meeting, present awards, make special recognitions, conduct elections and, of course, we will be raffling off some wonderful prizes. There will also be commemorative souvenirs for all who attend!

We are proud to announce that Joe Sener will be the recipient of the Honorary Life Member Award and John Sterling will be honored with the OSA Member of the Year Award.

Find the form included with this newsletter and order your tickets today. Tickets are limited, and we are expecting to sell out, so reserve your spots early. We hope to see everyone on March 1st! If you have

questions, please contact Chauncey at (708) 562-8999 or e-mail him at chaunceyn@aol.com.

Last year's raffle turned out to be very successful, so we will be running things the same way this year. The prizes offered are as follows:

18v DeWalt Reciprocating Saw Kit
50 tickets available at \$10 each

\$100 Home Depot Gift Card
40 tickets available at \$5 each

DVD/VCR Combo
50 tickets available at \$10 each

GT Aggressor 2.0 Mountain Bike
50 tickets available at \$10 each

\$250 CASH
50 tickets available at \$10 each

Tickets for the raffle can be purchased in advance, and you need not be present to win!

More Owasippe Treevia

by: Hans Anderson - Board Member

OSA Board Member Hans Anderson dug up another old copy of "The Tree," the unofficial newsletter of the Owasippe Staff. He thought (and we agree) that a quick look back to July 6, 1989, was in order. Here's a sample of the questions from the Owasippe Staff Trivia section. See how many you can get right.

1. Who is the OSA President (think 1989)?
2. What is "Roll Call"?
3. Where is a milk truck buried on the reservation?
4. In the 1980s, who are the only two people who won staffman of the year in their section camp and reservation?

5. What does "PBI" stand for?
6. Who punched out his camp director and did not get fired from staff?
7. What was Sheridan Nunn's first year at Owasippe?

ANSWERS:
1) Mike Finnegan 2) Staff introductions done at Todd's (for you newbies, Todd's is now Corsi's) 3) Under the first dip on the Crown/Carlen service road 4) Jim Winters and Steve Troccoli 5) Potentially Bad Influence 6) Tiny Norman 7) He can't remember. (Revised in the subsequent issue to be 1928)



You are cordially invited to an evening of
great fellowship, memories, souvenirs and raffles at
the Owasippe Staff Association's
25th Anniversary Dinner Dance & Annual Meeting

at European Chalet Banquets
5445 S. Harlem Ave. • Chicago, Illinois 60638
on March 1, 2003
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Ticket price is \$40 per person
(includes a family style dinner, open bar and souvenirs)

We are expecting high demand due to the 25th Anniversary and the
added interest in the Save Owasippe movement. You must reserve tickets by Feb. 24th!

There is limited parking available in the adjacent lot. European Chalet Banquets is located
three blocks south of the Stevenson Expressway (Interstate 55) on Harlem Ave. Midway Airport is
only two miles to the east and out of town guests can easily find convenient accommodations.

For additional information, call
Chauncey at 708-562-8999 or email Chaunceyn@aol.com

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ x \$40 = Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

**Don't delay! Make your checks payable to the OSA
and send your reservations to:
Owasippe Staff Association, P.O. Box 7097, Westchester, IL 60154**



25th Anniversary Dinner Dance Raffle

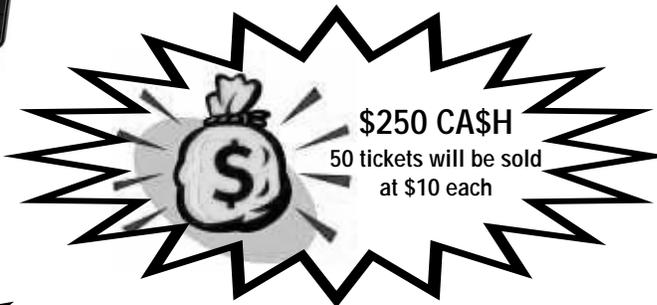
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Tickets quantities are limited, first come-first served.
Refunds will be made if prizes sell out before we receive your order.
Drawing will be converted to a cash prize if enough tickets aren't sold for a particular item.

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Enclose a check payable to The Owasippe Staff Association **Total**

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Bill & Malia's OSR Restaurant Guide (part 2)

by: Bill & Malia Schaefer - OSA Members

Editor's note: Who better to recommend places to eat than those who live up near Owasippe year 'round? Here's the second half of Bill and Malia's restaurant review. Happy dining! (The opinions expressed here are not necessarily those of the Owasippe Staff Association.)

Best Whitefish: probably Crosswinds

Best Perch: Grand Mere (by far); Old Channel Inn and Tony's probably; Sardine Room's is very good but you get very few perch... not worth the price.

Bass: Schaefer's house on Middle Lake (231-828-6648)

Best liver and onions (and bacon): Lakeside Inn

Best porkchops: Lakeside Inn (Thursday nights... stuffed chops... Mmmm!)

Best desserts: The Marquette Room — no comparison!

Best pizza: It all sucks! Go back to Chicago.

Best Oriental food: Tomoko says Dah Hu (1362 Whitehall Rd., Muskegon)

Best Italian food: Topos (Muskegon; on Henry, near Sherman; in the Home Depot mall)

Best place to dine out with kids: Sam's Joint (Grand Haven Rd.; Fruitport exit off US31) — no comparison! Crosswinds; and The Wagonwheel at Thorobred Resort and Golf Course (New Era)

Friendliest to kids: Crosswinds, by far... lots of crayons and patience; Get those kiddie-cocktails too... they give 'em LOTS of cherries (if you ask).

Best singing waitstaff: Anisa at Crosswinds

Best duck dinner: Crosswinds (on White Lake; in downtown Whitehall) You can't get it anywhere else; but it is wonderful, especially with the raspberry sauce. You will think that you are in Peking (same stuff)!

Best barbeque pork sandwich this side of the Mason Dixon Line: the clubhouse at Chase Hammond Golf Course, Muskegon (Get off US31 at the M120 exit; go east 1/4 mile, and head north for a mile.) Forget the golf (though that's very nice there), pile on ALL the pork you can fit onto the bun for \$2.50.

Best German food: Alpine Rose (downtown Holland) There is zero competition; but still, this place is excellent! Definitely worth the trip! Very, very nice alpine atmosphere and superb German cuisine!

Nicest chef: Crosswinds (ask for him and he'll come visit at your table); and the folks behind the glass half-wall at The Marquette Room.

Highest priced food: Crosswinds (but they have very good food, very nice atmosphere and scenery, and good service!)

Best waterfront views: #1 Bilmar (On a hot summer day/evening, nothing beats a seat at a table on the beach-deck at Bilmar. It is one of the best treats of summer.); #2 Crosswinds; #3 Rafferty's; #4 Riverside Cafe & Bakery (Whitehall, just off the main drag, just E of the bridge over the White River); Camp Blackhawk Dining Hall (Owasippe, MI)

Best sunset: Bilmar; 2nd place Crosswinds

Best Sports Bars: Bonicki's (1891 Apple Ave.; one mile east of US31); Damon's (Grand Haven, on the main drag) — 4 NFL games at once, with individual sound control at your table. On Sundays, you cannot have beer, but the bloody Mary is good!

Best breakfast: Overboard Inn — used to be The Omelette Shop (6027 Main, Twin Lake; on Blue Lake Rd. at the south end of the waters of Twin Lake; 231-828-6367) Still the best, for decades now, but never "great!" Homemade breads; wonderful omelettes, etc. Remodeled nicely.

Inexpensive come-as-you are lunch and dinner neighborhood joint: Tim & Tom's (6012 Holton, Twin Lake; across the street from Overboard) You can order ahead and pick up in 15 minutes too. 231-828-4522; Turk's Inn, 11139 Cleveland Rd., Nunica; on the way toward Grand Rapids, just off I96; (616-837-7096) Recommended by John Brown.

Good enough food... don't go there for atmosphere: Michaels (downtown Whitehall, on the main drag; used to be Hob Knob; White Sands before that. Too bad it's still not White Sands, health dept. or no health dept.! Ed Black (R.I.P.) recommended their martini lunch at their piano bar.

Ok food and beer, cute atmosphere: Bear Lake Inn — little place; burgers, etc.; dress sloppy (360 Ruddiman, North Muskegon) — by Bear Lake, near Muskegon Lake, and Lake Michigan.

Good food for the family, nice atmosphere: Russ' North (1499 E. River Rd., Muskegon; get off US31 at M120, go 1/8 mile east) Sit by the windows on a snowy day... very cool, even with the traffic. Nice soup/salad/etc. lunch; homemade bakery. 231-744-4856

Where the “action” is for 20-somethings and 30-somethings: Racquets Downtown Grill (446 W. Western Av., Muskegon; near the Fruenthal Theater; 231-726-4007)

Not a heavy meal: Northside Pub — used to be Diversions (2353 Holton Rd., Muskegon; 231-744-3722) Get off US 31 at M120 and head east 1/2 mile; nice after-golf place.

Dearly Departed Restaurants — Most Missed: The Galion (at the westernmost tip of White Lake, at the Channel); White Sands; Lost Valley Lodge (up north, in the boonies; among the sand dunes on Lake Michigan. Fabulous setting; lousy food and service.) Goody-Goody (Colby Rd., Whitehall; greasy spoon) — famous for decades before and since the new US31, has had lots of names since, but just isn't the same! The Captain's Table — now a lousy sportsbar (Shelby). Tony Krier is still crying about its demise!

Too-scared-to-go-into restaurants: #1 Boondocks (corner of Russell Rd. & Whitelake Rd.) “There are (also) many legends surrounding...” this joint! Ask Ed Kinnerk. Others (a distant 2nd to Boondocks): Some-place Else (Muskegon); The Main Event (Muskegon).

Best higher-priced restaurant on the way to Owasippe: The Bistro (inside the Boulevard Hotel in downtown St. Joseph, MI; 2nd floor); gourmet food, beautiful setting, gourmet prices too though. Nice view of Lake Michigan (in the distance) at window seats.

Best 2 moderate-priced restaurants on the way up: #1 Dine at an old restaurant, with fabulous darkish atmosphere. Get off US31 at exit 22, the Stevensville exit. Go up the hill and turn right. There

it is! The Grand Mere Inn. Very nice bar area. The only oysters on the half shell between Chicago (except maybe for Phil Schmidt's in Indiana) and Charlevoix. Go there on a snowy night; have a few, and dinner; then stay overnite at the Park International Motel just a mile north of the restaurant. Grand Mere is closed on Sundays and Mondays. This will become a favorite of yours. Guaranteed! #2 The Stable Inn (on US31, just north of Grand Haven) — good variety of foods, including Mexican; dark inside; nice for lunch and dinner. No comparison to Grand Mere, but still a good place.

Best greasy spoon on the way up: Get off 31 at the Bridgman exit, and go right a mile to Hierdal's (spelling?), which opened in 1927... though remodeling ruined the atmosphere. Where else can you order a bluegill lunch (if someone went fishin' this mornin'! Really!) Wonderful breakfasts and lunches (chicken 3 different ways — fatty, fattier, fattiest — but tasty! Tell them that Carl Young says hello!

Best ice cream value: Ishnala Trading Post, of course (corner of Nichols Rd. & Fruitvale Rd.; at northeast corner of Big Blue Lake... @ a mileaway) The TP has been there forever. You'll think it's 1943. You have NOT visited Owasippe if you do not have ice cream at Ishnala (open year-round). 2nd place: Picacadils (on Mears Rd. in Whitehall, near White Lake, a mile south of Colby Rd.) Wonderful sandwiches too; ice cream parlor decor; fun place for kids and all!

Best hamburger: on the way to and fro — Redemak's (New Buffalo, MI, just off of US31, follow the signs) It's been there forever; super kids friendly; fabulous burgers, fries, etc.; old time cool setting; lotsa fun!

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OSA Board Election Regulations

by: Pat Monahan - OSA Elections 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 1, 2003), 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
Kevin Oster	Dan Kleinfeldt (Vice Pres.)	Hans Anderson	2003
Michael Campbell (Secretary)	Ron Derby (President)	Jim Rich	2004
George Korzen	Ron Kulak (Treasurer)	Candy Merritt	2005

WHO MAY VOTE? Each OSA member currently registered <2003> 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 25th Annual Meeting (European Chalet Banquets, 5445 South Harlem) on Saturday, March 1, 2003, from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Alternately, signed ballots will be accepted via the U.S. mail. A list of candidates, their resumes and a ballot are included in this issue of Vibrations.

BE SURE THAT YOU ARE CURRENTLY REGISTERED <2003> SO THAT YOUR VOTE COUNTS! The current year of your membership is on the mailing label addressing this mailing. Any questions regarding the status of your membership can be presented to the Membership Committee Chairman Ron Kulak at (708) 429-5596 or owasiron@juno.com.

WINNERS Those candidates receiving the largest number of valid votes will be elected to the OSA Board of Directors. Election results will be announced during the 2003 Annual Meeting. The top three vote-getters will be considered duly elected. Each seat carries a three-year term.

OPERATING OFFICERS The first official duty of the newly constituted Board of Directors will be to select operating officers for the next 12 months, namely President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers also will be announced during the Annual Meeting.

Absentee Ballot

Owasippe Staff Association



2003 Board of Directors
Official Mail-in Ballot

Vote for 3 candidates

- Hans Anderson
- Paul Herdzina
- Dan Kleinfeldt
- Tricia Monahan
- Kevin Oster
- Nick Wolff

Mail-in ballots MUST BE SIGNED for authenticity and received at the P.O. Box by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2003, to be counted in the election.

Owasippe Staff Association
Attn: 2003 Elections
P.O. Box 7097
Westchester, IL 60154

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

2003 Candidates

Hans Anderson, age 37, lives on the Northwest side of Chicago with his wife, Denine, and two children, Nathan (3) and Claire (2). He attended the University of Wisconsin - Madison, where he earned a B.S. in Geography in 1990. Hans has been employed by Rand McNally as a GIS Specialist for the past 10 years. An Eagle Scout, he worked at Owasippe for four summers, all at Camp Robert Crown. Starting as a Senior Aquatics Aide in 1984, Hans worked his way up to Asst. Aquatics Director in 1985 and to Aquatics Director in 1988 and 1989. Having been a member of the OSA since 1988, he has shown his support by attending many spring and fall Fix-Its. Hans served on the OSA Board in 2002. Along with spending time with his family, he enjoys volunteering with a local Scout Troop and at Owasippe as well as playing many different sports. His hobbies include coin collecting, antique shopping and he is an avid cribbage player. Hans is also in the process of taking over as OSA Membership Chairman. *Hans is interested in helping the OSA promote Owasippe and its traditions to local and regional councils or groups and would like to be involved in the relationship between the OSA and future administration of Owasippe.*

Paul Herdzina, age 33, is single and lives in Cicero. He attended the University of Illinois at Circle Campus, where he graduated with a B.S. in architecture. He currently works as an architect with Fugman Dakich & Associates. He joined the Owasippe staff in 1989 as Aquatics Director at Camp Wolverine. He returned in this same position in 1990 and '91, and returned a second time in 1997, again serving as Aquatics Director. An Eagle Scout with three palms and a member of the Order of the Arrow, Paul currently serves as Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 301 in Berwyn. He also has served as Scoutmaster of Troop 317 in Cicero. In addition to scouting, he is a member of the Berwyn Moose. His interests include scuba diving and carpentry. Paul joined the OSA in 1997. *As a member of the Board, Paul wants to understand the operations of the OSA, support and assist its programs, and continue the traditions of Owasippe.*

Dan Kleinfeldt, age 30, lives in Chicago with his wife Melinda Jo (Reneker '91). He graduated with a B.S. in kinesiology from the University of Illinois and completed his M.A. in Education at North Park University. He currently teaches in Oak Park School District 97. Dan joined the Owasippe staff in 1989 as a Scoutcraft Director at Camps Robert Crown and Carlen. In 1990 and '91, he worked at Blackhawk as Scoutcraft Director and Commissioner. In 1992, he served as an EMT at Wolverine. He has been on the OSA Board for three years, serving as work weekend coordinator and Vice President. He is an Eagle Scout and a member of the Order of the Arrow. Other community involvement includes PTA, Church Board and Homeowners Association. Among his interests are fishing, hunting, downhill skiing, photography and water sports. *As a member of the OSA Board, Dan hopes to accomplish two major goals: making sure the camp is there for future generations to use and making sure that our members have more opportunities to interact. He points to highly successful events, such as the pizza night and the pub crawl, as evidence of the importance of these types of social events.*

Tricia Monahan, age 22, is single and lives in Orland Park. She recently completed her B.A. in English Literature and Elementary Education at Knox College. Tricia joined the Owasippe staff as a CIT in 1996 and from 1997 until 2001 worked at Camp Reneker. Her positions included sports/nature instructor, Aquatics Director and Assistant Camp Director. In 2002, she served as Aquatics Director at Camp Blackhawk. She has completed her WSI and National Camp School Certifications. She is a member of Crew 9900 and served as Vice President of the Knox chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. Her interests include playing the French horn and sailing. *As a member of the Board, Tricia will encourage current staff members and recent staff members to join the OSA and attend its events. She hopes to provide a current staff perspective to the Board.*

Kevin Oster, age 31, lives in Lockport with his wife, Sue Spurnal (Reneker '89-'95) and his two daughters, Alison and Emma. Kevin attended Valparaiso University and currently manages Martin J & Sons Dry Cleaning in Worth. Kevin joined the Owasippe staff in 1988 as assistant nature director at Blackhawk, where he worked for five years. In 1989 and '90, he served as Nature Director, became a Commissioner in 1991, and in 1992 served as Assistant Camp Director. He is an Eagle Scout and a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Kevin joined the OSA in 1993 and has served six years on the OSA Board of Directors. During his two terms, he has held positions as Vice-President and Treasurer. He also has served on the CIT Training Staff since 1993 and, since 1997, has coordinated the training of the OSR nature staff. He is an avid fan of Fantasy Football. *As a member of the OSA Board, Kevin hopes to see the SOSR campaign through to its successful conclusion. He wants to secure the future of Owasippe for his daughters and for the Scouts of the neighboring Councils.*

Nick Wolff, age 26, is single and lives in Bolingbrook, where he recently purchased his first home. In 1997, he graduated from the University of Illinois with an M.S. in Civil Engineering and he currently works with the Terra Group of Chicago. In his free time, Nick provides fee-based financial planning services and is working toward becoming a Certified Financial Planner. He is also training in mediation and conflict resolution. An Eagle Scout and a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, Nick became a Commissioner at Camp Blackhawk in 1995 and served there as Senior Commissioner in 1996 and 1997. He is also a very active member of the Illinois Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, where he has served as Long Range Planning Committee Chairperson, Leadership Chairperson, Service Chairperson and Internal Review Committee Chair. *As a member of the OSA Board, Nick feels he would bring a fresh perspective in terms of youth and relative objectivity. He will enter the Board without preconceptions, and he feels that in times of great change, it is very important to hear everyone's opinion and build consensus.*

CAC Board Slate Voted Down by Frontline Scouters

by: Ron Kulak, CAC Member at Large

The Chicago Area Council held its annual board meeting at the Chicago Mart Plaza Holiday Inn on Saturday, January 25. In an unprecedented and historical backlash vote, five nominated slates comprised of council officers, board members, members at large and national representatives were soundly rejected by a margin of almost 4-to-1. Highly motivated volunteers from throughout the council, members at large and chartered organization reps came out to express their displeasure on a number of grievances. Council President Lew Greenblatt said that it was the largest gathering at that business meeting in recent memory.

A rough count indicated that 76 certified voters attended. There are roughly 300 CAC members at large and chartered organization reps who are eligible to vote on the slate of officers and board members. It is unknown how many actual board members were present, but the largest number of votes that were garnered to approve any of the slates was 17.

The original 2002 seated council board, then, stays intact for the next 60 days during which time a council nominating committee must be convened to name new slates of board members, officers and representatives for a vote at another general board meeting. This nominating committee and the date and

location of the new board meeting is under consideration. Notice of the new meeting must be duly given according to the Council by-laws to those eligible to vote. The original nominations chairman was Alger "Duke" Chapman, Chairman/CEO of ABN-Amro Financial Services.

If you have strong opinions on who should or should not comprise the nominating committee and who should or should not be nominated for those council positions, you should write directly to Lew Greenblatt, CAC President and Chairman of the Board. The professional staff (Scout Executive and associates) are not elected in this process but are appointed and hired at the discretion of the Council Board.

In addition to the above voting, eight resolutions introduced by both Bill Egan and John Hosty were referred to various committees for additional scrutiny and were not called for voting. These resolutions, for the most part, dealt with the sale of Owasippe and Hoover, the reacquisition of Camp Kiwanis, the makeup of the Council Board, the date and time and location of board meetings, and the emphasis of traditional Scouting over the Learning For Life subsidiary operation. No other motions were admitted from the floor during the course of the meeting.

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An Owasippe Prayer

submitted anonymously

As an Indian Scout kneels by his fire to say his evening prayer, I can see images of the fire wavering there, as if they were called from some other place. The still waters of the lake reflect the moon in the night. A fish surfaces. A shooting star bursts across the sky. The Scout murmurs, "Oh great Owasippe, we are in dire need of your spiritual influence. Your birthplace and my saving grace are about to be abandoned by unbelievers. We need you and all the other true spirits of Scouting to delve into the hearts of men untrue, convince them, oh great warrior, of the need to remain true to the spirit of Scouting. Let their needs reflect the wonder, love and respect of one another with grace, humility and kindness of heart. Let their souls gather as one, in Owasippe. Open their eyes to the awards and achievement granted to all who attend. As we hover on the brink of desecration, give us your support and help. Part the heavens and stop the clouds, shoot an arrow straight and true to

the hearts of those who remain unaware of the brotherhood we share and the undying loyalty we have to our sacred place. Let all see clarity in these vital times. As you return time and again, leave your mark on every Scout so when they grow old and can Scout no more, our spirits as well as theirs may join yours to keep the spirit alive with the love, honor and loyalty of all Scouts forevermore.

As we once again face these desolate times, we all must stay true to each other, and we will unite to keep what has been in our family for generations. We will succeed for the countless men and women who made this camp great, with blood, sweat and most of all their hearts. This is a test of our unity and loyalty, a test in which we all, together, are unbeatable. Let it be on every Scout's mind that we are a rare species, and we must help one another to ensure the survival of our great tradition."

What's News?

Scout it out

The National Scouting Museum, which just moved to Irving, Texas, has an awesome collection of everything Scout-related. Check out full-size replica campsites from every era, pour over old handbooks, choose your favorite uniforms and patches, race a mini Pinewood Derby car and see the largest collection of Norman Rockwell Scout paintings. It's the perfect destination for all Scouts, past, present and future. Call 800-303-3047 or check out www.bsamuseum.org for more information. Admission is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for Scouts ages 4 and up.

Silversides on the silver screen

The submarine USS Silversides is featured in the movie "Below," which opened in October. The sci-fi horror thriller is all about a submarine that becomes haunted after it rescues military troops from a torpedoed ship. USS Silversides is used for the on-deck shots aboard the "USS Tiger Shark" in the movie. For the shooting of these scenes, the submarine was undocked and moved into Lake Michigan to keep the land out of any shots.

Because of the movie, the USS Silversides got some attention, including a new paint job and some new fixtures, to prepare it for the role. It's pretty cool to see the same sub you once slept in as a Scout on the big screen. Somehow, those sleepless nights onboard during a Troop outing aren't so bad compared with what the actors go through in Below. A trip to Silversides will never be the same!

Everyone knows it's windy

Energy Conversions LLC is testing windmills in White Lake Township to see if they generate enough consistent energy to be used as alternative energy sources. Leasing small amounts of farmland to the company could be an additional source of income for farmers and a tax break for municipalities as well as easing use of limited energy supplies.

Energy Conversions identified Michigan as the 14th state in terms of potential wind power. White Lake area's location along Lake Michigan increases its appeal because of the great gusts that come off the shore. Test windmills are gathering information now that could determine the size, type and number of windmills that would be most effective for the area. The company so far says the data is looking good for the future use of wind power.

In all, as many as 30 windmills across the county could gather the currently unused resource. Any bets on whether Owasppe, as the highest point in the county, is a possible location?

Look out below!

Did you know White Lake sets aside one day each winter to hold sledding down the big hill behind the Riverview Café? The city closes a block of Hanson Street to hold its Winter Sports Fest, which includes the January Slide.

The White Lake Optimists Club sponsors the event. Competitions are held for two age groups in each of sleds, saucers and snowboards. Kids can win prizes for speed and style, but not for wipeouts.

Though it's already passed for this winter, we'll try to keep you posted for next January. Plus, the White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce has a whole list of oddball events like this. It sounds like a blast!

Almost done

The White River Watershed Project, funded by the Alcoa Foundation, is almost complete. The project was started to generate baseline information about the entire watershed of the White River in effort to increase awareness and understanding of how factors interact. The data will be shared with schools, colleges and residents to help identify ways to protect the watershed.

The next steps include starting a permanent support organization and starting a second White River Watershed Fund. Any donations to the fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Fremont Area Community Foundation, up to \$10,000. The support organization will consist of local citizens, government officials and businesses to gather information and input for uses along the White River, the waterway that has carried so many canoes of Scouts downstream.

- New OSA Members -

Robert Burns Jr. Chicago, IL
Robert Bolduc Jr. Twin Lake, MI
Patrick Conroy Chicago, IL
Doug Dinnella Chicago, IL
Peter Foote Life Member Chicago, IL
Rich Gudmundson Chicago, IL
Albertus Hoogeveen Downey, CA
Ron Humbert Lombard, IL
Bob Kurth Life Member Chicago, IL
Shawn LaFleur Chicago, IL
Jim Marszalek Hinckley, IL
Rich Reichart Lansing, IL
Robert Westfall Valparaiso, IN

Welcome to the family! Sorry if we forgot anyone.

Galloping Grapevine



Peter Foote ~ Chicago, IL

Peter Foote and his wife are the proud parents of a new baby boy. Peter Donald Foote was born on November 18, 2002. Though he was a month early, he still weighed in at an even 6 lbs. Rumor has it he's already learning camp songs. All our best to the whole family!

Caroline and Scott Mindock ~ Chicago, IL

Caroline (nee Lea) and Scott Mindock had a baby boy! Matthew Mindock was born on December 26, 2003, and tipped the scales at 8 lbs. 11 oz. Mom and son are healthy and home again after the day-after-Christmas arrival. Congratulations.

Kevin and Sue Oster ~ Lockport, IL

Board Member Kevin Oster and wife Sue had their second baby, Emma Grace, on December 31, 2002. The little 6 lb. 13 oz. girl arrived in time to celebrate her first new year's with mommy, daddy and sister Allison. Congratulations!

Ken and Julie Gedgaud ~ Schaumburg, IL

Ken and Julie Gedgaud had their first baby, David Saum Gedgaud. He was 7 lbs. 14 oz. and arrived on January 9, 2003. Ken can't wait to get back up to Blackhawk in 12 years with his first son's Troop. We'll hold a campsite for you! Congratulations to the whole gang.

Scott and Jenny Plebanski ~ Chicago, IL

Scott Plebanski, age 34, is now one of Chicago's finest. Scott started out as a CIT in 1984, continued on in 1985 on the Camp Wolverine nature staff as an instructor and finished up there as its Nature director in 1986. He has fond memories of the "death march" around Lake Wolverine as a CIT. Scott and his wife, Jenny, now live on Chicago's East Side. Welcome back to the fold, Scott.

Walt Weber ~ Sleepy Hollow, IL

There are few people who remember the call of "KSI-593 base clear" as well as Walt Weber. Walt, who worked the Ad Center base radio in 1969 and 1970 and ran the garbage truck in 1972, recently joined the OSA. He's married to Judi and has two sons, Christopher and Danny. Walt is an engineer with Flender Corp. Thanks for checking in and signing on, Walt!

Chris Mulcahy ~ Phoenixville, PA

Chris fell off the map for a bit, but he caught us up on what he's been up to. He and wife Vernice live in Pennsylvania and have a 9-month-old son, Christopher Jr. Chris served on Wolverine staff from 1990 to 1993 in the trading post and the shooting range. Watching all of those arrows and bullets fly must have been a big influence on his becoming an aerospace engineer with Analytical Graphics. Glad you wrote in!

New Eagle Scouts Soar

We've had lots of staff members earn their Eagle Scout awards! Ryan Gust, Troop 682, held his Eagle Court of Honor on November 2, 2002. Calumet Council Troop 364 helped Peter Riordan celebrate his new rank on December 21, 2002. Roy Leinweber and Edward Jordan, both of Troop 788, shared a Court of Honor on December 22. Kyle Bergan, of Venture Crew 507 in Three Fires Council, held his court on January 4, 2003. We cannot express how proud we are of all of you!

Rich Gudmundson ~ Chicago, IL

We congratulate Rich for being awarded the Silver Beaver Award. He was honored with the award at the Chicago Area Council's Annual Dinner on January 25. Rich is a new OSA member, and we are proud to have him among our ranks!

Duke Bertke ~ Anchorage, AK

While he's been out of touch for a bit, Life Member Duke Bertke, age 48, reports that he now resides in Anchorage, Alaska, and works as a pilot and owner/proprietor of Chelatna Lake Lodge. He is married to Rebecca and has two children, Matthew and Jessica. Duke worked at Owasippe initially as a CIT at Camp Sauger Lake in 1969 and again at Camp Wolverine South in 1970. Visit them online at www.chelatna.com.

See You at the End of the Trail...



Edna Lotter ~ Owasso, OK

Edna, mother of Bill Lotter and grandmother of Matt and Kathy, passed away suddenly on October 25, 2002. For the many who knew her (most of whom called her "mom"), she was a great supporter of Scouting and Owasippe. Our thoughts are with the Lotter family.

David Lavine ~ Chicago, IL

Dave Lavine passed away on November 26, 2002. He was a long-time Scouter and supporter of Owasippe. David was a life member of the OSA, and he will be dearly missed by his friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Carol, and the entire family.

D. Winton Hartman ~ Hastings, MN

Winton, 89, was an active Scout and Scouter for his entire life. He served on the Chicago Council, managing Owasippe for many years. He also worked with other councils and camps including Camp Tonkawa, Many Point Scout Reservation (where the Hartman Trail is named after him), and camps in New York, Delaware and Puerto Rico. Wint, an Eagle Scout, will be remembered as an outstanding example of the service and dedication of a true Scout.

Emmett Murphy ~ Chicago, IL

Emmett, father of Kevin Murphy (Wolverine EcoCon), passed away on January 10, 2002. We are saddened by the news, and our thoughts go out to wife Margaret, his family and friends.

Christopher Hedger ~ Hinsdale, IL

Former staffman Christopher Hedger, 23, was killed on January 8, 2003, in a motorcycle accident. He was the husband of Laura and father of Makayla and Maximus. Chris was an Eagle Scout of Troop 301 in Berwyn. Those who knew him remember him with fondness. Our hearts go out to the Hedger family.

James R. Adamitis Sr. ~ Chicago, IL

James Adamitis Sr., father of Jim, passed away on January 13, 2003. He was a Scouter for more than 40 years, mainly with the Cub and Scout programs at St. Rita Parish. He touched an uncountable number of young lives and will be dearly missed by all of those who knew him. We will remember his caring and giving nature.

Alden Barber ~ California

Alden passed away on January 17. He served as Scout Executive in Chicago from February 1961 to October 1967, then as Chief Scout Executive until he retired in May 1976. Alden was the person behind the huge corporate funding drive to build Owasippe's Ad Center, the Wolverine Camps and Family Camp. Unfortunately, he is also remembered for the significant part he played in the demise of the Lower Lake Camps.

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- 14 Happy St. Valentine's Day!
- 19 OSA Board Meeting

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- 1 25th Anniversary Annual Meeting/Dinner Dance
- 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- 21-23 OSA Director's Weekend

April

- 1 Vibrations Copy Deadline
- 16 OSA Board Meeting
- 20 Happy Easter!

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- 11 Happy Mother's Day
- 14 OSA Board Meeting
- 16-18 Spring Fix-it #1
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June

- 6-8 Spring Fix-it #2
- 15 Happy Father's Day
- 18 OSA Board Meeting

