



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

Vibrations

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Professional Fundraiser Hired by OOEC

by: Joe Sener - SOSR Committee Chairman

The Owasippe Outdoor Education Center, a Michigan 501c(3) corporation, has hired Gordon Zion, a professional fundraiser, to help with the final push to purchase Owasippe Scout Reservation and turn it into an "Outdoor University" to provide a world-class outdoor education experience for youth and adults.

A former professional Scouter himself, Zion helped raise millions of dollars for the Chicago Area Council years ago. For the past 15 years, he has helped create successful economic development campaigns in many cities and counties across the United States, including Spokane, Des Moines, Kalamazoo and Sioux Falls. His efforts have included raising large endowments for communities, colleges and business districts including some in West Michigan.

"By way of introduction," Zion says, "I was a professional with the CAC for nine years and a camp director at Owasippe for two. Watching a ladybug climb a milkweed stalk, a chipping sparrow search for food, the sound of a cricket at night and the soaring flight of an eagle. Are those experiences of mine, and hundreds of Scouts, to be lost for generations of young people? The Owasippe Outdoor Education Center says no."

Zion had identified the three-level effort needed to accomplish raising the funds needed to buy Owasippe and the estimated percentage that each level is expected to make up of the final funds raised.

1) 70-75% of total funds - Buy-in of major opinion setters who will not only endorse the effort but will provide major dollar leadership. This group will establish a level of expectation for other interested parties. This level will also appeal to those who would respond to the "naming right" of specific project proposals.

2) 20-25% of total funds - A second level would be potential "users" of the center willing to buy in to the process in order to assure their use of the facility.

3) 5-10% of total funds - And lastly, to the alumni of Scouts and Scouters. Building a base of support by their numbers that not only campaign success and endorsement will be clear but also participation in program delivery will be assured.

We look forward to working with Zion and the success we believe he can help us bring! Zion served nine years as an executive in the Boy Scouts of America responsible for capitol development. Campaign pressure doesn't faze Zion because he served as a senior radar/air-traffic controller during a four-year hitch in the Air Force.

Zion's salary will be paid by funds raised thus far as part of the Save Owasippe Scout Reservation efforts. The fund has almost \$74,000 in it. Joe Sener covered other sources of major funding at a rally and informational evening on October 1. Promising contacts have been made in West Michigan through the help of prominent residents, government officials, and business leaders. Another possibility the OOEC is applying for is the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, for which we seem to meet the main requirements. The only limit on how much this fund may provide is set at 75% of the purchase price. We will keep updates coming on fundraising efforts.

Please continue to share contacts and possible resources with Joe Sener or any member of the OSA board. And we encourage holding fundraisers and gathering donations for the SOSR fund being held by the OSA.

CAC Board Approves Sale of Hoover (see pg. 2)

President's Perspective by: Ron Derby - President

In the last issue, I announced the conclusion of the OSA 40K project series. I also promised a recap of our 40K accomplishments.

First, a little history. Back in 1999, the OSA Board began talking and brainstorming about taking on the largest fundraising goal to date. After much deliberation and planning, the sum of \$40,000 was settled on and the campaign was dubbed the OSA 40K drive. From there we cranked up the PR engine and started a grassroots campaign to reach our goals. We wrote letters, published articles, held special meetings and we even conducted a phone-a-thon.

When the dust settled, we had raised close to \$38,000 in donations of cash and building materials for various projects. Materials included lumber (from Sterling Lumber) and hot water heaters (from Columbia Pipe) just to name a couple. We also had special memorial funds added to our efforts in the name of Chuck Nagel and Christopher Hill.

40K accomplishments included the re-roofing of every staff cabin on the reservation, hot water heater installation in every Carlen KYBO, the complete refurbishing of the Wolverine and Blackhawk firebowls the construction of the Charles F. Nagel Memorial COPE Base and the construction of the Christopher Hill Memorial Climbing tower.

Not too shabby eh? Thanks to all who made the OSA 40K such a hugely impressive success!



Fall Fix-it Recap

Thanks to all who attended the Fall Fixit. 60 or so workers completed a variety of tasks. Projects included re-roofing one Blackhawk KYBO and one Reneker cabin, fully repairing one badly damaged sailboat, sanding a ton of oars to prime and paint next time, painting Blackhawk KYBO interiors, moving more sand to the Blackhawk firebowl and installing a few more check-dams, installing waterproof paneling in the Wolverine showerhouse, and drywalling the ceiling of a Food Prep storage room.

Following the day's work, everyone gathered at the Christopher Hill Memorial Climbing Tower for its dedication. A number of adventurous people climbed the new tower including Monique Tripp, Chris's mom. Dinner was awesome (thanks to the kitchen crew!), and Joe Sener provided a summary/update of the SOSR campaign. Also present at dinner were the White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and members of the Owasippe Conservation Club. This Fixit marks the first time the OSA and the OCC worked side-by-side at a Fixit, and we look forward to more collaboration between the two groups for the greater benefit of Owasippe. Thanks again to everyone!

Sale of Hoover Approved

The Board of Directors of the Chicago Area Council voted to approve the sale of Hoover at its quarterly meeting in mid-October. The presentation of the proposed sale was made by a consultant who has been working with the council for some months and by Lew Greenblatt, Council President.

The offer consists of a number of key points:

1. The property is to be sold in three parcels, essentially comprising the East, Central, and West fields and transferred over the course of the next two years and will remain green space for recreational and conservation use.
2. The buyer will be a conservation holding company that is acting on behalf of Kendall County Forest Preserve District. The two years reflects the need to manage the cash flow from federal and county funds.
3. CAC will be able to use the property for at least the next three years (yet to be negotiated) but expects to be able to negotiate beyond that three-year limit. The Boy Scouts will be able to use the property on a cash-for-use basis.
4. The sale is expected to be negotiated and closed by late November (according to Greenblatt.)

The vote was held and passed by a 21 to 6 margin. It is not clear how the "continued use" clause is or will be worded. While the properties committee believes that the CAC will be permitted to use the property going forward, the actual fees for use have not been negotiated.

There was not plan presented as to how the money received from the sale would be used beyond a discussion that an endowment would be set up with the interest being used by the Council. Greenblatt agreed to set up an ad-hoc committee, to be set by Mark Linse and Jim Stone, to review the business plan on how to use the proceeds from any investment. The committee will report to the Board at the next meeting.

With this vote, Greenblatt as Council President is authorized to conclude negotiations and contract for the sale of Hoover without further review or discussion by the board.



For the latest info on the Save Owasippe Campaign visit: www.owasippe.com

Call for 2004 Nominations

Think of all the OSA members you know. List out the people you talk to at the Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance. Picture the workers and cooks at the fix-it weekends. Who do you call to see if they are going to the family picnic? Who do you reminisce about camp with?

Those are the people we want to talk to. If anyone on your list of OSA members is someone you consider a good candidate for the Board of Directors, let us know! This call for nominations is open to anyone to suggest someone's name. We'll contact each nominee and see if he/she is willing and able to serve on the Board.

Being on the Board has its share of benefits and commitments. These people make the decisions about fix-it projects, event locations, fundraisers, membership and more. And — especially in light of the OSA's role in the current SOSR campaign — the Board's input is needed on many topics and situations. It's not

all fun and games; a lot of work goes into running this organization. We need motivated thinkers and doers.

Candidates need to be OSA members in good standing, at least 21 years old and must be available for monthly meetings, currently held on the 2nd Wednesday night of each month. The only other requirement is a dedication to the camp, the OSA and its members. If you or someone you know has the drive and ability to make things happen, we need to hear from you!

The Elections Committee will review all the nominees and select a fair and balanced slate. Candidates will be contacted to garner their respective bios and goals (for publication in the next newsletter).

Contact Pat Monahan, elections chairman, at (708) 403-4506 with any nominees. **Nominations are due by December 15, 2003.** Now is the time to step up and show your commitment to Owasippe and the OSA!

2004 Election Info

by: Pat Monahan - OSA Elections Committee Chairman

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 6, 2004), 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 (President)	Jim Rich	2004
George Korzen	Ron Kulak (Treasurer)	Candy Merritt	2005
Tricia Monahan	Dan Kleinfeldt (Vice Pres.)	Hans Anderson	2006

WHO MAY VOTE? Each OSA member currently registered ('04) 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 26th Annual Meeting (European Chalet) on Saturday, March 6, 2004, 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 will be included in the next issue of Vibrations, to be mailed in mid-February.

BE SURE THAT YOU ARE CURRENTLY REGISTERED ('04) 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 Chairman Hans Anderson at (773) 631-9962 or handerson@randmcnally.com.

WINNERS Those candidates receiving the largest number of valid votes will be inducted into the Board of Directors during the 2004 Annual Meeting. 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 12 months, namely President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

Owasippe Treevia

dug up by: Hans Anderson

Fire up the time machine! Board Member Hans Anderson dug up another dose of trivia from an old issue of the Owasippe Tree, the underground staff newsletter. This batch is from the August 6, 1989 issue. Let's see how much you still remember...

1. What is the frequency of the Owasippe radios?
2. During the days of segregation, what was the name of the camp for white Scouts and what was the name of the camp for black Scouts? Hint: Both camps were located on land near where Blackhawk currently stands.
3. How many dining halls have stood on Owasippe property?
4. Which lake cabins were acquired with the property?
5. What is the Reneker girls favorite drink?

Answers
(1) 151.9250 Megahertz (2) Chacague for White Scouts, Belnap for black Scouts (3) six (4) LC2, LC5 (5) Bullfrogs

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Top 20 Signs...

by: Herb Dulzo

...that you've been to Owasippe too many times:

1. You went to Owasippe when Chief Owasippe was the director.
2. You asked the cook for his Owasso-meal recipe.
3. You sing the Owasippe Birthday Chant at family parties.
4. You have more camp patches than the Owasippe museum.
5. You think becoming a Counselor in Training is a career opportunity.
6. You went to Owasippe before they celebrated anniversaries.
7. Your first trip to camp was on steamship or train.
8. You vaguely remember when your sons came with you to camp.
9. You failed the swim test 6 consecutive years.
10. You sing the Owasippe hymn while taking a cold shower.
11. You watch the Michigan Wolverines just so you can yell "Zaxie."
12. You remember when climbing merit badge was done on a glacier instead of the Christopher Hill Memorial Climbing Tower.
13. Friday the 13th is a sentimental movie for you.
14. The three changes of clothes you bring to camp are all khaki tan.
15. You sing the "goodie bag chant" when you take out the trash.
16. You can hike the blue trail... blindfolded.
17. Your wardrobe is defined by your collection of Owasippe T-shirts.
18. You have a dresser drawer reserved for Owasippe neckerchiefs.
19. You try to convince your family "Owasippe is better than Disney World."
20. You try to convince your family that Wolverines make good pets.

Got shirt?



Be cool like Andy. Bring a little extra cash with you to our next event and get yourself some brand new OSA gear!

Where do you start with over 30 years of camping and loving Owasippe? I guess I should start with my first summer at camp, 1968. I was new to Scouting, to being married to David Lavine, and of course new to Owasippe. When Family Camp had a sign up for a canoe trip, of course, I signed on.

I had not been canoeing for many years but because of size, strength and experience, I paddled stern. My bowman (or should I say bow-woman) had never been in a canoe before. We also had, sitting in the middle, one of the younger kids at Family Camp. On the river, there are so many trees with branches growing out over the river, presenting a bit of a hazard to the inexperienced. I saw one VERY low branch and hollered, "DUCK." I shipped paddle and took my own advice. Suddenly something brushed by my ears, and as I looked up, I saw that I had lost my bowman. It seems that when I said duck, she looked up and grabbed the branch. What had brushed by my ears were her feet!

David had had an experience with a Troop canoe trip. He always took the least experienced boys in his canoe. One of the Scouts had lost his paddle and was reaching out for it. Dave did not have enough time to compensate for the weight all going to one side, the canoe tipped and they all went into the water. The rest of this story is as it was relayed to me by the SPL. "Mr. Lavine came up out of the water with seaweed all over him, looking like Neptune arising from the

deep. His first words (after he saw that the Scouts were ok) were 'Where are my cigarettes?'"

Our kids always told their dad that he exaggerated. One of the years at Camp Blackhawk (GO), Dave had seen what he described as the granddaddy of all skunks. Our oldest son, of course, did not believe him until the evening of closing campfire. Butch (David Jr.) had stayed back at the site to start loading the trailer for an early departure the following day. When we got back to the campsite, Butch stated that he really owed dad an apology. As he loaded gear into the trailer, granddaddy skunk decided to pay one more visit to the site. He was friendly enough and did not spray, but he surely had Butch worried for a bit.

One year at Owasippe, Dave had a friend of one of his Scouts with the Troop. The boy was from France and knew very little English. The whole idea of his spending the summer in the U.S. was to learn more English. He came home from camp with a very proficient "Boom-chick-a-boom."

Each year at Owasippe was special to both Dave and me, as well as our kids. Someone had asked Sara if she didn't resent our time in Scouting and she answered that if it wasn't for Scouting, she wouldn't be on staff and having such a great time. By the way, Sara had spent so many of her birthdays at OSR that she was 5 or 6 before she found out that there was another Happy Birthday song other than the one she had always heard at Owasippe.

Letters Home (#3 of 10)

On loan from the Owasippe collection of Joe Sener



From: Don Theren
To: Angela Balducci
August 2, 1930



Dearest Angela,

Here I sit in the hospital (not sick however). Doc and I are alone here this evening, everybody else having either gone to Chicago or in to town. Everything is so darn spooky here that I think I'd go goofy if I had to stay alone without Doc here. This is giving me a lot of time to write to you.

I didn't go to the Family Camp party the other night because I needed sleep too bad to stay out late at night. I can forget about all this other stuff if I have you to think about and your letters to read over again. And maybe you don't think I missed your letter in the mail today and tomorrow there isn't any deliveries in mail. Boy, if there isn't a letter from you Monday, I'll go thru the roof of our cabin in one leap. I know I missed a day, but as I wrote in my last letter it was unavoidable because I was so busy from the morning of Thursday 'till the morning of Friday. It was just by luck I got off the letter yesterday.

It seemed funny, as I was sweeping out the cabin (there wasn't anything else to do here) for Mass in the morning, that I should have found my plans for tonight end so funny or might I say so lonely. I wonder what you're doing now?

I sailed alone all afternoon today and I thought I should have been on Lake Michigan in a boat twice as big and not alone but with you. Maybe next period, stayover will find me better situated to leave this place. If you were here I'd just as soon stay all year without ever seeing Chicago. Gosh I don't know why I feel like this, it doesn't happen often that's a cinch.

Mr. Miller the camp director just got back so I'll have to get to work again and I'll sign off now as ever before

Your loving
Don

P.S. I'll write another Monday before the gang comes.

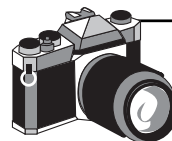
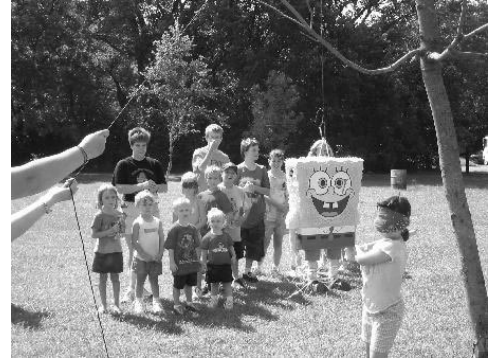
2nd Annual OSA Pub Crawl (June 2003)



Fall Fix-it (Spetember 2003)



OSA Family Picnic (August 2003)



You can visit www.owasippe.com to see most of these pics (and many more) in color.

Steve Schaefer Scholarship Recipients for 2003

The memory of Steve Schaefer continues to make a difference in the lives of Owasippe staffers. The following 19 people were recipients of the Steve Schaefer Scholarship at Owasippe:

Chrissy Benedetto	Jeremiah Mayerak
Kyle Bergen	Alan Michalski, Jr
Michelle Bradbery	Jack Newell
Scott Dorencz	Therese Niziol
Kevin Egan	Christy O'Connor
Ryan Gust	Michelle O'Connor
Jason Gebhardt	Richard Puchalski
Rich Kulak	Armando Rosario
Pat Loftus	Heidi Schlichting
Andy Lukasiewicz	

Recipients are required to work the full summer at Owasippe (in good standing) and must be currently enrolled in college. Each recipient received \$100 to be used for their college expenses.

9900 Club Raffle recap

The OSA took on an ambitious goal of selling \$100,000 worth of raffle tickets back in March when we kicked off the 9900 Club Raffle. Well, we almost made it half way! The raffle brought in \$42,450 in sales... not too bad in these tough economic times.

Because we did not reach the full amount, we did have to make adjustments to pro-rate the prizes. This means we gave out over \$21,400 in prizes! It also means that we raised over \$10,000 for the SOSR fund and over \$10,000 for the OSA!

Congratulations to the winners (see below). THANKS to all who worked so hard selling tickets and THANKS to all who purchased tickets. We may not have reached our lofty goal but we did pretty well just the same!

Grand Prize \$10,620:	Guy Gogliotti
1st Prize \$4,253:	John L. Sterling
2nd Prize \$2,130:	Chris Hill
3rd Prize \$432:	Mary Charles
4th Prize \$390:	Kerry Kotwasinski
4th Prize \$390:	Krusza/Jauregui
5th Prize \$347:	Martin Young
5th Prize \$347:	John L. Sterling
6th Prize \$305:	Mike George
6th Prize \$305:	Kevin Cooke
7th Prize \$262:	Paul Peraino
7th Prize \$262:	Richard Lopez
8th Prize \$220:	Dave Meyer
8th Prize \$220:	Andy Hanyzewski
9th Prize \$177:	James Fitzpatrick
9th Prize \$177:	Bruce Petersen
10th Prize \$135:	Father Scanlan
10th Prize \$135:	Troop 29
11th Prize \$92:	John L. Sterling
11th Prize \$92:	Gary A. Hanson
12th Prize \$50:	Leaders Of Troop 659
12th Prize \$50:	Kathy and Randy Formella

The scholarship remembers Steve Schaefer who literally grew up at Owasippe, first as a youngster in Staff Village, then as a camper, and finally as a staffman. Steve was voted CIT of the Year among his many Owasippe staff accomplishments.

In 1989, Steve was killed in a tragic fire while attending Southern Illinois University. Having already saved several of his friends, Steve heroically re-entered the burning building to look for an additional friend that was still believed to be inside. The friend had made it out a back door but sadly Steve did not.

He is remembered fondly and missed greatly. A memorial plaque, in Steve's honor, can be found in the Owasippe Museum.

Contributions to the Steve Schaefer Scholarship Fund can be made payable to the Owasippe Staff Association and sent to P.O. Box 7097, Westchester, IL 60154.

Whats News?

OSA Joins White Lake Chamber Of Commerce

In September, the Owasippe Staff Association joined the White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce to exhibit its solidarity with the Whitehall and Montague communities, to forge new working relationships, and to publicly proclaim its dedication to the preservation of Owasippe and the culture of Blue Lake Township. The Chamber of Commerce was responsible for getting Owasippe its start in 1910 with a donation of 40 acres of land on Crystal Lake (aka Owasippe Lake).

The White Lake Chamber of Commerce has its offices and visitors' center in the old train depot in Whitehall, just south of the White River bridge. We would encourage all friends of Owasippe to visit Whitehall and Montague during the off season and even when you come up to visit Owasippe during the summer. The scenic area has much to offer with stores, parks, recreation, and a variety of events for families and friends. Check out the Chamber's Web site for more info. www.whitelake.org

Blue Lake Fire Get Upgrades

The Blue Lake Township Fire Department is getting some new equipment, thanks to their portion of a \$752,075 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The money was divided among 19 fire departments across the state of Michigan.

Blue Lake will use its \$20,000+ to buy extra personal protection devices for the 14 part-time paid staff, add new equipment to the vehicles owned by the department, upgrade radios and acquire a thermal imaging camera. Part of the grant will be used to provide hoses, nozzles, fittings and adaptors so the Blue Lake Fire Department will be better able to work with other fire departments in the area. Currently, they may have different fittings, making it difficult to interchange equipment.

SCBA bags and helmets with prescription lens inserts along with personal rescue escape ropes and hand-held radios are on the shopping list. The thermal imaging camera allows fire personnel to scan a smoke-filled space and find "hot spots" that might otherwise be concealed from view inside a structure.

The Blue Lake Fire Department is just a little further up Owasippe Road past Camp Blackhawk.

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Pizza Party

**Friday, November 28th
from 7:00-11:00 p.m**

**at the European Chalet (lower level),
54th & Harlem Ave. Just off I-55**

There will be a **\$10** charge at the door, which covers pizza and promotional expenses. There will also be a cash bar for your enjoyment.



**Must be 18 or older to attend.
No one under 21 will be served alcohol.**

**Responsible drinking and
designated drivers are encouraged.**

Please RSVP to Ron Kulak by e-mail at owasiron@juno.com or by phone at 708-423-7163

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Kid's CHRISTMAS Party

**Sunday, December 7th
from 1:00-5:00 p.m**

**at the European Chalet (lower level),
54th & Harlem Ave. Just off I-55**

Pizza, soft drinks, a kiddie craft and kid's games will be provided!

Santa will be there!

Parents are asked to bring a gift for each of their own children. Gifts need to be "from Santa" and should be kept in the \$15 range.



Please RSVP to Candy Merritt by e-mail at candymerritt@yahoo.com or by phone at 708-354-9837

Galloping Grapevine



Eagles Everywhere

Four Owasippe staffers have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and will be celebrating their Court of Honor ceremonies in the coming months. Christopher Grimes of Chicago, Michael LeVan of Chicago, Garrett Thrasher of Joliet and Kurt Wolff-Klammer of Skokie are members of the Eagle Scout class of 2003. Congratulations to each of you on this great accomplishment! We are proud to have you as part of the Owasippe staff! Scott Stiefel, son of Gordie Stiefel, has also achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and will be holding his Court of Honor in late November. Congratulations Scott!

Andy and Kelly Gorz

Andy Gorz and Kelly Fitzpatrick were married on August 23rd at a ceremony held at the Wolverine firebowl. Lots of Owasippe staffers – both past and present (and even a few future staffers) – were on hand to witness the ceremony and celebrate long into the night. Dinner was held at the Blackhawk dining hall, and dancing followed at the White Lake Eagles Club on the shores of White Lake. We wish the newlyweds couple many, many years of happy marriage!

Jim Graczyk ~ Romeoville, IL

Jim moved from Chicago and is settling nicely into suburban life. He has had two of his books published (*A Field Guide to Chicago Hauntings* and *Field Guide to Illinois Hauntings*) and is working on his third book. He also writes for a magazine, *Ghosts of the Prairie*. Keep an eye out for him on "Real Ghosthunters" on the Discovery Channel and on "The Unexplained" on Fox. Thanks for checking in with us, Jim.

See You at the End of the Trail...



Jihad Mamluki ~ Bangor, MI

Jihad passed away on August 9 as a result of an apparent heart attack. He was 64 years old. He worked on Owasippe staff for seven summers. Jihad was a member of the Wolverine and Carlen staffs, and he first camped at Owasippe in 1953, at Camp Blackhawk. At the time of his death, Jihad was residing in Bangor, MI, where he had lived for the last several years. Many years ago, Jihad was the first white man to be allowed to convert to Louis Farrican's Muslim sect, Off The Streets, in Brooklyn, NY. TV Channel 7 in New York City did a little piece on him, and a year later did a follow up piece too. He will be missed, and our thoughts are with his family.

Claudio Clemente ~ Chicago, IL

Claudio, much better known as Whitey, passed away in August. He was an active Scout supporter in the Chicago area and his wife, Rose, is a long-time and highly respected member of the Indian Trails District and is currently on the Chicago Area Council Board of Directors. Memorial donations in his name are being placed in the SOSR fund, per the request of his wife. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Clemente family and all who knew Whitey.

Membership Corner

by: Hans Anderson - Membership Chairman

In an effort to clean up the OSA member database and conserve costs, we are combining married couples onto single mailing labels and database entries. Only those couples that share the exact same address will be combined, and the new label format will show each person's membership status. If you're one of the married members in question and you **do not** want the two names combined onto one label, you can e-mail handerson@randmcnally.com or give him a call at 773-631-9962.

Also, we are looking for updated information on 3 lost members: **A.W. "Bud" Huedepohl**, **Kenneth Klemm** (last known address in Wyoming) and **Tom Donlon**. If you have any information on any of these three, please contact Hans as soon as possible.

One **correction** regarding membership from the last issue: Chris Cobitz joined as a Life Member. Thanks for your commitment, Chris!

- New OSA Members -

Philip Kaufman	Kevin Kantorski
Ray Toscano	John Halsey
Kyle Bergan	Adam Armstrong*
Elizabeth Jackson	Bob Adams*

* New Life Members

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby submit my request to register as a member and I certify that I am 19 or older at the time of my application.

Furthermore, as a friend of Owasippe, I pledge my support of the OSA's purpose. I also understand that I must stay current with my dues in order to remain a member in good standing.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Birthdate: _____

email: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Staff, Service or Camping Years at Owasippe:

Year	Camp	Position

Employer: _____

Occupation: _____

Marital Status: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Children's Names & Ages: _____

Mail to:
OSA
P.O. Box 7097
Westchester, IL 60154
attn: Membership

New Member	\$20	_____
Renewal	\$15	_____
Lifetime	\$250	_____

Visit the OSA online at www.owasippe.com

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November

- 12 OSA Board Meeting
- 27 Happy Thanksgiving!
- 28 OSA Pizza Night

December

- 7 OSA Kid's Christmas Party
- 10 OSA Board Meeting
- 15 OSA Board Nominations Deadline
- 25 Merry Christmas!

January

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 14 OSA Board Meeting
- 15 Vibrations Deadline
- 15 OSA Ad Book Deadline

February

- 11 OSA Board Meeting

March

- 6 OSA Dinner Dance/Annual Meeting
- 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!





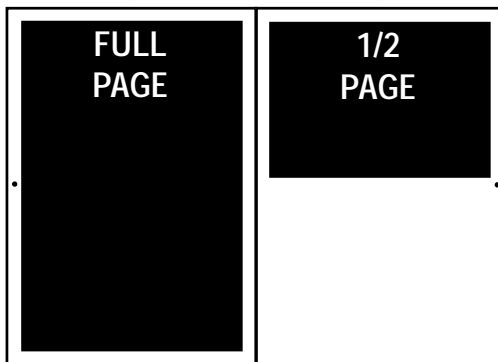
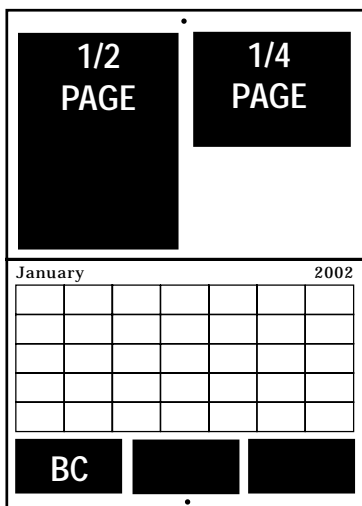
It's OSA Ad Book time again!

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are seeking sponsors for the Owasippe Staff Association Calendar/Ad Book distributed at our Annual Meeting in March of 2004. Here is an opportunity to extend greetings to your friends, wish Owasippe and the OSA well, and/or promote your business. The annual Ad Book is an important fundraiser for the OSA, and its proceeds help us carry on our mission to support Owasippe.

Owasippe, located in scenic western Michigan near Whitehall and Montague, is the nation's oldest Boy Scout summer camp. Owasippe serves youth and families from the Chicago area and throughout the U.S.

The first 26 pages of the Ad Book will be a 12-month calendar (March 2004 – February 2005). For each month, there will be up to four quarter-page ads and three business card ads. The calendar ad space and inside covers will be sold on a first come basis. The remaining pages consist of our annual report and have a couple of ad options as outlined below.



Please respond with your materials by January 15, 2004 using the form provided below.

Enclose your camera-ready art or any message you wish to present and mail it to the address below (please be sure to clearly state any special instructions or placement preferences).

If you have any questions, please contact Ron Derby at (847) 573-0271.

The OSA thanks you for your support and reminds you that we are a not-for-profit organization, therefore all ad space is tax deductible.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Qty.	Description	Size	Cost
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	Calendar Quarter Page Ad	(5" x 3.5")	\$50
	Calendar Half Page Ad	(5" x 7.25")	\$100
	Well Wisher	Name and Town Only	\$10
	Half Page	(7.5" x 5")	\$60
	Full Page	(7.5" x 10")	\$95
	Inside Cover Full Page	(7.5" x 10")	\$125

Business Name: _____

Message (or attach copy) _____
