



*The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association*

# Vibrations

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## OOEC Moves Forward to Save Owasippe

*by: Jim Schlichting - Asst. Development Director, OOEC*

Owasippe Staff Association members have been the heart and soul of the Save Owasippe effort. Without so many of you stepping up and opposing any more land sale, it's likely that more homes would be going up where happy youth once prevailed.

The Owasippe Outdoor Education Center effort to raise the dollars to purchase Owasippe from the Chicago Council made a major step forward in the past two months. The first "partner" to bring a major dollar investment to the table has been found. An initial offer has been proposed to the Council, and the OOEC awaits the opportunity to discuss specifics with the Council.

Having the first investor makes a huge impact with others who have expressed support but have been waiting to see how the OOEC would develop. Foundations are now seeing how their interests will be served. Local and regional groups who have program interests during the fall, winter and spring are seeking out the OOEC. Individuals and groups who support a Conservation Easement across the undeveloped land of Owasippe are speaking up.

Over the summer, the Chicago Area Council proposed an extensive rezoning of the entire Owasippe property. That proposal is in the hands of Blue Lake Township officials for their consideration. The OOEC has also presented an overall "Site Plan" indicating over 75 features and activities for the Owasippe property. The plan would conform to the current zoning of the property under the current FR-I zoning. A copy of the OOEC Plan is available on the new OOEC Web site, [www.oeec.org](http://www.oeec.org).

The new Web site has helped get the message out. Take a look around! Pass the URL along to others to give them an idea of what we are fighting for. Points of interest include the Site Plan and FAQs. Discover how Owasippe can operate 12 months a year and continue to welcome Scouts from Chicago and the region for the summer camping experience we all love. All of the latest news and information available concerning OOEC activities will be posted to this site. We thank the OSA and others for their help and support that included posting information during the formative months of the OOEC.

At the OSA's Fall Fix-It weekend, OOEC hosted White Lake Chamber of Commerce members as well as Blue Lake

Township officials and residents to a dinner and campfire at Owasippe Scout Reservation. A special thank you is in order to our American Indian friends who opened our campfire and provided ceremony, dancing, singing and drum performances. To hear their drums and voices echoing through the Owasippe woods and across the waters of Lake Wolverine was very special and beautiful.

### Here's Something You Can Do...

We have been able to sustain the fight to save Owasippe through the generosity of a great number of people. As you may know, this fight has drawn heavily on the Save Owasippe Fund. Your help is STILL needed! The costs continue to mount for office operations, legal advice, accounting help, delivering proposals and meeting with interested parties. An amazing amount of work has been done, and more needs to be done to reach our goal of making Owasippe viable while protecting her natural treasures.

A hearty thanks goes out to those who have helped along the way. And for those who have not yet fulfilled your pledges, now is the time.

Donations are tax deductible and will directly support the good future of Owasippe. Please send checks made payable to the Owasippe Staff Association (earmarked for the OOEC Save Owasippe Fund) to P.O. Box 7097, Westchester, IL 60154.



For the latest official info on the Save Owasippe Campaign, visit: [www.oeec.org](http://www.oeec.org)

## President's Perspective by: Ron Derby - President

The all new, completely re-tooled Owasippe.com was launched on October 15th. While there's still a lot of work to be done on the new site, we're pretty darn proud of the new look and all of the new features.

Among the many new features, we now have the ability to easily add countless new pages as well as change the page layouts any time we want to. We now have organized picture pages rather than all the pictures jammed on one (heavy download) page. We have a new and improved guest book. We have robust resource areas chocked full of useful information. We have multiple, topic-focused news pages that allow you to get right to the news you're interested in. The new site even has a search page that allows you to search the site by way of keywords.



That's not all... in the near future we will be putting eCommerce into the mix! The OSA store will be opening soon. You'll be able to buy all sorts of OSA apparel and memorabilia from the comfort of your own home. We will also be able to take donations online as well as membership dues.

In addition, we plan to start using the site's password-protected area as a virtual headquarters for OSA operations. We will begin archiving all of the Board operations with the goal being to eliminate confusion when new people are added to the Board. We will have dates, contacts and notes on how to run OSA events. We will also begin storing important documents like our tax-exempt letter in this section of the site as well. Our hope is that future Board members will never have to re-invent the wheel again... it will all be there at the tip of a cursor.

I'd like to thank my fellow Board Members for sharing this vision and making it a reality. I'd also like to thank our supporters without whom we could not afford such a state-of-the-art site. I'd also like to thank **xBx : Effective Web Solutions** for continuing to give us great prices on amazing Web technology.

If you haven't been to Owasippe.com in a while, I invite you to go check it out. If you click somewhere and you get a "coming soon" page, please be patient and know that more good things are on the way!

--RD, OSA P

## Picnic Was Picture Perfect

We had perfect weather to match the great time everyone had at the picnic this past August. Thanks to everyone who came out to relax and enjoy the camaraderie of generations of Owasippe staff, family and friends.

Lots of current staff have become regulars at the picnic as a last chance to get together before some start leaving for colleges across the nation. A good crowd was still on hand as the sun began setting.

A very special thanks to those who helped out leading kids' games, selling OSA gear and food, setting up and cleaning up. Who can forget Tim Toerber's masterful split-the-pot sales efforts!

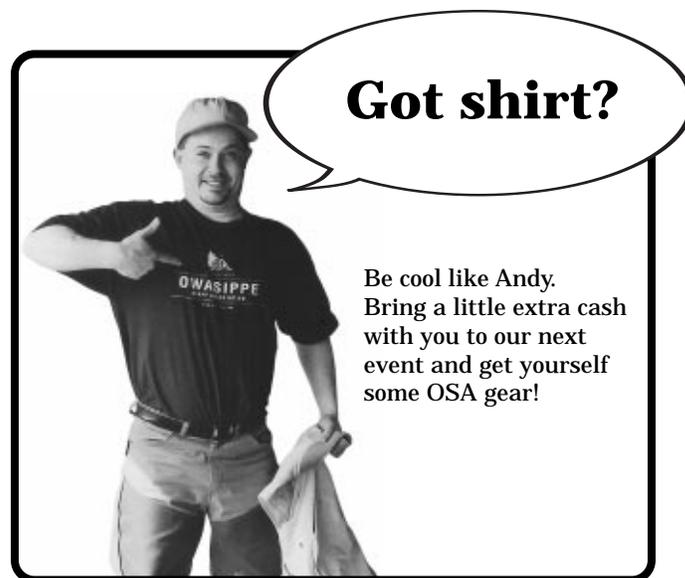
We tried selling concessions this year with mixed results. While we didn't lose any money, it was a lot of work for Candy and her helpers for little gain. Currently there are no plans to sell food at future picnics.

## OSA Bowled Over by: Susan Derby - OSA Member

Cosmic bowling was a total success, thanks to Candy and a few others who helped with the event. 30-40 members and friends gathered at Edens Lanes on a Saturday night to eat an awesome dinner and bowl four games. Game 3 was the wackiest, with bowling balls being kicked, thrown between legs, and even bowled blindly down the lanes. Other games required bowlers to work in pairs to knock down pins. While no one came out with a perfect game, there were enough smiles and laughs to make up for the loss in points.

A big thanks to Karen Reichart for bringing her delicious, home-baked goods for dessert. I thought the dinner was great, but then I had a slice of her taffy apple cheesecake - next time, I'm saving more room for dessert! Before bowling began, everyone feasted on salad, fruit, roast beef, BBQ beef and fried chicken, and finished it all off with Karen's catered goodies.

Look for this event to be repeated again next fall. This is a great reason to bust out those bowling shoes and challenge an old camp buddy to a few frames!



# Fundraising Roundup

by: Tricia Monahan - Fundraising Chair

It's important to us that you know how your efforts are helping the OSA. This is a quick summary of our two ongoing fundraisers, the Tweeter Center concession sales and the quarterly shopping/gift card sales.

## Tweeter Center Concession Sales

This summer, we raised over \$4,000 from concession sales at the Tweeter Center! We volunteered at six concerts, including Toby Keith, Warped Tour and OzzFest. Our biggest success was at the Projekt Revolution tour where we raised \$923 in one day. At the Jimmy Buffet concert, we earned \$177 in tips alone. Thank you to the 25 volunteers who helped make the Tweeter Center fundraiser a success!

Denine Anderson	Michelle Kempa
Hans Anderson	Ron Kempa
Ron Bradbery	Jennifer Kotwasinski
Danielle Carroll	Pat Loftus
Ron Derby	Cheryl Merritt
Susan Derby	Tricia Monahan
Gary Dorencz	Pat Monahan
Scott Dorencz	Suzy Smyth
Claire Groben	Tim Toerber
Phil Groben	Matt Tuttle
Annemarie Houston	Monique Tripp
Jason Katzwinkel	Rob Wunder
Mary Kempa	

I'm looking forward to continuing this fundraiser next summer. Now that we have completed one concert season, it will be easier to start up again in the spring. Hopefully we will be able to raise more money and bring in even more volunteers to help out.

## Shopping/Gift Card Program

In our last batch of shopping/gift cards, delivered at the Spring fix-it, we raised a little more than \$360. Since last March, gift card sales have brought the OSA over \$1,200 in funds!

The best part about the gift card fundraiser is that it doesn't cost anything extra. For example, you can buy \$100 Jewel cards and it will only cost you \$100. The OSA earns 4% from Jewel cards, so you get your \$100 and the OSA gets \$4. It's really that simple. While we earn 4% on Jewel gift cards, other vendors, such as Max and Erma's, offer the OSA up to 18%.

They aren't just for gift giving either! We would really like you to think of this program for all of your monthly shopping. These cards can be used just about everywhere. You'll be helping the OSA by simply spending the money you already spend.

That being said... with the holidays right around the corner, it's a convenient time to purchase gift cards. You can use them for holiday shopping or you can give them as gifts, and you'll be supporting the OSA along the way!

Please mail your orders (see green insert) to Tricia Monahan by November 16th. The shopping/gift cards can be picked up at the OSA Pizza Rendezvous on November 26th. If you cannot make it to that event, the cards can be shipped via insured mail for a nominal additional fee. If you have any questions, please call Tricia at (708) 403-4506.

# Fantastic Fall Fix-it

By: Dan Kleinfeldt - Fix-it Chair

The weather was great and so was the company at this year's Fall Fix-it. Once again we got a lot accomplished in a very short time. Here are some of the highlights of the weekend.

Guy Gogliotti and his crew re-roofed two more Reneker cabins. Tricia Monahan and Susan Derby lead a group that sanded and painted the last of the Reservation's boat oars. Susan told me there are 168 oars on the property, and we're looking into leathers and buttons for those that don't have any. What's really amazing about that number is that it means the camp has an even number of oars! Ron Derby and company put the finishing touches on Reneker's playground equipment, painting it all bright colors and replacing two more benches. Ron Kulak and friends painted the eaves on Staff Village cabins. And a countless number of other projects were completed by a number of OSA members and friends.

If you have not been to a Fix-it in some time, you have not only been missing out on good times; you have also been missing out on good food. Chauncey's crew has been turning out delicious meals that make you come back for more. Hats off to the cooking crew for preparing yet another great banquet feast! The OSA, White Lake Chamber of Commerce and Native Americans sat down to a meal of chicken, pork, turkey, and salmon, with all the trimmings. Dessert was served,

and a smile was on everyone's face. Great job gang! Special thanks goes out to Mark Bregin and Jim Schlichting for helping head up the kitchen crews.

The evening was capped off by a wonderful campfire at the recently-renovated firebowl at Camp Wolverine. Jerry Brown was the master of ceremonies, and a group of Native American guests kicked off the evening with a smudge ceremony including drums, singing and dancing. Their presence and performance was truly awe-inspiring. Members of the OSA provided more entertainment and songs. A truly great time was had by all.

So, if you haven't made it to a Fix-it in a while, let me extend an invitation to you and yours to come back to the woods again. Hope to see you this spring.



See more Fix-it pics on page 7



From: Don Theren  
To: Angela Balducci  
August 10, 1930



Dearest Angela,

I received two letters from you yesterday and maybe you don't think I was glad to get them. I don't know why you didn't get a letter from me the other day 'cause as far as I know I've sent one every day so far. I'm writing this one by the light of the lantern and it's only about 11:00 o'clock in the morning. We're getting our first real rainy spell of the season and it sure is needed. Everything was so dry that it wasn't any trouble to start a fire without half trying.

I went into town to the hick barber last night and had my locks shorn, after the barber was thru I collected the hair and made a real mattress out of it (not seriously), and today I feel light headed.

The next stayover starts the 17th of August one week from today. It won't seem long 'till I see you because time goes so fast up here with these fellows around. You really can't tell by pictures how this country is up here 'till you've seen it.

There ain't a heck of a lot doing up here except that the big shots from Chi are here and that the bishop is coming up today. Outside of that I don't know any other news so I'll have to close as ever

Your Loving  
Don

P.S. S'cuse the length and pencil writing of this letter.

## Owasippe Memory by: Lynnette Kantorski-Debnar

Many light years ago, I went up to summer camp to serve on Family Camp staff. Knowing the Sanchez family for many years, I was happy to be rooming with Christine. Everyone warned me that Chris could be a little stubborn. We seemed to get along well.

The first couple of weeks, we were raided by other camps; the most memorable happened one morning. The whole contents of the lodge were set up outside by the deck of the pool. All the tables, all the chairs, breakfast dishes, flower vases, even the daily craft was set out. I was amazed that this feat was accomplished without waking any of us. I was also amazed at the detail they paid attention to. I'm not sure if we ever found out who did this creative endeavor.

After a few more weeks with Christine, she was getting a little annoyed with people. On a particular day, she was really getting on my nerves, constantly ragging on others. I was not about to stand for this in my roommate. I knew she was a good person. So after she left camp for her evening off and we finished dinner, I started my project. Everything that Chris owned was to be removed from the cabin and set up outside just like it appeared inside. The dresser and knick-knacks, her bed, radio, shoes, suitcase, chair and, yes, her cat! Oh boy, everyone warned me. I was looking for big trouble. I just didn't know who I was messing with.

So I went to the lodge until she came back, and everyone waited on pins and needles – they knew she would blow. So I followed her down to the cabin, and after the initial shock, we had a good laugh and put everything away. The next day, Chris spent a rainy day showing me the old icehouse and kicking around Duck Lake, one of my most memorable days at camp. It's been a great friendship that I have been lucky to enjoy. Thanks Christine.

-Lynnette Kantorski-Debnar  
Family Camp Staff, 1973

**Vibrations always needs copy!**

Send your Owasippe memories, stories, pictures, news items, grapevine tidbits, editorial comments to:

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# Call for 2005 Nominations

by: Pat Monahan - OSA Elections Committee Chairman

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.

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 OSAs 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 contact each nominee to see if he or she is willing and able to serve. The Elections Committee will then review all the nominees and make a slate recommendation to the Board. Candidates will then be contacted to garner their respective bios and goals for publication in the next newsletter.

As we mentioned in the last issue, a recent by-laws amendment now limits board members to two consecutive terms. After which they must sit out for at least one year. The new policy is intended to promote growth and diversity by giving newcomers a better shot at getting elected.

Contact Pat Monahan, Elections Chairman, at (708) 403-4506 with any nominees. Nominations are due by December 15, 2004. Now is the time to step up and show your commitment to Owasippe and the OSA!

**PLEASE NOTE: Nomination does not guarantee a spot on the slate. The Elections Committee will review all the nominees and select a fair and balanced slate.**

## 2005 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 5, 2005), 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
George Korzen	Ron Kulak (Treasurer)	Candy Merritt	2005
Tricia Monahan	Hans Anderson (Vice Pres.)	Dan Kleinfeldt	2006
Michael Campbell (Secretary)	Ron Derby (President)	Jim Rich	2007

### Who may vote?

Each OSA member currently registered (2005) 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 27th Annual Meeting (European Chalet) on Saturday, March 5, 2005, 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 (2005) so that your vote can be counted!** 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 hans\_de9@netzero.com.

**Winners** Those candidates receiving the largest number of valid votes will be inducted into the Board of Directors during the 2005 Annual Meeting. The top three vote-getters will be considered duly elected. Seats are held for a term of three years.

**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.

# OSA Family Picnic (August 2004)

Photos courtesy of Jen Kotwasinski



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

# OSA Fall Fix-it (September 2004)

Photos courtesy of Vince Rychtanek



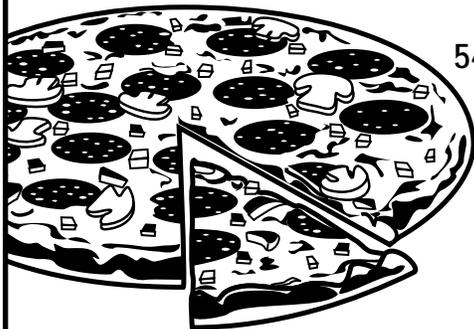
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# Upcoming Events



## Pizza Rendezvous

Friday, November 26th  
from 7:00-11:00 p.m



At the European Chalet (lower level),  
5445 South Harlem Ave. • Chicago, IL 60638  
(54th & Harlem Ave. Just off I-55)

Please RSVP to Ron Kulak  
by e-mail at [owasiron@juno.com](mailto:owasiron@juno.com)  
or by phone at 708-423-7163

**PLEASE  
NOTE**

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.

See page 9 for more details.



## Chicago Wolves Outing

Wolves vs. Cincinnati Mighty Ducks  
Sunday, January 23rd



**CHICAGO WOLVES**  
PRO HOCKEY

At the Allstate Arena in Rosemont, IL  
starting at 3:00 p.m.

For just **\$15 per ticket**, you'll enjoy exciting hockey (the only hockey in town this year) and a really great afternoon. Doors open at 2:00 p.m., and the game starts at 3:00 p.m. Pre-game laser show and fireworks may be on hand for a hot start to a cool afternoon. We'll be in section 101, lower-level seats on the south side of the stadium between the blue line and the goal. **This is an all ages event!**

Checks should be made out to the OSA - Wolves Game and can be mailed in to Mike (see page 10 for address). **Ticket orders must be postmarked by December 20th.** Orders can also be placed at the Pizza Rendezvous. Tickets can be hand-delivered, mailed or picked up.

Contact Mike Campbell  
by e-mail at [budaosa@hotmail.com](mailto:budaosa@hotmail.com)  
or by phone at (773) 283-7723

Mike will be at the Pizza Rendezvous with more details.

# News & Notes

## **Owasippe Staff Interview Dates Announced**

Owasippe Staff Interviews are confirmed for Saturday, November 27th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Daniel the Prophet Church basement, 5330 S. Nashville Ave., Chicago.

Additional dates are December 11 and January 8 at the Council Office, 1218 W. Adams, Chicago, and February 19, location TBA on the North Side of Chicago.

## **Camp Carlen to Host New Venture Base**

If you know older Scouts or Venture Crews looking for something a little different from their summer camp, talk up Owasippe. A new Venture Base will open at Owasippe in 2005 in Camp Carlen, according to Gordie Stiefel, Chairman of the Carlen Venture Base Committee.

The new program was designed specifically for Venture Crews and older Scouts, meaning the program is flexible and self-guided. With the assistance of Owasippe staff, groups can participate in a variety of Owasippe programs that help achieve Bronze Award requirements.

Here's just a taste of what's in store: overnight horseback trek, all-day canoe trek all the way into Whitehall, COPE Crew challenges, scenic trail hiking, sailing on Big Blue Lake, fishing, Bronze Award requirements, even just relaxing. The Crew decides how much or how little to accomplish, and even meal times are flexible.

To join the Carlen Venture Base mailing list or for a reservation form, contact Steve Adams, Director of Camping, (312) 421-8800. Get out there and promote this terrific new Owasippe program opportunity!

## **Stock Donation Option Available**

A devoted OSA member recently donated a gift of stock, sparking us to open a brokerage account with our bank. In our 26+ years of existence, the OSA has never needed such an account. Opening this account gave us reason to consider the benefits not only for the OSA but also its donor members.

The brokerage account gives the OSA the capability to transfer donated securities into cash upon completion of a sale of that donated stock or bond. The donation not only fulfills the wish of the member to contribute to the OSA, it also allows the member to take the full market value of that security (at the time of donation and transfer to the OSA) as a tax deduction. This also has the added benefit of preventing the member from having to cash in that security first and later face capital gains tax consequences. It's a win-win proposition.

If you would like to make a donation of stocks or bonds to the OSA, we are ready to accept it and it would be greatly appreciated. Any donor can earmark the use of redeemed funds or leave it to the discretion of the OSA board. If anyone has questions on this new opportunity for giving, please contact OSA Treasurer Ron Kulak at [Owasiron@juno.com](mailto:Owasiron@juno.com) or at (708) 423-7163.

## **Pizza Rendezvous With Pizzazz**

It's time again for our popular Pizza Rendezvous. This is your chance to come out and see OSA members, camp leaders, current and former staff, and camp alumni. Come out to European Chalet and Banquets (lower level) at 5445 S. Harlem in Chicago 60638 (1/4 mile south of I-55) on November 26th, 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 at the door for pizza and snacks.

A cash bar and door prizes will be provided. "Be Prepared" for good fellowship and great pizza, camp info and history, photo and map displays, and maybe even a few of your favorite camp songs. Also available for sale will be OSA apparel, Entertainment Books, Save Owasippe shirts, and some Scout memorabilia. If you have a patch or neckerchief collection of your own, bring it down for display. And if you ordered Gift Cards through the OSA, those will be available at this event for pickup (order deadline is November 16). You can also pick up some poinsettias to decorate for the winter holidays for just \$10 a plant.

Contact coordinator Ron Kulak with any questions at [Owasiron@juno.com](mailto:Owasiron@juno.com). We hope to see you at our camp mixer... and bring along a few friends as well! This is an 18 and over event; no one under 21 will be served alcohol.

Hey, it's an awesome follow-up to Turkey Day... but with more camp buddies and less turkey!

## **OSA (Owasippe) Memorabilia Hits the Road**

Most of you may not know it, but the OSA has quite a bit of Scout memorabilia such as patches and neckerchiefs that it has been selling or auctioning for the last couple of years at various near-in "trade-o-rees" or "swap-meets." These items have been donated to us through the generosity of various individuals, friends of the camp, and Scouter survivors.

For the first time, the OSA will take its show on the road away from Chicagoland. We will not only offer these items up for sale but we will also spread the word about Owasippe and the OSA to whomever is willing to listen.

The first such opportunity will be this December (see details below) at the 15th Annual Old Corn Belt Trade-O-Ree, hosted by Troop 20 of W. D. Boyce Council. The OSA will operate two tables, one of which was donated via the good graces of member Jerry Lutz, who will also be a featured exhibitor. Thanks, Jerry!

Anyone who has old Scout memorabilia that they would like to donate to the OSA for sale may do so by contacting us at [vibrations@owasippe.com](mailto:vibrations@owasippe.com). Such donations will further our mission to help Owasippe survive and thrive. Donors will receive a letter from the OSA acknowledging their generosity.

15th Annual Old Corn Belt Trade-O-Ree  
Saturday, December 4th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
St. Mary's School Gym  
603 W. Jackson Street, Bloomington, IL 61701

# Galloping Grapevine



## ***New Eagle Scouts Soar***

We are proud to recognize three new Eagle Scouts among the Owasippe family. **Brian Kita** is the first Eagle Scout of Troop 1605 and held his Court of Honor this August. Brian served on the new Space Exploration Outpost this past summer. **Jay Sullivan** also achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and had some fellow camp staffers at his Court of Honor. Jay was a CIT in 2002 and worked at Camp Wolverine these past two summers. **Shawn Linse**, an Owasippe staffman and son of Council Commissioner Mark Linse, celebrated his Eagle Court of Honor in October. Congratulations to each of you! We are very proud of your accomplishments!

## ***Denine Anderson ~ Chicago, IL***

Denine was one of a handful of Owasippe former staffers to complete the Chicago Marathon this October. She completed the 26+ mile race in just over 5 hours. Makes us tired just thinking about it. Way to go, DD!

## ***Sarah (Nizio) and Rob Hall ~ Chattanooga, TN***

Sarah and Rob were married on October 16th in an outdoor ceremony overlooking the Ocoee River in Benton, Tennessee. Sarah is working at the Chattanooga Nature Center and volunteers as a trainer for the local Girl Scout Council. Rob is an Eagle Scout and worked at his Council's camp, Skymount. Congratulations!

## ***Jeff Juszcak ~ Chicago, IL***

Jeff is offering high quality original photographic prints of Owasippe. These photos are truly breathtaking. All prints are suitable for matting and framing and guaranteed to arrive at your door in pristine condition via USPS Priority Mail. **All profits go directly to the OSA** to benefit our mission of improving the camping experience of Owasippe's Scouts and families. Go to [www.zaxie.com](http://www.zaxie.com) for full details and images.

## ***Billy Kleinfeldt ~ Chicago, IL***

Billy may be slowing down a bit now that he's turned a whopping 30 years old! Billy celebrated with family and friends at a surprise party in October. Can you believe the youngest Kleinfeldt is already 30? Happy birthday, William!

## ***Phil Lavine ~ Jerusalem, Israel***

Phil, formerly on the Wolverine and Blackhawk staffs, married his bride on September 21st. The happy couple makes their home in Jerusalem. Congratulations to the both of you on your marriage and new life together!

## ***Kristin (Schaefer) and Dustin Mazanowski ~ Chicago, IL***

Kristin tied the knot with Dustin Mazanowski this October. The whole Schaefer clan was on hand for the happy event. The wedding ceremony was held in the same church as her grandparents' and parents' – a great tradition! Congratulations to both of you!

## ***Candy and Geoff Merritt ~ LaGrange, IL***

The Merritt family moved into their new home. See page 10 for her updated address. The whole family is much happier in their bigger space. Best to all in the new home!

## ***Francisco Perez ~ Mexico***

Francisco, Owasippe's international Scout from Mexico, wrote in to let us know he returned home safely to a family and Troop that were happy to see him again. We were lucky to have him at camp this summer. Francisco, we hope to see you again soon.

## ***Pam Stiefel ~ Western Springs, IL***

Pam, daughter of Gordie Stiefel, is recovering after a spinal fusion surgery at Shriners Hospital for Children in September. Pam needed the surgery to help correct the effects of scoliosis that was endangering her heart and lung function. Gordie thanks everyone for their cards, notes and prayers. We are all hoping for a smooth recovery. Best of luck!

## ***John Weglarz ~ Portland, OR***

Happy belated birthday, John! With a half-century of experience under his belt, John celebrated his 50th birthday with friends and family. We wish you 50 more!

## ***Do you know...***

Does anyone out there know Michael Strange? He was a Scout and Owasippe camper in the early- to mid-1950s. We are looking to get in touch with him or his family. If you have any info please contact us at [vibrations@owasippe.com](mailto:vibrations@owasippe.com).

## **Vibrations always needs copy!**

Send your Owasippe memories, stories, pictures, news items, grapevine tidbits, editorial comments to:

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Westchester, IL 60154

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## **Membership Corner**

*presented by: Hans Anderson - Membership Chair*

### **Welcome to the OSA family:**

#### New Life Members

Douglas Dinnella  
Dave Kellas  
John F. Kryll III  
Laura Laudadio  
Sue Lehde  
Ray Narducy  
Kyle Schneider  
Katherine Sivicek

#### New Members

Edward Clemente  
Brian T. Foster  
Katie Heffernan  
Sharon Prus  
Andrew Sirota  
Carrie Swearingen  
Peter Winger II

### **Missing Members:**

We are also looking for address information on Lester Busse, Tom Donlan, Kenneth Klemm, and A.W. "Bud" Huedepohl. If you have any information, please pass it along or let them know we need updated address information for them.

### **Life Membership going up:**

The price of an OSA Life Membership will be increased from \$250 to \$350, effective January 1, 2005. Buy that Life Membership now before the price goes up!

# Hey! Are your OSA dues up to date?

**Membership dues DIRECTLY paid for this very newsletter!**

Check the 4 digit number on your mailing label. According to our records, that is the last year you paid your dues.

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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 OSAs  
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\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*goes up to \$350 after January 1, 2005

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

### *November*

- 10 ..... OSA Board Meeting
- 16 ..... Shopping/Gift Card Fundraiser Order Deadline
- 25 ..... Happy Thanksgiving
- 26 ..... OSA Pizza Rendezvous
- 27 ..... Owasippe Staff Interviews #1

### *December*

- 4 ..... Old Corn Belt Trade-o-ree
- 8 ..... OSA Board Meeting
- 11 ..... Owasippe Staff Interviews #2
- 25 ..... Merry Christmas

### *January*

- 1 ..... Happy New Year!
- 8 ..... Owasippe Staff Interviews #3
- 12 ..... OSA Board Meeting
- 15 ..... Vibrations Copy Deadline
- 15 ..... Board Nominations Deadline
- 15 ..... Ad Book Copy Deadline
- 23 ..... Chicago Wolves Outing





# Shopping/Gift Card Fundraiser

**Deadline:**

Shopping/Gift card orders must be postmarked by November 16th. Orders received after the cut-off date will be returned because the cards must be ordered all at once.

**Send checks only (no cash)  
& make them payable to the OSA**

**Mail entire form and check to:**

Tricia Monahan  
13606 Arrowhead Ct.  
Orland Park, IL 60462

**Questions?**

Contact Tricia Monahan at  
sailor0011@yahoo.com  
or 708-403-4506

**Please note:**

Shopping/Gift card denominations can change without notice. Orders must be made in multiples of the card amount. On rare occasions, cards become unavailable or are discontinued. If this occurs we will refund your money.

**Pick Up or Shipping:**

You can pick up your order (free of charge) at the upcoming OSA Pizza Rendezvous on November 26th. If you choose to have your cards shipped to you, we will only send them via insured mail (see fee chart below) because it is essentially the same as mailing cash.

Total Order	S&H Fee
\$1-\$100	\$4
\$101-\$200	\$5
\$201-\$300	\$6
\$301-\$400	\$7
etc.	

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

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

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

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

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount ordered: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping (if applicable): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* Vendors with Multiple Retail Brands \*\*\*****Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants**

Ambria  
Antico Posto  
Ben Pao  
Brasserie Jo  
Café Ba-Ba Reeba  
Cajun Kitchen  
Chicago Flat Sammies  
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Foodlife  
L. Woods Tap & Pine Lodge  
Maggiano's  
Magic Pan Crepe Stand  
Mity Nice Grill  
Mon Ami Gabi  
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Papagus Greek Taverna  
Petterino's  
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Shaw's Crabhouse  
Tru  
Tucchetti  
Tucci Bennucch  
Twin City Grill  
Vong's Thai Kitchen  
Wildfire  
Wow Bao

**Joe's Crabshack**

Kemah Boardwalk  
Rain Forest Café  
The Crab House  
Willie G's

**Houlihans**

Braxton Bar and Grill  
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**Marriot**

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Fairfield Inn  
Renaissance  
Residence Inn  
Spring Hill Suites  
Towne Place Suites

# OSA Shopping/Gift Card Fundraiser

Vendor	% to OSA	Card Price	Qty.	Total \$
<b>Grocery Stores</b>				
Dominicks	4%	\$20		
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$20		
Cub Foods	2%	\$20		
Ultra/Strack & Van Til	2%	\$20		
Sara Lee Outlets	13%	\$10		
CVS Pharmacy	2%	\$10		
<b>Restaurants</b>				
Baskin Robins	9%	\$2		
Boston Market	8%	\$10		
Buca Di Beppo	8%	\$25		
Buona Beef	8%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Chilis***	9%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$10		
Domino's Pizza	3%	\$5		
Edwardo's Pizza	9%	\$10		
Egg Harbor Café	4%	\$15		
Fuddruckers	8%	\$10		
Gino's East	9%	\$10		
Giordano's Pizza	9%	\$10		
Great American Bagel	8%	\$5		
Honey Baked Ham	9%	\$20		
Houlihans***	8%	\$10		
Joe's Crabshack***	9%	\$20		
Kentucky Fried Chicken	9%	\$5		
Lettuce Entertain You***	13%	\$25		
Max & Ermas	18%	\$10		
Mrs. Fields Cookies	18%	\$5		
Olive Garden	8%	\$10		
Panera Bread	4%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$10		
Pretzel Time	18%	\$10		
Red Lobster	8%	\$10		
Starbucks	5%	\$10		
Sweet Tomatoes	13%	\$10		
TGIFridays	8%	\$10		
Wendy's	10%	\$10		
<b>Retail</b>				
American Eagle	9%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10		
Bath & Body Works	14%	\$10		
Bed Bath & Beyond	6%	\$25		
Best Buy	2%	\$20		
Borders Books	8%	\$10		
Carson Pirie Scott	2%	\$25		

\*\*\* See reverse for more info.

Vendor	% to OSA	Card Price	Qty.	Total \$
<b>Retail cont.</b>				
Circuit City	2%	\$25		
Claire's	7%	\$10		
Crate and Barrel	5%	\$20		
Dennis Uniform	5%	\$20		
Eddie Bauer	8%	\$25		
Express/Express for Men	13%	\$20		
Footlocker	9%	\$25		
Galyans	8%	\$20		
Gap	9%	\$20		
Hair Cuttery	8%	\$10		
Home Depot	2%	\$25		
JCPenney	5%	\$25		
Joann Fabric	5%	\$20		
Kmart	2%	\$25		
Lands End	8%	\$25		
Linens & Things	8%	\$25		
Lowes Home Improvement	2%	\$25		
Menards	3%	\$25		
Office Max	4%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$20		
Paradise of Shoes	10%	\$10		
Payless Shoe Source	10%	\$10		
Pier One	5%	\$10		
Sears	3%	\$25		
Sharper Image	13%	\$25		
Shoe Carnival	4%	\$25		
Sports Authority	8%	\$10		
TJ Maxx	6%	\$25		
Toys R Us	3%	\$20		
Ulta Cosmetics	4%	\$10		
William Sonoma	8%	\$25		
Service Master***	9%	\$25		
<b>Gas &amp; Oil Change</b>				
Citgo Gas	2%	\$50		
ExxonGas/Mobil	2%	\$50		
Gas City	2%	\$10		
Shell	2%	\$25		
Speedway Gas	4%	\$25		
Jiffy Lube	13%	\$30		
<b>Video Rental</b>				
Blockbuster Video	7%	\$10		
Hollywood Video	13%	\$5		
<b>Movie Theaters</b>				
Lowes***	13%	\$25		
<b>Hotels</b>				
Marriot***	13%	\$25		
Hyatt	8%	\$25		

**NOTE: You must fill out both sides of this form completely and send in the whole form!**



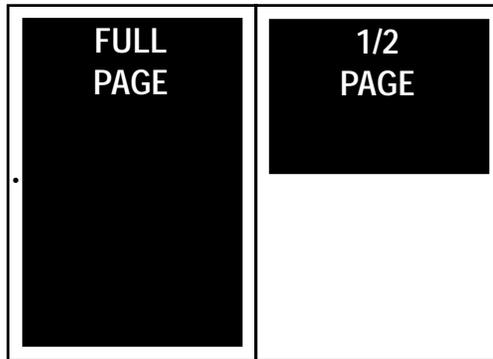
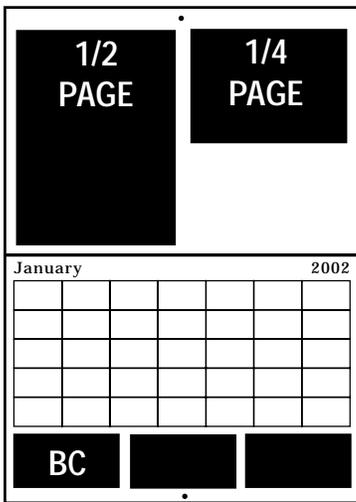
# It's OSA Ad Book time again!

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are seeking sponsors for the Owasippe Staff Association Calendar/Ad Book distributed at our Annual Meeting in March of 2005. 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 2005 – February 2006). 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, 2005** 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Qty.	Description	Size	Cost
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	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) \_\_\_\_\_  
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