



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

# Vibrations

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## OOEC New Year's Update

*by: Joe Sener - Chairman, OOEC*

As 2005 arrives, the Owasippe Outdoor Education Center (OOEC) project continues to move ahead. We have several important items to report.

First, the OOEC has selected Frank Bednarek of Whitehall as the OOEC Project Administrator. Frank is the past Muskegon County Administrator who has been recognized as a visionary for successful economic development. There is a long list of successes in Muskegon County that were accomplished with Frank in a leadership role.

Heritage Landing would not be the home for Summer Celebration and other West Michigan Festivals, as well as a host site for "Tall Ships" and other activities, without Frank's leadership. During Frank's time in County Administration, many other great projects were successfully completed including Great Lakes Downs, The Lakes Mall, Lakeshore Marketplace, Muskegon Trolleys, the New Baker College campus and much more.

Frank has been down the road we are traveling before! His county position had him involved when another Scout camp was to be sold. At the time Boy Scout Councils were consolidated in West Michigan, Camp Shawondossee on Duck Lake in Muskegon County was headed for residential development because it was "excess property" owned by the Scouts. A bit of protest and legal challenges held off the

residential development, and in 1988, Duck Lake State Park was dedicated.

You can learn more about OOEC's Project Administrator at his Web site: [www.bednarekconsulting.com](http://www.bednarekconsulting.com).

Our second big piece of news is a meeting date in mid-January with the Chicago Area Council for the full presentation of the current OOEC proposal. At that meeting, we expect that a cross-section of the CAC Board will hear a complete presentation of the proposal from Chairman Joe Sener, Project Administrator Frank Bednarek and the OOEC's initial business partners.

Many months have passed since our proposal was sent to the CAC. During that time, OOEC has been able to share its vision and receive ever-growing support from individuals and groups in West Michigan. It is the OOEC's continuing belief that the highest and best use of the Owasippe property is as a world-class "Outdoor University" for summer camping and more activities 12 months a year.

During the time leading up to elections in November, the OOEC was active in presenting its vision to all candidates for local and state offices. All candidates were provided Owasippe background information and information about the OOEC proposal.

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## The Dinner Dance is Right Around the Corner!

The 27th OSA Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance will be held on March 5, 2005, at European Chalet Banquets (5445 South Harlem, just south of I-55). Dress for a semi-formal night of dinner, spirits and fellowship. This is a great chance to call some camp buddies and host a reunion of the old gang. Doors open at 6 p.m., and family-style dinner will follow the closing of board elections.

During the evening, we will hold our annual meeting, present awards (including Member of the Year), make special recognitions, conduct elections and, of course, we will be raffling off some wonderful prizes. Raffle prizes are listed later in this article, and the slate of candidates for the election is featured on page 5.

This year we are tweaking the "Golden Ticket" system by also adding a "Green Ticket" in a continued effort to speed up the check-in process. Each Dinner Dance ticket is \$35 if your reservations are postmarked by February 21st. A Golden Ticket will be mailed (or confirmed by phone) to each OSA member who has their ticket and membership dues paid for by February 21st. A Green Ticket will be mailed (or confirmed by phone) to each non-member who has their ticket paid for by February 21st. Present your Golden or Green Ticket at the door, receive your ballot(s) and you're set to meet and greet friends! In order for this to work smoothly, we will need the names of all the attendees in your party as well as an

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

**G**reetings and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year!

As we shiver through the latest cold spell, all we can do is look forward to spring. Plans are in full swing for things like the Dinner Dance, the Director's Weekend, the Spring Fix-it and so on.

Of course, with the Dinner Dance comes the OSA Board Elections. We need to thank the 3 outgoing Board Members: Candy Merritt, George Korzen and Ron Kulak. Two of these three dedicated individuals are throwing their names in the hat for another go 'round. Ron and Candy will be running again, George will not. Ron has served as Treasurer, Candy has served as the Events Chair and George was instrumental in the successful completion of the Christopher Hill Memorial Climbing Tower.

Pat Monahan, Elections Chair has put forth a healthy slate of new candidates to accompany Ron and Candy on the ballot. Scott Dorencz, Greg Lange, Andy Lukasiewicz and Tim Toerber will round out the slate. All six candidates have served Owasippe and the OSA in many capacities. They're all regularly seen at picnics, pub crawls, dinner dances and fix-its. You can read their respective bios and goal statements on page 5.

I'd like to thank everyone who was nominated. I'd also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the nominees that have been slated.

Every election is important, and this one is no different. We're doing great things, but our work is never done. As we move forward, I'd like to encourage ALL members to get current on dues and cast a vote. Even if you can't make it to the Dinner Dance you can still vote... see page 4 for an absentee ballot.

The coming year will find us continuing to work hard to help the OOEC save Owasippe. As always we'll be working on a number of projects at camp as well... everything from the possible addition of low COPE events to the possible revitalization of the sailing base at Blackhawk. We also plan to launch the e-commerce phase of our Web site, which will allow us to sell OSA merchandise as well as accept dues and donations online.

Have ideas, comments, complaints? We'd love to hear from you, and as always, we'd love to see you at the next OSA event!

Best regards,  
RD - OSA P



## Dinner Dance (continued from page 1)

indication of their membership status (see flyer/order form enclosed). PLEASE NOTE: After Feb. 21, the ticket price goes up to \$45 each. Regretfully we can no longer accept IOUs. Advance reservations can only be made with accompanying payment.

Last year's raffle turned out to be very successful and popular, so we will be running things the same way this year. A limited number of tickets for each prize means better odds for you to win!

The prizes offered are as follows:

**Polaroid Portable DVD Player**  
50 tickets available at \$10 each

**BOSCH 14.4V Drill/Saw Combo Kit**  
50 tickets available at \$10 each

**GIANT Yukon Mountain Bike**  
50 tickets available at \$10 each

**\$250 Cash Prize**  
50 tickets available at \$10 each

Tickets for the raffle can be purchased in advance, and you need not be present to win. See flyer for more details!

Don't wait, fill out the order form insert, send it in and reserve your spot today! If you have any questions, you can call the Events Chair, Candy Merritt at 708-354-9837.

### Got shirt?



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

**NOW ON CLEARANCE!**  
(see page 9 for details)

## Vibrations always needs copy!

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

OSA Vibrations  
P.O. Box 7097  
Westchester, IL 60154

→ e-mail: [vibrations@owasippe.com](mailto:vibrations@owasippe.com)

## OOEC New Year's Update (continued from page 1)

During a "town hall" style meeting of the four candidates for the Muskegon County State Representative seats (91st and 92nd Districts), each was asked to state their feelings about the development of the Owasippe property. All four candidates made it clear that they favored no residential development and would support efforts to find state economic support for the type of plan that OOEC has developed.



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

### 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.

## Rocking Rendezvous

About 45 OSA members, friends and family attended this year's Pizza Rendezvous the Friday after Thanksgiving. Attendees enjoyed lots of conversation with former and current staffers, plus a great chance to look at some Owasippe collectibles. There was a great mix of ages from current staffers to some old dinosaurs.

Bill Lotter came in from Oklahoma and brought his accordion for some great songs and sing-a-longs. Thanks to everyone who helped out at the door greeting attendees, setting up their personal collections on display and helping with setup and cleanup of the pizza. And a big thanks to Ron Kulak for heading up the entire event.



See more pics on pages 6 & 7

# 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 (see below) will be accepted via the U.S. mail no later than Monday, February 28, 2005.

**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.

## Absentee Ballot

Owasippe Staff Association



2005 Board of Directors  
Official Mail-in Ballot

Vote for 3 candidates {

- Scott Dorencz
- Ronald Kulak
- Greg Lange
- Andy Lukasiewicz
- Candy (Romcoe) Merritt
- Tim Toerber

**Mail-in ballots MUST BE SIGNED for authenticity and received at the P.O. Box by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2005 to be counted in the election.**

Owasippe Staff Association  
Attn: 2005 Elections  
P.O. Box 7097  
Westchester, IL 60154

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Meet the Candidates

presented by: Pat Monahan - OSA Elections Committee Chairman

**Scott Dorencz**, age 21, is single and lives in Orland Park, Illinois, with his parents, Gary and Sharon, and his two sisters. He is a student at St. Xavier University in Chicago where he studies Math and Secondary Education. After graduating, Scott plans on teaching high school math. Scott first visited Owasippe with Troop 699 in 1994. After four years as a camper, he became a CIT in 1998. He spent the next five summers on staff at Camp Blackhawk, working at the range, as a Scoutcraft Director and as a commissioner. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 2000. He became a life member of the OSA in 2003. *"I look forward to every OSA event I attend. If elected, I will represent the OSA, as I did Owasippe for six years, as a strong leader, a helpful teacher and a true friend."*

**Ronald Kulak**, age 54, is a resident of Chicago Ridge, Illinois, and is married to long-time Owasippe staffer Marilyn (nee Young). They have four sons, ages 20 to 26, all Eagle Scouts and past Owasippe staffers. Ron is a business school graduate of Chicago State University and is employed as a mortgage consultant with American Home Mortgage. Ron has served as an Explorer Post Advisor, Webelos Leader, Troop Committee Chairman and Scoutmaster of Troop 442 in Tinley Park for 10 years. He was a Scoutmaster for a 1997 National Jamboree troop and coached backpack crews at Owasippe's Manistee Quest, Camp Dan Boone and Philmont. He has earned the Vigil Honor of the Order of the Arrow, the Silver Beaver Award and the District Award of Merit. He is a founding board member of the OSA and has served in separate terms for 12 years as president, secretary, treasurer, membership chairman, newsletter editor and banquet chairman. An Owasippe staff member for six years, Ron has been on the Owasippe CIT training staff since 1979. *"I see the OSA as playing an integral role in the development of camp staff and in the introduction of new support facilities. In this pivotal period, the OSA must take a leadership role in the preservation of Owasippe, intact, and in its expansion as a year-round world-class outdoor education center available to Scouting, other youth groups and the general public."*

**Greg Lange**, age 30, is engaged to Shannon O'Rourke and lives in Frankfort, Illinois. He attended Saint Joseph's College where he earned a B. A. in history. He is currently working on his M. A. in education at Governors State University. Greg teaches junior high social studies at St. Gerald Grammar School in Oak Lawn, Illinois, where he also serves as Assistant Principal. A Cub Scout and Boy Scout, Greg received his Eagle award in 1988. A CIT in 1989, assistant health officer in 1994, Greg worked in Owasippe's High Adventure program from 1997 to 2001, serving as High Adventure Director in 2000 and 2001. Since 2002, Greg has served as a commissioner at Camp Blackhawk. *"Owasippe is a special place for me. I want to help keep people involved in Owasippe and ensure its survival for the next 98 years. My hope one day is to bring my children to camp, and I hope they will love it as much as I do."*

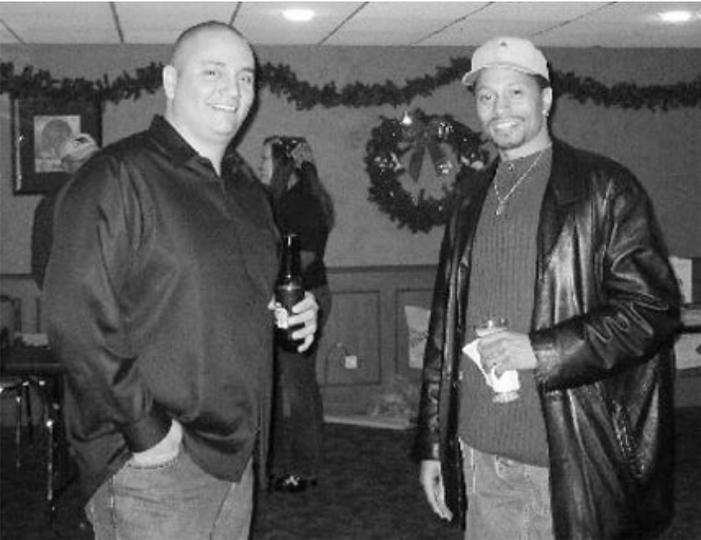
**Andy Lukasiewicz**, age 22, is single and lives in Brookfield, Illinois. He is a certified massage therapist and works at American Chiropractic in North Riverside. He has been a Scout for 16 years and in 1999 became an Eagle Scout. He currently serves as an Assistant Scout Master in Troop 644. In his first year on the Owasippe staff, Andy was a CIT. He staffed at Camp Carlen for five years and at Camp Wolverine for two years, working as a field sports director and a commissioner. In 2004, he served as Assistant High Adventure Director. *"As a member of the OSA Board of Directors, I hope to reach the younger crowd and open their eyes to all that Owasippe has done for us. I hope to help gain support to try and give back what was given to us."*

**Candy (Romcoe) Merritt**, age 32, is married to Geoff Merritt. She is the mother of True, 9, and Bailey, 6, and resides in La Grange Park, Illinois. Candy is the manager of the BoRics Hair Salon at Archer and Central. By way of her mother and grandfather, Candy has been involved in scouting since a very early age. She served on staff at Camp Reneker in a number of different capacities from 1989 to 1994. From 1999 to present, she has served as Reneker Director. An OSA member for more than 10 years, Candy first joined the Board in 2002 and has served as the Events Chair, playing an important role in coordinating many of the OSA's annual social functions. *"I would like to continue in my role and hope that I can make the OSA even better at offering social events to its members."*

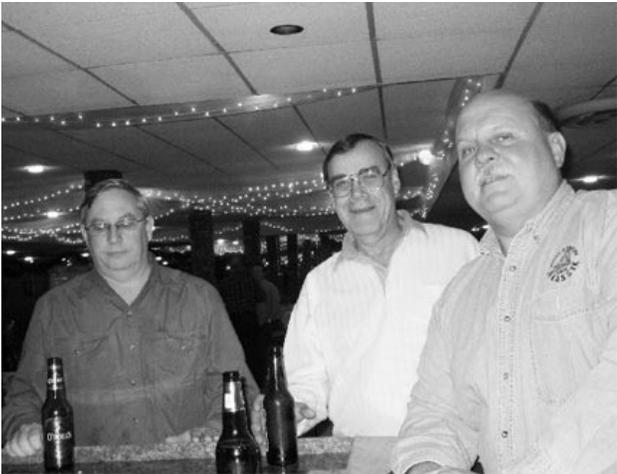
**Tim Toerber**, age 30, is single and lives in Chicago. He attended Morton East High School and is currently employed by Northwestern University as a locksmith. He was a member of Pack 3319 for five years and Scout Troop 301 for six years. He received his Eagle Scout award in 1992. Since 1992, he has served as Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 301. He has worked on the Owasippe staff, serving four years in the Trading Post and two years as COPE Director. Tim also served as a ranger at Owasippe for just under two years. In 1999, he served as Business Manager for Gerber Scout Camp. His interests include photography, camera collecting, and biking. *"When I think about the OSA and Owasippe, I remember these words: 'To give back more to scouting than it has given me... as much as possible and to the best of my ability.' I can never repay all I have been given, I can only try to serve, whenever I am called upon to do so, with all the knowledge and experience I have gained. I will do my best to help the OSA continue our preservation of the past and vision for the future in whatever capacity is asked of me."*

# OSA Pizza Rendezvous (November 2004)

Photos courtesy of Tricia Monahan



OSA Pizza Rendezvous (continued)



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

## Letters Home (#8 of 10)

from the Owasippe collection of Joe Sener



From: Don Theren  
To: Angela Balducci  
August 11, 1930



Dearest Angela,

It took a long time for me to decide whether or not I should write to you but I just realized that yesterday was Sunday and no mail was delivered. However Saturday I didn't receive a letter from you and I'm wondering if you are sick again.

If you saw me how you'd laugh 'cause I've got a big heavy sweater and a wool shirt on, and what you call short panties such a combination. I'm used to it now. Last night after I coaxed an aching tooth to stop, I slept like a tap and until this morning when our swimming man decided he would play a joke and bring the whole camp in review past our tents singing "Lazy Staff will you get up" etc I slept like a tap. Boy this cold weather sure puts one in the arms of Morpheus at nite.

We had a surprise birthday party on the Swimming Director last nite in our cabin and it sure worked swell. He didn't know a thing about it until he came in the cabin and turned on the lites. This shows we're all one family out here very clearly don't you think so?

Our lake is windy as the devil today and I'm going to go for a sail this afternoon. (If I can get some fur lined gloves.) The whole camp (except the staff officers) is going on a treasure hunt, 27 miles, this afternoon and it's going to be just one big rest for us with everyone gone away. I hope we don't have to hunt for any of them tonight tho as has happened before.

Well and again well, I forgot to tell you I met the Bishop while he was here Saturday and he sure impressed me as a fine fellow. Sat. nite we had a big fire works display and of course yours truly had a big hand in setting them off (just like a kid again) and also succeeding in getting a few minor burns etc.

Hope you haven't made a date for Saturday nite 'cause I'll be in as sure as my name is Don and all set for a real live time. I expect a letter from Ray Dreyer today containing some new developments. I hope it comes and if my guess is right it will. A letter better come from you too today or I'll get mad (just like a dog).

How did the christening turn out Sunday. Did the godmother stumble over the alter railing or did her shoes squeak. I'll bet you had a swell time ??? Hope the godfather could dance so you could celebrate the occasion afterwards, could he?

I guess that I've given you enough bawling out for not writing so for now I'll have to close as ever before

Your Loving  
Don

- S'cuse pencil plez. I don't write x's 'cause actions speak louder than words and I'll speak soon n'est-ce pas?

## See You at the End of the Trail



### **Herman Feldman**

Herman Feldman passed away in early January. He worked for 35 years with Troop 822 of Chicago and spent many summers at Owasippe with the troop. Herman taught many boys the value of teamwork and conservation through his years in Scouting. He also was a member of and served as president for the Chicago North Shore Chapter of Self Help for Hard of Hearing People. His presence in the Troop and in his other organizations will be deeply missed.

### **Marie Klefeker**

Marie Klefeker passed away on Oct. 30, 2004. She had suffered from several medical problems for the past several years. She and Joe were on a trip to the Great Smokey Mountains at the time. Marie and Joe brought their troop of mentally challenged Scouts from Hammond, IN, to Camp Carlen in 1983 and many years after that. Marie worked on the COPE staff several summers. She will be fondly remembered for her support of all OSR staff, especially the Maintenance staff. She and Joe spent lots of time at Owasippe and lived in Paradise Cabin for years. Joe and Marie have four sons and many grandchildren. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joe and the whole Klefeker family.

### **Stephen J. Horvath Jr.**

We are saddened to report that longtime Scouter and Owasippe legend Steve Horvath Jr. passed away on Saturday, Jan. 8 following his nine-year battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP), a rare degenerative brain disorder that has no known cause, treatment or cure. It progressively impaired his balance, movement, vision, speech and swallowing while the mind remained relatively clear. He was 81 years old. Steve was an educator and community leader from Palos Heights, IL. He served as City Treasurer and held the position of Alsip School District 125 superintendent from 1975 to 1990 when he retired.

Steve was born and grew up in Chicago. He attended Northern Illinois University, graduating with a Bachelors degree in business in 1955 and a Masters degree in guidance and counseling in 1956. While at NIU, he met Terry Moscinski, whom he married in 1959. Steve completed his doctorate in leadership and management in 1985.

Steve was an Eagle Scout and Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow. He served in positions from being a local Assistant Scoutmaster to member of the Chicago Area Council's Executive Board. In 1978, he was presented with the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service. After retiring in 1990, Horvath served as Director of Owasippe Scout Reservation for two years and was a Life Member of the OSA. Steve will be dearly missed.

# News & Notes

## **Help Us Reach You!**

If you have signed up for the e-mail updates from the OSA Web site, please add **president@owasippe.com** to your e-mail "safe" list. Lots of e-mails bounce back because ISPs may not recognize our mailings as legitimate. Adding us to your "safe" list will let your provider know we are not spammers.

OSA e-mail updates will help keep you informed of breaking news and upcoming events. If you aren't signed up yet, go to **www.owasippe.com** and register in the upper left corner. We promise to keep your information private, and we only send out 1 or 2 mailings per month on average.

## **Shopping/Gift Card Updates**

We've added the following cards to the OSA shopping/gift card order form: Fannie May, Dave and Buster's, Caribou Coffee, Applebee's, Bennigan's, Blockbuster Night, and Delta Sonic Super Kiss Car Wash.

The Blockbuster Night card is \$11.50 and is redeemable at any Blockbuster store for 2 movies, a tub of popcorn and two 20-oz. Coke products for a cozy movie night at home. The regular Blockbuster card is also still available.

Please continue to think of the gift cards as regular shopping cards! These are a great help with setting budgets for grocery, restaurant and entertainment needs. Every order helps raise money for the OSA and doesn't cost you any additional money. Orders must be postmarked by Feb. 17, and the green order form is included in this newsletter.

## **Delta Sonic Helps the OSA Clean Up**

Ron Kulak is selling Delta Sonic car washes to help raise money for OSA projects and operations. Car washes are available in three denominations: \$7 Deluxe, \$10 Super Kiss and \$16 Super Kiss Supreme. The \$10 wash is available for order through the shopping/gift card order form, and all three are available through Ron Kulak. The OSA gets a portion of each car wash ticket sold, and you can redeem your car wash ticket at any time at any Delta Sonic location.

Check the Delta Sonic Web site for location and details about each wash level. Just visit [www.deltasoniccarwash.com](http://www.deltasoniccarwash.com) for full information. Order through the enclosed order form or through Ron Kulak at **owasiron@juno.com**.

## **Everything Must Go!**

We'll be designing some new OSA gear in the near future, but first we need to clear out our remaining stash of OSA apparel and gear. Starting at the Dinner Dance and Annual Meeting, all merchandise will be marked down. If you have wanted the shirts, fleece jackets, hats, pint glasses, nametags and other gear, or if you want to add to your collection or replace old gear, this is your time to save some cash. The online store at **www.owasippe.com** should be up soon to help move the remaining apparel. Shop early for the best selection of colors and sizes!

## **OSA makes Proud Parent**

The OSA has submitted paperwork to adopt 2 miles of roadway in Blue Lake Township's new Adopt-a-Road program. As soon as the township approved the organization of the program, we had our request in for 2 miles of road! We will be maintaining the miles of Silver Creek Road and Russell Road closest to Ad Center. Three annual cleanups will be organized... two coinciding with OSA fix-it weekends and the third occurring during the summer. If you'd like to be a part of the OSA Road Crew, bring a pair of work gloves to the Spring Fix-it weekend! We're proud to be the parents of our adopted roads, and we'll be working hard to keep them looking great.

## **Fun and Games in the White Lake Area**

Jon and Tina Peters recently opened the White Lake Gaming Center on Colby Street, immediately west of the White Lake Plaza. Peters has set up 10 computer stations primarily used for X-Box Live and PlayStation online games. The new business, which opened three weeks ago, is open 3-10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 3-midnight on Fridays and noon-midnight Saturdays. Peters said it is getting off to a good start, especially on weekends. The center offers hourly and monthly rates for its customers. "We also offer free Internet time for kids who need to do homework and might not have a computer at home," said Peters. He said customers may bring in their own game systems, and he has wireless infrastructure so game players can bring in their own laptop computers. For more information, contact White Lake Gaming Center at (231) 750-8356.

## **OSA Goes Union**

The OSA has established an account at NorthStar Credit Union, making all OSA members eligible for membership in the credit union with all the benefits that accompany it. NorthStar Credit Union is a member-owned and operated, not-for-profit financial cooperative. It is a full-service financial institution that is out to satisfy its customers instead of shareholders.

To become a member, you only need open a \$5 savings "share" account (called "share" because it essentially makes you a shareholder in NorthStar). That account entitles you to better rates on home equity and auto loans as well as mortgage rates. You can also take advantage of free credit repair programs, IRA accounts, educational savings accounts, tax planning, Platinum Visa credit cards and other financial services.

This is something the Board thought would be a great service to members. NorthStar debit/ATM cards are surcharge-free at any Star ATM location. For more info on how to open an account, please visit **www.northstarcu.org**.

# Galloping Grapevine



## **Sean Lynch ~ Chicago, IL**

Sean's name was accidentally left off of the Tweeter Center 'thank you' list in last issue of Vibrations. We're sorry for the omission. Thanks, Sean, for your help and participation in making the fundraiser a success.

## **New Eagle Scouts Soar**

We're proud again to have a list of Owasippe staff and friends who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Brian Weems and Mike Brus of Troop 652 from Oak Lawn celebrated their Eagle Court of Honor on Dec. 18. Kevin Shotas of Oak Lawn Troop 618 held his Eagle Court of Honor on Jan. 16. Kevin is the son of Jeanine (Wilcox) Shotas and grandson of OSA member Robert Wilcox. Frank M. Turner, a CIT in the 2004 class and member of Troop 406, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout as well. A very hearty congratulations to each of you on the great accomplishment you have completed!

## **Greg Lange ~ Frankfort, IL**

Long-time staff person Greg Lange got engaged to Shannon O'Rourke the night before he left for staff week in 2004. A February 2006 wedding at St. Gerald's Church is in the works for the couple. Both are teachers at St. Gerald's Elementary School in Oak Lawn. Congratulations on the engagement and the coming wedding!

## **Greg Regalado ~ Southern California**

Greg Regalado and Tracy Curcuro were married on Nov. 26, 2004, in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Greg and Tracy have been living in Southern California for the past year, but are moving back to Chicago at the end of January. Our best to the happy newlyweds, and we're glad to have you back in the area soon!

## **Bill Schaefer Sr. ~ Twin Lake, MI**

Congratulations go out to Bill who was selected by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association for induction to the Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame. He joins a select few recognized in the Bloomington, IL, facility for his coaching success in Illinois basketball. The induction dinner is April 30, 2005. Congratulations, Coach Bill!

## **Jennifer and Bill Schaefer Jr. ~ Hawthorn Woods, IL**

Bill and Jennifer welcomed their fourth son, Bradley Nicholas, on Oct. 26, 2004. He was born at 7:11 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz., and was 20 inches long. Big brothers Jack, Evan and Luke are very excited! Congratulations to the bigger Schaefer family!

## **Haywood Stewart ~ Wheat Ridge, CO**

We're proud to welcome Haywood as a new OSA member. Haywood served on Owasippe staff on Camp Belnap's aquatics staff from 1938 to 1941 and 1945 to 1951. He is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as "The World's Oldest and Longest Serving Lifeguard." He has been a lifeguard since 1938 and is currently 86 years old. Congratulations on the recognition, Haywood, and welcome back into the Owasippe family!

## **Don Studaven ~ Blue Lake, MI**

Don won re-election as Blue Lake Township Supervisor by an 11-1 margin. Don has been a long-time OSA member and former Owasippe staffer. Congratulations on your re-election, Don! We're glad the Blue Lake Township residents recognize and value your hard work and strong leadership as much as we do.

## **Carl Young ~ Chicago, IL**

Carl has been approved as one of the recipients of the prestigious Silver Beaver Award for 2004. The award will be presented to all recipients at the Council Annual Dinner on Jan. 29th at Holiday Inn Mart Plaza. A long-time Scout and Scouter, Carl joined Pack 3923 in 1962. He moved up to Troop 923 in 1965 where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout and currently serves as Unit Commissioner and Committee Member. A long-time member of the Owasippe staff as Aquatics Director and Camp Director, Carl is held in great regard not only by the youth he serves but also by the volunteer leaders. He is a charter and life member of the Owasippe Staff Association and served on the Board of Directors from 1989 to 1992 and as Vice-President in 1992. Other Silver Beaver recipients are Ken Vari (a great Owasippe leader), William Dreasler, William Spiller, Donald Carroll Sr., Gary Olsen, Francis Pendergast, George Vanderford and Gunard Polite.

## **Obituaries on page 8**



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## **Membership Corner**

*presented by: Hans Anderson - Membership Chair*

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

#### New Life Members

Mike Paine

Tony Petrauskas

#### New Members

Haywood Stewart

John "Frogger" Klimek

### **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 has gone up:**

The price of an OSA Life Membership has been increased from \$250 to \$350. We are offering the old price through the Dinner Dance on March 5th. This is the last chance to get an OSA Life Membership for \$250!

# 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.

**Please send checks to: OSA, P.O. Box 7097 • Westchester, IL 60154**

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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 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 Membership  
P.O. Box 7097  
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New Member \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Lifetime \$350 \_\_\_\_\_

Visit the OSA online at [www.owasippe.com](http://www.owasippe.com)

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

### *January*

23 ..... OSA Chicago Wolves Outing

### *February*

9 ..... OSA Board Meeting  
14 ..... Happy St. Valentine's Day!  
17 ..... Deadline for Shopping/Gift Card Order  
21 ..... Deadline for \$35 Dinner Dance Reservations  
26 ..... Owasippe Staff Interviews #4

### *March*

5 ..... OSA Dinner Dance/Annual Meeting  
17 ..... Happy St. Patrick's Day!  
TBA ..... OSA Director's Weekend

### *April*

1 ..... Vibrations Copy Deadline  
8-9 ..... C.I.T. Shakedown Weekend  
13 ..... OSA Board Meeting

### *May*

11 ..... OSA Board Meeting  
20-22 ..... Spring Fix-it





# Shopping/Gift Card Fundraiser

**Deadline:**

Shopping/Gift card orders must be postmarked by February 17th. 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 Dinner Dance on March 5th. 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  
Don & Charlie's  
Eiffel Tower  
Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak  
Everest  
Foodlife  
L. Woods Tap & Pine Lodge  
Maggiano's  
Magic Pan Crepe Stand  
Mity Nice Grill  
Mon Ami Gabi  
National 27  
Papagus Greek Taverna  
Petterino's  
R.J. Grunts  
Scoozi  
Shaw's Crabhouse  
Tru  
Tucchetti  
Tucci Bennucch  
Twin City Grill  
Vong's Thai Kitchen  
Wildfire  
Wow Bao

**Joe's Crabshack**

Kemah Boardwalk  
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Willie G's

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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%	\$25		
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$20		
Cub Foods	2%	\$20		
Ultra/Strack & Van Til	2%	\$20		
Sara Lee Outlets	13%	\$10		
Fannie May	19%	\$20		
CVS Pharmacy	2%	\$10		
<b>Restaurants</b>				
Applebees	8%	\$10		
Baskin Robins	9%	\$2		
Bennigans	8%	\$25		
Boston Market	8%	\$10		
Buca Di Beppo	8%	\$25		
Buona Beef	8%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Caribou Coffee	8%	\$10		
Chilis***	9%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$10		
Dave and Buster	14%	\$14		
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	13%	\$10		
Mrs. Fields Cookies	18%	\$5		
Olive Garden	8%	\$25		
Panera Bread	4%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	8%	\$10		
Red Lobster	8%	\$25		
Starbucks	5%	\$10		
Sweet Tomatoes	13%	\$10		
TGIFridays	8%	\$10		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
<b>Retail</b>				
American Eagle	9%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10		
Bath & Body Works	14%	\$10		
Bed Bath & Beyond	6%	\$25		

Vendor	% to OSA	Card Price	Qty.	Total \$
<b>Retail Cont.</b>				
Best Buy	2%	\$25		
Borders Books	8%	\$10		
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%	\$25		
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%	\$25		
Payless Shoe Source	10%	\$10		
Pier One	5%	\$20		
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, Oil Change or Car Wash</b>				
Delta Sonic	30%	\$10		
Shell	2%	\$25		
Speedway Gas	4%	\$25		
Jiffy Lube	13%	\$30		
<b>Video Rental</b>				
Blockbuster Video	7%	\$10		
Blockbuster Night	17%	\$11.50		
Hollywood Video	13%	\$5		
<b>Movie Theaters</b>				
Lowes***	13%	\$25		
<b>Hotels</b>				
Marriot***	13%	\$25		
Hyatt	8%	\$25		

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

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



You are cordially invited  
to an evening of great fellowship, fine food,  
good spirits and raffle drawings at the



## Owasippe Staff Association's Dinner Dance & Annual Meeting

at European Chalet Banquets  
5445 S. Harlem Ave. • Chicago, IL 60638  
on March 5, 2005  
Doors open NO EARLIER than 6:00 p.m.

Ticket price is **\$35** per person (in advance)  
and includes a family style dinner with an open bar.

NOTE: Ticket prices go up to \$45 after February 21st so make your reservations early!

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 Avenue. Midway Airport is only two miles to the east and out-of-town guests can easily find convenient accommodations.

For additional information, call  
Candy Merritt at 708-354-9837 or email [candymerritt@yahoo.com](mailto:candymerritt@yahoo.com)

REMINDERS: This is an 18 and over event. NO ONE under 21 will be served alcohol.  
Responsible drinking and designated drivers are strongly encouraged.

### What are Golden or Green Tickets?

This year we are tweaking the "Golden Ticket" system by also adding a "Green Ticket" in a continued effort to speed up the check-in process. As mentioned above, each Dinner Dance ticket is \$35 if your reservations are postmarked by February 21st.

- A Golden Ticket will be mailed (or confirmed by phone) to each OSA member who has their ticket and membership dues paid for by February 21st.
- A Green Ticket will be mailed (or confirmed by phone) to each non-member who has their ticket paid for by February 21st.

Present your Golden or Green Ticket at the door and you're set to meet and greet friends!

NOTE: In order for this to work smoothly we will need the names of all the attendees in your party as well as an indication of their membership status (see order form).

**See reverse for the order form and raffle info!**

# Dinner Dance Raffle Info

Drawings to be held at the OSA Dinner Dance/Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 5th. Winners need not be present. Advance orders MUST be postmarked by February 21st.




**\$250 CASH**  
50 tickets will be sold at \$10 each



Polaroid Portable DVD Player  
50 tickets will be sold at \$10 each



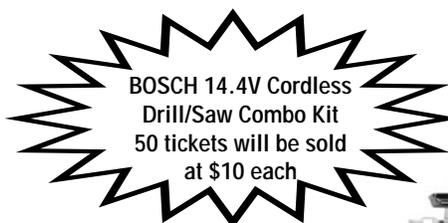
- 8" LCD screen
- Plays DVDs & CDs
- Dual headphone jacks
- Portable game controller with 30 built-in video games
- Behind-the-neck headphones
- Carrying case



GIANT Yukon Mountain Bike  
from Rudy's Cycle & Fitness  
50 tickets will be sold at \$10 each



Features disc brakes!



BOSCH 14.4V Cordless Drill/Saw Combo Kit  
50 tickets will be sold at \$10 each



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.

## OSA Dinner Dance & Raffle Order Form (Please Print)

OSA Member Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Golden Tickets)

Non-Member Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Green Tickets)

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Item	Qty.	Price	Subtotal
<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner Dance Tickets		x \$35	
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Dues Renewal		x \$15	
<input type="checkbox"/> Polaroid Portable DVD Player (raffle)		x \$10	
<input type="checkbox"/> GIANT Yukon Mountain Bike (raffle)		x \$10	
<input type="checkbox"/> BOSCH Drill/Saw Combo Kit (raffle)		x \$10	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$250 CASH Prize (raffle)		x \$10	

Enclose a check payable to the OSA in the amount of:



Mail to:  
The Owasippe Staff Association  
c/o Dinner Dance  
P.O. Box 7097  
Westchester, IL 60154