



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

Vibrations

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Save Owasippe Fight Continues

compiled from oeec.org

A lot has happened since our update in the last newsletter. The Chicago Area Council voted on January 22nd to approve the sale of Owasippe to a Michigan-based banker and his investment group for \$19.4 million. Reports are coming in that Benjamin Smith III plans to use the property for a vacation resort and/or residential homes on large lots.

This does NOT mean the fight to save Owasippe as a camp is over! The sale agreement is contingent on the council getting the property rezoned from its current forest/instructional designation to residential. Let's make this clear: the camp has not been sold. There is only approval by the Council Board to sell to this buyer, but no property has changed ownership. We continue to present the Owasippe Outdoor Education Center (OOEC) plan in efforts to raise the money to buy the camp ourselves.

We still need your help – now more than ever! There was a great showing of support at the pre-vote rally outside the council office. That event got lots of coverage on network news and in the newspapers. We need to keep letting everyone know that this sale is not in the best interests of the Scouts, the Michigan community, the environment, or the future. Write letters to the editors of papers in Chicago, Michigan and in your community. Your opinion to one or all of these publications is valuable and important right now. It is the

opinion of the public that will make a difference in the results down the road. If a community is silent, there will appear to be no "grass roots" concern. With no concern, there is no reason for public representatives and officials to do anything but allow development happen by the highest bidder. We have included four main editors to write to (see page 3), but please write to as many as you can! We have letters that others have written posted on owasippe.com and oeec.org if you need some inspiration.

Know your facts, and please spread only the facts. Lots of people think the vote means there is no camp and that there's nothing we can do. Camp is happening this summer, and quite possibly will happen next summer as well. Visit owasippe.com and oeec.org for regular updates and additional information. Use those contact forms to ask questions or lend a hand. Sign up for the e-mail blasts on owasippe.com so you will know when big things happen.

Third, show your support. Save Owasippe stickers are now available (see page 3). Pass them out. Talk up the effort to anyone who will listen. This is just one example of a concerned individual taking all the steps to both raise money and spread information. Others are working on their own contributions to the fight. This is not over, so don't give up!

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OSA's 27th Birthday was a Great Party

by Candy Merritt - Events Chair

I want to thank everyone who attended the Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance in March. It was so nice to see old friends reuniting and reminiscing about the good old days at camp.

Thanks to Bill Van Berschot for being an enthusiastic emcee and keeping the annual business meeting moving at a fast pace! I'm glad Erv Brinkmann arrived in enough time to receive his award as the 2004 OSA Member of the Year for his outstanding and ongoing support. Bill Tenner kept us moving with the electric slide and other selections. Ron Kulak was able to turn another year older with friends.

I think the biggest hit of the night was Karen Reichart's incredible dessert table. Did anyone see how big those
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See more pics on pages 6 & 7

President's Perspective by: Ron Derby - President

Serving as President of the OSA can usually be described by the phrase, "never a dull moment." That description has certainly rung true these past few years to put it mildly. That's not to say that a lack of dull moments is always a bad thing.



As a Board Member... OSA events can be a bit labor intensive. Sometimes it's hard to kick back and enjoy the festivities. This year's Dinner Dance was an exception to that rule. It was the first Dinner Dance in recent memory where I wasn't in a full sweat by the time dinner was being served! We had excellent preparation and plenty of help. Having the European Chalet as our home base for the event certainly helps as well. John and his staff take really good care of us.

My favorite part of the event is when dinner and all of the annual business is out of the way. It's kind of cool to watch the social part of the evening unfold. I really like seeing the friendly familiar faces... like Chris Sanchez, Pat Monahan or Tony Krier. I like watching the generations meshing into one huge Owasippe melting pot... we had representatives from the 1940s into the 2000s. The Owasippe family is richly diverse... we attract all sorts of people from former staffers, to campers, to Scout Leaders, to friends and even family members. I like looking out into the crowd and seeing my mom sitting next to Bill Van Berschot's sister or introducing Bill Lotter to Rich Reichart.

It's great to reunite with old friends but it's also great meeting people for the first time. This year, I met Mike O'Reilly, who happened to be in the area (all the way from California). I also got to meet Bill Finkler... what a nice guy. Bill won the \$250 cash raffle and promptly turned around and donated it right back to the OSA!

What am I getting at? Well, I guess my point is that stopping to smell the roses is a highly underrated thing these days. It's so easy to get caught up in one crisis or another and you forget what it means to simply enjoy the moment.

I'm very grateful and proud to be returning as your President. We have a lot of work ahead of us but I feel like I have a great team of fellow Board Members in place who are making a huge difference in our day-to-day operations. We also have you, the OSA members, to thank for your time, talents, loyalty and continued support. Sounds like a winning formula to me!

Best regards,
RD - OSA P

Dinner Dance (continued from page 1)

strawberries were? If you stayed until the end, you were lucky to take home some of her sweet treats. Karen, thanks again for the wonderful desserts!

I can't forget to thank all of the board candidates for lending their hands that night in setting up. It helped make our check-in process go much easier. I can't wait to see you all next year!

Election Winners

Board Election Results

Ron Kulak, re-elected
Candy Merritt, re-elected
Tim Toerber, newly elected

2005 Officers

Ron Derby, President
Tricia Monhan, Vice President
Ron Kulak, Treasurer
Mike Campbell, Secretary

Thanks goes to all the candidates and to outgoing board member George Korzen.

Raffle Winners

- Bill Finkler \$250 Cash Prize (donated back to OSA)
- Suzy Smith Mountain Bike
- Willie Vannerson Portable DVD Player
- Sean Lynch Skil Cordless Tool Kit

Thanks goes to those who helped with prize acquisition and to everyone who bought raffle tickets.

Newbie of the Nine by Tim Toerber - OSA Board

The Dinner Dance was a lot of fun, it was nice to see so many people out that night. Between our DJ and MC, the evening was very lively, and everyone had a good time. I would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's OSA elections, whether it was running for the Board of Directors or casting your vote. We are all an integral part of this great organization.



I look forward to meeting and working with more of the people that make up our unique family of friends. It is always interesting to meet new people that you have a common foundation and interesting connection with. I received a letter from OSA member Mort Cliff of Palm Springs, CA. Seeing my name on the ballot, he wondered if I knew a young lady with an unusual first name from his days of Scouting in Chicago many years ago. She just happens to be my great-aunt! This is just one of the many interesting connections we all share through our great Camp and Staff.

I hope to see as many people as possible at the upcoming spring fix-it to get camp ready for yet another great summer. Until then, take care and keep up the good fight to preserve Owasippe for the future.

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

Save Owasippe (continued from page 1)

The OOEC has added Ron Humbert as a member of the Board of Directors. Ron owns property on Russell Road, just south of Cleveland Creek, and he has always lent a hand to camp staffers and camp friends. Recently, he donated the use of his cabin to Gordon Zion while he was conducting fundraising for the OOEC. His hospitality saved us from paying housing expenses for Gordon. Ron has a vast knowledge in biology, geology and environmental impact that will be essential to the OOEC now and in the future.

As always, we thank you for all that you have done to help save Owasippe. Please keep helping in every way you can.

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For the latest official info on
the Save Owasippe Campaign,
visit: www.ooec.org

Financial Support is Still Needed...

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 fight to secure a 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.

SOSR Stickers Available!

Help raise awareness with these 3.5" x 12" stickers that are perfect for outdoor display on vehicles, windows or any other smooth surface. If you have a business or a group that is willing to support the SAVE OWASIPPE effort, we can arrange for a batch of stickers to be sent to you.



The suggested minimum donation is \$2.50 per sticker (includes postage and handling). Proceeds from the sticker sales will go towards the costs of fighting to save Owasippe from private development.

The OOEC wants to thank Nick Groszowski of Norton Shores, Michigan, for developing the sticker campaign. Nick also is arranging for large vinyl banners for roadside display to help the Save Owasippe effort.

If you live in the West Michigan area and would like to support the OOEC effort with a yard sign, please let us know. Give us a call at 231-733-0557 or write to the address below. Costs vary by sign size. Thank you Nick for all the help!

Checks should be made out to the OOEC and sent to:
Owasippe Outdoor Education Center
143 West Sherman Blvd.
Muskegon, MI 49444



From: Don Theren
To: Angela Balducci
August 13, 1930



My Dearest Angela,

Amid a toothache that has continued for the past three days I'm going to try and make amends for not writing to you yesterday but so you know the period is coming to a close and as I'm going to leave early I've got a lot of work to do and finish. Gosh I don't want to go to the hick dentist here in Muskegon but doggone I'll go insane if something ain't done soon. I'll admit I'm awful yellow when it comes to going to a dentist but who ain't. For a fact tho I'm going to have 'em yanked Saturday A.M. so nothing will mar our big time Saturday nite.

Gosh I really felt bad to think that I didn't write to you yesterday and I had really intended writing just twice as much as today.

We drove up north last nite to a place where a gang of fellows are making an overnight hikers camp. The country out here at the place they call "Scott's Gully" is just about the wildest to be found. The road leading there is so thickly wooded that there is almost a solid wall on either side of trees.

Last night we held another second degree initiation and one of the fellows from Camp Blackhawk completely passed out and in the event of bringing him to, one of the brothers mistook a can of ether for a liquid used to bring him to. It was comical even tho the seriousness of the ceremony was not lost.

Your two letters came just after I finished the bawling out dear, and I felt ashamed of myself afterwards, no kiddin'.

As for Saturday night dear we're going to do everything your li'l heart desires and I do hope you won't say I don't know what to do. (no foolin') I have a host of friends in Chicago and if I'm not wrong we'll step out high-wide and handsome.

There is an old gent here we call Uncle Ben and I learned a lot more about nature from him than I ever tho't I'd learn. Some awful interesting things he talked about. I could listen to him for a long time 'cause he knows this country so well.

I'm not so sure about being in Chicago Friday night but I'm sure that I'll be in Saturday morning early. Perhaps we can go for a swim either Saturday or Sunday. I'd really like to see your dive 'cause I know you're an expert at it by now. Where do you usually swim all the time. I hope the water is warm at any rate.

We tried to see how many different birds we could see this morning from our tent and believe it or not we saw thirty different kinds of birds.

Our tent at present looks like it needed a perfect cleaning out but we just up and left it this A.M. without even making our beds. I don't see why you can't come here and make them for us will you plez!

I haven't the slightest amount of ambition this morning 'cause last night I woke up half a dozen or more times on account of my tooth but I guess I'll have to snap out of it somehow so I'll get my work done.

Well dear, here's four pages almost completely filled as a bare substitute for yesterdays missing. I hope that I'll remain as ever before

Your ever loving
Donald

P.S. See you soon. 2 more days.

Membership Corner

presented by: Hans Anderson - Membership Chair

New Life Members

Bob Pagels
Gary Dorencz
Alan Czynewski
Willie Vannerson
Andrew Marhoul
Mark Reczek
Vince Rychtanek
-- **Thanks!**

New Members

Brian Dunneback
John DaSilva
Katrina Hockin
-- **Welcome to the OSA family!**

Why the Invoice?

Every OSA member always pays dues in time to vote at the Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance, right? I wish that were true. Unfortunately nearly 35% of the OSA's members are 1 to 2 years behind on their dues.

Dues support the everyday aspects of the organization – from something as simple as the postage and printing costs of this very newsletter to the liability insurance that lets us have so many events. (Not to mention the annual OSA board members' vacation expenses to the Bahamas... just kidding!)

Costs are always going up, and the OSA truly needs its membership to stay up-to-date... in short, we can no longer afford to carry members that have fallen behind on dues. Beginning this spring and every spring henceforth, an annual invoice will be mailed to those members who are behind on their dues. If your mailing label shows any year before 2005, you can expect to see the invoice in your mailbox soon. To remain a member in good standing, please return the invoice by May 13th with your dues payment.

Upcoming Events

the 2005 Spring Fix-it

All persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult chaperone.

Our primary goal will be to help get camp ready to open. Other camp-wide projects will include roofing, carpentry, painting and more.

May 20-22

Round up some friends and contact Dan Kleinfeldt at 773-631-4171 (before 9:00 p.m.) to reserve your spot today!



Calumet Council's 16th Annual Boy Scout Memorabilia Show & Swap Meet!

Memorial Day Weekend

Friday May 27, 2005 • 6:00 p.m. - ???
Saturday May 28, 2005 • 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

St. Christopher's Church Gym
147th (Sibley Blvd.) & Keeler - Midlothian, IL

More Details

General Admission - \$1.50 - Scouts in uniform - Free
Refreshments Available... Lunch & Soft Drinks

Buy, Sell, Trade, Browse!

the Pub Crawl

NEW LOCATION!
Edison Park...
Chicago, IL 60631

**Saturday June 4th
starting at 6:00 p.m**

6:00 p.m. - MORETTI'S
6727 N. Olmsted Avenue, (773) 631-1223

7:00 p.m. - EMERALD ISLE
6686 N. Northwest Hwy, (773) 775-1109

8:00 p.m. - MECCA LOUNGE
6666 N. Northwest Hwy, (773) 775-1077

9:00 p.m. - BLARNEY STONE PUB
6703 N. Northwest Hwy, (773) 502-2856

10:00 p.m. - NICK'S PUB
6689 N. Oliphant Avenue, (773) 631-0020

11:00 to ? - EDISON PARK INN
6715 N. Olmsted Avenue, (773) 775-1404

There will be beverage specials as well as raffles!

Pizza and snacks will be provided at the last bar...
& we are asking for a \$5 donation to cover Crawl costs.

Questions: contact Dan Kleinfeldt at (773) 631-4171
or e-mail him at DKleinfeldt@oprfs.org

**must be 21
or older
to attend**



Annual Family Picnic

Sun. August 21st, 11:00 a.m.

NEW LOCATION!
at Arie Crown Forest

Entrance located on the west side
of LaGrange Road just north of I-55



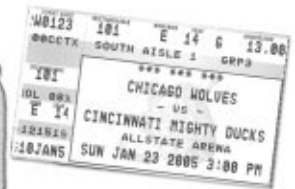
Tweeter Center Fundraiser - Warped Tour (Summer 2004)

Photos courtesy of Tim Toerber



OSA Wolves Game (January 2005)

Photos courtesy of Susan Derby



Everyone in our group received a free Wolves patch and puck!



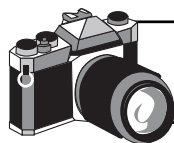
27th Annual Meeting & Dinner Dance (March 2005)

Photos courtesy of Tricia Monahan



27th Annual Meeting & Dinner Dance continued (March 2005)

Photos courtesy of Tricia Monahan



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

News & Notes

Three Veteran Scouters Disciplined by Council

We neglected to include information last issue about the suspension of three members of the Chicago Area Council. In late December, Ron Kulak, John Hosty, and Dr. Francis Podbielski each received certified letters from the Chicago Area Council citing "un-Scoutlike" infractions and dispensing punishment including reprimands and suspensions of membership.

Ron Kulak, a 40-year veteran of Scouting, was cited for "promotion and encouragement of youth involvement at the protest rally held in September." The council set a one-year suspension wherein Kulak may not participate in any Scouting meetings, activities, outings, or events, or enter any property owned or operated by the Boy Scouts.

Dr. Francis Podbielski, long-time Scouter, Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor OA member, and past district chairman of Sauk Trail District, was given a 90-day suspension for reported "intentional and repeated bumping, followed by blocking the pathway, of a fellow Scouter" at the Council meeting on December 1, 2004. Francis has been reinstated (now that the 90-day period is over), but he remains on probation for the remainder of 2005.

COR John Hosty was reprimanded for "unacceptable behavior which included making a mockery of the merit badge program, making misleading statements to youth regarding completion of merit badge requirements at the protest rally held in September, and making false and misleading statements at Scouting meetings." No description as to the content of Hosty's misleading statements was given. Although he received no suspension for these actions, Hosty was told to consider the letter to be a strong warning regarding his inappropriate behavior. He was also informed that failure to modify his current behavior could result in revocation of his membership.

The only appeal permitted was by written letter to the council attorney, who then sets a committee to review the situation. The "offenders" are not permitted to be present at that committee meeting, the decision is delivered via letter, and that committee's decision is considered final.

The OSA is disappointed with the council's choice of action and decision to suspend these veteran scouters. Ron Kulak is a sitting OSA Board member and member of the CIT Staff Development program. All three of the men who were disciplined have been vocally critical of the policies of the current Council administration in recent months and have been active in movements to save Owasippe Scout Reservation and reform the Council.

Philmont 2005 - Scouting in the Catholic Church

Consider this your call to be a participant in the 2005 National Catholic Committee on Scouting's Course at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. The course is designed to improve your understanding, participation and share in the

mission and programs of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting as you minister at your local level to the youth you serve!

This year, the course will be held from August 7-13, right between the National Jamboree and World Youth Day. Come enjoy this awesome mountaintop Scouting as youth ministry experience this summer!

2005 course director Gordon Stiefel will continue with last year's theme of "Scouting in the Catholic Church." Laity, clergy, religious, youth ministers, Scout Executives, members of council/district key 3, council membership chairs, vocation directors, youth ministry directors, CYO Directors, pastors, CORs -- all who seek to better serve our youth through Scouting as Youth Ministry are welcomed and encouraged to attend!

If you have never been to Philmont, this is the year! Start making plans today! May we suggest you start by visiting www.scouting.org/philmont/ptc/attending/index.html to get all the details about attending a Philmont conference! Then make your travel plans to get to the ranch.

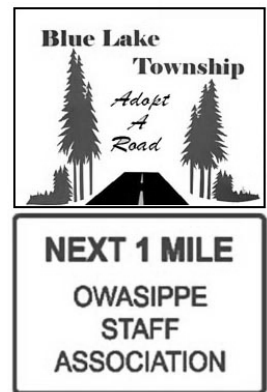
Space is limited. Be a part of this select group called to Philmont this summer by asking your council or diocese today how you can participate in a Philmont Training Course. Invitations to apply are also available from Barb Nestel, nccs@netbsa.org, at the NCCS National Office.

OSA Owns the Road

Ok, so we don't really own it, but it's ours to take care of. The OSA has been approved in the brand new adopt-a-road program in Blue Lake Township. We will be cleaning two miles of road at least three times per year: one stretch heading west from Ad Center along Silver Creek Road and another stretch south from Ad Center along Russell Road. The OSA is extremely proud to add this effort to its list of projects for camp upkeep and renovation.

Assigned workers will be provided with bright orange vests, garbage bags and work gloves. It's just another way to show the local community that we are good neighbors and are taking responsibility for keeping our area clean... and that we firmly believe in perpetuating a proud camping tradition.

Jim Schlichting wrote in with this great tidbit about the OSAs adopt-a-road participation. "The adoption of a portion of Silver Creek and Russell Roads was acknowledged with a rendering of the County Road Commission signs at the [township board] meeting. I saw the actual sign posted on Silver Creek Road going to the meeting... IT LOOKS GREAT! This is great PR, and the timing couldn't be better!"



Other Happenings

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 "OK" list. Lots of e-mails bounce back because ISPs may not recognize our mailings as legitimate. Of the refused e-mails, a large percentage come from Earthlink and AOL.

Adding us to your "OK" list will let your provider know we are not spammers. Also, if you have a new/preferred e-mail address, please take the time to contact us (through the contact page) to let us know. We'd be happy to delete your old addresses and replace them with your most current info.

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 e-mailings per month on average.

Shopping/Gift Cards Raise Over \$1,700 in 2004

Thank you to the 11 families who ordered gift cards in March! We sold \$3,495 worth of gift cards and raised \$217.80. Imagine what we could do if more folks participated in the program!

In 2004, the gift card program raised a total of \$1,787.52 for the OSA. That is a terrific amount of money raised, and it's much higher than the figure that was reported in the 2004 financial report (due to mistaken overlaps from 2003 and 2005).

The next gift card order must be mailed in to Tricia Monahan by May 11th, and the cards will be delivered at the Spring fix-it on May 21st.

If you are not able to attend the Spring fix-it, you can ask a friend to pick up your gift cards. We can also mail your gift cards via Priority Mail with delivery confirmation. The cost of mailing gift cards is \$3.85 regardless of the size of your order.

Remember orders must be postmarked by May 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Monahan at triciamonahan@gmail.com or 708-403-4506.

Tune Up for Tweeter

Last summer the OSA raised over \$4,000 volunteering at the Tweeter Center selling concessions. Twenty-five volunteers worked concession stands at six different concerts (see a few pictures on page 6). This summer, we are trying to raise over \$5,000. In order to meet this goal, we will need to have more volunteers to work concessions at more concerts.

As we did last year, we are committing to work only for Saturday afternoon and evening concerts. So far, Ozzfest 2005 and a Motley Crue concert are scheduled for Saturdays in July and August. As other concerts are booked, we'll get a chance to work even more.

Last year, we worked Toby Keith, Projekt Revolution, Jimmy Buffet, OZZ Fest, The Warped Tour and others. It's a great mix of music and a fast-paced job, so grab some friends

and sign up. We need your help, and besides... it's fun!

The Tweeter Center is located near the intersection of I-80 and Harlem Avenue in Tinley Park, IL. Volunteers will need to arrive about an hour early to set up the concession stand and get everything ready for the concert. Some concerts last only three or four hours, and the festivals run all day long.

Check your calendars now and let one of our co-leaders know what Saturdays you are available. As more concerts are set, we'll update owasippe.com so you can see what bands are coming to town on which dates.

Anyone 18 years old or older is welcome to volunteer. If you can help out by working concessions or want more information, please contact Tricia Monahan or Scott Dorencz. Reach Tricia at triciamonahan@gmail.com or 708-403-4506. Reach Scott at iatemycrayons@hotmail.com or 708-567-7714.

"Unstructured Fun" (Spring Social)

Spring is here, and it is time to get out of the house and thaw out. To help, the OSA is starting a whole new social event concept. From time to time, we'll be setting some come-as-you-are, totally unstructured, totally different gatherings. It may be a day at the racetrack, a brewery tour, volleyball at the beach or anything else. There'll be no speeches, no program, no agenda, no raffles, no frills. Just a time and a place to meet your fellow OSA members and friends to enjoy a great time.

Brand new Board Member Tim Toerber has chosen the first of this series, so meet us at Dave & Buster's on Saturday, May 7th. D&B's has a little something for everybody; billiards, shuffleboard, skeeball, arcade games, food and drinks. Come on out -- it's time to have a little fun and visit with friends.

We plan to meet up at 6 p.m. at the main entrance. If you want to come a little later, that's fine too. Just keep an eye out for fellow OSA members. At least one big group will most likely be waging war in the MechWarrior Arena.

The invitation is open to anyone, but Dave & Buster's has the following guidelines: Guests under the age of 21 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian (a person 25 years of age or older who agrees to be responsible for the conduct and safety of the underage guests). Each guardian can have up to 4 underage guests. No one under the age of 21 can be in Dave & Buster's after 11 p.m. regardless of the parent or guardian.

For more info or if you want to let us know you're planning on coming out, please contact Tim Toerber at 312-545-6320 or timothytoerberiii@hotmail.com

Dave & Buster's is located at 1030 N Clark St. (N. Clark Street at Oak) in Chicago. They're open Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. and they can be reached at (312) 943-5151. Valet parking is available, and parking garages are in the building and across the street with validated parking for \$6 for up to 10 hours.

Galloping Grapevine



See You at the End of the Trail

Congratulations New Eagle Scouts!

Our enthusiastic congratulations go out to two new Eagle Scouts in the Owasippe family. Christopher Drazba received the rank of Eagle Scout in a Court of Honor held on February 27th. Chris has been a fixture at summer camp for many years as the son of Chris Sanchez and Mike Drazba, and more recently as a staffman. Christopher J. Zelis of Troop 465 from Five Holy Martyrs Church also earned his Eagle rank and held his Court of Honor on April 9th. We are proud of each of you and your high accomplishment!

Bill Holecek ~ Camarillo, CA

Bill checked in from the Los Angeles area, where he's been living since 1984. Some may remember him as a part of the 1973 CIT class as well as various aquatic staffs of '74, '75, '76, '80 and '81. He wrote, "I appreciate the work that you and the rest of the guys do to preserve the heritage of Owasippe, however, it is sad to see what has happened, both to the camp and to the camping program, in general." Though he doesn't make it back to the Chicago area much, he did say he is glad to be reconnected with old Owasippe buddies through the OSA. We're glad you dropped us a line, Bill!

George Johnson ~ Dolton, IL

The next time you see George, ask him to auction off your watch and see what he can get for it. George recently completed Missouri Auction School courses in Auctioneering and Auction Sales Management. He received his diploma and the honorary title of Colonel reserved for fellow auctioneers. Keep up with the continuing education, George. It sounds pretty neat!

Jerry Scanlan ~ Oak Forest, IL

Father Scanlan announced his upcoming retirement, starting his note "From the soon-to-be-uncluttered desk of Rev. Francis G. Scanlan." He will retire effective July 1, 2005, but will continue to live at St. Damian. He says he looks forward to joining the active ranks of the retired clergy. He will hold a special Mass at 3 p.m. on May 1st in St. Damian's Church to celebrate his upcoming retirement. There will be a reception after that Mass in Shaw & O'Day Hall. Father Scanlan has served as Military Chaplain, priest, Civil Air Patrol and has blessed many meals for the OSA. We wish you continued luck and health as you retire, Father!



Got shirt?

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

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Carolyn Burns

Carolyn was involved in Scouting for over 50 years and was an active presence in the Arrowhead District. She was a faithful 4th period Reneker camper with her two granddaughters. Carolyn loved Reneker and the ladies of the Spoon where she served as chief for many summers. A Broken Spoon ceremony was held in her honor. At age 76, she was married to Robert, mother of four, and grandmother of 10. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Our thoughts are with the family and her close friends.

Don Carroll Sr.

Don passed away on January 22nd following a heart attack. Don was very active as a Scoutmaster of Troop 166 in the Indian Trails District, a Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow, past OA Chapter Advisor, and had received the District Award of Merit. He also was honored with the Silver Beaver Award, but passed away just one week before the presentation at the Annual Council Dinner. We are keeping his wife, Diane, and his three children in our thoughts and prayers.

Dave Kellas

A current Owasippe staffman and OSA Life Member, Dave passed away on March 19th. He was at home recovering from a stay in the hospital for cancer treatment. He was optimistic about his recovery and looking forward to getting back up to Owasippe this coming summer. Dave worked at Camp Wolverine for many years before working with the maintenance and Ranger staff for the past few summers. Dave will be missed by all who got to share in his humor and personality.

Fred Kurnick

Victor Cibelli let us know of the passing of Fred Kurnick. Fred passed away on January 19th. With over 50 years in Scouting, Fred touched many lives with his instruction and character. He also did many camp inspections. He will be missed by his many friends bonded through Scouting.

Cecille McGinnis

Cecille passed away in late January. She was the wife of Ed McGinnis and mother of Mike McGinnis, long-time devoted Scouters and campers at Owasippe and Reneker. She was the aunt of Sue Heffernan and great-aunt to Katie Heffernan. Cecille had been suffering complications from a stroke from September. We have the McGinnis and Heffernan families in our thoughts and prayers.

David Rosenberg

After a strenuous battle with Alzheimer's disease, David passed away on February 12th at the age of 69. David participated in Scouting on all levels including Assistant Scoutmaster of Troops 595 and 701, Owasippe staffman in 1989 and 1990, OA Lodge Advisor, and Silver Beaver recipient in Calumet District of the CAC. He was a proud father, grandfather and great-grandfather, and our condolences go to the entire family.

Janet C. Zion

Jan, wife of OOEK fundraiser and past Owasippe camp director Gordon Zion, passed away on March 7th. She was 62 years old. Our hearts and prayers go out to Gordon and his entire family. We wish them well and hope they find comfort in fond memories of Jan and in her positive influence on their lives.

Hey! Are your OSA dues up to date?

Membership dues cover a variety of operational expenses including but not limited to... insurance premiums, mailings, state & federal fees, accounting fees, printing costs, etc.

PLEASE 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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Mail to:
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Dates of Interest to OSA Members

May

- 7 "Unstructured Fun" at Dave & Buster's
- 11 OSA Board Meeting
- 11 Shopping/Gift Card Deadline
- 20-22 Spring Fix-it
- 30 Memorial Day (observed)

June

- 8 OSA Board Meeting
- 18 Staff Week Begins
- 26 1st Day of Camp (Owasippe's 94th summer)

July

- 4 Independence Day

August

- 6 Last Day of Camp
- 7 Vibrations Copy Deadline
- 10 OSA Board Meeting
- 21 Family Picnic

September

- 14 OSA Board Meeting
- 16-18 Fall Fix-it





Shopping/Gift Card Fundraiser

Deadline:

Shopping/Gift card orders must be postmarked by May 11th. 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
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Questions?

Contact Tricia Monahan at
sailor0011@yahoo.com
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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.

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You can pick up your order (free of charge) at the upcoming OSA Spring Fix-it on May 21st.

If you choose to have your cards shipped to you, we will now be sending them via Priority Mail with delivery confirmation.

The bad news is that the USPS will no longer insure gift cards through the mail. The good news is that Priority with confirmation is still a very safe way to send the cards, and it's a **flat fee of \$3.85** no matter what!

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Shipping \$3.85 (if applicable): \$ _____

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Vendor	% to OSA	Card Price	Qty.	Total \$
Grocery Stores				
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		
Restaurants				
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		
Retail				
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 \$
Retail Cont.				
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		
Lowe's Home Improvement	2%	\$25		
Menards	3%	\$25		
Office Max	4%	\$25		
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Pier One	5%	\$20		
Sears	3%	\$25		
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Service Master***	9%	\$25		
Gas, Oil Change or Car Wash				
Shell	2%	\$25		
Speedway Gas	4%	\$25		
Jiffy Lube	13%	\$30		
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Blockbuster Video	7%	\$10		
Blockbuster Night	17%	\$11.50		
Hollywood Video	13%	\$5		
Movie Theaters				
Lowe's***	13%	\$25		
Hotels				
Marriot***	13%	\$25		
Hyatt	8%	\$25		

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