



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

Vibrations

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Save Owasippe Update

compiled from ooec.org

The Chicago Area Council completed its impact study requested by the Blue Lake Township regarding the rezoning of the property. The township planning committee's reaction to the report has been described in local newspapers as "disappointed." The township is expected to review the submitted report with the zoning and planning committees as well as the township lawyer before taking action. Check owasippe.com or ooec.org for updates on the rezoning.

The Owasippe Outdoor Education Center is still working to raise the funds needed to secure the land. Recently, local, county and state officials have teamed up in an effort to get the state to buy it and turn it into parkland. The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grants funding to protect such lands if used for recreational purposes and with an eye toward preservation. State Rep. David Farhat, R-Fruitport Township, is spearheading the effort.

The township would need collaboration with the county to come up with matching funds for grants, if required. In addition, the township has no recreation plan as required for grants, but the county does. Hence county involvement may be necessary in the effort to turn the land into a public park. The deadline for grant applications is Aug. 1.

Other efforts are also weighing in. The endangered Karner Blue Butterfly has made a nice home around camp

(see story, page 9) and may cause headaches for would-be developers. OOEC and OSA supporters are purchasing Owasippe Forever bracelets and Save Owasippe bumper stickers, banners and yard signs with all proceeds going to the Save Owasippe effort. These items are available at most OSA events, or you can contact the OOEC office (more details on page 3) or Ron Kulak at owasiron@juno.com. Bracelets and bumper stickers are \$2 each (\$2.50 if mailed), and yard signs are \$20 each. It was very moving to drive down Russell Road and see so much support for our cause! Thanks to everyone involved with the scores of signs and that beautiful banner on Rt. 31.

Another great way to help raise funds is to volunteer to run a concession stand at Grand Valley State University Laker home football games in Allendale, MI. The OOEC needs about 13 people for several Saturday nights, August through October. A commission on the sales will be paid to the OOEC to be put towards the Save Owasippe campaign. Exact game dates will be coming shortly. Another big "THANK YOU" goes to those who were able to help at the Laker games last fall.

Contact the OOEC office in Muskegon Heights at 231-733-0557 or by e-mail at jschlich@ooec.org if you can help with any of these efforts.

(more Save Owasippe info on page 3)

New Location - Same Fun Event

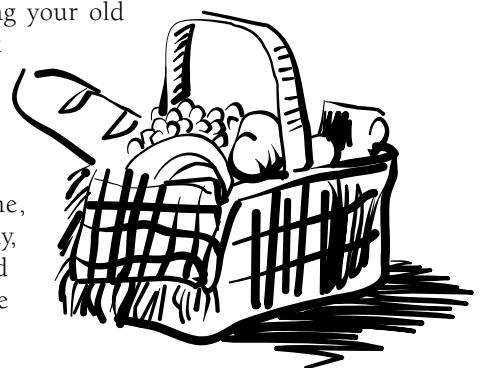
by Susan Derby

The OSA Family Picnic is just around the corner! Make plans to attend on Sunday, August 21, starting at 11 a.m. at the Arie Crown Forest. The entrance to the grounds is on the west side of LaGrange Road just north of I-55. Look for the bright orange signs. We'll be eating, playing softball, holding kids' games and more until around 5 p.m., so come ready to enjoy the whole afternoon.

Food will not be provided by the OSA, so pack a picnic lunch or bring the grill out to cook your own meal. Call up an old camp friend to split some great food and conversation! This is also a great chance to chat with staffers from this summer to see how things went at camp. We'll have OSA gear - including the new Owasippe Forever bracelets - for sale.

As in past years, we will have some kids' games planned

and softball equipment. Feel free to bring your own other activities for the picnic - kites, baseball gloves, lawn darts, beanbags or flying discs. This is a great event for calling your old staff buddies that you haven't seen in years to catch up and remember the summers of the past. Everyone is welcome, just pack up the family, bring some food and come on out to Arie Crown Forest!



President's Perspective

by: Ron Derby - President

Did you ever notice that when it's the dead of winter we complain about how cold it is and then in the summer we complain about how hot it is? My mind started to wander while I was suffering through that brutally hot 103° day last weekend.

Personally I'm happiest in the fall. It's usually warm enough for a t-shirt during the day and a light jacket at night.

The leaves are gorgeous, football season is underway, and you know "It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown" will be coming on TV again soon.

Don't be afraid to let summer go because we have a lot of things going on between the end of summer and the end of fall. First up is summer's last hoorah, the OSA Family Picnic. The picnic is a great gathering of old and new friends. It's always fun to watch the future OSA members beat the candy out of a grinning Sponge Bob pinata.

September starts off with Labor Day Weekend followed shortly by our OSA Fall Fix-it at Owasippe. If you haven't been to Owasippe in the fall... I highly recommend it. The weather and scenery are truly spectacular. Come up, eat great food, put in a good day's work and then kick back and enjoy yourself. I can't wait to throw on a flannel and sit around the campfire under a star-filled Owasippe night sky.

As October rolls around, we know winter is at least a month or two away and there's still plenty of time to have a little more fun. We have the second installment of "Unstructured Fun" coming up on Oct. 1st (see page 8). If you hate to RSVP, then "Unstructured Fun" is for you. Later in the month we'll be putting together another OSA Candlelight Bowl. Last year we dusted it off and gave it another try... it was a huge success. We'll let you know when the date and location are set.

I guess my point is don't despair that summer is coming to a close. Just think, most of the weddings and baby showers will be over, and you can start filling up your calendar with all of the aforementioned OSA activities. And besides, who knows, we may have a baseball team or two in the playoffs by then as well!

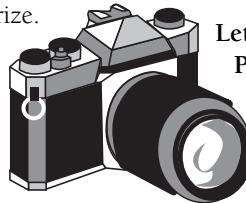
Take care, and I look forward to seeing you at the next OSA event. Best regards --RD.



Snap & Win - Photo Contest

Announcing the first OSA Photo Contest! All you shutterbugs out there (and even us normal folks) can win prizes for the best photos taken at Owasippe or any OSA event. Show us your Scouts learning something cool at camp. Snap your favorite spot on camp at sunset. Capture the kids in a goofy pose at the picnic. Or take artsy shots at the Pizza Rendezvous. Huh?

All photos must be submitted digitally. Send your entries to vibrations@owasippe.com. We'll sift through the entries and print three winners in each newsletter. Each winner will receive free OSA gear. One winner will be selected from all entries by a panel of judges after four rounds to win a grand prize.



Let us see what you see!

Photos for the first round
are due by Oct. 10, 2005.

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Got shirt?

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P.O. Box 7097
Westchester, IL 60154

e-mail: vibrations@owasippe.com

Save Owasippe

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OOEC Financial Report

The Owasippe Outdoor Education Center is recognized as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation. The first full fiscal year recently came to a close and the accountant is compiling the required IRS reporting. They anticipate that the public report of OOEC's finances will be available by Aug. 31, 2005. If you would like a copy of the financial report, please contact the OOEC office.

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, Mich., 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 Heights, MI 49444



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

Attack of the OSA iron-ons!



Photo taken at Reneker by Denine Anderson

Letters Home (#10 of 10)

from the Owasippe collection of Joe Sener



From: Don Theren
To: Angela Balducci
August 19, 1930



My Dearest Angela,

Received your letter this noon and it sure made me feel bad that I hadn't called or written to you but as you remember that Monday and Tuesday of the first week are two of my busiest days. I really had intended calling you Sunday evening dear but I layed down right after supper and slept until 11:00 o'clock and I didn't have time then to do anything but get ready to leave.

Sunday A.M. I got up at 8:00 o'clock and after going to Mass I went out to Dam #1 at Wheeling in a truck and brought our Scouts back so you can see how much rest I got over the week end. I slept on the train from Benton Harbor to Holland (about 3 hours) on the train too but nevertheless when I got back to camp I had to get right to work. I hope you consider this when you bawl me out for not calling 'cause I would have even stopped off at Harrison and Kedzie on my way to the station if I had had more time and rest.

I'm glad that you like me even tho I'm sort of a soldier boy but in the city. I spend most of my time in Sea-Scouting so I'm more of a sailor.

You and your girl friend must surely like each other 'cause you are always together. At least your letters seem that way to me. As for wishing I was your girlfriend I'd really sooner be your boyfriend although I'd like to be with you as much as she is.

Glad you had a nice time Sat. nite but I don't think you had a better time than I did. Just being with you was a good time in itself. I think you were more than willing to do what I wanted to and I only hope you did everything you wanted to do.

The weather is quite cold and the nights are just so cold as early winter. I'm having some pictures enlarged of our Arrow Initiation Ritual Team and then you'll be able to see your little Senior Vice Chief in his regalia just as I promised you a couple weeks ago.



The staff has caught the fishing bug out here now and they've caught a couple of good sized bass. I was doing a little casting myself while waiting for about five minutes last night but I'm no fisherman at all. Two fellows are down casting now but without any luck.

When I got back the tent had been rearranged and just cleaned, that made it nice to come home to a clean tent doggone.

I've still got a lot of work to do but I'm missing several forms and until they come I can't do anything. It gives me an opportunity to do just what I wanted (write to you) tho and I'm not mad at all.

You wrote "Je vous aime" in your letter. It reminds me of a song -

Bonjour ma cherie
Comment allez vous?
Bonjour ma cherie
Je vous aime beaucoup
Avez vous un fiance?
Ca ma fait rien.

You can figure it out yourself if you really want to.

I've almost finished this page and I only wish I could fill up a couple of more but with nothing new. Oh! A fellow just walked by with a fish hook clear through his ear. I think I'd sooner have a toothache than have one of those things sticking through my ear 'cause it's so hard to get them out without ripping the skin along with it. Some fishermen these fellows.

We've got a radio up here now and while they played "What's the use" I sure wished that I was back with you in Riverview again. I wonder if you hated to see me go as I hated to leave you Saturday nite. I don't think you could have.

Don't forget dear: that when I get back you and I are going to go to some night club, probably the Golden Pumpkin and just repeat a good time as we did before.

We have a bigger gang here this period than last period but most of them are old time campers and know all the ropes and it makes everything a lot easier.

I guess that, having finished another page, that I've made up a little bit for not calling Sunday so I'll close with hopes of it reaching you the 20th and with the greatest love as ever

Your lonesome
Don

P.S. If you were here I wouldn't be lonesome, I wouldn't be blue etc.
P.P.S. Write real soon.

What I Did on My Summer Vacation

by Jim Adamitis - OSA Member

I spent the first period at Camp Blackhawk (Go!) as a volunteer commissioner. It was the first full week I had spent at Owasippe since I was a kid and it made me feel like a kid again. So, in that spirit, here's my "What I Did On My Summer Vacation" report.

I got a somewhat desperate call from Marilyn Kulak. Greg Lange had just taken the job as Reservation Director, and they needed commissioner help at Blackhawk. I had always wanted to spend time up there and thought this might be my last chance. I cleared it with my wife and headed up to Owasippe for a day of commissioner training the week before first period.

Everybody else was an experienced O person except me. Seeing as I was the rookie, I was determined to absorb every aspect of the training. The instructor started by telling us our role was to "service" the units assigned to us. We were the answer people. We were the ones to grease the wheels so our leaders and Scouts could have a wonderful time. We would have to know the answers to such "simple" questions such as "Where is the closest phone?" or "Where can I take my wife to dinner?" or "Where can I get bait?" or "Where can I get an ice cream cone?" I did not know the answers to any of these "simple" questions. After the first 15 minutes of training, I hadn't felt so ignorant in a long time.

When we weren't in formal training, I continually peppered questions at Mike, the senior commissioner at Blackhawk, and Marilyn and Dee Dee. They were very patient. They gave me good answers and good advice. Now I only felt 99% ignorant!

After four days back in Chicago, I headed to O again on the first day of first period. And more questions - What's the uniform for a commish during the day? Where do staff people eat? And what does "servicing" a unit really mean?

We had an emergency drill in the afternoon. As the siren wailed, everybody gathered in the dining hall. Having no clue what I should do, I tried to stand to the side and not look like I had no clue what I should do. I found myself standing next to a crusty-looking Scoutmaster. Uh-oh. With all the activity swirling around us, I told him it was the first time I'd been to O in 33 years, that I had been a camper at Stuart as a boy. He said that's where he had gone as a Scout. I said I had been in Troop 600. He gave me a long look. That had been his Troop also. Finally, the Scouting gods were giving me a break.

He introduced me to another Scoutmaster who had been in Troop 600. Although both of these guys were a few years older than me so our paths never really crossed as kids, as adults I felt an instant bond with both of them. It's hard to describe how Scouting does that to you. I try to respect everybody who takes on the job of "Scout leader," but there's something about running into somebody who had been in your Troop. Subconsciously I get visions of dumped canoes, 5-mile hikes, class As at dinner, cooking over an open fire, swatting mosquitoes and many other experiences. It's the kind of glue that holds people together.

As chance would have it, both of their units had been assigned to me, plus one other Troop. The gods were starting to smile. There was no way I would let these guys think they had an ignorant commish.

As the week went by, I thoroughly immersed myself in the Scouting experience. I established a rapport with each of my troop's SPLs. If they wanted their Baden Powell Award, they would have to deal with me, a complete stranger, without their Scoutmasters looking over our shoulders. I was reminded why I do what I do for Scouting. To see each of these young men look me in the eye and assure me that their campsites would remain clean and safe and then actually make it happen is to see boys becoming men, to see potential wanderers become leaders.

I joined the vespers service with the chaplain at the beach in the evening. The boys paid rapt attention throughout.

I suppressed a laugh when a Scoutmaster told his younger boys that they would be eating wild chicken for dinner in their campsite. When they asked where the chicken would come from, he said he had spread wild chicken traps all around the woods. They took great interest in cooking their food. Smart.

I visited Paradise Valley (it seems so prehistoric) and Owasippe's grave. "Sing out loud and strong - In a voice that's brave and free - Let us sing our joyous carefree song - Sons of Owasippe" was stuck in my head for the next couple of days. The reverence the boys showed at the grave was incredible.

I watched boys teach boys. I saw kids learn to swim, paddle, row, shoot, tie, cook, hike, wait tables, mop kybos and gather firewood. I saw kids search and discover.

On Friday after the closing campfire by the lake, I went around to each of my units' sites to see their fires (they all had built such big fires I was afraid the trees would catch on fire) and to say one last goodnight. I participated in a flag retirement ceremony with over 40 flags burned as we sang God Bless America.

I talked with many leaders who thought it was a complete shame that this camp could ever be sold. Personally, I would sell the clothes off my back before I would sell this camp.

As I was sitting with the leaders of my third unit at about midnight, I was sharing some of my stories from the week when one leader finally figured me out and asked the question I'd been dreading all week - "Jim, what qualifies you to be a commissioner?" At first I kind of jokingly mumbled that I had no qualifications whatsoever. And then I realized that maybe I had an advantage over Troop leaders because I didn't have to get bogged down in details like who was getting what merit badges or what's Johnny's mother going to say when she finds out he hasn't taken a shower all week or where is Johnny anyway? I told him maybe it was a little bit easier for me to see the big picture and focus in on what our organization is trying to accomplish. I get a lot of satisfaction helping other adults help kids. And maybe that's what "servicing" a unit is all about. But upon further reflection, I'm not really servicing them at all. The truth is that they are servicing me.

Editor's note: Jim Adamitis was the originator of the Save Owasippe t-shirt campaign which raise thousands for the SOSR Fund. The Adamitis family has also recently made a generous donation of funds to the OSA to be used at the sailing base in memory of Jim Adamitis Sr.

Unstructured Fun (Dave & Buster's - May 7th)

Photos courtesy of Tricia Monahan



OSA Pub Crawl (Edison Park - June 4th)

Photos courtesy of Tricia Monahan



OSA Spring Fix-it (May 20-22)

Photos courtesy of Dan Kleinfeldt



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

Upcoming Events



Annual Family Picnic

Sunday, 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

the 2005



Fall Fix-it

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

Sept. 16-18

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

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



Unstructured Fun

Saturday, October 1st

For more info contact
Tim Toerber at 312-545-6320 or
timothytoerberiii@hotmail.com

DINNER before the show

La Donna Italian Cuisine
5146 N. Clark St.
www.ladonnaitaly.com
7:30 p.m.

THE THEATER

The Neo-Futurarium
5153 N. Ashland Ave. at Foster in Chicago, IL
(above the Nelson funeral home)
www.neofuturists.org/shows/tmlmtbgb.htm

Tickets to the show are \$7
+ \$1 x the roll of a six-sided die
(\$8 - \$13, depending on your luck!)

"Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind"

is the show that attempts to perform 30 plays in 60 minutes!

Show starts at 11:30 p.m. - be in line by 10:30 at the latest!



Candlelight Bowl

is being planned for this October

Stay tuned for more details!



news & notes

Butterfly May Give Developers the Blues

The Karner Blue butterfly is one of the many species protected by the government under the federal Endangered Species Act. Destroying lupine is a violation of the federal Endangered Species Act if Karner Blue butterflies, their larvae or eggs are found on the plants, said Todd Hogrefe, endangered species coordinator for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The 1973 law prohibits "taking" endangered species by killing, moving or harassing animals, plants, birds or insects protected by the statute.



That protection could make it difficult for any potential purchaser of Owasippe to develop the land in any way that might threaten the endangered species that call it home. Owasippe is filled with lupine and oak savanna, two main attractors of the endangered Karner Blue. The BioBlitz, completed in 2002, showed the Karner Blue and 18 other plant and animal species at Owasippe that are threatened or endangered, including the bald eagle and Eastern Massasauga rattlesnake. The study documented 373 animal species, 718 plant species, and a sprawling oak savanna complex that might be the largest in Michigan.

Keep an eye out during your next trip to Owasippe. As you hike or walk the land, keep an eye out for lupine, Karner Blue butterflies or proof of butterfly eggs. Document your findings including location, time, species, quantity and weather conditions for the butterfly and any other endangered species sightings.

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.

Owasippe to Open in 2006

The CAC Web site reports that Owasippe WILL be open again next summer and is taking reservations for all camps.

CAC Annual Meeting and Nominating Committee

The reconvened Annual Meeting of the Chicago Area Council will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 350 N. Orleans St. in Chicago at 6 p.m. We need to fill the place to capacity.

Suggestions for CAC Board may be submitted no later than Sept. 5, to the Nominating Committee, Chicago Area Council, BSA, 1218 W. Adams St., Chicago, IL 60607.

Proposed resolutions may be submitted to the Resolutions Committee, Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, 1218 W. Adams Street, Chicago, IL 60607. All submissions to the Resolutions Committee must be received at the Scout office by Sept. 30, 2005.

Tweeter Time

We're excited to report that volunteers have earned \$1,770 so far in the first two concerts this summer. We're hoping to raise \$5,000 this summer, so we're right on track to reach that goal. We still need more volunteers to help sell drinks and concessions at the following Tweeter Center concerts in Tinley Park, IL.

Aug. 6 - Alan Jackson at 3:30 p.m.

Aug. 13 - Velvet Revolver

Aug. 27 - Motley Crue at 2:30 p.m.

Sept. 10 - Brooks & Dunn at 3:30 p.m.

Volunteers need to be 18 or older. We'd love it if you were TIPS trained in order to sell alcohol (contact Tricia or Scott for dates and times), but you can help even without the training.

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Tricia Monahan at (708) 334-1100, triciamonahan@gmail.com or Scott Dorencz at (708) 567-7714, iatemcrayons@hotmail.com

Last summer, we had 25 volunteers working at six concerts, and the OSA earned over \$4,000. That money has gone directly toward camp and program materials at Owasippe for this summer. We bought each section camp a toolbox and filled it with an assortment of tools for staff to use (hammers, staple guns, hand saws, screwdrivers, utility knives and more). We also bought seven 10'x20' tarp sets to use in COPE, Diamond O Ranch, Wrangler Outpost, Wolverine Aquatics and elsewhere for shade and rain protection. We're funding service projects headed by Caitlin Boline with her teen group at Reneker. There are more projects in the works - all thanks to Tweeter Center funds.

Thanks to everyone who has lent a hand last summer and this summer. Your work is making a difference!

Galloping Grapevine



Caitlin Boline ~ Chicago, IL

Caitlin worked at Reneker this summer in charge of the teen age group. One of the activities each week was a service project that the teens worked on together. This was something Caitlin organized on her own and has followed through. We applaud her efforts and all the jobs the groups accomplished this summer. Caitlin is a new OSA member and is jumping right into the service aspect of the OSA. Thanks, Caitlin!

Ed and Jennifer Gorz ~ Chicago, IL

Ed and Jen welcomed a baby boy to their family. Raymond Aloysius Gorz was born on April 6th at 11:38 p.m. He tipped the scales at 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21" long. Baby, mother, and father are all doing well. Congratulations to the entire Gorz clan on this new addition!

Kevin Harper ~ Chicago, IL

Count Kevin among our Eagle Scouts! He reached the top rank in Boy Scouting and received his medal in an Eagle Court of Honor on June 4th. Kevin has been a CIT and has served on camp staff the past few summers. Congratulations on your great accomplishment, Kevin!

Jason Kulak ~ Santa Clara, CA

Jason is spending the summer with the Santa Clara Vanguard Drum Corps in Northern California, just south of San Francisco. Their first show competition was June 18th and was followed by a tour of the West Coast. You can find out more about their particular drum corps and summer tour schedule at www.scvanguard.org. It sounds like he's really enjoying himself and his new drum corps association and is optimistic that they will do well this season. Way to go, Jason!

Robert Radtke III ~ Oak Lawn, IL

Robert earned his Eagle Scout award and was honored with an Eagle Court of Honor on May 22nd. Robert is a member of Troop 652, is a former CIT of the Year and is on staff at Owasippe this summer. He is also currently serving as the OA Chief for the Arrowhead District Matawagan Chapter of Owasippe Lodge. We're very proud of all your accomplishments, Robert! Congratulations.

Jim Rich ~ Chicago, IL

Jim has been in poor health lately and was recently diagnosed with lung cancer in addition to emphysema. He has started chemotherapy treatments at University of Chicago and is now resting at home after a brief hospital stay where he was also treated for pneumonia. Jim and Sue celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in mid-July. Cards, well-wishes or flowers would be greatly appreciated. Jim's address is listed on the last page of this newsletter among the Board Member information. If you would like to visit with Jim and Sue, please call before stopping by. Jim, our thoughts are with you during your recovery. Get well as soon as you can.

Vibrations always needs copy!

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

→ e-mail: vibrations@owasippe.com

See You at the End of the Trail

Jean A. Halston ~ Chicago, IL

Jean, mother of former Owasippe Ranger Bob Halston, passed away in late April. Jean was known as a role model and caring woman. She was 75 years old and had four children and four grandchildren. She will be dearly missed and fondly remembered. Our prayers are with the Halston family at this time.

Joseph Lasota ~ Chicago, IL

Joe was 85 years old when he passed on May 1st after a long struggle with Parkinsons Disease. He was father to Pat Kleinfeldt and was grandfather to Sue, Wally, Tim, Dan and Billy Kleinfeldt. He also had many great-grandchildren. Please keep the Kleinfeldt and Lasota families in your thoughts and prayers.

Jamboree Scout Leaders ~ Fort A.P. Hill, VA

We are saddened to report the deaths of four Scout Leaders attending the National Scout Jamboree this summer at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia. Michael J. Shibe, Mike Lacroix, and Ronald H. Bitzer, of Anchorage, Alaska, and Scott Edward Powell, of Perrysville, Ohio, died on July 25. The four were setting up a tent when the poles made contact with nearby power lines. While the Jamboree did continue, the Scouts in their unit were counseled and their sons returned home immediately. Our deepest sympathy for the families and Scouts.

Membership Corner

presented by: Hans Anderson - Membership Chair

New Members

Caitlin Boline
Kevin R. Fass
Steve Mason
Warren Spittle
Rachael Belka

} **Welcome to the OSA family!**

Less than half?

Only 60 members of the 125 that were invoiced last April renewed their memberships. That's not terrible for the first time around, but there's definitely a ton of room for improvement.

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.

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. If you're behind, please renew today!

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.

Please send dues 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 OSA's purpose. I also understand that I must stay current with my dues in order to remain a member in good standing.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Birthdate: _____

email: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Staff, Service or Camping Years at Owasippe:

Year	Camp	Position

Employer: _____

Occupation: _____

Marital Status: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Children's Names & Ages: _____

New Member \$20 _____

Renewal \$15 _____

Lifetime \$350 _____

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Dates of Interest to OSA Members

August

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| 10 | OSA Board Meeting |
| 13 | Shopping/Gift Card Order Deadline (see green insert) |
| 21 | OSA Family Picnic (see pg. 8) |

September

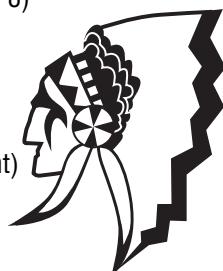
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| 5 | Labor Day |
| 14 | OSA Board Meeting |
| 16-18 | OSA Fall Fix-it (see pg. 8) |

October

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| 1 | Unstructured Fun (see pg. 8) |
| 5 | Reconvened CAC Annual Meeting (see pg. 9) |
| 12 | OSA Board Meeting |
| tba | OSA Candlelight Bowl (see pg. 8) |

November

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| 9 | OSA Board Meeting |
| 24 | Thanksgiving |
| 25 | Owasipalooza (OSA Pizza Night) |





Shopping/Gift Card Fundraiser

Deadline:

Shopping/Gift card orders must be postmarked by August 13th. 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
triciamonahan@gmail.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 Family Picnic on August 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: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Amount ordered: \$ _____

Shipping \$3.85 (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
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National 27
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Petterino's
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Scoozi
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Tucchetti
Tucci Bennuccch
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Lowes Theatres

Cineplex Odeon Theatres
Lowes Cineplex Imax Theatres
Magic Johnson Theatres
Star Theatres

Marriot

Courtyard
Fairfield Inn
Renaissance
Residence Inn
Spring Hill Suites
Towne Place Suites

Joe's Crabshack

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

GAP, Old Navy & Banana Republic

OSA Shopping/Gift Card Fundraiser

Vendor	% to OSA	Card Price	Qty.	Total \$
Grocery Stores				
Dominicks	4%	\$25		
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$10		
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%	\$25		
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		

*** See reverse for more info.

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		
Dick's Sporting Goods	8%	\$20		
Eddie Bauer	8%	\$25		
Express/Express for Men	13%	\$20		
Footlocker	9%	\$25		
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		
Gas, Oil Change or Car Wash				
Shell	2%	\$25		
Speedway Gas	4%	\$25		
Jiffy Lube	13%	\$30		
Video Rental				
Blockbuster Video	7%	\$10		
Blockbuster Night	17%	\$12		
Movie Theaters				
Lowes***	13%	\$25		
Hotels				
Best Western	13%	\$25		
Marriot***	13%	\$25		
Hyatt	8%	\$25		

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