



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

Vibrations

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Save Owasippe Update

compiled from ooec.org

The past few months have had lots of action in the efforts to save Owasippe from sale to developers. While the Owasippe Outdoor Education Center (OOEC) continues to make connections and give presentations to potential supporters, the Council is making moves to push their rezoning through the township zoning committee.

The Chicago Area Council (CAC) filed a lawsuit against Blue Lake Township on Sept. 20. The lawsuit demanded a public hearing on the Council's rezoning request as well as sought to open the documents supporting the Township expenses that have been charged to the Council. The Council filed for portions of the land to be rezoned to residential classification about 15 months ago, and the township has requested documents and surveys, held standard zoning committee meetings, and has progressed toward the open township planning meeting that the Council was demanding in the suit.

On Oct. 3, the judge for the case worked with both sides' lawyers to set a Jan. 14 open meeting date. This meeting is open to everyone, and the OSA welcomes members to attend and show support of the current zoning of Forest/Recreational-Institutional. The meeting will be held in the Blodgett Recital Hall at Blue Lakes Fine Arts Camp starting at 10 a.m. The Blue Lake Township Planning Commission needs input from all interested parties, particularly township residents. The hearing is prepared to run through the afternoon. If additional time is needed to hear the comments of those in attendance on the 14th, an additional date will be set to continue the hearing.

If you attend, please act in true Scout-like manner. We aren't trying to bully the township residents in any way – instead we want to support the majority that wish to keep the land from development. The Best Western hotel gives a 10% discount if you mention you are an OSA member at the time of booking. They are repeat Dinner Dance Ad Book advertisers, and we are happy to support them in return. The LakeLand Motel in town also supports the OSA through the ad book.

In the same Oct. 3 judge's decision, the court decided to not interfere with the township's Freedom of Information Act process for opening documents to non-township entities.

We feel it is important to note that the Council's lawsuit against the township included some serious misstatements of fact, including that the OOEC asked for the land to be donated to it (which it has never done), that the CAC has operated the camp in Blue Lake Township since 1911 (the original camps were not within the township), that the current zoning prevents any sale of the property (the OOEC proposal doesn't require any rezoning), and that the OOEC is trying to seize control of the camp (while it's the CAC that has put the camp up for sale). Also of note is the fact that the council requested the current zoning, to save on tax liability, in the 1990s.

In Other Save Owasippe News...

Letters from CAC President Lewis Greenblatt and potential developer Ben Smith III have been printed in the White Lake Beacon. The OOEC's response to these letters can be found on www.OOEC.org in the "News and Updates" section. Both letters claim they are trying to preserve as much land as possible in its current state, but in reality the CAC's zoning proposal provides for only about 10% of the property to remain protected from development. Smith's letter in particular makes veiled threats that the longer and more costly the rezoning process takes, the more development will be needed. We encourage everyone to continue submitting letters to editors of all newspapers.

OOEC Project Administrator Frank Bednarek was booked for another year to provide consulting services. Frank has many connections to businesses and organizations in Michigan and specifically in the Muskegon area. He has helped the OOEC gain access to numerous individuals including business owners, government representatives, and municipal leaders. We're lucky to have him as part of the team for another year.



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

President's Perspective by: Ron Derby - President

As fall rolls in, we start reflecting on the year that was and looking ahead toward the year to come. The OSA has been all over the place this past year.

We held a couple of very productive fix-its. We made a number of donations to camp. We raised funds for the OSA and the Save Owasippe movement. We sponsored and trained a new crop of CITs. We even took some time to have fun at the picnic and the bowling alley. Through it all we have continued to grow stronger in fellowship and service.

A big part of the credit for our successes over the years goes to a dear friend that recently passed away. The OSA Board and the entire Owasippe Family suffered a major loss with the passing of Jim Rich. Jim was salty... even when he wasn't feeling well, Jim could always make me laugh with a well-placed wisecrack. While attending Jim's wake it became painfully clear just how many people's lives he had touched. The place was packed. Jim was tough as nails right up until the end, and we will miss him dearly. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Jim's family. We hope you can lean on the many laughs and good memories during this time of sorrow.

As Jim Rich would tell you, the work to save and support Owasippe must go on. There are a number of ways that you can help by supporting various OSA fundraising programs. Everything from buying shopping/gift cards to entertainment books to participating in the Jewel Shop & Share days. In fact, you could buy some Jewel cards and use them on the Shop & Share days! That's called a double dip.

Another way you can help is by making a donation to our newly-formed Sailing Base Renovation Fund. We have already received a very generous seed donation from the Adamitis family, but sailboat repair and acquisition is not cheap. If you're looking for a fun cause, why not make a contribution to the Sailing Base Renovation Fund? Send your checks to the OSA and earmark them accordingly.

Lastly, I just wanted to thank all of you for your membership and your support. Thanks also goes to the Board of Directors and to everyone who has stepped up and volunteered this past year. Here's to '06! --RD



2005 Owasippe Staff Members of the Year

Camp Blackhawk	Graham Carlson Kurt Wolff-Klammer (under 18)
High Adventure	Rae Marie Cnossen
Camp Reneker	Rachael Belka
Camp Wolverine	Ryan Gust Matt Dorich (under 18)
C.I.T.	Chris Dorich

Congratulations on a job well done!

Vibrations always needs copy!

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

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NOW ON CLEARANCE!

Farewell to a friend...

by: Susan Derby - OSA Member

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I pass the news that well-known OSR Staffman and current OSA Board Member James R. Rich passed away on Oct. 2nd. As we reported last issue, Jim had been fighting lung cancer as well as other ailments. He was surrounded by family at the time of his death. He was 69 years old.

While Jim was known as a gruff guy and frank speaker, many of us got to see his other side as well. Before one OSA meeting in particular, our conversation went from him "kicking the new firehouse candidate's ass into gear" to how he met his wife, Sue. He told me he would have hurt himself in countless fires to see the beautiful nurse again until she gave him her phone number.

Jim was honored at the wake with a Broken Arrow Ceremony performed by the Order of the Arrow. He was buried with his "Owasippe Forever" bracelet, the broken arrow, and other items to represent his vast and outstanding service.

Jim was a retired firefighter, longtime Scouter and Chartered Organizational Representative with Five Holy Martyrs Parish, Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 465, Brotherhood OA member, Medinah Temple Shriners member, proud Worshipful Master of his Masonic Temple, and Life Member of the OSA. His dedication to Scouting was recognized with both the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award, and his son, Jeff, earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He was beaming with pride when he told the OSA Board of Jeff's graduation from the Fire Academy.

Jim worked on camp staff for 12 years, most recently in 2004 as Fishing Outpost Director. On the OSA Board, he led 9900 Club Raffle that raised much of the seed money for the

Save Owasippe Fund. In fact, in Jim's memory, the family has asked for donations to be made to the Save Owasippe Fund, a cause Jim truly believed in.

Remembering Jim Rich

OSA Guest Book excerpts

"James Rich will be forever remembered at our many Scouting functions but especially around the campfire circle where his spirit will eternally live. His wit and bulldog temperament will be deeply missed but his dedication to the outdoor program and his love of Owasippe will serve to inspire us all."

– Ron Kulak

"I truly thank Mr. Rich for everything that he gave to every Scout and anybody who was in need! All I can say is thank you for everything and I will miss you. You will be truly missed by everyone!"

- Andrew Vuckovich

"Jim you were my buddy and my mentor. I lost my Father a long time ago and you filled his place. Tell him I love him as I love you."

– Jim Benninger

"Jim said goodbye to us all during 5th period 2004 at Wolverine in a Scoutmaster's minute... He left with a tear-filled goodbye and thanks for the memories, those of us in his troop who were present knew he was saying goodbye for his last time and knowing he would not return."

– Pat Romcoe

Thanks for Another Successful Fix-it

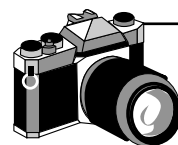
by: Susan Derby - OSA Member

We had a good turnout for the Fall Fixit. Great weather helped us get our list of tasks completed. Thanks to the kitchen crew, headed up by Jim Schlichting, for their long day of work and great meals! They even cooked enough to share with the guests from the White Lake Chamber of Commerce, who ate with volunteers and stayed on hand for a brief informational session about the Save Owasippe efforts. Jim Schlichting led a great session to get chamber members caught up on the various steps taken by different groups.

Thank you to all our volunteers who worked hard all day to enjoy the weekend with friends and the OSA family! Your work and dedication do make a difference!

Here's some of what we accomplished:

- painted the inside of Health Lodge
- painted the outside of Wolverine Craft Lodge
- painted the front gates of Wolverine, Carlen & Blackhawk
- re-roofed 1 Reneker cabin
- re-roofed the Wolverine poolhouse
- cleaned 2 miles of adopted roadway
- re-screened & made various repairs at Wolverine staff row
- repair & maintenance on the main generator
- misc. other small projects



Go to page 7 to see more
pics from the Fall Fix-it

Call for 2006 Nominations

by: Pat Monahan - OSA Elections Committee Chairman

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

If anyone on your list of OSA members is someone you'd consider a good candidate for the Board of Directors, let us know! This is an open invitation for OSA members to make nominations.

Being on the Board has its share of benefits and commitments. These people make the decisions about fix-it projects, event locations, fundraisers, membership and more. And — especially in light of the OSA's role in the current SOSR campaign — the Board's input is needed on many topics and situations. It's not all fun and games; a lot of work goes into running this organization. We need motivated thinkers and doers.

Candidates need to be OSA members in good standing, at least 21 years old and must be available for monthly meetings, currently held on the 2nd Wednesday night of each month. The only other requirement is a dedication to

the camp, the OSA and its members. If you or someone you know has the drive and ability to make things happen, we need to hear from you!

The Elections Committee will contact nominees to see if they are willing and able to serve. The Elections Committee will then review all the nominees and make a slate recommendation to the Board. Slated candidates will then be contacted to garner their respective bios and goals for publication in the next newsletter.

As you may know, the bylaws limit board members to two consecutive terms, after which they must sit out for at least one year. This policy is intended to promote growth and diversity by giving newcomers a better shot at getting elected.

Contact Pat Monahan, Elections Chairman, at 708.403.4506 with any nominees. Nominations are due by December 15, 2005. Now is the time to step up and show your commitment to Owasippe and the OSA!

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

2006 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 to be held on March 4, 2006, 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
Tricia Monahan	Hans Anderson (Vice Pres.)	Dan Kleinfeldt*	2006
Michael Campbell (Secretary)	Ron Derby (President)	**	2007
Timothy Toerber III	Ron Kulak (Treasurer)	Candy Merritt	2008

* Two consecutive term limit goes into effect.

**Seat formerly held by Jim Rich.

Who may vote?

Each OSA member currently registered (2006) 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 28th Annual Meeting (European Chalet) on Saturday, March 4, 2006, from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Alternately, signed ballots will be accepted via the U.S. mail. A list of candidates, their resumes and a ballot will be included in the next issue of Vibrations, to be mailed in mid-February.

Be sure that you are currently registered (2006) 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 2006 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.

11 Scouters Bring Suit Against CAC

by Susan Derby - OSA Member

In an effort completely separate from any Save Owasippe effort, 11 Chicago Scouters have filed a lawsuit against the Chicago Area Council for issues of irregular governance. These 11 individuals – dubbed the “Scouter 11” – include James Adamitis, Pete Conway, Rita Egan, Bill Egan, Glenn Emig, Herb Goode, Craig Johnson, Chauncey Nizol, Joe Sener, Vince Sheridan and Larry Strickling.

As a result of a few hearings already held, a hearing on the current motions will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 11:30 a.m. in room 2102, Cook County Circuit Court, Chancery Division of the Daley Center in Chicago. We encourage EVERYONE to attend this hearing in proper court attire (no uniforms) and with courteous conduct. The outcome has the potential to change the direction of the council leadership.

This case presented by the Scouter 11 is seeking to bring the slate from May to an actual vote of the entire Council Chartered Organization Representatives (COR). For some background, a Nominating Committee was selected early this year, held meetings and named a slate of candidates for Council Board positions in May. The sitting Executive Committee of the CAC deemed the slate as unacceptable, despite a petition signed by approximately 40% of the Council CORs. The CAC bylaws state that only 20% is required to call a meeting, but the Executive Committee called the petition invalid and they refused to call the meeting. The Nominating Committee was disbanded and was re-created with all new members.

The Scouter 11 include CAC Board members and CORs who feel bylaws and laws have been broken, procedural irregularities have occurred, and that they have been wronged by the Council Board's and Executive Committee's actions or inactions. The suit names Council President Lewis Greenblatt, the CAC, and State's Attorney Lisa Madigan as defendants. Greenblatt is named specifically because, the suit claims, he is the originator of much of the actions taken by the CAC Board that is against both CAC bylaws and state laws. Madigan is named because it is her office's duty to enforce the Illinois Not-For-Profit Corporation Act.

The motions filed at the preliminary hearing in Chancery Division of Cook County Circuit Court on Sept. 29 were denied, but amended motions and documentation were filed the following Monday. On Oct. 3, the judge entered an injunction preventing the Council from holding any voting meetings until the final decision of the court on the motions. This meant the reconvened CAC Annual Meeting that was to be held on Oct. 5 was cancelled.

On Oct. 17, the Council filed a motion to dismiss the motions filed by the Scouter 11, and the Scouter 11 filed a response to that motion to dismiss and requested a summary judgment (essentially states this is a matter needing timely decision from the court). The judge declared recess to review the case and set the Nov. 16 hearing date noted above. It is at this Nov. 16 hearing date that the decision of the court is expected. We are hoping to fill the courtroom to show our support of these 11 Scouters who have stood up publicly for appropriate governance and election procedures from the Council.

Despite what the Council seems to think according to a response from Lewis Greenblatt and Jim Stone, this suit has no relation to the proposed Owasippe sale. The plaintiffs are addressing only the unfair governance and electoral process of the Council and have made no mention whatsoever of the camp's sale in any document. It is imperative that the distinction is made that this case is completely independent and separate from the OOEC, the OSA, the Save Owasippe effort, and the Council's suit against Blue Lake Township (see article on page 1).

These 11 Scouters would greatly appreciate any help in covering the financial aspect of their court filings. An independent legal fund, known as the HEART Fund has been set up by concerned parties. If you'd like to contribute to the fund, please use the form below.

Also, please help spread the word. Visit Fort Dearborn District's web site at www.FortDearborn.org for links to the actual court filings and updated information on this matter.



Please fill out this form, make your check payable to the “HEART Fund” and send both to: HEART Fund, c/o LaSalle Bank NA, Attn: S. Benes, 251 E. Maple St., New Lenox, IL 60451

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Gift Cards – One More Round

by: Tricia Monahan - Fundraising Chair

In our last batch of shopping/gift cards, the OSA raised just over \$280. The gift card program has raised more than \$800 so far this year, and our biggest order is just around the corner. Our shopping/gift cards can be used to pay for everyday expenses such as groceries and gasoline. They also make great gifts for co-workers and hard-to-buy-for friends and family members.

Last year, the November gift card order raised almost \$700 in funds for the OSA. A few OSA members really helped to make the November order successful by passing out copies of the order form to friends, family, and even Troop members. Then, they mailed in all the order forms and picked up the gift

cards all together. This cut back on shipping costs and nearly doubled the number of orders the OSA received.

The next gift card order is due on Friday, Nov. 11th. Don't delay, fill out the enclosed order form and send it in right away. The gift cards will be delivered at Owasipalooza (formerly known as the OSA Pizza Night) on Saturday, Nov. 26th. The gift cards can also be shipped to your home using Priority Mail with delivery confirmation. The cost of mailing gift cards is \$3.85. If you have any questions about the gift card program or would like to find out how to set up a large order with your Troop, please e-mail Tricia Monahan at triciamonahan@gmail.com or call her at 708-403-4506.

Tweeter Fundraiser Exceeds Goals

by: Tricia Monahan - Fundraising Chair

We had another successful summer at the Tweeter Center! Twenty-five volunteers worked at concession stands and raised \$5,561.33 for the OSA. This amount includes a percentage of the money made at each concession stand as well as over \$1,200 in tips received by our volunteers.

This summer we volunteered at seven concerts, including Velvet Revolver, Motley Crue and Brooks & Dunn. We also worked at two all-day festivals, Warped Tour and OzzFest. These festivals began at 8:00 in the morning and ran until around 10:00 p.m. "It was tough work," says Steve Henclewski, "but we raised a lot of money for the OSA." In fact, we raised \$2,400 at these two concerts alone.

We surpassed our 2005 fundraising goal by \$500 and earned almost 30% more than last year! Volunteering at the Tweeter Center is a great experience. You get to work side by side with fellow OSA members, listen to the music, and know that you're helping a good cause. Michelle O'Connor explains, "The time I donate helps to raise a lot more money for the OSA than I would be able to donate on my own. And it's lots of fun too!"

This fundraiser is successful because of the 25 volunteers who made it happen. The 2005 Tweeter Center volunteers are:

Jim Adamitis	Mary Kempa
Mary Adamitis	Michelle Kempa
Hans Anderson	Ron Kempa
Kurt Bihlmayer	Jennifer Kotwasinski
Susan Derby	Greg Lange
Ron Derby	Sean Lynch
Gary Dorencz	Tricia Monahan
Scott Dorencz	Michelle O'Connor
Glenn Emig	Suzy Smyth
Tim Gibbons	Bill Tenner
Phil Groben	Tim Toerber
Steve Henclewski	Monique Tripp
Annemarie Houston	

Editor's note: Special thanks goes to Scott Dorencz, Phil Groben, Steve Henclewski, Tricia Monahan and Michelle O'Connor. Each of these OSA members volunteered for four or more concerts this summer!

Go Sox... "Don't stop believing!"



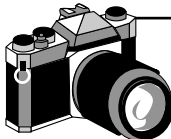
OSA Family Picnic (August 21)

Photos courtesy of Vince Rychtanek



OSA Fall Fix-it (September 16-18)

Photos courtesy of Dan Kleinfeldt



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

Four SATURDAYS of OSA Fun



Owasipalooza (Pizza Rendezvous)

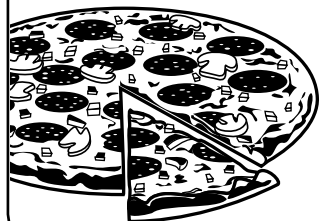
Featuring numerous tables of Owasippe memorabilia for display and sale!

18 OR OLDER EVENT

**Saturday, November 26th
from 5:00-11:00 p.m.**

There will be an **\$8** charge at the door, which covers pizza and promotional expenses. There will also be a cash bar for your enjoyment.

Must be 18 or older to attend. No one under 21 will be served alcohol. Responsible drinking and designated drivers are encouraged.



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

Please RSVP to Ron Kulak

by e-mail at owasiron@juno.com or by phone at 708-423-7163



Unstructured Fun Outing (UFO)

ALL AGES EVENT

Brookfield Zoo – Holiday Magic

Saturday, December 10th, 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Walkways will be illuminated with nearly one million lights. Come see some of your favorite animals in a different light. Many indoor exhibits, restaurants and gift shops will be open. Other festive happenings include professional ice carving demonstrations, magicians, storytellers and choral groups.

Adults \$8
Kids (3-11) \$4
Parking \$8

Meet at the south gate at 5:00 p.m.

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



CHICAGO WOLVES
PRO HOCKEY

We are planning another Chicago Wolves outing for January!

ALL AGES EVENT

(more details to come)



Owasippe Staff Association's Dinner Dance & Annual Meeting

18 OR OLDER EVENT

at European Chalet Banquets
5445 S. Harlem Ave. • Chicago, IL 60638
on March 4, 2006

(more details to come)

News & Notes

Celebrate Owasippe's 95th Season

You can help celebrate Owasippe's 95th Anniversary on staff or as a camper. Special events are scheduled for this summer to recognize the landmark anniversary.

The first round of staff interviews will be held Saturday, Nov. 26th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Daniel The Prophet Church basement at 5330 S. Nashville, Chicago IL 60638 (1-block north of Archer Avenue and 1-mile east of Harlem Avenue).

Camp staff must be age 16 by the opening day of camp. CITs must be age 14-15, finishing the 9th grade, and have Star rank. Staff application and interviews are open to all individuals, and positions are available to the best qualified and talented people. Council and Scouting affiliation is not required for application.

As of Oct. 18th, no program/section camp directors have been named. Greg Lange will return as Reservation Director. Staff eligibility requirements and applications are available at the CAC site, www.chicagobsa.org.

Camping reservations for the 2006 season at Owasippe are now open. Reservations for Blackhawk, Wolverine, Reneker, Manistee Quest and Carlen Venture Camp are all being taken at this time by the CAC. Camp fees are expected to remain the same, but the Council has not yet finalized that. For more information contact Chicago Area Council Camping Center; 1218 West Adams St.; Chicago, IL 60607, 312-421-8800, ext. 226, or Steve Adams at stadams@bsaemail.org. If you know a Troop that would like a camp promotion presentation, contact Steve Adams for more information.

Kulak Removed from Scouting

Ron Kulak, OSA Board Member and a 40-year veteran of Scouting, has received notice that his BSA membership was revoked on Sept. 20th. Kulak received a letter from CAC Scout Executive Jim Stone stating, "We have received information that has compelled us to revoke your registration. We therefore request that you sever any relationship with the Boy Scouts of America." Stone included a refund of Kulak's registration fee and information for the appeal process.

According to Kulak, the letter cited no offenses which would warrant the revocation and he plans to follow the avenues of appeal open to him.

Last year, Kulak was notified that his membership was suspended for a one-year period and that his membership status would be reviewed when the suspension expired. The original letter cited Kulak for "promotion and encouragement of youth involvement at a protest rally held in September" after being advised in advance by the Council Commissioner that he was not to involve youth members. The rally was held to promote saving Owasippe Scout Camp.

We strongly disagree with the Council's actions to expel such an active and dedicated volunteer.

Another Mile, More Smiles

The Owasippe Staff Association has submitted the application for a third mile in Blue Lake Township's Adopt-a-Road program. We currently have adopted two miles: one mile of each Silver Creek Road and Russell Road radiating from the intersection at Ad Center. Our third mile will be on Russell Road radiating north from Ad Center.

We're hoping to start our third mile of cleanup at the Spring Fixit. Our current two miles yielded much less trash this fall than what we collected at the Spring Fixit. It seems once the initial cleanup is complete, the maintenance of the roadways is much easier. Thanks to the volunteers at the Fall Fixit who helped clean up our two miles: Heidi Schlichting, Kim Sturtevant, Hannah (Kim's friend), and Susan Derby.

Russell Road Ramp Revised

The Russell Road exit ramp off Rt. 31 is being reworked to extend and widen the ramp and to include marked left and right turning lanes at the top of the ramp. The roadwork was started in early September and is expected to be completed by early November.

The roadwork is part of the federal Highway Trust Fund, a new bill passed by Congress that will result in a \$240-million annual increase for Michigan's Department of Transportation over the next few years.

Detoured traffic has been routed to White Lake Drive while the ramp is closed for the construction. The new ramp design and length should alleviate traffic backups on U.S.-31 during the summer months when travel is high due to Owasippe, Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, other township camps, as well as Michigan Adventure Amusement Park.

Schaefer Fund Needs a Boost

Steve Schaefer was an Owasippe Scout and later a staff member, earning CIT of the Year as well as other Scouting honors. After Steve died tragically in a fire, his family started a fund to help college students (the age Steve was at the time of his death). It was felt that Steve would have liked that, as he loved Owasippe and the staff so much.

To this day, that fund continues, but it is exhausted each summer. Members of the Owasippe staff who qualify for the Steve Schaefer Award receive a scholarship and a letter of commendation for a job well done. Of course, it is hoped that a few years down the road, when these recipients can afford it, they might make a donation back into the fund in order to keep it going in Steve's honor.

Bill Schaefer Sr. says more than \$33,000 in scholarships has been awarded over the years of the fund's existence. If you're looking for a good cause to give to... please help keep the Steve Schaefer Scholarship Fund going strong. Make donations in any amount to the OSA and earmark it "Steve Schaefer Fund." Thanks!

Galloping Grapevine



Brock Bigsby ~ Chicago, IL

Brock has returned to the Chicago area from Boston to take the position of Assistant Scout Executive with the Chicago Area Council. He previously served with the CAC in several positions including director of Support Services. Brock has served as Scout Executive for councils in Boston, Munster, IN, and Morris, IL.

Jennifer and Kevin Kantorski ~ Shorewood, IL

Congratulations to Jennifer and Kevin who had a baby boy, Logan Francis Kantorski, on Sept. 28th. Logan weighed in at 9 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21 inches long. Grandparents Steve and Irene are beaming over the new addition. Congratulations all!

Jason Katzwinkel ~ Chicago, IL

Looking for something different to read? Check out Jason's first book, "That One Thing You Wrote," a collection of short stories from Jason's odd history. You'll laugh, you'll cry (mostly from laughing so hard), you'll pay about \$13 for it. And it's worth it. Pick up your copy from www.cafepress.com/katzwinkel. This puts Jason among a small handful of published OSA members. Way to go!

Kempa Babies!

The Kempa family has had much to celebrate with the arrival of two new babies. Riley Lynn Kempa was born on July 15th to parents Brian and Debbie. Just six days later, on July 21st, Michelle (nee Kempa) and Edgar Lerma welcomed their daughter, Anastasia Zofia Kempa Lerma. We are very happy to help welcome the new babies into the Kempa clan. Congratulations to both sets of parents!

Andy and Amy Kimbler ~ Chicago, IL

Congratulations to Andy and Amy on the birth of twins! Amy gave birth to Megan Eva and Charles Andrew on Sept. 22nd. The babies arrived two months early and are still in the hospital for observation and special care. We are happy to report that they are off ventilators and are getting stronger quickly. Megan was 4 lbs. 2 oz., and Charles was 3 lbs. 11 oz. Amy and the babies are doing well, and we extend our congratulations to the whole family!

Erik Kinslow ~ Norridge, IL

A dedicated Owasippe Staffman, Erik earned the rank of Eagle Scout on June 17 of this year. Congratulations to you Erik on your excellent accomplishment! We are proud of your hard work.

Tim Kleinfeldt & Nicole Gerber ~ Elk Grove Village, IL

Congratulations to Tim and Nicole who were married on October 21st. We wish you both the very best!

Jason Kulak ~ Santa Clara, CA

Jason has been a part of the Santa Clara Vanguard Drum Corps and competed in the Drum Corps International Championships this summer. This competition was his final performance since he is now by rule too old to participate in the competition. He loved every minute of it and will probably be an instructor for either another drum corps group or for his high school.

Barb Lea ~ Hays, MT

Barb is making her way back to Montana to teach for another year on an Indian Reservation. She spent part of the summer back here in Chicago with family. She says it's hard to leave family and friends to go back west, but she obviously is dedicated to her teaching. Best of luck to Barb on another great year in the classroom and in Montana.

Matt Lotter ~ New Orleans, LA

We are happy to share that Matt is ok after the hurricanes that hit the Gulf Coast, though he and all his Coast Guard coworkers have been through some rough times. For the first days after Hurricane Katrina, he was working 22-hour shifts on rescue and evacuation missions. He was allowed to check his own house days after the storm and found a vast majority of his personal belongings destroyed by water and mold. He's currently living at the Coast Guard base with many other "Coasties" who lost their homes. Their assignments have returned to normal operations in their designated areas, though there is still a feeling of total loss and abnormality. He says TV cameras can't capture the scope of the destruction. Thanks to Bill and Judi Lotter for keeping us updated. We're thinking about you, Matt. We're proud of you and the rest of your crew for all the hard work you put in. Hang in there... hopefully the worst is behind you.

Ned Swanson ~ San Francisco, CA

Ned checked in with us as he travels the country on Navy assignments. You can check out pictures of his trip to Alaska at www.chieffliniwek.org/swanson/Alaska/index.html. The glacier photos alone are worth it. Ned says this is the best trip he's had so far with the Navy. He's in San Francisco currently and will ultimately be stationed in Hawaii at Pearl Harbor in the coming weeks. We're glad he dropped us a line, and we wish him and his wife, Erin, many safe travels.

See You at the End of the Trail



Rich Lange ~ Crest Hill, IL

We are saddened to report that Rich passed away on Aug. 8th after complications resulting from surgery. Rich is the brother of former Staffman George Lange and uncle of current Reservation Director Greg Lange.

Jim Rich ~ Chicago, IL

(see page 3)

Carl Thorne, Jr. ~ Oak Forest, IL

At the age of 66, Carl passed away at his home on Sept. 6th. Carl was an OSA member and is the father of former Owasippe Staffman John Thorne. He was a retired Metra electrician as well as an active Knights of Columbus member. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Judith, and with John and the entire family.

Membership Corner

presented by: Hans Anderson - Membership Chair

New Members

Jason Gebhardt
Ronald Fox
Andrew Hanyzewski

New Life Member

Glen Young

Welcome to the OSA family!

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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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
Westchester, IL 60154

New Member	\$20	_____
Renewal	\$15	_____
Lifetime	\$350	_____

Visit the OSA online at www.owasippe.com

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Dates of Interest to OSA Members

November

- 9.....OSA Board Meeting
- 11.....Shopping/Gift Card Orders Due
- 14, 15, 16.....Jewel Shop & Share Days
- 24.....Happy Thanksgiving
- 26.....Owasippe Staff Interviews #1
- 26.....OSA Pizza Night

December

- 10.....Unstructured Fun Outing (UFO) - Brookfield Zoo
- 12, 13, 14.....Jewel Shop & Share Days
- 14.....OSA Board Meeting
- 15.....OSA Board Nominations Due
- 25.....Merry Christmas

January

- 1.....Happy New Year!
- 11.....OSA Board Meeting
- 15.....Newsletter Copy Deadline
- 15.....Ad Book Deadline
- TBA.....Wolves Game Outing





Shopping/Gift Card Fundraiser

Deadline:

Shopping/Gift card orders must be postmarked by November 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
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 Pizza Night on November 26th.

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: \$ _____

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Ben Pao
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Everest
Foodlife
L. Woods Tap & Pine Lodge
Maggiano's
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Mity Nice Grill
Mon Ami Gabi
National 27
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Petterino's
R.J. Grunts
Scoozi
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Tucchetti
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Spring Hill Suites
Towne Place Suites

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***	8%	\$25		
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%	\$25		
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%	\$25		
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		
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		
Lowe's 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				
Lowe's***	13%	\$25		
Hotels				
Best Western	13%	\$25		
Marriot***	12%	\$50		
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!



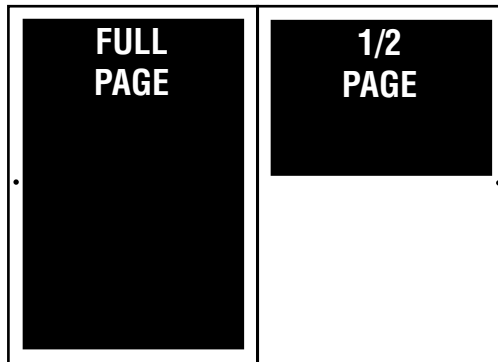
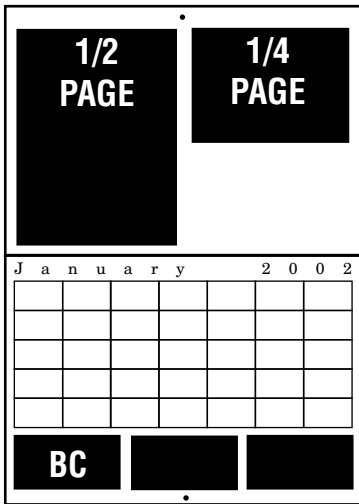
It's OSA Ad Book time again!

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are seeking sponsors for the Owasippe Staff Association Calendar/Ad Book distributed at our Annual Meeting in March of 2006. Here is an opportunity to extend greetings to your friends, wish Owasippe and the OSA well, and/or promote your business. The annual Ad Book is an important fundraiser for the OSA, and its proceeds help us carry on our mission to support Owasippe.

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

The first 26 pages of the Ad Book will be a 12-month calendar (March 2006 – February 2007). For each month, there will be up to four quarter-page ads and three business card ads. The calendar ad space and inside covers will be sold on a first come basis. The remaining pages consist of our annual report and have a couple of ad options as outlined below.



Please respond with your materials by January 15, 2006 using the form provided below.

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

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

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

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OSA Ad Book 2006 • P.O. Box 7097 • Westchester, IL 60154

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Qty.	Description	Size	Cost
	Calendar Business Card Ad	(3.25" x 2")	\$25
	Calendar Quarter Page Ad	(5" x 3.5")	\$50
	Calendar Half Page Ad	(5" x 7.25")	\$100
	Half Page	(7.5" x 5")	\$60
	Full Page	(7.5" x 10")	\$95
	Inside Cover Full Page	(7.5" x 10")	\$125

Business Name: _____

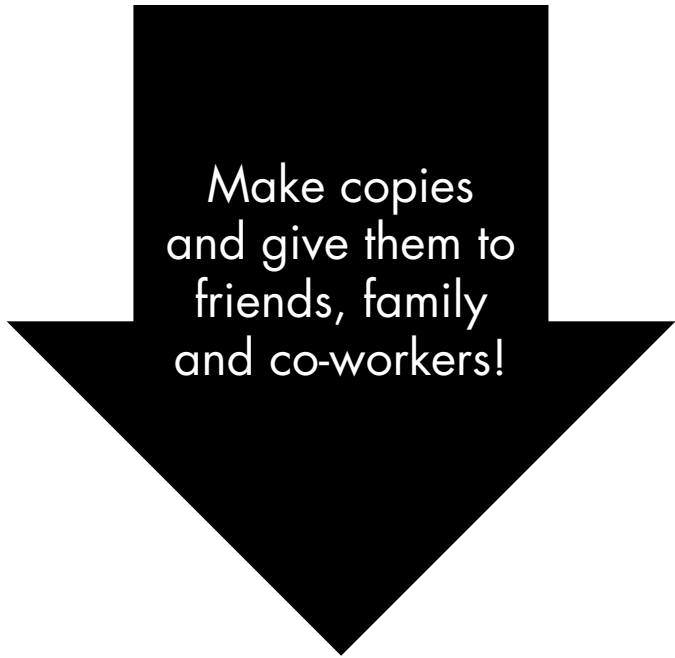
Message (or attach copy) _____

Shop & Share Days at Jewel

We know you have some serious grocery shopping to do in the coming months. Thanksgiving meals and holiday dinners will stock your fridge before they fill your table (and stomach). You can help out the OSA when you do your holiday grocery shopping in November and December. Use the slips below during our designated Jewel-Osco Shop & Share days, and 7% of your total purchases will go to the OSA.

The slips are easy to use. Just cut them out and bring them with you when you shop at any Jewel or Osco in the greater Chicagoland area on our listed dates. Turn the slip in to the cashier during checkout after you write the total amount in the boxes. You can even copy the slips and pass them out to family, friends, neighbors and coworkers to help earn even more (just no passing them out in front of the store).

We have two sets of dates in the coming two months, so double check that you use the right slip for the right dates. Shop on Nov. 14-16 or Dec. 12-14. Make your normal grocery shopping count twice with Jewel-Osco Shop & Share days!



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