



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

Vibrations

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Planning Commission Votes to Deny Rezoning

by Susan Derby - OSA Member

Last month, the Blue Lake Township Planning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend a denial of the Chicago Area Council's rezoning request for the Owasippe Scout Reservation. The meeting, chaired by Lyle Monette, also included in the motion a list of reasons for the recommendation of the commission. Reasons identified by members of the commission included the increased need for public safety equipment, loss of the natural character of the township, and potentially doubling of the population of the township in a single act. The 175 written comments collected since January as well as the petitions were made available at the meeting.

The council submitted the proposal to change the current zoning from Forest Recreational – Institutional, which allows for year-round camping, recreation and educational activities, to various density residential parcels. After holding a public hearing in January at which numerous people spoke out against the rezoning proposal and more than 2,600 petitions were delivered, the commission took just six minutes to reach the unanimous decision.

Their recommendation is now passed along to the Muskegon County Planning Commission for its review before it is passed ultimately to the Blue Lake Township Board for a final vote.

It is no secret that we are very happy with this initial decision. The rezoning by the council would be the next step to actually selling the property. This denial by the commission is a step toward blocking the rezoning completely. We hope the Blue Lake Township Board will reinforce this recommendation by the planning commission. There is no scheduled date of the board meeting at which this issue will be discussed or decided. Keep watching owasippe.com for current updates, or sign up for our e-mail news blast that brings important news right to your inbox. See the site for e-mail signup.

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



Scouter 11 Get Their Wish

by Susan Derby - OSA Member

It was no genie that granted the wish of 11 Scouters who brought suit against the Chicago Area Council for irregularities in governance. It was Judge Martin S. Agran of the Chancery Court of Cook County. He ruled on March 1 that the proposed slate from May of 2005 would finally be brought to a vote of the council voting membership. On that date and in subsequent hearings in early March, Judge Agran set the date of the election as April 20. This is the chance for all registered Chartered Organization Representatives (CORs) to officially vote on the slate that has been denied to them for almost a full year.

The meeting and vote will be held at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza on April 20 at 6:30 p.m. All CORs are encouraged to attend this meeting and vote on behalf of their Troop/Crew/Pack. This is an important vote as the slate had been blocked by the Executive Board of the CAC and was petitioned for by more than 40% of the voting representatives last year.

This has been a hotly contested topic ultimately resulting in a lawsuit brought by 11 individuals against the council for irregular governance, breach of council bylaws, and breach of the Illinois Not-For-Profit Corporation Act. Judge Agran has heard many arguments and motions since September from both sides, and he ordered the vote on this slate back in January. Council has delayed the vote until this final hearing when Judge Agran set the date and location as well as requirements that notice of the election be sent by March 6. The council reportedly is filing an appeal in this matter to a higher court.



President's Perspective by: Ron Derby - President

I am proud to be returning one last time as the President of the OSA. As you may know, the consecutive term limit will kick in for me after this year, but more importantly it is time to give someone else the opportunity. With new leadership will come new ideas and new energy.



That being said, as I stated in my president's address during the annual meeting, it is my last hurrah but I don't plan on coasting to the finish line. As a board, we still have many things in the works and we're continually trying to streamline and improve the OSA experience. In other words, I feel like there's plenty of work yet to be done and I expect my last year on the board to be a busy one.

Coming up first will be the Spring Fix-it in May. Owasippe has plenty of needs, and the Spring Fix-it makes a huge difference in Owasippe's ability to open on time. Tim Toerber will be taking over for longtime Fix-it Chair, Dan Kleinfeldt. Dan did a great job and Tim appears to be picking up right where Dan left off.

From there we get to have some fun. In June we have the Pub Crawl and in August the Family Picnic. Both events bring OSA Members together for friendship and fellowship... a huge chunk of the OSA's mission. Following the picnic, we have the Fall Fix-it in September and the Candlelight Bowl in October.

Those are just the big things coming up. In between we have tons going on. You might be asking how will we be using funds raised by the the Shopping/Gift Card Program, the Tweeter Center Fundraiser and direct donations? Well, we're having every sailboat in Owasippe's fleet restored. We're buying Lowe's hardware gift cards for each camp. We're planning to take on numerous projects at Blackhawk, Wolverine and Reneker. We have made a commitment to finally get the OSA's online store up and running this year. We're looking at new events as well as new ways to raise funds and recruit new members. And of course we're still doing whatever we can to help save Owasippe. The list of initiatives goes on and on, but I guess what I'm trying to say is we want you to know that we're using the funds we raise for just about everything you could imagine, from office supplies to sailboat restoration and everything in between.

Actually, that gives me a good idea... why not ask you what you're imagining? Do you have ideas, opinions, complaints, compliments, questions or requests that you'd like to share? If so, we'd love to hear them. Feedback is very important to us and we want to know what OSA members are thinking. Is there an event you'd like to see us try? Is there a project you'd like to see the OSA take on?

We really would love to hear from you. If you have something you'd like to share with the Board, please write to: OSA feedback, P.O. Box 7097, Westchester, IL 60154 or e-mail me directly at president@owasippe.com. We may not be able to act on every suggestion but I can promise you that we'll give sincere consideration to any feedback or input we receive.

Best regards, RD - OSA P

Membership Corner

presented by: Hans Anderson - Membership Chair

Hate getting bills in the mail? We do too. We have hope that you can avoid getting by simply taking a minute to pay your OSA dues if you're behind. Check the year on your mailing label to see when your dues expire. If you see a <2005> or a <Temp> there, you are on our list to receive a dues invoice in the coming months.

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 your mailing label shows any year before 2006, you can expect to see the invoice in your mailbox soon. To remain a member in good standing, please return the invoice by May 19th with your dues payment.

New Members

Nick Groszowski
Kevin Harper
Thomas Seymour
Kevin Shotas
Henry Winkler

New Life Member

Curt Andrich
Adam Keene
Mike Mieszczak

Welcome to the OSA family!

Visit the OSA online at:
www.owasippe.com

Got shirt?



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

NOW ON CLEARANCE!

Time for Tweeter – Sign Up Now

Last summer the OSA raised over \$5,500 volunteering at the Tweeter Center selling concessions. We had 25 volunteers working concession stands at seven different concerts, including Warped Tour, OzzFest, and Motley Crue. Although the Tweeter Center has a new name - it is now called the First Midwest Bank Amphitheater - we still have the same fundraising opportunities.

As we did last year, we are committing to work mostly Saturday afternoon and evening concerts. So far, Nine Inch Nails, Sammy Hagar, and Jimmy Buffet are scheduled for Saturdays in July and August. This summer, OzzFest XI and Vans Warped Tour 2006 are scheduled for Sundays in July. Since working at these two festivals or all-day concerts raised nearly \$2,500 last summer, we plan on adding two Sunday concerts to our schedule.

This summer we are trying to raise over \$6,000. In order to meet this goal, we will need to bring more volunteers to work concessions at each concert. 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 four to five hours, and the festivals run all day long. Check your calendars now and let one of our co-leaders know what Saturdays or July Sundays 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 have taken a TIPS training course in the past two years, your training is still good so you don't need to take the course again.

This summer Tricia Monahan, Phil Groben, and Scott Dorencz will be co-leading this fundraiser. If you can help out by working concessions or want more information, please contact us at osafundraising@gmail.com or give us a call. Reach Tricia at (708) 334-1100. Reach Phil at (630) 699-8560. Reach Scott at (708) 567-7714.

The First American Bank Amphitheater is located near the intersection of I-80 and Harlem Avenue in Tinley Park, IL.

Gift Card Update

The March shopping/gift card order raised \$435, which is over \$200 more than the March 2005 order. 15 people ordered gift cards and many picked up their orders at the dinner dance. Thank you for ordering and helping to make this fundraiser successful.

We are now offering a \$25 AMC Theaters gift card. This gift card can be used at all AMC theatres, Loews theatres, Cineplex Odeon theaters, Magic Johnson theaters and Star theaters in the U.S. This new multi-retailer gift card will replace the Loews Theater gift card.

The next shopping/gift card order needs to be postmarked by Friday, May 5th. You can pick up your cards (free of charge) at the upcoming Spring Fix-it on May 20th. The cards can also be shipped directly to your home using Priority Mail with delivery confirmation. The cost of mailing gift cards is \$4.05. If you have any questions, please e-mail Tricia Monahan at triciamonahan@gmail.com or call her at (708) 403-4506.

Please support these OSA programs...

- Save Owasippe Fund
- Steve Schaefer Scholarship Fund
- Camp Blackhawk Waterfront Fund
- Sailing Base Fund
- Staff Development (CIT) Fund

Make checks payable to the OSA and be sure to earmark them for the fund you'd like to support or make a suggestion of your own.

Mail to: OSA, P.O. Box 7097, Westchester, IL 60154

A Hearty Thanks for a Healthy Fund

by: Frank Chlebek - OSA Member

Thank you to all who participated in the 2006 Owasippe Staff Development Fund appeal. So far we have collected over \$3,400. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! As stated in the appeal letter, these funds cover program items, office supplies, postage and special mementos that make the CIT Staff Training Program a memorable and beneficial experience for both the trainees and trainers. We really appreciate the generous support of this project by those individuals listed at right. You guys are great and you're helping bring quality staff training to our camp. Thanks again!

Frank Accardi
Jim Adamitis
Susan Blew
Jerry Brown
John Brown
Lester Busse
Carolee Cannonito
Nick Carr
Doris Coussens
Tom Crissey
Sandy DeHaan
Doug Dinnella
John Grout
Bob Halston
Kate Henderson
Paul Herdzina

Steve Horvath
Terry Horvath
Harry Howisen
Steve Kantorski
Jason Katzwinkel
John Kennedy
Craig Kenny
Dan & Mindy Kleinfeldt
Tony Krier
Al Kuhn
Greg & Linda Lang
Paul Lehde
Lee Lotter
Roy Martino
David Meyer
Larry Miller

Pat Monahan
Sean Monahan
Tricia Monahan
Jim Nothnagel
Bob Pagels
Phil Pappas
John & Barb Payne
Bruce Petersen
Kevin Posen
Mark & Debbie Reczek
Rich & Karen Reichart
Jim Richerson
Suzanne Richerson
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Ted Rotzoll
John & Gail Sanchez

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Joe Sener
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Mike Tranchita
Shane Veal
Andy Vuckovich
Bob Ward
Bob Wilcox Sr
Virginia Winckel
Edgar Wolff-Kalmer
Ken Yamamoto
Ken & Rosemarie Young
Sterling Lumber Co.

OSA Dinner Dance Review

by: Candy Merritt - Events Chair

Planes, trains and automobiles. Sounds like a movie right? No, it was the OSA Dinner Dance. A lot of guests this year traveled far to see friends whom they have not seen in years. I can't get over the number of members and guests we had this year who came from such a great distance including Arizona, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Washington.

As I walked around the room, many of you stopped me to share your stories and memories of the friendships and good times spent at camp. I find it hard to believe that some of you are fathers, grandmothers and great-grandfathers. Where did the time go? You could not even tell by the way the groups were talking that any time had passed – except for the loss of hair and a few extra pounds.

I would like to thank all the members and guests who came out to help make this Dinner Dance a success. I would also like to thank my fellow Board Members and the candidates for helping me put this evening together. It would not have worked without the teamwork we all had put into it. Special thanks to Bill Van Berschot for getting us through the night as emcee, Karen Reichart for preparing that beautiful and delicious dessert table, and Andy Lukasiewicz for running the raffles (I think he is automatically signed up to do them again next year). Thank you to everyone who donated or helped with prizes for our raffles, especially Pat Romcoe, Chauncey Niziol, Dan Troy, Jen Kotwasinski, Buda, Jim Marshall and Capt. Pat Schiller. Thanks also goes to all who participated by buying a raffle ticket. And for those of you who helped get ads for our ad book calendar, a big thank you! This year's ad

book made more than \$2,400 in profit, and we sold out every business card ad for the 3rd straight year.

We are already starting to plan for next year's Dinner Dance. Please come out and join us and bring some friends so we can all share in the laughs and the memories. It's always the first Saturday in March, so mark your calendars early for this great annual event.

Elected Board Members for 2006

Ron Derby, President & Publications Chair
Tricia Monahan, Vice-President & Fundraising Chair
Mike Campbell, Secretary
Ron Kulak, Treasurer
Candy Merritt, Events Chair
Timothy Toerber III, Fix-it Chair
Hans Anderson, Membership Chair
Bill Van Berschot
Steve Henclewski

Raffle Winners

Canon Digital Camera: Jeanine (Wilcox) Shotas
Apple iPod: Scott Oomens
\$300 Cash Prize: Candy Merritt
\$185 Split-the-pot: Bill Van Berschot
Chartered Fishing Trip: Henry Winkler
Bosch PowerBox: Jack Newell
Bass Pro Tent & Owasippe Map: Susan Derby
RedHead Gear Bag & Owasippe Map: Steve Kantorski
Chicago Wolves Tickets: Chrissy Benedetto

Silent Auction Winners

Wolverine Firebowl Painting: Amy Kimbler
Eagle In Flight Painting: Tom Bolbot

Passing the Tool Belt

by: Timothy Toerber III - Fix-its Chair

OSA Fix-it weekends at Owasippe are the closest thing to working at summer camp for many of us nowadays. I always look forward to these weekend warrior trips and working side by side with fellow staff to do some of the behind-the-scenes work at camp.

Under the leadership of Dan Kleinfeldt, the OSA Fix-its have resulted in the accomplishment of many camp improvement projects from painting to roofing and far beyond. From coordination of the projects to making sure that everyone was well-fed and had a place to sleep, Dan made sure that we were always prepared and had a good time.

While Dan leaves me with a big responsibility to pull these weekends off as well as he did, he also leaves me with the resources and knowledge to make this happen. As Fix-it Chair, I will continue to call on the advice and help of everyone in our organization to see that the needs of the camp and the Scouts are met.

I have already begun working with the Board and Ranger Al to get the ball rolling. I also will be getting in touch with those who head up special tasks during the fix-it weekends and I need you to begin contacting me with your reservations. We have many projects lined up for the upcoming fix-it – big or small, there will be something we'll need your help with.

Please remember to keep the weekend of May 19-21 open, and join us up at camp. Reserve your spot by contacting Tim at 312-545-6320 or timothytoerberiii@hotmail.com.



OSA Spring Fix-it May 19-21

Contact: Tim Toerber at 312-545-6320
timothytoerberiii@hotmail.com

There is a way out. Reroute!

If you have not heard the title of this article yet, you probably do not live in the Chicago area. With the spring season upon us, so is the most dreaded season... road construction season. As someone who lives downtown and jumps on the Dan Ryan expressway whenever I head out for Owasippe, I thought I would remind you that you will need to allow a little extra time and most likely a new route if you plan on getting to camp before sixth period this summer.

Please visit the Dan Ryan Expressway Construction Project website for more information when making your plans to come up for the fix-it weekend in May: www.avoidtheryan.com.

Owasippe 2006 Program Wish List

The Chicago Area Council has compiled the following list of program needs for this summer at Owasippe. If you would like to donate these items, please contact the Council office at 312-421-8800 or bring your donations up to camp when you come up for the fix-it.



Handicraft:

- Calculators
- Wood burners
- Phillips head screwdrivers
- Ziplock bags – quart & sandwich size
- Large boxes of Crayons
- Rulers
- Rubber gloves

Nature:

- Chicken wire
- Clear Plexiglas
- Pocket naturalist
- Nature books on endangered animals
- Nature books on mammal classifications
- Fish tanks
- Window screen
- Building floorboards for area

Aquatics:

- Red & blue permanent markers
- Masks
- Fins – large sizes
- Snorkels
- Ziplock bags – gallon or larger
- Whistles
- Air horns
- Throw bags
- Torpedo weights
- Type 3 PFDs

Scoutcraft:

- Binder's twine
- Quarter-inch rope
- Manila rope
- Blades for bow saws

Shooting Sports:

- Arrows
- Finger tabs
- Armbands
- Earplugs
- Masking tape

Dining Hall and Office:

- Xerox copier toner cartridge 1012
- Small copier
- Copy paper
- Card stock paper for awards
- Pens
- Scissors
- Duct tape
- Masking tape
- Scotch tape
- Repair or replace picnic tables
- Light bulbs
- Printer ink for Epson Stylus 600
- New motors for dining hall & office fans

Camp Reneker:

- Staple gun & staples
- Mops
- Brooms
- Sponges
- Buckets
- Dustpans
- Kitchen garbage bags
- Pump soap

OSA Dinner Dance (March 4th)

Photos courtesy of Chauncey Niziol & Vince Rychtanek





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

Upcoming Events

the 2006 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. Don't forget to bring a trunkload of tools for various projects!

May 19-21

Round up some friends & contact Tim Toerber at 312-545-6320 or timothytoerberiii@hotmail.com to reserve your spot today!



Calumet Council's 17th Annual Boy Scout Memorabilia Show & Swap Meet!

Memorial Day Weekend

Friday May 26, 2006 • 6:00 p.m. - ???
Saturday May 27, 2006 • 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 is being planned for Saturday, June 10th starting at 6:00 p.m.

Pub Crawl

(location & schedule to follow)

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 Bill Van Berschot at (773) 844-8356 or e-mail him at billyvb@yahoo.com

must be 21 or older to attend



Annual Family Picnic

Sun. August 20th, 11:00 a.m.

NEW LOCATION!
at Sundown Meadow

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



News & Notes

95 Years Young!

Can you believe this will be the 95th summer of camp at Owasippe? That's an amazing milestone for any organization, and the OSA is happy to do our part to mark the event. There are two special items on this newsletter alone that we want to point out so you don't miss them.

First is the anniversary sticker on the outside of the newsletter next to your address label. This foil sticker was donated by Jerry Lutz's sister, who runs a printing company and very nicely offered to print these for our use on newsletters and mailings. It's an attractive sticker, and we thank her and Jerry for getting them for us to use.

Also on the outside of your newsletter is a custom stamp, printed only for use on this issue. We printed only 500 of these stamps and used a vast majority of those mailing out this issue. While you may not be a stamp collector, this little token to mark the anniversary is worth clipping and keeping.



The council, along with the Owasippe Camping Committee, has special events planned to mark the 95th anniversary as well, including patches, shirts and camp activities. The biggest event is a council-run program that will include some see-and-do Scout activities on the front lawn of the Administration Center. The event will be held on Wednesday, July 12 from about 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The council is asking for some help from any troops, leaders or Scouts interested in being a part of this program. This event includes Dutch-oven cooking, knife and ax demonstrations, nature instruction, compass and GPS courses, and Scoutcraft activities. If you would like to be a part of one of these events, please contact one of the event planners: Ron Kron (lindakron@aol.com), Mike Buda Campbell (budaosa@hotmail.com), Chauncey Niziol (chauncey@aol.com), or Joe Sener (joe_sener@baxter.com).

Be a part of the celebration by sending in your camp memory to print in the next OSA newsletter. Happy 95th Birthday Owasippe!

Possible Cabela's in Whitehall

It's possible that a major chain store could find its way to a new home in Whitehall. Cabela's outdoor and sporting goods store has been looking for a new store location in the Western Michigan area. Fruitport Township is just one of the areas courting the store, but Muskegon County is doing its part to bring the chain to Whitehall. The county government is prepared to offer Cabela's the former wastewater treatment property that has been the subject of recent environmental cleanup. The price tag could be as low as \$1 for the one-square-mile parcel.

Cabela's was originally looking at the city of Walker in Kent County for its location, but both Fruitport and Whitehall have now offered their land for the project. Both towns offer large parcels of land and easy access off US-31. The Whitehall land also includes a 50-acre lined lake that could potentially be used for boat and watercraft demonstration and trial on site. There is no word from the store headquarters as to which or how seriously the locations are being considered as a future location.

BIGGER John's Pizza?

The city of Whitehall is working with Big John's Pizza restaurant to possibly help owner Jack Miller expand and improve the restaurant and location. The restaurant is located at the curve on Colby Road in Whitehall. Miller hopes to add a deck to the back of the restaurant as well as a restroom, new furnace, office, fencing and a parking lot.

The city may sell the needed land to him for \$1 as part of a program that makes improvements using property taxes collected in the same district. The funding would need to be approved by a board made up of city officials, business owners, and citizens.

The break on the land would greatly reduce the cost of the project, and is an incentive to keep local businesses in the downtown area.

Summer Plans Being Set

Part of the lineup for this year's Summer Celebration in Muskegon was announced in February and includes Smash Mouth, The Steve Miller Band, country band Sugarland, and singer and TV personality Raven Symone.

The Muskegon Air Fair is also solidifying its lineup including the U.S. Army's Golden Knights parachute team, Derric Lee's Red Tail Aerobatics, and a reenactment of an airborne assault called "Sky Soldiers – A Tribute to Patriots." The last item blends soldiers, helicopters and pyrotechnics into a single show.

Summer Celebration runs June 29 through July 9. Eight more headliners remain to be announced. The festival centers at Heritage Landing on the shore of Muskegon Lake and annually draws an estimated 600,000 people.

Galloping Grapevine



Edward Anderson ~ LaJolla, CA

Ed wrote in from the West Coast to share his appreciation of the Save Owasippe efforts and to contribute to the HEART Fund. Ed served on Owasippe staff from 1942 through 1946 on the Beard aquatic staff. In those summers, the camp would serve 1,000 Scouts per week, but as overall Scout enrollment has dropped, so has the number of Scouts at Owasippe per period. Ed wrote about the Owasippe Lodge of the Order of the Arrow being a major turning force in the re-tooling of the OA to be more in-line with Scouting in general. Thanks for your help in the fight, Ed, and for sharing your Scouting memories.

John Chikow ~ Chicago, IL

John is a local star after appearing in a story on Channel 5 News around Valentine's Day. If you'll remember, the area White Castle restaurants were offering formal Valentine's Day dining complete with tablecloth, real dishes and host seating. John and Viki were the ones being seated during both the news teaser and the actual story. He says this in response to the recent celebrity: "Now before you think I am just another cheap date, you should know that Viki's mom and dad have been doing the White Castle thing in St. Louis for a number of years. This was the first time Chicago locations offered the Valentine's Day seatings, so we thought it was a fitting way to remember her Dad. He got the last laugh when the news cameraperson showed and started taping." Sounds like he was in the right place at the right time.

Phillip HizeL ~ Chicago, IL

Congratulations to Phil for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout this spring. Phil has worked the last two summers at Owasippe on the Blackhawk staff and has earned the Staffman of the Year award. It's great to have so many Eagle Scouts on staff as a great example and motivation for the Scouts camping there. We're proud of your achievement of the highest rank in Scouting!

Matt Lotter ~ New Orleans, LA

Matt wrote in to say thanks for the thoughts, concerns and help getting back to normal after Hurricane Katrina destroyed his home and severely increased his work in the Coast Guard. He writes, "I just wanted to thank everyone for your concerns, prayers, thoughts, and box of underwear (thanks Kenny) that was sent my way after Katrina hit. It was and still is a busy time down here. I can say the first businesses to open were the bars, thank God 'cause all of us needed a drink." He has moved out of the camper and bought a truck and TV. Keep us posted on what you need, Matt. We're glad things are returning to something closer to normal for you.

Mike Mieszczak ~ Naperville, IL

Welcome to new member Mike Mieszczak, who worked four summers at camp between 1992 and 1996. He has jumped right back into his Owasippe involvement with a brand new Internet message board. You can check it out at www.owasippe-bbs.com and register to leave your own messages there. This is a new site just for Owasippe news, community, and information. There are some great forums there to share Save Owasippe news as well as your own personal Owasippe stories. It's just getting started, so this is the perfect time to sign up and leave your message. Thanks for letting us know about it, Mike. Best of luck in growing a great community.

Jim Schlichting ~ Montague, MI

Jim was in a car accident in late February on Russell Road. As he rounded the curve just north of the Food Prep driveway, a car coming the other direction lost control and hit Jim's truck in the driver's front side. Jim has recovered nicely, but he did have a fractured collarbone and some bruises throughout his body. We're so glad the accident wasn't any worse, and we're sorry it happened at all. But it was great to see Jim doing well at the Dinner Dance. Keep healing, Jim!

Vibrations always needs copy!

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

OSA Vibrations

P.O. Box 7097

Westchester, IL 60154

e-mail: vibrations@owasippe.com

See You at the End of the Trail



Bernice Dunneback

Bernice, mother of OSA member Jim, passed away at age 86 in late March. She was a proud mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Her family and all those who knew her will deeply miss her. We will keep our thoughts with the Dunneback family during this difficult time.

Dr. Richard Latin

Rick passed away on February 11 at the age of 52. He was living in Omaha at the time and was a professor at the University of Nebraska – Omaha. Rick worked on staff at Blackhawk in 1970 and Wolverine North in 1971. His death was a shock to many of us, and we will keep the family in our thoughts and prayers.

Judy Monette

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Judy, wife of Lyle who serves at the head of the Blue Lake Township Planning Commission. Judy had been on life support for more than a week after a brain hemorrhage. She was 62 years old. Judy spent much of her life teaching special needs children and was very active in her church. From what we knew of her, she was a wonderfully patient woman who cared for all those around her. Our sympathies to the Monette family and all Judy's friends.

Evelyn Sparks

We were very sorry to hear about the passing of Evelyn, mother of OSA member George Sparks. Evelyn passed away in late February. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Sparks family.

Eleonore Ziebe

Ms. Ziebe, mother of Edgar Wolff-Klammer, passed away on March 10 of an apparent heart attack. She was a big part of a very active Scouting family, and she will be missed by all who knew her. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations in Eleonore's memory be made to the OSA. We are truly touched by this generosity in a time of sadness. Our thoughts are with Eleonore's loved ones at this time.

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 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	_____

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Dates of Interest to OSA Members

May

- 5.....Gift Card Order Deadline
- 10.....OSA Board Meeting
- 14.....Mother's Day
- 19-21OSA Spring Fix-it
- 29.....Memorial Day

June

- 10.....OSA Pub Crawl
- 14.....OSA Board Meeting
- 17.....Staff Week Begins
- 25.....1st Day of Camp

July

- 4.....Independence Day
- 12.....Owasippe's 95th Celebration @ Camp

August

- 5.....Last Day of Camp
- 7.....Vibrations Copy Deadline
- 9.....OSA Board Meeting
- 20.....OSA Family Picnic





Shopping/Gift Card Fundraiser

Deadline:

Shopping/Gift card orders must be postmarked by May 5th. 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 Spring Fix-it on May 20th.

Please note: If you choose to have your cards shipped to you, we will send them via Priority Mail with delivery confirmation.

Unfortunately the USPS will NOT insure gift cards through the mail. That being said, Priority Mail with delivery confirmation is still a very safe way to send the cards, and it's a **flat fee of \$4.05** no matter what!

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Amount ordered: \$ _____

Shipping \$4.05 (if applicable): \$ _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

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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	24%	\$20		
CVS Pharmacy	2%	\$10		
Restaurants				
Applebees	8%	\$10		
Baskin Robins	9%	\$2		
Bennigans	13%	\$25		
Boston Market	8%	\$10		
Buca Di Beppo	8%	\$25		
Buona Beef	8%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Caribou Coffee	8%	\$10		
Chilis***	12%	\$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		
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		
Outback Steakhouse	5%	\$25		
Panera Bread	8%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	8%	\$10		
Red Lobster	8%	\$25		
Starbucks	5%	\$10		
Sweet Tomatoes	8%	\$10		
TGIFridays	8%	\$25		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
Retail				
Amazon.com	5%	\$25		
American Eagle Outfitters	9%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10		
Bath & Body Works	14%	\$10		

Vendor	% to OSA	Card Price	Qty.	Total \$
Retail Cont.				
Bed Bath & Beyond	6%	\$25		
Best Buy	2%	\$25		
Borders Books	8%	\$10		
Claire's	7%	\$10		
Crate and Barrel	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				
AMC Theaters***	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!