



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

# Vibrations

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## B-Side Gets the A+ Treatment

by Susan Derby - OSA Member

Thanks to all who made this past Fall Fix-it weekend a success! We had a window of great weather and even better accomplishments. We had somewhere between 80 and 100 people in attendance, and some of them were people we hadn't seen in a while. Glad that everyone is finding their way back to Owasippe to lend a hand.



We had a big batch of projects, the largest of which was painting the exteriors of Reneker cabins. In one day, we finished 13 out of 20 cabins on B-side. They look great and will be better protected through the off season. Also, some downed tree removal was done, a crew picked up yet another sailboat purchased by the OSA, the Carlen dining tent was taken down, 3 miles of roadway were cleaned including 20 tires that had been dumped on the roadside, and a few other smaller projects throughout camp.

Before our delicious dinner, everyone gathered around the tree planted and dedicated in the memory of Joe Klefeker (see right). And for those who didn't get enough of the awesome food on Saturday, a Sunday brunch was offered with lots of fresh pancakes and leftovers.

Big thanks to everyone, especially Chauncey Niziol and Jim Schlichting for heading up the kitchen crew and the meal planning, and to Brian Feltner for stocking us with cold softdrinks and volunteering his truck for roadside trash pickup. We've got more cabins to paint in the spring, so don't throw out those grubby clothes!

## Dedicated to Joe

At the Fall Fix-it, the OSA held a brief dedication ceremony to honor the service of Joe Klefeker. Joe was killed from an accident while lumberjacking at Blackhawk last spring. We planted a Royal Burgundy Cherry tree near the Ad Center building where it's easily seen and accessible for all to visit. The tree has dark red-green leaves, and beautiful cherry blossoms will develop every spring. In the fall, the leaves turn a bright red before falling for the winter. The tree bares no fruit, so the Scouts won't have to worry about bees or fallen cherries.



Alongside the tree, the OSA installed a small plaque mounted to a boulder. The plaque reads as follows: "Joe Klefeker, Lifelong Scouter, OSA Honorary Life Member, Remembered as a dedicated volunteer, a caretaker of trees, and a man of exceptional character."

Our continued condolences to the Klefekers. Joe is missed among our OSA family. May this tree serve as an ever-growing reminder of his life.

See more Fix-it pics on pages 6 & 7.  
You can also visit [www.owasippe.com](http://www.owasippe.com)  
to see them in vivid color.



## President's Perspective by Ron Derby - President

For the past couple of years, the cover story of each newsletter has had to do with the Save Owasippe effort. As you can see, that's not the case this time around.



It's been an interesting four years (and counting) to say the least. I don't think anyone thought the struggle to save the camp would take anywhere near this long, and we're still not there yet. The fight appears to be far from over and while that feels exhausting to some, it feels good to know there's still a very good chance that things will turn out well.

What's my point? It's true that there isn't any Save Owasippe news on the front page this time around. More importantly the fight is not over yet. The lack of Save Owasippe news simply means that there is no real news to report right now... for better or for worse.

As I have asked you to do many times before; please keep the faith, keep the rumor mill to a minimum, try to stay on the high road whenever possible and continue to support Owasippe and the OSA.

Moving right along – as you all know, we are heading into the holiday season and the OSA Board would like to wish you and yours happiness and good health. We ask you to remember your fellow Owasippe family members as the holidays roll around. Why not put in a call to some of those camp buddies and organize a holiday reunion at one of the upcoming OSA events? Or, do something REALLY CRAZY and write an old staffer a note... on paper... put it in an envelope and mail it! As the electronic age takes over, I think we can sometimes forget the healing power of writing a letter or sending a card to a friend.

Remember those less fortunate. Remember those who have family members in the armed forces. Remember those who have lost a loved one this year. Remember those working to get over a mental or physical illness. Remember those in their golden years.

A solid 50% of the OSA's mission is to strengthen and maintain the bonds of friendship that have been forged at Owasippe. Let's keep that half of our mission going strong by taking a few minutes out of our busy lives to commit random acts of kindness towards our Owasippe family members.

We work hard because the OSA's mission is worth it! Thanks for all that you do. -- RD



## Picture Perfect Picnic by Susan Derby

We couldn't have asked for a better day for our OSA Family Picnic back in August. The weather gave us nothing but warm sunshine and a gentle breeze. Many of our members came out to enjoy some food and casual fun and conversation. In fact, we had about 70 people attend in total, with some showing up right at the beginning and others arriving throughout the afternoon and into the evening.

It was great to see Jim "Benny" Benninger there early on. His recovery from a recent stroke seems to be going well, and he shared more than a few laughs with friends. Henry Winkler showed off pictures of the fish he caught while on the Lake Michigan charter fishing trip he won at this year's Dinner Dance. Steve Mason arrived late in the afternoon to catch up with friends. And the ever-popular softball game showed the true athletic talent of Owasippe's current and recent staffers. We probably have enough players for two separate games, but one huge game is much more fun. There were kites and kids' games, plus some Owasippe memorabilia and OSA merchandise for sale.

It seems like the OSA has found a new grove to call home for the OSA Family Picnic. After trying many different locations over the past few years, this grove has everything from easy highway access and ample parking to a large pavilion and open field for games.

Thanks to all who came out to this popular event!

### Vibrations always needs copy!

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

→ OSA Vibrations  
P.O. Box 7097  
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e-mail: [vibrations@owasippe.com](mailto:vibrations@owasippe.com)

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



### 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!**

# Call for 2007 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 or [pjmonahan@earthlink.net](mailto:pjmonahan@earthlink.net) with any nominees. Nominations are due by December 15, 2006. 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.**

## 2007 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 3, 2007, 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
Michael Campbell (Secretary)*	Ron Derby (President)*	Steve Henclewski**	2007
Timothy Toerber III	Ron Kulak (Treasurer)	Candy Merritt	2008
Tricia Monahan (Vice Pres.)	Hans Anderson	Bill Van Berschot	2009

\* Two consecutive term limit goes into effect.

\*\*Seat formerly held by Jim Rich.

### Who may vote?

Each OSA member currently registered (2007) 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 29th Annual Meeting (European Chalet) on Saturday, March 3, 2007, 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 (2007) 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@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hans_de9@sbcglobal.net).

**Winners** Those candidates receiving the largest number of valid votes will be inducted into the Board of Directors during the 2007 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.

# Making Fundraising Virtually Painless

by Tricia Monahan - Fundraising Chair

## Make A Good Search Even Better

There is a new and easy way to raise money for the OSA just by searching the Internet with GoodSearch.com. It's simple. You use GoodSearch.com like any other search engine — the site is powered by Yahoo! — but each time you do, money is generated for the OSA.

Go to GoodSearch.com, and you'll see. In the box that asks "Who do you GoodSearch for?" type in OSA and hit the "verify"  button. After that it's just like using a regular search engine. Plus it remembers your charity selection, so once you set the OSA as your choice, you don't have to set it again.

Approximately \$0.01 is raised each time you search using Goodsearch.com. We know what you might be thinking but let us explain... this means that if 100 people search two times each day, the OSA can earn \$730 in a year! We hope that you will not only use GoodSearch as your main search engine from here on out, but will also pass this message on to your friends and family. The more people who use this, the more money will go to OSA.

Thanks to Jennifer Kotwasinski for turning us on to this simple and easy fundraiser. Now everyone can help the OSA raise money just by using GoodSearch.com for all their web search needs.

## On the "Black Trail"

by Susan Derby

*Editor's Note: We want you to share your favorite pit stop on the way from Chicago to Owasippe! Write us a quick note with the location (including exit if you have it) plus why it's a favorite place to stop. Send it to vibrations@owasippe.com today! Restaurants, stores, ice cream parlors, cheap gas stations... you name it!*

One of my favorite places to stop on the Chicago-Owasippe route is the Tabor Hill winery. While there are many wineries along the coast of Lake Michigan (and a whole Lake Michigan Shore Wine Trail so you can try them all), I like Tabor Hill the best of those I have sampled so far. And my favorite of the Tabor Hill tasting rooms is the one in Bridgman. 

Just take exit 16 off I-94 and take a right at the end of the off ramp. One block up the road on the right is a cool old building perched atop a small hill. Park the car and head in for a taste of some smooth wines in a good variety of styles. I recommend the Classic Demi-Sec in either the red or white. Not only are they simply good, they are inexpensive. If you can still get it, grab the Special Select Classic Demi-Sec in the green tapered bottle. This is a one-time recipe that I'm hoping will become a regular wine.

The tasting room and store are in a single, simple room with little pomp. Whether you are an expert taster or are new to wine, you'll fit right in at the Bridgman store. Try a few samples, grab a bottle or two, and easily get back on the highway.

## Plan For Holiday Shopping and Gift Giving

Make your holiday gift-giving and shopping a lot easier by ordering gift cards from the OSA! Some of our most popular gift cards are for restaurants, such as Chili's, Olive Garden, Lettuce Entertain You and Panera Bread. Gift cards for AMC Movie Theaters, GAP, Old Navy and Bath & Body Works also make great gifts. This month we are also offering many new gift cards, including Walgreens, Kohls, Circuit City, Sally Beauty Supply, Carson Pirie Scott, and Macys. And remember, gift cards aren't just for giving. Use them for all your shopping and gift buying.

The next shopping/gift card order needs to be postmarked by Wednesday, November 15th. You can pick up your cards (free of charge) at Owasipalooza on November 24th. The cards also can 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. Fill out the green order form and send it in today!

The August shopping/gift card order raised over \$400. Let's try to make this one even more profitable! We want to send a big public "Thank you" to Erv Brinkmann for his constant orders. Every round, he is our biggest order. Thanks, Erv! Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

## Treevia

As printed in *The Owasippe Tree*, 1990 - Issue 2

The dinosaurs roar. Here are some trivia questions that were pried from the dark recesses of the minds of Gordie Stieffel, Frank Klebek and Joe Sener. These come from the late '60s and early '70s.

### Questions

1. What did SCDB stand for?
2. What does BEMO stand for?
3. Where did BEMO come from?
4. What happened in the 1968 raid on Wolverine South's pool?
5. Who was/is "The Hook"? (circa 1965)
6. What are Chauncey's and Tiny's first names.
7. Why does the Mojave exist?
8. What was the color of scrambled eggs in the first hot packs? (circa 1965)
9. Who originated the current Owasippe trail system? (circa 1973)
10. Name as many reservation directors as possible. (1960s-1990)

### Answers

1. Save Camp Dan Beard. 2. Brotherhood (or Bravery), Energy, Motivation, and Organization. 3. Bemo potato chips were sold in the Stuart trading post. 4. Four and a half gallons of highly concentrated dish soap were tossed into the pool. Note: this raid caused the pool to be inoperable for a number of days so don't get any ideas! 5. John Brown. 6. Phillip and John. 7. To build a dining hall. 8. Green. 9. Tom Chrissy. 10. Steve Horvath, Jerry Sanders, Bill Morrison, Bob Poole, Jim Chandler, Ed Black, LeFever, Charlie Large.

As many of you know, the OSA's primary missions are to serve Owasippe and maintain the bonds of friendship forged there. We need your help to continue this important work. First and foremost, we ask that you keep your membership dues current and attend as many OSA events as possible.

Beyond that, we obviously need to continue to raise funds to finance numerous ongoing projects and programs. We understand that not everyone is going to be able to make large cash donations. That's why we have developed a number of ways for our members (as well as their friends, family and co-workers) to help by buying shopping cards, groceries, entertainment books, ad book space, etc. Furthermore, we understand that sometimes there just isn't any extra money to spend... which is why we started programs like the concession sales as a way for people to help without opening their wallets. We are always looking for new fundraising suggestions and we welcome your feedback at vibrations@owasippe.com. As always, thank you for all that you do as an OSA member. Please remember, each one of us can make a difference!

## Keep your membership dues current...

Dues cover numerous operational costs like liability insurance and postage. We simply cannot carry members that don't keep their dues current.

## Participate in the shopping/gift card program...

Buy cards for regular shopping trips as well as gifts. Get your family, friends and co-workers involved. The OSA gets a cut and you get 100% value on what you spend. (see article on pg. 4 and green insert)

## Use GoodSearch.com to search the web...

Approximately \$0.01 is raised each time you search using Goodsearch.com. This means that if 100 people search two times each day, the OSA can earn \$730 in a year! (see article on pg. 4)

## Volunteer (next season) for the concession sales program...

This labor-intensive but fun program has helped raise thousands of dollars for the OSA and its programs. Some volunteer time can be worth a lot!

## Buy Entertainment Books...

The OSA makes money on every book sold, and the books more than pay for themselves in savings to you. Mike "Buda" Campbell will have them available for sale at the OSA Pizza Night in November. (see ad, this page)

## Participate in the OSA's Shop & Share Days at Jewel-Osco...

Go to the store on a specific date, turn in your Shop & Share certificate and buy the groceries you would normally buy. This is another program where the OSA gets a cut and you get 100% value on what you spend. It's also another

great program to get your family, friends and co-workers involved in. You're free to give out as many OSA Shop & Share certificates as you can, they just don't allow them to be handed out in front of the store. Mike "Buda" Campbell will have Shop & Share certificates available at the OSA Pizza Night in November.

## Buy ad space in the OSA Ad Book...

The Ad Book is one of our longest-running and consistent fundraising programs. Take the opportunity to place an ad for your business or just wish the OSA or Owasippe well. Hundreds of people are guaranteed to see your ad. (see white insert)

## Make cash or stock donations...

If you're looking for a charitable tax deduction or a break on capital gains tax, why not make a cash or stock donation to the OSA? You can make a general donation, or you can earmark it for a specific purpose. Here are just a few worthy programs... the Save Owasippe Fund, the Steve Schaefer Scholarship Fund or the Staff Development (CIT) Fund. If those funds don't appeal to you, pick your favorite section camp or program area and ask us to spend it there. If you donate it to the OSA, it WILL go to Owasippe and we WILL provide you with proper documentation for tax purposes... you have our word. Also, don't forget to see if your employer has a donation matching program!

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.

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**Orders must be in by December 31st so contact Mike (Buda) Campbell at 773-283-7723**

# OSA Fall Fix-it (September 15-17)

Photos courtesy of Dan Kleinfeldt, Bill Zielinski & Susan Derby





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# Upcoming Events

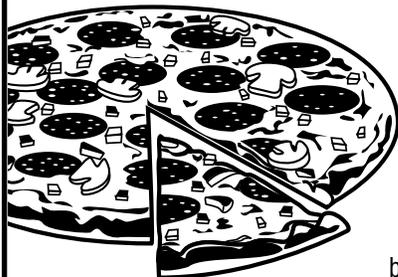


## Owasipalooza (OSA Pizza Night)

**FRIDAY, November 24th**  
**from 5:00-11:00 p.m.**

At the European Chalet (lower level),  
5445 South Harlem Ave., Chicago, IL 60638  
(54th & Harlem Ave. Just off I-55)  
[www.EuroChal.com](http://www.EuroChal.com)

Please RSVP to Ron Kulak  
by e-mail at [owasiron@juno.com](mailto:owasiron@juno.com) or by phone at (708) 535-7748



18 AND OVER EVENT

**PLEASE  
NOTE**

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.



## Chicago Wolves Game

**Wolves vs. the Toronto Marlies**  
**Sunday, January 21st**

At the Allstate Arena in Rosemont, IL  
starting at 4:00 p.m.

ALL AGES EVENT



**CHICAGO WOLVES**  
PRO HOCKEY

For just **\$15 per ticket**, you'll enjoy exciting hockey and a really great afternoon. Doors open at 3:00 p.m., and the game starts at 4:00 p.m. Pre-game laser show and fireworks may be on hand for a hot start to a cool afternoon. We're usually in section 101, lower-level, on the south side of the stadium between the blue line and the goal. **This is an all ages event!**

Checks should be made out to the **OSA - Wolves Game** and can be mailed in to Mike Campbell, 3258 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60634. **Ticket orders must be postmarked by December 27th.** Orders can also be placed at the Pizza Night. Tickets can be hand-delivered, mailed or picked up.

Contact Mike Campbell  
by e-mail at [budaosa@hotmail.com](mailto:budaosa@hotmail.com)  
or by phone at (773) 283-7723

Mike will be at the Pizza Night with more details.



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

at European Chalet Banquets  
5445 S. Harlem Ave. • Chicago, IL 60638  
on March 3, 2007  
(more details to come)

18 OR OLDER EVENT

- Dinner & Drinks
- Dancing
- Friendship & Fellowship
- Board Elections
- Raffle & Door Prizes

# News & Notes

## **You Get to Nominate MOTY**

We had a great suggestion after the last Dinner Dance, and now it's your turn to act on it. The OSA Board loves to discuss naming the Member of the Year because there are so many worthy candidates for the title. But we want to make sure everyone is being considered, so we are asking for nominations for the Member of the Year recognition. This is your chance to tell us who you think has gone above the call of duty (as an OSA member) through the entire year.

Write the name of your nominee as well as a few paragraphs explaining why you think that person should be honored with the award. You may not nominate a spouse or another member of your family, and we do ask that you not nominate a past recipient of the award or a sitting Board member. The nominees should be active, current members who work toward the OSA's goals of helping the camp beyond the council's means and building camaraderie with other OSA members. We will notify you if your nominee is ultimately selected for the MOTY award.

Send your nominee and explanation to the P.O. box address (on the back of this newsletter) or e-mail them directly to [president@owasippe.com](mailto:president@owasippe.com). Nominations are due by January 1st, and the OSA Member of the Year will be recognized at the Dinner Dance on March 3rd.

## **New CAC Camping Committee Chairman Named**

Council President Jack Jadel has appointed Tom McDonough to serve as the chairman of the Council Camping Committee, replacing Joe Sener who was required to step down as part of the Scouter-11 lawsuit settlement with the National Council BSA. Reportedly Tom is an experienced and highly successful Scouter. He earned his Eagle Award as a Scout in St. Louis and has been an active participant in the National Eagle Scout Association. Tom will be stepping down as Cubmaster in 2007 after three years leading one of the largest Packs in the council. Tom also served as a valuable member of the Council Wood Badge staff this year.

As Camping Chairman, Tom will provide leadership to all the council's outdoor programs, including the operation of Owaspippe Scout Reservation, Hoover Outdoor Education Center, Cub Scout Day Camps, and Council High Adventure opportunities. Tom will be working closely with the Council Properties Committee to develop a long-range strategy for council camping.

## **Microbrewery Moving in to Muskegon**

In Michigan, Bell's beers are some of the best locally brewed beers available throughout the state. Now a former head brewer of Bell's, Steve Buszka, and his wife are looking to open a brew pub and brewery in downtown Muskegon. The couple has purchased a turn-of-the-century building and has begun renovation to create the bar, restaurant and lounge

areas. A portion of the ceiling to the second story will be cut away to allow for the brew tanks.

The couple has formed the Muskegon Brewing and Distilling Co., and the brewery/restaurant is slated to be named Trunek's Grill Room. Currently they are aiming at a spring grand opening, but licenses may delay that. In addition to beers and root beer, they also plan to create and distribute flavored vodkas.

## **Big John's Stays Put**

It seems the plans to move Big John's Pizza in Whitehall have fallen through after the owner and the city couldn't reach an agreeable solution to move the location across the street, closer to the White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. Owner Jack Miller was working on a plan with the city of Whitehall that would have moved the location of the familiar red-roofed building at the turn in the road. Instead, Miller claims the deal he was offered by the city was changed and restricted many times over until it was no longer a desirable offer.

The city is looking to open up the view of White Lake and design a pedestrian plaza to draw more tourists and locals to the downtown area. Instead of the former plans, Miller says he will put money into improvements to the current location.

## **Yet Another Boat in the Fleet**

The OSA has continued its donations to help spruce up the OSR sailing base on Big Blue Lake. We have purchased another used boat, bringing the total number of boats to 15. This boat was sold by a family in Flint, Michigan, who were very pleased to hear it would be used by many Scouts as they learn to sail.

Our thanks to Dave Strenski, who borrowed a friend's truck and trailer, drove to Flint to pick up the boat and deliver the payment. On a later weekend, he then drove the sailboat from his house (in Ypsilanti, MI) to Owaspippe and sent along some pictures of the new addition. This was a pretty big task, and we're grateful he could answer the call to help us get the boat to camp safely before the winter.

This butterfly sailboat is the fifth boat the OSA has acquired for camp. The Regalados picked one during the Fall Fixit, and the Derbys picked up three over the summer, but this boat from Flint is the farthest we have traveled for a sailboat. One OSA member has pledged to purchase two more, and Troop 923 is considering purchasing a boat(s) in Chuck Kmiec's memory. We're proud of all these improvements and acquisitions to the sailing base.



# Galloping Grapevine



## **Cheryl (Voliva) Albrecht ~ Brownsburg, IN**

Congratulations to Cheryl Voliva and Kevin Albrecht, who were married on July 7th in a beautiful ceremony and reception. Cheryl has been a long-time OSA member and former staffperson at Reneker and Blackhawk in the 1980s. We wish the couple all the happiness in the world as they start a new life together. Congratulations!

## **Lester Busse ~ South Holland, IL**

Lester took some time to check in with us and let us know he's doing well. He lives in a retirement community in South Holland and would like very much to hear from fellow OSA members, Owasippe staffers or OA members. Many of his personal camp items were sold by family when he was sick, and now he would love to get reacquainted with his camp memories. If you'd like to drop Lester a note, stop by for a visit or offer a ride to an OSA event, here is his information: 16300 Louis Ave, #211, South Holland, IL 60473, (708) 225-6211.

## **Kelly and Andy Gorz ~ Fargo, ND**

Kelly and Andy are living in Fargo, but Kelly has taken a bit of a side trip. She will be spending the next few months in Antarctica with one of her geology professors and another student. They will be studying the changing geology of the very cold climate while a film crew documents their journey as part of a larger documentary. Follow the trip at [www.livingantartica.org](http://www.livingantartica.org). Andy is working toward his teaching degree. We're keeping both in our thoughts no matter how many miles they travel.

## **Jennifer (Kempa) and Kerry Kotwasinski ~ Cicero, IL**

Congratulations to the Kotwasinski family on the arrival of new baby Gabriel Michael, born on July 21st. Jennifer and Kerry welcomed the 9-pound baby to their family a little earlier than expected, but both mom and baby are doing well. Our best to the Kotwasinski and Kempa families on the brand new bundle of giggles.

## **Mike and Joseanna Moseby ~ Kenosha, WI**

We are happy to pass along the good news of the arrival of a baby boy, Luca Michael Moseby. Luca was born on October 4th weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces. Mike and his wife, Joseanna, are proud of their new family member. Congratulations to the whole family!

## **Chauncey Niziol ~ Westchester, IL**

On top of all the talents and skills Chauncey has mastered, he now can add the ability to perform wedding ceremonies. Chauncey went online and got himself ordained earlier this year to officiate the wedding of a friend. He wants everyone to know he's available for the very important role of performing weddings. Great addition to the resume, Chauncey!

## **Tom Patterson ~ Kansas**

Tom has been redeployed with his military unit and will be spending the next year in Iraq. He has been in Kuwait for a time gearing up. His wife, Tracy, and kids, Kaleb and Kaitlyn, are living in Kansas. Tom's parents are moving to Arkansas where they are building a house. Tom served on staff for many years in the 1990s. We send our thoughts and prayers for Tom's (and all our troops') safe and speedy return.

## Membership Corner

presented by Hans Anderson - Membership Chair

### **New Members**

Andy Brecklin  
Brian Daniels  
Kurt Wolff-Klammer  
Fred Schroeder  
John Max Weber

### **New Life Member**

Erwin Gines

**Welcome to the OSA family!**

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## See You at the End of the Trail

### **Harold Baker**

Harold passed away on September 26th at the age of 87. He was the father of OSA member Pete Baker and an active Cub Scout Leader at St. John of God Parish. Harold served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was buried with full military honors at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Baker family during this difficult time.

### **William Egan**

Bill, father of OSA member and active Scouter Bill Egan, passed away in mid-August. The elder Bill served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and, with wife Patricia, had many children and grandchildren including recent Owasippe Staffers Sean and Bethann. We are saddened by this news, and we keep the Egan family in our thoughts and prayers.

### **Chuck Kmiec**

Chuck, better known among the Owasippe family as "Buddha," passed away suddenly on August 31st from a heart attack. He was 56 years old. Chuck was the current Scoutmaster of Troop 923, a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, and served on camp staff in the 1960s and '70s. Chuck is fondly remembered by his friendly smile and hearty laugh that easily spread to all around him. His passion for teaching nature to Scouts and his constant singing in the dining halls and during changeover really showed his love of Owasippe and Scouting. As fellow OSA member Chris Bury writes, "Chuck was simply one of the best staffers ever to grace the grounds of Owasippe. Entire generations of Scouts were lucky enough to learn from Chuck, who imparted his knowledge with contagious enthusiasm."

Buddha was a charter and life member of the OSA, and his presence at OSA events always brought the exuberance to a higher level. Chuck served as Camp Director at Hoover Outdoor Education Center for the past two summers. His dedication and involvement will be dearly missed, and our hearts are heavy at the loss.

Troop 923 is planning to fund a sailboat at Owasippe dedicated to Chuck's memory. Any donations would be appreciated. We will print updates on how any memorial funds are enacted in his memory.

# Hey! Are your OSA dues up to date?

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

PLEASE check the 4 digit number on your mailing label. According to our records, that is the last year you paid your dues.

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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.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Year	Camp	Position

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Dates of Interest to OSA Members*

### *November*

- 8.....OSA Board Meeting
- 11.....Veteran's Day
- 15.....Shopping/Gift Card Deadline
- 23.....Thanksgiving
- 24.....Owasipalooza (OSA Pizza Night)
- 25.....Owasippe Staff Interviews #1

### *December*

- 9.....Owasippe Staff Interviews #2
- 13.....OSA Board Meeting
- 15.....OSA Board Nominations Deadline
- 25.....Christmas

### *January*

- 1.....New Year's Day
- 10.....OSA Board Meeting
- 15.....Vibrations Copy Deadline
- 15.....Ad Book Copy Deadline
- 20.....Owasippe Staff Interviews #3
- 21.....OSA/Chicago Wolves Outing





# Shopping/Gift Card Fundraiser

**Deadline:**

Shopping/Gift card orders must be postmarked by November 15th. 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  
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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 24th.

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 \$
<b>Grocery Stores</b>				
Dominicks	4%	\$25		
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$25		
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$100		
Walgreens	2%	\$20		
CVS Pharmacy	2%	\$10		
Ultra/Strack & Van Til	2%	\$20		
Sara Lee Outlets	13%	\$10		
Fannie May	24%	\$20		
<b>Restaurants</b>				
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%	\$10		
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		
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Outback Steakhouse	5%	\$25		
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Pizza Hut	8%	\$10		
Red Lobster	8%	\$25		
Starbucks	5%	\$10		
Sweet Tomatoes	8%	\$10		
TGIFridays	8%	\$25		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
<b>Retail</b>				
Amazon.com	5%	\$25		
American Eagle Outfitters	9%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10		

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<b>Retail Cont.</b>				
Bath & Body Works	14%	\$10		
Bed Bath & Beyond	6%	\$25		
Best Buy	2%	\$25		
Borders Books	8%	\$10		
Carson Pirie Scott	9%	\$25		
Circuit City	2%	\$25		
Claire's	7%	\$10		
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		
KOHL'S	4%	\$25		
Linens & Things	8%	\$25		
Lowe's Home Improvement	2%	\$25		
Macy's	8%	\$25		
Menards	3%	\$25		
Office Max	4%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$25		
Payless Shoe Source	10%	\$10		
Pier One	5%	\$20		
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Sears	3%	\$25		
Shoe Carnival	4%	\$25		
Sports Authority	8%	\$25		
TJ Maxx	6%	\$25		
Toys R Us	3%	\$20		
Ulta Cosmetics	4%	\$10		
Williams Sonoma	8%	\$25		
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Blockbuster Video	7%	\$10		
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AMC Theaters***	13%	\$25		
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**NOTE: You must fill out both sides of this form completely and send in the whole form!**



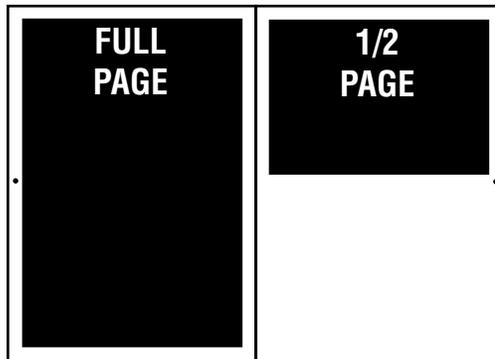
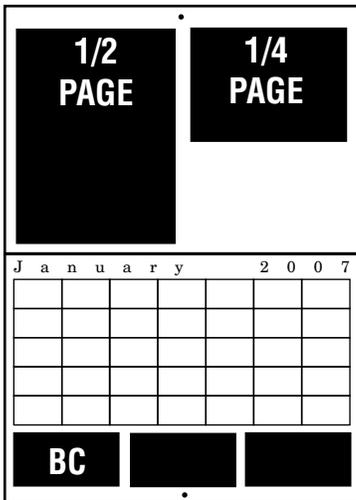
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As you probably know, Owasippe is located in scenic Western Michigan near Whitehall and Montague, and it is the nation's oldest Boy Scout summer camp. Owasippe serves youth and families from the Chicago area and throughout the U.S.

The first 26 pages of the Ad Book will be a 12-month calendar (March 2007 – February 2008). 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, 2007** using the form provided below.

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If you have any questions, please contact Ron Derby at (231) 557-0770.

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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