



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

Vibrations

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OOEC Gets Grant, Lawsuits Get Delayed

by Susan Derby - OSA Member

The struggle over Owasippe's future continues. But as of late, the news has been on the positive side. Three important events have taken place in the past few months.

First, the Owasippe Outdoor Education Center has received a \$5,000 grant from the Shaw and Betty Walker Foundation of North Muskegon. The Walker Foundation has provided funding and support for many land preservation efforts throughout Michigan over the years. This is a great shot in the arm for the OOEC in its quest to purchase the property and operate a camp and conference center year round.

The OOEC has continued to present its plan to potential donors to line up the millions of dollars needed to purchase the property. On the flip side, the Chicago Area Council has steadfastly maintained its legal battle with the Blue Lake Township to change the zoning of the property from its current forestry-instructional category to residential. Though the Council had filed two cases in county circuit court and one in federal, they are one by one being denied or delayed. The federal case has been stayed until there is a decision in the circuit court. The circuit court case seeking damages from the township has been rejected because the Council placed the suit without first seeking a variance from the zoning board of appeals. The judge in the case stated that the Council needs to exhaust all steps within the township process before the case can be heard in Muskegon County Circuit Court.

In the third court case, the Council is suing the township claiming the current zoning is unconstitutional because it limits the use of the land to nature instruction and prohibits

residential development. That case was scheduled for March of this year, but after a request from the Council attorneys to speed up the process, the judge instead delayed the case until August of this year. The delay is neither harmful nor beneficial on the side of the township.

It is interesting to note that the Council continues to pursue these cases actively despite its statements at the open meeting last fall that the current interim executive board would leave the Owasippe sale issue for the new, elected board to decide. Reportedly, the council has filed its appeal to the Blue Lake ZBA.

In a final note of Save Owasippe interest, the story ranked as the second most important story of 2006 in the White Lake Beacon. 2006 saw the public hearing in January, the rejection of the Council's rezoning request by the Blue Lake Zoning Board and Township board as well as the Muskegon County Metropolitan Planning Commission, the filing of three lawsuits on behalf of the Council, and the 95th anniversary celebration of Owasippe Scout Reservation. The only story ranking higher was the opening of the indoor waterpark at the Double JJ Ranch in Rothbury. Owasippe also ranked in the top 10 news stories of 2006 for the Muskegon Chronicle.

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



Dinner Dance Set for March 3rd

The 29th OSA Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance will be held on March 3, 2007, at European Chalet Banquets (5445 South Harlem, just south of I-55). Dress for a semi-formal night of dinner, spirits and fellowship. This is a great chance to call some camp buddies and host a reunion of the old gang. Doors open at 6 p.m., and family-style dinner will follow the closing of board elections.

During the evening, we will hold our annual meeting, present awards (including Member of the Year and Honorary Life Member), make special recognitions, conduct elections

and, of course, we will be raffling off some wonderful prizes. Raffle prizes are listed later in this article, and the slate of candidates for the election is featured on page 5.

We will again be using the "Golden Ticket/Green Ticket" system. Each Dinner Dance ticket is \$35 if your reservations are postmarked by February 23rd. A Golden Ticket will be mailed (or confirmed by phone) to each OSA member who has their ticket and membership dues paid for by February 23rd. A Green Ticket will be mailed (or confirmed by phone)

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President's Perspective by Ron Derby - President

For the past ten years, I have served on the OSA Board of Directors. The last six of those were as your President. When you consider that I'm only in my mid-30s, ten years is a long time! Almost a third of my life.



I can honestly say it has been a great ten years. I have worked with some great people both on the Board and on staff. I have worked for some terrific people... the Scouts and Campers of Owasippe... and of course you guys, the OSA members.

During that time, **WE** have accomplished some amazing things together. **WE** have built up program areas and facilities at camp, **WE** have built up our membership, and **WE** have built up the financial means to take on just about any project. And, during the darkest of times, **WE** have been at the forefront of the struggle to save Owasippe.

A couple years ago, my fellow Board Members and I discussed a disturbing trend that we were noticing. We realized that it was becoming more and more difficult to get new blood elected to the Board. It was just too tough for new people to get their foot in the door. Together, we came up with a plan to give new folks a chance and give sitting directors a break. We amended the OSA Bylaws to include a two consecutive-term limit for Board Members. This means that a Director must take at least one year off after serving six consecutive years on the OSA Board. This is not a permanent term limit, just a one-year break between every two consecutive terms. We feel confident that this amendment will bring some needed energy and diversity to the board.

Anyway, long story long... my time has come... along with Mike Campbell's. I am retiring from the OSA Board effective as soon as the new officers for 2007 are elected on March 3rd at the Annual Meeting. I have had a wonderful time working for you (and with you) in support of the OSA's missions. I will miss serving on the Board. That being said, I will not be back after a year off... this is it for me.

I still owe Owasippe a debt of gratitude that I will work the rest of my life to try to repay. I will still be at most OSA events. I will still put the newsletters and ad books together. I will still maintain the website. I will still help train CITs. I just won't be on the Board anymore.

To everyone that I have served on the Board with over the years, I thank you. You have all worked extremely hard for far less thanks than you deserve.

To all the volunteers with whom I have "chewed the same dirt" at Fix-its, I thank you. OSA Members... the people... are what make this organization great. The OSA accomplishes great things because we have great members who give a damn when no one else will.

To my wife Susan, my most trusted advisor, the poor soul who married into my OSA obsession... I thank you. You are the best and I truly could not have lasted this long without you by my side.

In closing, I hope you will support my successor the way you have supported me. I look forward to toasting a new OSA President with you on March 3rd. -- RD

Dinner Dance (cont. from pg. 1)

to each non-member who has their ticket paid for by February 23rd. Present your Golden or Green Ticket at the door, receive your ballot if eligible, and you're set to meet and greet friends! In order for this to work smoothly, we will need the names of all the attendees in your party as well as an indication of their membership status (see flyer/order form enclosed). PLEASE NOTE: After Feb. 23rd, the ticket price goes up to \$45 each. Regretfully we can no longer accept IOUs. Advance reservations can only be made with accompanying payment.

Last year's raffle turned out to be very successful and popular, so we will be running things the same way this year. A limited number of tickets for each prize means better odds for you to win!

The prizes offered are as follows:

Canon Digital Camcorder (ELURA 100)

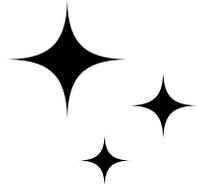
70 tickets available at \$10 each

Apple Color iPod with Video (80 GB)

70 tickets available at \$10 each

\$350 Cash Prize

70 tickets available at \$10 each



Tickets for the raffle can be purchased in advance, and you need not be present to win. See flyer for more details!

Don't wait, fill out the order form insert, send it in and reserve your spot today! If you have any questions, you can call the Events Chair, Candy Merritt at 708-354-9837.

Vibrations always needs copy!

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

→ OSA Vibrations
P.O. Box 7097
Westchester, IL 60154
e-mail: vibrations@owasippe.com

Got old shirt?



We are rolling out a new line of OSA goods at the Dinner Dance in March... so bring a little extra cash with you and get yourself some brand new OSA gear!

The November shopping/gift card order raised \$566 for the OSA. This time almost half of the funds were raised through the purchase of Dominicks and Jewel gift cards. Buying these gift cards is a great way to help the OSA every week as you do your grocery shopping. Dominicks and Jewel offer \$25 and \$100 gift cards. If you would like to purchase the cards, please make a note on your order form, included in this newsletter (green insert) and available for download on the OSA website.

Gift cards aren't just for gifts. It's important to remember that you can do just about any type of shopping with the cards offered in the program. Buy yourself a couple cards for your favorite restaurant and treat yourself to a nice dinner out. Or, buy yourself a Blockbuster Movie Night card... you get two movie rentals, two Cokes and a bucket of microwave popcorn for \$12, AND the OSA makes 17% through your participation! You'd be surprised what a nice treat it can

be after a tough week to look in your wallet and find a Blockbuster night of entertainment waiting for you.

Even if you can only set aside enough money for one or two gifts cards, you'll be supporting the OSA, and the best part is, it costs you nothing extra! There are many members who take part in the program but we're always looking to add to that participation. Just think of how much we could raise for OSA programs if each of our 450+ members bought a few cards each time. Now imagine if those 450+ members also got co-workers, family members and friends involved!

This coming round of orders is due February 21st. Cards will be delivered at the OSA Dinner Dance on March 3rd. They also can be mailed for an additional charge. We thank everyone who participates in this ongoing fundraiser. It's a great way to help the OSA while still getting the full value of your dollars to spend as you like. Come on now, give it a try and see just how easy it is!

Ways to Help

by Ron Derby - President

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 above 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!

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!

Donate old Owasippe & Scouting Memorabilia...

If you just don't have room to display those neckerchiefs or Owasippe mugs, don't throw them away! Donate them to the OSA so that we can sell them as fundraisers. Over the past few years we have received donations of several generous memorabilia collections and we have been able to raise considerable funds at trade-o-rees. You get a deduction, it helps the OSA, it makes room in your crawl space AND your Owasippe stuff winds up finding new life in someone's treasured Owasippe collection. You can't go wrong! Contact Ron Kulak at 708-647-7911 and arrange for a memorabilia pick up.

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.

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 6:15 to 7 p.m.

Alternately, signed ballots will be accepted via the U.S. mail (see ballot below).

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 hans_de9@sbcglobal.net or (773) 631-9962.

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.

Absentee Ballot

Owasippe Staff Association



2007 Board of Directors
Official Mail-in Ballot

Mail-in ballots MUST BE SIGNED for authenticity and received at the P.O. Box by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, February 23, 2007 to be counted in the election.

**Owasippe Staff Association
Attn: 2007 Elections
P.O. Box 7097
Westchester, IL 60154**

Vote for 3 candidates

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Joe Alonso

Ryan Gust

Steve Henclewski

Andy Lukasiewicz

Michelle O'Connor

Bob Pagels

write-in _____

write-in _____

write-in _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Meet the Candidates



Joe Alonso, age 46, is single and lives in Sheridan, Illinois, but anticipates a job-related move to Woodridge soon. He has been employed by the Girl Scouts of the USA for 15 years. He currently serves as site manager (ranger) of Camp River Trails of the Prairie Winds Council. Joe is a graduate of Southern Illinois University, where he majored in outdoor recreation. He is an Eagle Scout and camped at Owasippe with Troop 135. Later, he joined the Owasippe staff, where he first worked at the survival outpost. He then managed the trading posts at Camp Wolverine North and Ad Center. In his sixth and final year on staff, he managed the Ad Center complex. He also served a number of years on pre-camp and one on post-camp. Joe's hobbies are camping and canoeing. "I would like to find creative ways to increase OSA membership, to develop exciting membership events and to implement the ideals of the OSA."



Ryan Gust, age 23, lives in New Lenox, Illinois. He attended Joliet Junior College, where he received his Associate Degree. He expects to complete his B.A. degree in Mass Communication at Governor's State University in 2008. He is employed by Provena St. Joseph Medical center as a food service supervisor. Ryan joined Scouting in 1996 and camped at Camp Carlen until joining the Carlen staff in 2000. A Scoutcraft director at Carlen and later at Wolverine, he was selected by his peers as Staffman of the Year for five consecutive years. This summer, Ryan will direct Camp Wolverine. Besides Scouting, Ryan enjoys a wide variety of outdoor sports and activities. "I will utilize my seat in the OSA to convey my own passion toward Scouting and Owasippe as a whole, and with that, be part of the cooperative efforts to retain what has already been achieved by the OSA."



Steve Henclewski, age 50, lives in Lowell, Indiana, with his wife Chris Sanchez. His son Roman and stepson Christopher are Eagle Scouts. Steve is an IBEW journeyman electrician. A recipient of the CAC Silver Beaver Award and a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow, Steve has served in a variety of Troop positions, including Scoutmaster. As a Scout, he camped at Owasippe for six years. Later he served on the Owasippe staff for five years, four as a commissioner at Camp Blackhawk and one as director of Camp Wolverine. He is National Camp School trained in commissioning and in program. His hobbies include fishing and canoeing. He has just completed a one-year position on the OSA Board of Directors: "I want to help Owasippe reach 100 years."



Andy Lukasiewicz, age 24, is engaged to Chrissy Bendetto and lives in Berwyn, Illinois. He is a certified massage therapist and works at American Chiropractic in North Riverside. He has been a Scout for 17 years and in 1999 became an Eagle Scout. He currently serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 644. Andy has spent a decade on the Owasippe staff. After his CIT year, he staffed at Camp Carlen for five years and at Camp Wolverine for three years, working as a field sports director and a commissioner. In 2004, he served as Assistant High Adventure Director. From November 2005 to March 2006, Andy was appointed to fill a temporary vacancy on the OSA Board. "I think we all must be of the mindset to make camp last or no one else will."



Michelle O'Connor, age 24, lives on Chicago's Near West Side. She is the assistant manager of the Lakeshore Learning Store and is currently pursuing degrees in mathematics and English. She joined Girl Scouting in 1987 and earned her Gold Award in 1999. Since 2003, she has been a leader for Cadette and Senior Troops (ages 12-18). Michelle joined the Boy Scouts in 1997 at the same time she joined the Owasippe staff, where her father, Mike, has also worked. She worked at Camp Reneker from 1997 through 2003 and in 2004 became the Project COPE director. She is currently a member of the CAC Camping Committee. In 2005, she served on the National Camp School Staff. Her hobbies include reading, visiting the Field Museum and cheering on 'da Bears. "I would like to use my knowledge in a wide variety of program areas as well as my other Scouting experiences to help the OSA continue its support of our wonderful camp."



Bob Pagels, age 49, is married and a father of four. He resides in Downers Grove, Illinois, where he has lived for five years. He is a graduate of Illinois State University, with a degree in marketing. He has been employed since 1988 by NSK Corporation as a sales representative. While a youth, Bob rose through all ranks of the Scouting program. He is a second generation Eagle, having earned his Eagle Scout rank with Troop 729 in Palos Heights. He worked at Owasippe for four years in the mid 1970s, including a year in the CIT program, two years on the Stuart waterfront, and a year in Pack & Paddle. For the last four years, Bob has served on the Owasippe Staff Development Team, assisting in the training of CITs. He is a Life Member of the Owasippe Staff Association and believes deeply in the Scouting program. "I look forward to serving on the OSA Board as another means to reimburse Owasippe and Scouting for all it has provided me."

What a Ball!

by Candy Merritt - Events Chair

The annual Cosmic Bowling Night was another great night of fun for those who attended. Despite a last-minute change in location, a few dozen OSA members and friends came out for a night of pizza and bowling. Everyone had a great time competing for the "Phyllis Award," the cute little bowling trophy found by Deanna Chesniak at a garage sale. She just couldn't pass it up, and now it has become the circulating award for the best score of the evening. You have to check out the photo of this to really appreciate the appeal.

Though there was much competition from Andy Marhoul, Andy Lukasiewicz, and others, the award ultimately went to Steve Henclewski and Chris Sanchez. They will keep Phyllis in a safe place and bring it back next bowling night to defend their title or pass it on to the next winners. This highly coveted award will be cycled to the new winners each year, to be proudly displayed on the mantel and providing bragging rights to all who may see this tasteful trophy.

Thanks to all who came out for the evening! We hope to see even more people at this year's Cosmic Bowling Night to compete for Phyllis and share some smiles with friends.



See more bowling pics on page 7.

Pizza-Perfect Evening

by Ron Kulak - OSA Treasurer

We had a full house at Owasippalooza this November. More than 80 people came out to enjoy a casual night of pizza and relaxing conversation at the European Chalet Banquets hall. All ages and eras of staff were represented, and we saw some new faces there too.

18 pizzas were devoured from Obie's Pizza on Archer Ave, a traditional favorite. There were also some great door prizes ranging from steak knife sets to certificates to some of Chicago's top restaurants. A big thanks to Chauncey Niziol, Bill Van Berschot and Ron Kulak for rounding up those prizes. Two split-the-pot raffles also meant the lucky winners went

home with some extra cash.

Also available to members were a variety of camp memorabilia and collectibles for sale, such as old camp mugs and patches, and many took advantage of the display to purchase a few things for their own personal collections. OSA apparel and paraphernalia were also available for purchase.

Thanks to all the attendees for making the night such a success. A HUGE thanks also goes to Ron Kulak for organizing the evening. This is an annual event every Friday after Thanksgiving, so mark your calendars now to attend the 2007 Owasippalooza!

On the "Black Trail"

by Susan Derby - OSA Member

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!

Ron and I like finding antique stores to stop in when we have an hour to spare or just when we need to stretch our legs for a bit. One of our all-time favorite antique shops is the one just off Rt. 31 north of Holland but south of Grand Haven. Heading north, we watch for the big white sign with red letters that announces the "Antiques" inside. You'll know you're in the right place if you see the front windows filled with wood shelving and glass items.

This place looks small from the front, but it has a bunch of different dealers inside who carry a variety of different antiques. This is the antique store where Ron found the largest eagle in our metal eagle collection – it looks just like the one on the Eagle Scout medal and is about two feet tall! The store has excellent glass wear, book, sports, furniture and knick

knack selections as well. Every stop brings new discoveries.

This is the perfect place to stop on the way home from a Fix-It. Sleep in, enjoy a quick breakfast, and hit the road. Once every other month in the warmer weather, they have booths set up outside in the parking lot for more chances to get some great antiques at low prices. If you see the flea market out front, definitely stop to see what's available!

Grand Haven Antiques is our favorite stop whether we have 30 minutes or a few hours to spend. Let us know what you find if you stop there!

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OSA Candlelight Bowl (October 28th)

Photos courtesy of Tricia Monahan



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



Chicago Wolves Game (January 21)

Photo courtesy of Hans Anderson



Owasippe 2007 Wish Lists

The Camping Committee and Owasippe Staffers have compiled the following lists 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 Spring Fix-it.

Reservation-wide Scoutcraft Supplies

- Compasses
- GPS Receiver
- Demonstration Tents (Dome, Backpacking, Wall, Ridge)
- Cast Iron Dutch Ovens
- Dutch Oven Lid Lifters and Pliers
- 1/4" Manila Rope (1000 ft. per camp)
- 1/2" Manila Rope (500 ft. per camp)
- Backpacking Stoves
- Water Purification Pumps
- Frame Backpacks (internal and external)
- Binder's Twine
- Burlap Sandbags
- Cook Kits (pots, plates, frying pans)
- Cooking Grates
- New Patrol Boxes (at least 3)
- Updated Merit Badge Books (at least 3 per badge)
- Spars, 10 ft. tall
- New Floor Boards (6-8 per camp)
- New Duck Boards (3-4 per camp)
- Survival Kits
- Picnic Tables
- Fireguard Tools (shovels, rakes, etc.)
- Woodsman's Tools (3 of each... 3/4 axes, Bow Saws and/or new blades, hatchets)
- Sharpening Tools (Bastards File, wet stones)
- Laminated Owasippe Maps
- Plastic Tarps
- Lockable Storage Shed (1 for each camp)
- Crosscut Saws
- Sponsors for Campschool Training

Camp Wolverine Supplies

- Florescent bulb for North Lodge bathroom 24"
- New roll towel dispenser for North Lodge bathroom
- Inexpensive copier for camp office
- New program boxes for program areas
- Larger mantels than are issued currently
- Carport tarp for Eco-Con
- Rubber door mat
- Small air conditioner for photo outpost to keep building at a reasonable and safe temperature.
- Better rods and reels for Fishing Outpost
- Pool water temperature thermometer
- Functional head block for backboard
- 2 ring buoys for boat docks
- 3 throw bags
- 2 100-foot good-quality hoses and reels
- Additional canoe paddles, especially medium and large



News & Notes

New Tools For Maintenance

This winter, the OSA bought \$250 in Bosch tools for the maintenance and ranger staff at Owasippe. This is just one of the many things we do with the funds we raise. But to help our dollars go further, we get a big hand from Jen Kotwasinski, who works at Bosch. She has offered on a few occasions to use her employee purchasing discounts during certain times of year to help us get great tools at excellent prices.

Through Jen, we are able to provide a list to head ranger Al Geisler so he can select the tools most useful to him. These tools help the maintenance staff more easily accomplish the long list of needs for the camp both during the summer and in the off-season.

Our thanks to Jen for this continuing arrangement! Our members can be proud to know they are helping camp in many ways when they give to the OSA. We do the most possible with every dollar earned.

Mini Museums for Sale

The Corner House of Gifts located in Whitehall is selling a two-dimensional, wooden miniature of the Owasippe Scout Museum from their Cat's Meow Collection. The collection features numerous buildings specific to the White Lake area including Dog N Suds, White Lake Playhouse, Corsi's Local Pub and other attractions.



The mini museum sells for \$17 plus shipping (Chicago Area via UPS is around \$8.12). They charge for shipping but only what UPS charges them. The piece can also be viewed and purchased on their website at www.cornerhouseofgifts.com/~corner/cgi-bin/cart.cgi/1306.html.

We are pleased that the E. Urner Goodman Memorial Museum is among those landmarks selected to be a part of this collection. You can take your own little piece of Owasippe home with you, thanks to the Corner House of Gifts.

Editor's Note: While we encourage the support of White Lake area businesses, it is important to mention that 0% of the proceeds from the sale of these mini-museums goes toward Owasippe, the OSA or the OOEC.

Gerald Ford Connection at Duck Lake

The passing of former president Gerald Ford has brought up many bits of information and memories. One of which is the fact that he once served as a camp counselor at the former Boy Scout Camp Shawondossee, which is now Duck Lake State Park near Owasippe. A monument pays tribute to the glory days of the camp and its



famous former counselor.

The Camp Shawondossee Staff Alumni Association paid for and placed the monument, specifically mentioning Ford, the first and only Eagle Scout to become president. The only remains of the camp are the foundations of the buildings that once housed hundreds of campers each summer until 1968 when the camp closed. The monument is on the steps of the old dining hall.

Camp Shawondossee spent the first two years of existence at Kirk Park in Holland before the Boy Scouts sold the land to Ottawa County. In 1928 the camp was moved to the north side of Duck Lake in Fruitland Township, where Ford served as a camp counselor that year.

Last Ball Rolls at Pinhead's

Pinhead's, the only bowling alley in the White Lake area, has closed its doors as of October 26th. The owners decided to call



it quits on the restaurant/recreation destination after years of ownership and many renovations. After rehabbing much of the bowling, eating and game area, the income wasn't able to keep up with the growing overhead of the facility. They admitted that the location – right along the lakeshore and just steps from the downtown shopping stretch – was perfect, but it just wasn't able to meet the income goals.

The family owns another 10-lane bowling center in Cadillac. Pinhead's has been sold to the Gilmore Group who is now looking for another buyer. They hope it will remain a bowling alley, as many of the upgrades made by the previous owners are still current and in excellent condition. In the meantime, the six leagues that called Pinhead's home have either disbanded or found other area bowling alleys to accommodate their leagues.

Membership Corner

presented by Hans Anderson - Membership Chair

New Members
Arthur Krumrey
Megan McGrath
Ausra Petry



Welcome to the OSA family!

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Galloping Grapevine



Isaac Armstrong ~ Antioch, IL

Isaac's mom wrote in to share the offbeat news of Isaac's haircut. It was required for his part as Ralphie in the stage version of A Christmas Story over the holiday season. As many of you know, Isaac's hair had grown half way down his back and was a distinguishing feature of his around camp for the past few years. He donated the 11 inches of cut hair to Locks of Love to be used in hairpieces for children suffering from long-term hair loss from a medical condition. We look forward to seeing Isaac's new look.

Frank Chlebek ~ Chicago, IL

Frank has accepted a position as Senior District Executive with the Northwest Suburban Council in Mount Prospect. He says he loves the chance to do what he really loves, and it sounds like the council has kept him very busy in his first month on the job. Frank is working in the Signal Hill District, which includes Barrington, Lake Zurich, Long Grove and many other area towns. We wish Frank much success in his new position.

Bill Finkler ~ Chicago, IL

Bill's Troop (St. Andrew Troop 973) will be featured in the spring issue of Boys' Life magazine. The Troop brought their railroad speedercar to Centerville, Iowa this past August. Check out Boys' Life this spring for all the info and photos!

Ed Gorz ~ Chicago, IL

Ed has started his own accounting business helping people prepare and file taxes. If you are looking for someone to help with the coming tax season, head to EG Accounting & Tax Service, 10637 S. Pulaski Rd, in Chicago. Ed is a Certified Public Accountant and is looking to build his business. Ed worked on Owasippe staff for many years in the 1990s. Why not let a trusted Scout and fellow Owasippe staffman crunch those tax forms and save you the headache?

Doug Lotter ~ Aurora, CO

Doug was recently recognized by the Denver Post as an outstanding senior and scholar. Doug has served the past two summers on the Wolverine Aquatics staff and is the son of Lee Lotter and nephew of Bill and Judi Lotter. He was selected by the Denver Post for his strong academic performance and extracurricular involvement. He has a 4.0 GPA and is ranked first in his class. Doug is a National Merit Commended Scholar, an Eagle Scout, and a member of the National Honor Society and the tennis, lacrosse and roller-hockey teams. Congratulations to Doug on this recognition. You have truly accomplished so much, and we're proud to count you among the Owasippe staff.

Kathy Lotter and Jared Vanderpool ~ Edmond, OK

Congratulations to Kathy and Jared who became engaged on New Year's Eve! Both of them worked on Owasippe staff, Kathy in 1997 and 1998, and Jared from 1996 through 1998. Jared just completed his Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Ecology from Oklahoma State. Sounds like there is lots of great news from the happy couple. Our best to you both!

Kristin (Schaefer) and Dustin Mazanowski ~ Chicago, IL

Kristin and Dustin are new proud parents of baby Zachary Ryan Mazanowski. Zach arrived on January 12th and tipped the scales at 7

pounds, 4 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. He's got the genes to be a great basketball player, and we're sure his grandpa Bill Schaefer will be happy to help with the skills training. Congratulations on the new baby!

Michelle and Steve Probst ~ Chicago, IL

Congratulations to the proud new mom and dad! Their baby boy was born on December 27th. Preston James Probst was 6 pounds, 7 ounces and 20 inches long. Mom and son are doing wonderfully, and the whole family is so proud of the newest addition. We're so happy for the Probst trio!



See You at the End of the Trail

Bonnie Aleksic

Bonnie passed away in late November from complications related to cancer. She was the wife of Blackhawk Scoutmaster Mick Aleksic of Troop 969. She was 48 years old and mother of three teenage children. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Aleksic family and all who knew Bonnie.

Ron Martino

Ron, father of past OSR Staffmen Rick, Roy and Rusty Martino, passed on December 26th. The Martino family has long been a supporter of Owasippe, Scouting, the OSA and Troop 494 that was sponsored by St. John of God Parish from the old Stockyard District. We are so sorry to hear the news of his passing.

Larry O'Connor

Our deepest sympathies as we report the passing of Larry, a long-time supporter and active volunteer at Owasippe and the OSA. Larry was 56 at the time of his passing from an apparent heart ailment on November 5th. Many of the Owasippe family attended the wake and funeral to remember and honor the man who gave almost every summer weekend for the past 10 years to volunteer at maintenance at Owasippe. He was Troop 785 Committee Chair, Life Member of the OSA, Vigil Honor member of the OA, and summer camp leader with his Troop at Camp Blackhawk. His brother, Mike, and nieces Michelle and Christy are also camp volunteers and staffers.

As a youth, Larry grew up with his three brothers and sister in the South Shore Community of Chicago and was a Scout in Troop 595 where their father was also a Scout leader. He was heavily involved as an Arrowman in his local chapter and later became the ceremonial team advisor. His absence will be felt in many places in our Scouting community. We have lost a dear friend and great Scouter.

Michelle and Christy shared some moving memories of Larry at the wake, and Dan Troy led a touching memorial funeral service. A memorial fund has been established in his name through the OSA. The family will be helping determine the use of the funds collected.

Joe Tyeptanar

We are saddened to report the passing of Joe on January 18th from a heart attack. Joe was 80 years old. In addition to being a father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Joe was an amazing supporter of Owasippe and the Save Owasippe efforts. He was a Life Member of the OSA, and his Scouting involvement stretches almost 70 years. During that time, he earned the Silver Beaver Award, District Award of Merit and Vigil Honor of the OA. He was active in the Iroquois District of the CAC.

We will all miss "Mr. T" and his love and dedication to Scouting, his wit and wisdom, and friendly association. Our thoughts are with his wife, Mary, during this difficult time. Joe was a wonderful man who is remembered with much fondness.

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: _____

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Phone: _____ Birthdate: _____

email: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Staff, Service or Camping Years at Owasippe:

Year	Camp	Position

Employer: _____

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Children's Names & Ages: _____

Mail to:
OSA Membership
P.O. Box 7097
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New Member \$20 _____

Renewal \$15 _____

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February

- 14.....OSA Board Meeting / St. Valentine's Day
- 19.....President's Day

March

- 3.....OSA Dinner Dance & Annual Meeting
- 10.....Annual All-Day Director's Meeting
- 11.....Daylight Savings Begins (spring forward)
- 17.....St. Patrick's Day
- 30-31CIT Shakedown Weekend

April

- 1.....OSA Vibrations Copy Deadline
- 8.....Easter
- 11.....OSA Board Meeting

May

- 9.....OSA Board Meeting
- 13.....Mother's Day
- 18-20OSA Spring Fix-it
- 28.....Memorial Day





Shopping/Gift Card Fundraiser

Deadline:

Shopping/Gift card orders must be postmarked by February 21st. 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 Dinner Dance on March 3rd.

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%	\$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		
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%	\$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		
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		
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Wendy's	9%	\$10		
Retail				
Amazon.com	5%	\$25		
American Eagle Outfitters	9%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10		

Vendor	% to OSA	Card Price	Qty.	Total \$
Retail Cont.				
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		
Sally Beauty Supply	14%	\$25		
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		
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!



You are cordially invited
to an evening of great fellowship, fine food,
good spirits and raffle drawings at the



Owasippe Staff Association's Dinner Dance & Annual Meeting

at European Chalet Banquets
5445 S. Harlem Ave. • Chicago, IL 60638
on March 3, 2007
From 6 - 11 p.m.

Ticket price is \$35 per person (in advance)
and includes a family-style dinner with an open bar.

NOTE: Ticket prices go up to \$45 after February 23rd so make your reservations early!

There is limited parking available in the adjacent lot.

You can also park in Joe & Frank's Market on the corner of Archer & Harlem.

European Chalet Banquets is located three blocks south of the Stevenson Expressway (Interstate 55) on Harlem Avenue.
Midway Airport is only two miles to the east and out-of-town guests can easily find convenient accommodations.

For additional information, call
Candy Merritt at 708-354-9837 or e-mail candymerritt@yahoo.com

**REMINDERS: This is an 18 and over event. NO ONE under 21 will be served alcohol.
Responsible drinking and designated drivers are strongly encouraged.**

What are Golden or Green Tickets?

This year we are again using the "Golden Ticket/Green Ticket" system in a continued effort to speed up the check-in process. As mentioned above, each Dinner Dance ticket is \$35 if your reservations are postmarked by February 23rd.

- A Golden Ticket will be mailed (or confirmed by phone) to each OSA member who has their ticket and membership dues paid for by February 23rd.
- A Green Ticket will be mailed (or confirmed by phone) to each non-member who has their ticket paid for by February 23rd.

Present your Golden or Green Ticket at the door and you're set to meet and greet friends!

NOTE: In order for this to work smoothly we will need the names of all the attendees in your party as well as an indication of their membership status (see order form).

See reverse for the order form and raffle info!

Dinner Dance Raffle Info.

Drawings to be held at the OSA Dinner Dance/Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 3rd.
Winners need not be present. Advance orders **MUST** be postmarked by February 23rd.



Apple iPod Video, 80GB
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- Image stabilization
- Digital still mode



\$350 CASH

70 tickets will be sold
at \$10 each

Tickets quantities are limited, first come-first served.

Refunds will be made if prizes sell out before we receive your order.

Drawing will be converted to a cash prize if enough tickets aren't sold for a particular item.

OSA Dinner Dance & Raffle Order Form (Please Print)

OSA Member Name (s): _____
(Golden Tickets)

Non-Member Name (s): _____
(Green Tickets)

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Item	Qty.	Price	Subtotal
<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner Dance Tickets		x \$35	
<input type="checkbox"/> OSA Membership Dues Renewal		x \$15	
<input type="checkbox"/> OSA Life Membership		x \$350	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canon Digital Video Camera (raffle)		x \$10	
<input type="checkbox"/> iPod Video (raffle)		x \$10	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$350 CASH Prize (raffle)		x \$10	

Enclose a check payable to the OSA in the amount of:



Mail to:
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