



*The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association*

# Vibrations

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## Owasippe Trial Update

*by Susan Derby, OSA Member*

The zoning trial focusing on Owasippe was named as the top story of 2008 in the White Lake Beacon and the #17 top story in the Muskegon Chronicle. The trial's tenth and final day of hearings was Dec. 7th, and closing arguments were accepted in written form only through Dec. 21st.

At press time, there was no announcement of a decision by Circuit Court Judge Marietti nor any timeframe for such a decision. Many were hoping for a January ruling. Regardless of which side the case is decided in favor of, the controversy is expected to continue with the losing party expected to appeal.

The case is being watched carefully by many Michigan townships and municipalities as it will have great effects on their zoning authority.

Closing arguments from both sides are available on [www.OOEC.org](http://www.OOEC.org) and [www.fortdearborn.org](http://www.fortdearborn.org). As soon as any

announcement of a decision is made, the OSA will post it to the website, [www.owasippe.com](http://www.owasippe.com), and will send an email blast to all subscribers. Take a minute now to sign up for the email announcements on the OSA's site so you are among the first to hear Judge Marietti's decision on this very important case. ♣

### Financial Support Still Needed

The fight to save Owasippe is far from over. The OOEC and Blue Lake Township are fighting that battle on two separate fronts. Visit [www.ooec.org](http://www.ooec.org) or [www.owasippe.com](http://www.owasippe.com) to find out how to contribute the funds needed to prevail.



## OSA's 30th Anniversary Gala Set for March 1st

*by Ron Kulak, Board Treasurer*

On Saturday, March 1, the Owasippe Staff Association will host its 30th Anniversary Annual Meeting and Banquet at the William Tell Holiday Inn and Banquets, 6201 W. Joliet Rd. in Countryside, IL 60525. The evening's events will run from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. and is open to past and present OSA members and other friends of Owasippe. The cost is \$45 per person if paid by Feb. 16th, \$55 per person if paid later. Paid RSVPs are mandatory for seating, and **tickets will NOT be sold at the door**. This is an 18-and-over event only.

A family-style dinner will be served complemented by an open bar. OSA board elections will be held, and all registered OSA members may vote that evening prior to dinner. During the evening, a brief annual meeting will be conducted featuring some member recognitions and special awards followed by music and dancing for everyone's enjoyment. A raffle will be held featuring a Nintendo Wii and \$500 cash as prizes. An assortment of other items will be available via a silent auction. Do you have gift cards that you would like to donate, one with some value, or one that you have been meaning to use but probably will not? Bring them to the Dinner Dance for a special pot luck gift card auction!

A Golden Ticket will be mailed (or confirmed by phone) to each OSA member who has their ticket and membership

dues paid for by the Feb. 16th early-bird deadline. Golden Tickets also speed your check-in process the night of the event. Anyone receiving a Golden Ticket will be entered into a raffle to receive a free night's stay at the William Tell Holiday Inn where the banquet will be held. This drawing will be held on Feb. 20th.

Owasippe memorabilia and OSA apparel will be available for purchase. Membership applications, dues and donations will also be gladly accepted to help further the mission of the OSA in serving Owasippe.

Plans are also underway to conduct a Sunday morning brunch at the hotel for anyone wishing to join in fellowship one more time before leaving for home. Details will follow.

Discount hotel accommodations are available if you mention the Owasippe Staff Association and if placed by early February. You can contact the William Tell for room reservations at (708) 352-1101 or [www.williamtellbanquets.com](http://www.williamtellbanquets.com).

See the enclosed flyer for ticket order form and more details. Again, **tickets will NOT be sold at the door**, so you must RSVP. For further information on the evening's event, contact Events Chair Candy Merritt at (708)354-9837 or via [candymerritt@yahoo.com](mailto:candymerritt@yahoo.com). We hope to see you there for a grand reunion! ♣

## President's Perspective

by Tricia Groben,  
OSA President

It's time to celebrate the Owasippe Staff Association's 30th anniversary! It's hard to believe only 30 years ago, Thomas Crissey, Ron Kulak, Bill Lotter, Larry Miller, Chuck Nagel, Phil "Chauncey" Niziol, Jack "Tiny" Norman, Joe Sener and Scott Weber conceived the idea of a staff alumni organization that soon became the OSA. A lot has happened since our inception in 1978. We have elected 16 presidents, recognized 24 honorary life members, and grown our membership to more than 400 members. Beginning with the construction of the Wolverine shower house in 1982, we have completed countless projects at Owasippe, both big and small. So what does the future have in store for the OSA? Only time can tell, but I can tell you that the current Board of Directors is working hard to make sure that our next 30 years are as successful as the first.



First, we are trying to build our membership. Just as Owasippe hires new staff every summer, we'd like to see a constant stream of new members joining the OSA. At the January board meeting, we assembled a mailer inviting over 300 former OSA members to celebrate the 30th anniversary at this year's Dinner Dance. I'm hoping for a great turnout of past and current members as well as a few new ones too!

Second, we're trying to build our relationship with the groups of people who have an interest in Owasippe. We are trying to work with the CAC Camping Committee and the new director of camping to make sure that we are doing everything we can for Owasippe and its staff. Through this discussion, the board will be more informed and able to more effectively plan our fix-it projects and decide what contributions we want to make to the programs at Owasippe. We are also trying to build our relationship with Blue Lake Township, which labors tirelessly to preserve Owasippe.

Third, we are continuing to raise money, through the concert and gift card fundraisers as well as donations from members. Some of these funds will go towards smaller projects at the spring and fall fix-its, but we are saving much of these funds so that we can be prepared to undertake a big project at Owasippe in the future.

None of the things the OSA has done in the past 30 years would be possible without our membership. I'd like to thank everyone who's contributed by working at fix-it, helping out with a fundraiser or a making a donation. It is your dedication to and enthusiasm for Owasippe that has made the OSA what it is today and what it will become in the future.

I'd also like to thank our two outgoing board members, Ron Kulak and Candy Merritt. Both have served on the board for the past six years and cannot run in this election due to the two-consecutive-term limit. Ron has done everything from managing the OSA's finances as Treasurer to selling donated memorabilia at trade-o-rees to coordinating the annual pizza night. As the OSA's events chair, Candy has organized many enjoyable events for our members, including the family picnic, candlelight bowl and, of course, Dinner Dance. I'd also like to express thanks to Tim Toerber, who has just finished his first term on the board and second year as fix-it chairman. ♣

## Silent Auction Items Needed

The OSA is currently accepting silent auction donations for the annual Dinner Dance. These items can be anything from memorabilia to sporting equipment to spa gift certificates. If you would like to make a donation or request a letter for a donation, please call Bill Van Berschot at (312) 655-2481. And don't forget to bring any gift cards for a pot luck gift card auction! ♣

## Wish Weber Farewell

By Scott Weber,  
OSA Member

This year's Annual Meeting on March 1st will be an opportunity for me to say goodbye to many of you who I have known through the Owasippe Staff Association. I have known some of you since I first started working at Owasippe in 1968. I consider you my best friends, more so than my high school or college classmates. You were my brothers and sisters that were part of an extended family with a common thread of life and with whom I shared many a memorable moment during the camp staff summers and the years after once the OSA became a reality.

I am proud to have been part of the OSA as a member of the Board of Directors during its infancy and again later in the 1990s. To see the next generations of staff that joined and took the leadership reigns only solidified the mantra of being on camp staff, which was to train your successors, because we all knew that at some time we would have to give up our life during the summers and settle into being productive members of society outside summer camp.

This spring I will be moving from Michigan and joining my wife Cindy out in Arizona to begin a new life and new adventures in a land unknown. If you are on the fence as to whether or not you are going to attend this year's 30th anniversary celebration, please come as I would like to be able to see you again before I hit the blacktop trail West.

Hail to the Chief, and to the sons and daughters who lived the legacy of Owasippe. ♣

## Shop the GoodShop.com

by Tricia Groben,  
OSA President

The OSA recently received a \$156.66 commission check from GoodSearch.com for our membership's use of their search engine. GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates a penny per search to the charity its users designate. Use GoodSearch.com just as you would any search engine. Just bookmark GoodSearch.com, enter the Owasippe Staff Association as your charity of choice, and search away.

Now online shopping can raise money for the OSA too! GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall that donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Target, Gap, Best Buy, eBay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop. All you have to do is click on one of the retailers on the GoodShop site and start shopping! Be sure to enter the OSA as the charity you want to support, and we'll get a percentage of your purchase. ♣

# 2008 Election Info.

**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 1, 2008, 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
Timothy Toerber III (Secretary)	Ron Kulak* (Treasurer)	Candy Merritt*	2008
Tricia Groben (President)	Hans Anderson	Bill Van Berschot (Vice Pres.)	2009
Steve Henclewski	Andy Lukasiewicz	Michelle O'Connor	2010

\* Two consecutive term limit goes into effect.

## Who may vote?

Each OSA member currently registered (2008) 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 30th Annual Meeting (William Tell) on Saturday, March 1, 2008, from the time doors open until dinner is served.

Alternately, signed ballots will be accepted via the U.S. mail. A list of candidates, their resumes and a ballot are included in this issue of Vibrations.


**Be sure that you are currently registered (2008) 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.

**Winners** Those candidates receiving the largest number of valid votes will be inducted into the Board of Directors during the 2008 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



2008 Board of Directors  
Official Mail-in Ballot

Vote for 3 candidates

- Joe Alonso
- Andy Marhoul
- Kevin Oster
- Bob Pagels
- Tim Toerber
- Edgar Wolff-Klammer
- write-in  \_\_\_\_\_
- write-in  \_\_\_\_\_
- write-in  \_\_\_\_\_

Mail-in ballots MUST BE SIGNED for authenticity and received at the P.O. Box by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2008 to be counted in the election.

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Meet the Candidates

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**Joe Alonso**, age 47, is single and lives in Woodridge, Ill. A graduate of Southern Illinois University with a major in outdoor recreation, he works as a site manager for Camp Greenwood for the Girl Scouts-Prairie Wind Council. He camped at Owasippe with Troop 135. He worked his first year on staff at Survival Outpost, then managed the trading post at Wolverine North and Ad Center for a few years. His sixth year on staff, he managed the Ad Center complex. He also served a few summers on pre- and post-camp staff. Joe is an Eagle Scout, attended Philmont and enjoys camping and canoeing. Joe has lent a hand with the OSA's Annual Meetings and work weekends and enjoys attending the family picnic and bowling night. "I would like to help with increasing membership in the OSA by continuing current OSA events and creating new ones and to continue to implement the mission of the OSA."



**Andy Marhoul**, age 28, lives with his girlfriend of two-plus years, Kim Sturtevant, in Forest Park, Ill. While earning a BFA in photography from Columbia College, Andy also worked full-time as a union carpenter for five years at ALCA Carpentry before becoming an estimator for the same company in 2006. He began as a camper at Owasippe in 1991. Andy earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1997. Working at Camp Carlen since 1996, Andy spent three years in aquatics, one year as archery director earning Staffman of the Year, and one year as photography director. He has been part of the OSA ever since, giving time and fellowship. Andy would like to bring his construction and project management experience to the board to further aid in the rebuilding of camp. "The life lessons that I have learned at Owasippe have helped me always be positive. I want to make sure that sense of hope is in future Scouting generations of Owasippe as well."



**Kevin Oster**, 37, lives in Lockport, Ill., with his wife Susan (former Reneker staff) and two girls, Allison (8) and Emma (5). He works in the sales department for Hagg Press, a commercial printing company in Elgin. Kevin earned the nickname "Nature Dog" while working at Owasippe on the Blackhawk nature staff in 1988 and as area director in 1989 and 1990. He was Blackhawk commissioner and nature director in 1991 and assistant camp director in 1992. From 1994 until 2007, he has been a member of the CIT Staff Development Team. Kevin has served two terms on the OSA Board in the late '90s until 2003, holding the position of Treasurer. He also was a member of the CAC Camping Committee for a few years, responsible for some of the training of the nature staffs. "I would like to see an increase in OSA membership. Given the current state of things with the council, I think the role of the OSA has changed since I was last on the board. We still need to support Owasippe in any way we can, but until things are resolved in the courts, I believe it is important that the OSA maintain a strong membership base."



**Bob Pagels**, age 50, is married and a father of four. He resides in Downers Grove, Ill., where he has lived for six 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. Bob has served on the Owasippe Staff Development Team in the 1970s and again this decade, 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."



**Timothy Toerber** is 33 and single, living in the Uptown neighborhood of Chicago. He works as a locksmith at Northwestern University coordinating keyed and computerized security locks on buildings across the campus. Tim was a camper at Owasippe from 1984 to 1990 and began serving on staff the following year. From 1991 to '94, he worked in the main Trading Post, was COPE director in 1997 and '98, and was on the Ranger staff from fall 1999 to spring 2001. Tim has just finished his first three-year term on the OSA Board, working as Board Secretary and Fix-It Chairman. His favorite events are the picnic and pizza night because he likes to visit with old friends. "With the OSA's first 30 years under our belt, I would like to help start off the next 30. Planning and working towards our future and the future of Owasippe has been a great experience, and I hope to continue serving the OSA in these efforts."



**Edgar Wolff-Klammer**, age 47, is married and a father of three sons. His wife and two older sons have worked on Camp Blackhawk staff the past few summers. He lives in Skokie, Ill., and works for Underwriters Laboratories Inc. in Northbrook as a principal engineer. He has been involved with Scouting for 36 years and is an Eagle Scout. Currently he is the Scoutmaster for Troop 72 in Skokie. Edgar worked at Owasippe for five summers (CIT, three years at Camp Blackhawk, and one year on maintenance staff) during the late 1970s and early '80s. He is a Life Member of the OSA and has been active at work weekends, picnics, bowling and other OSA events. Besides Scouting, Edgar enjoys woodworking and woodcarving. "I deeply believe in the Eagle Scout Oath – to make my training an example, my rank and my influence count strongly, for better Scouting and for better citizenship, in my troop, and in my community and in my contacts with other people – and would work hard to continue this with the OSA."



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



## Owasipalooza a Hit

by Susan Derby,  
OSA Member

Thanks to all who came out in November for the OSA's Owasipalooza pizza night. It was a great gathering of past and present Owasippe staff as well as friends and family. There were even some long-lost members who attended, taking the chance to casually catch up with former staff buddies.

The pizza was devoured, and the split-the-pot raffles helped raise money for the OSA while also sending two lucky attendees home with a pocket full of cash. Big thanks to Ron Kulak and Bill Van Berschot for their planning and door prizes. Also thanks to Mike Campbell and Bill Tenner for manning the OSA apparel tables. ♣

## Gift Card Report

by Tricia Groben,  
OSA President

The November gift card order raised \$300 for the OSA. We received 20 orders! The deadline for the next gift card order is Saturday, Feb. 16th. This batch of gift cards will be delivered at the 30th anniversary Dinner Dance on March 1st. You can also have the gift cards shipped directly to you via Priority Mail with delivery confirmation for \$4.60.

Lend a hand raising money for the OSA all year long with this simple fundraiser. Get neighbors or coworkers involved too. This is a great way to budget the family groceries for the month, get ahead on buying birthday gifts, and treat yourself to a meal at your favorite restaurant – all while helping raise money for the OSA! ♣

## Get a Life for \$1 a Day

by Andy Lukasiewicz,  
OSA Board Member

Have you ever thought about being a life member? Many people, like myself, find \$350 at once a little hard to swallow. But did you know that the OSA now allows you to pay for a life membership on an installment plan? For less than \$1 a day for one year, you could be a life member in the OSA. The OSA board has decided to allow payment plans for life membership to be paid within one year's time. Pay monthly at about \$30 each or quarterly installments of about \$90. Cut back on daily coffee and get a life... membership. ♣

# Galloping Grapevine



## **Bob and Elaine Pagels ~ Downers Grove, IL**

The Pagels' daughter, Lea, has been volunteering and taking college classes in Ghana this school year. She will be there until mid-April working with Hope Community Orphanage, helping the 40 resident orphans with chores and schooling and focusing tutoring a boy named Alex who is 14 and needs basic instruction before he can start attending school. He was rescued by the U.N. from a rock quarry where he was a child slave since around the time he was three. Lea has been collecting money to use on helping build and fill a library for the orphanage as well as purchasing health items and recreation equipment. She also held a donation drive on campus, collecting two truckloads of clothes, bedding, books and more. If you would like to help, Elaine is coordinating donations: 4717 Main St., Downers Grove, IL 60515

## **Pete Kulak ~ Chicago, IL**

Pete's band played a great gig at Goose Island in Wrigleyville in January. This was a great break for the band and a very cool venue for them to play. We're hoping there was a talent scout in the audience and that contract papers are being signed, but who really knows. In any case, congrats to Pete on the big-name gig!

## **Don Studaven ~ Holton, MI**

We add our congratulations to Don on his recent receipt of the El Award, presented by the White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. At the chamber's annual meeting in November, Don was recognized for his leadership of Blue Lake Township, his efforts to maintain Owasippe Scout Reservation, and his work with youth. This is one of the two highest awards presented by the chamber annually. Congratulations on the recognition, Don!



## **See You at the End of the Trail**

### **Jim Benninger**

It is with sadness and a heavy heart that we report the passing of former Owasippe staffman Jim "Benny" Benninger. Benny passed away on Nov. 28th after a long recovery from a stroke. He attended last year's OSA picnic after his stroke and was in great spirits. It was good to see him making such strides toward recovery, but he said it was a difficult, uphill battle.

Until his stroke, Benny had been an active Scouter. He had served as a leader with Pack 3889, Troop 889, Troop 865 and Troop 148. In 2000, Benny became Shooting Sports Director at Camp Blackhawk and held the position for several years. His friend Samuel Vergara says, "Benny's whole life was Owasippe and the people he met there. His years at Owasippe were truly the best years of his life according to his sons."

Benny was known to be a little shaggy, quiet, but very friendly. And he was filled with great stories he loved to share once he got to know someone and open up. We were saddened to hear of his stroke earlier, and are filled with sorrow at his death. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

# News & Notes

## **High-Speed Wireless in Blue Lake Township**

Huge kudos to Don Studaven and the Blue Lake Township board for their courting of Arialink Broadband to the township. The company is constructing a wireless broadband tower behind the township hall on Owasippe Road and will be offering high-speed wireless Internet access to subscribers starting in January.

The cost to township residents will be \$18.99 a month, and the township is receiving revenue for giving its property for the tower location. This agreement brings WiFi to Blue Lake even before many larger surrounding cities in Western Michigan including Whitehall. Arialink's goal is to have county-wide WiFi coverage for Muskegon County by the end of summer 2008. This tower brings coverage to Blue Lake Township and portions of Dalton and Lakewood Club.

The township will collect \$300 per month from Arialink for the first year of the lease, \$400 per month for the second year, and \$500 per month for the third year. This is a unique income source, and it also helps out the residents since no company provides high-speed Internet access with the exception of costly satellite service.

## **Summer Camp Directors Named**

The following individuals have been named to key positions at Owasippe this coming summer: Chris Townsend (Reservation Director), Pete Klaeser (Assistant Reservation Director), Ryan Gust (Wolverine Director), Mike Brus (Blackhawk Director) and Beth Rychtanek (Reneker Director). The High Adventure Director is yet to be determined.

## **New BBQ in Whitehall**

US 31 BBQ is opening soon in Whitehall. The restaurant is expected to offer carry-out BBQ in the same recipe as its other area locations. It is located along Colby Street just a few doors down from the Morning Glory Café and the Geisler and Geisler insurance agency. The building used to house a gas/service station. The restaurant will be open in time for the summer camping season and will likely be open in time for the Spring Fix-It. Renovations and landscaping have taken much of the winter.

## **OSA Membership Corner**

*presented by Hans Anderson - OSA Board Member*

### **New Members**

Joe Carroll  
Lisa Cleveland  
Nicholas Burmester  
Cathlyn Whicker

### **New Life Members**

Dan Kleinfeldt  
Billy Kleinfeldt  
Michelle O'Connor  
Andy Lukasewicz

**Thank you!**

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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- Spring (Issue 1) January 15
- Summer (Issue 2) April 1
- Fall (Issue 3) August 7
- Winter (Issue 4) October 15

## ***Dates of Interest to OSA Members***

### *February*

- 13.....OSA Board Meeting
- 16.....Gift Card Deadline
- 16.....Discount Deadline for Dinner Dance Tickets
- 27.....Owasippe Leaders' Meeting #1 (at Five Holy Martyrs)

### *March*

- 1.....30th OSA Dinner Dance & Annual Meeting
- 9.....Daylight Savings Begins (spring forward)
- 13.....Owasippe Leaders' Meeting #2 (at Our Lady Mother of the Church)
- 17.....St. Patrick's Day
- 23.....Easter
- 29.....Annual All-Day Director's Meeting

### *April*

- 1.....OSA Vibrations Copy Deadline
- 9.....OSA Board Meeting

### *May*

- 11.....Mother's Day
- 14.....OSA Board Meeting
- 16-18.....OSA Spring Fix-it
- 26.....Memorial Day (observed)







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on March 1, 2008 from 6 - 11 p.m.*

at William Tell Banquets • 6201 W. Joliet Road, Countryside, IL 60525  
[www.williamtellbanquets.com](http://www.williamtellbanquets.com)

William Tell Banquets is conveniently located near I-55 and I-294.

Guests may take advantage of convenient accommodations at the attached Holiday Inn Countryside LaGrange (Mention the OSA for a discount). The hotel offers a complimentary shuttle to Midway airport and local areas within a 5 mile radius. Shuttle service must be booked in advance directly through the hotel.

Ticket price is \$45 per person (in advance)  
and includes a family-style dinner with an open bar.

**NOTE: Ticket prices go up to \$55 after February 16th so make your reservations early! Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.**

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Each golden ticket holder will automatically be entered into a raffle to receive a free night's stay at the attached Holiday Inn Countryside LaGrange. Drawing will be held on Feb. 20th

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For additional information, call or e-mail Candy Merritt at  
708-354-9837 or [candymerritt@yahoo.com](mailto: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 \$45 if your reservations are postmarked by February 16th.

- 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 16th.
- A Green Ticket will be mailed (or confirmed by phone) to each non-member who has their ticket paid for by February 16th.

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 30th Anniversary OSA Dinner Dance/Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 1st. Winners need not be present. Advance orders **MUST** be postmarked by February 16th.



**Nintendo Wii**  
70 tickets will be sold  
at \$10 each

**FEATURES:**

- Wii Console and Stand
- Wii Remote
- Nunchuk
- Wii Sports, which includes Tennis, Baseball, Golf, Boxing and Bowling

**\$500 CASH**  
100 tickets will be sold  
at \$10 each

There will also be  
a silent auction on  
the night of the  
dinner dance.

Tickets quantities are limited, first come-first served.  
Refunds will be made if prizes sell out before we receive your order.  
Wii Drawing will be converted to a cash prize if enough tickets aren't sold.

## 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 \$45*	
<input type="checkbox"/> OSA Membership Dues Renewal		x \$15	
<input type="checkbox"/> OSA Life Membership		x \$350	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nintendo Wii (raffle)		x \$10	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 CASH Prize (raffle)		x \$10	

Enclose a check payable to the  
Owasippe Staff Association in the amount of:

\* \$45 if purchased by Feb. 16th - price goes up to \$55 each after Feb. 16th. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.



Mail to:  
The Owasippe Staff Association  
c/o Dinner Dance  
P.O. Box 7097  
Westchester, IL 60154



# Shopping/Gift Card Fundraiser

**Deadline:**

Shopping/Gift card orders must be postmarked by February 16th. 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  
Owasippe Staff Association**

**Mail entire form and check to:**

Tricia Groben  
1044 Ontario, #2D  
Oak Park, IL 60302

**Questions?**

Contact Tricia Groben at  
tricia.groben@gmail.com  
or 708-334-1100

**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 1st.

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 \$4.60 no matter what!

I am selling gift cards as a fundraiser for the Owasippe Staff Association. These gift cards are accepted at stores where you normally shop, such as grocery stores and clothing stores. They can be used to fill up your gas tank, rent a movie, or pay for a meal at your favorite restaurant. They also make great graduation presents or Father's Day gifts.

If you'd like to place a gift card order, please fill out the form on the back of this page and return it to me by \_\_\_\_\_. Checks should be made out to the Owasippe Staff Association.

I will mail in your order and then deliver it to you by \_\_\_\_\_.

The Owasippe Staff Association is a non-profit staff alumni organization. We raise funds and provide volunteer labor for major service projects at Owasippe Scout Reservation, America's oldest Boy Scout camp. Our goal is the continued improvement of the camping experience of Owasippe's Scouts and families.

If you'd like to find out more about the Owasippe Staff Association, please visit our website at:  
[www.owasippe.com](http://www.owasippe.com)



Thank you for supporting the OSA!

<b>Name:</b>		
<b>Phone:</b>		
<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Qty.</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
<b>Groceries</b>		
Dominick's \$25		
Jewel \$25		
Jewel \$100		
Walgreens \$20		
<b>Car and Travel</b>		
Jiffy Lube \$30		
Speedway Gas \$25		
Marriott \$50		
<b>Restaurants</b>		
Applebees \$10		
Bennigans \$25		
Burger King \$10		
Chili's \$25		
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10		
Cold Stone Cremery \$10		
Lettuce Entertain You \$25		
Max and Ermas \$25		
Olive Garden / Red Lobster \$25		
Outback Steakhouse \$25		
Panera Bread \$10		
Pizza Hut \$10		
Starbucks \$10		
Wendy's \$10		

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Amazon.com \$25		
Barnes and Noble \$10		
Bath and Body Works \$10		
Bed Bath and Beyond \$25		
Best Buy \$25		
Borders \$10		
Carson Pirie Scott \$25		
Dick's Sporting Goods \$20		
Fannie May \$20		
Home Depot \$25		
Kohls \$25		
Lowes Home Improvement \$25		
Macy's \$25		
Old Navy / Gap \$ 25		
Toys R Us \$20		
<b>Entertainment</b>		
AMC Movie Theaters \$25		
Blockbuster Video \$10		
Blockbuster Video Night \$12		
<b>Checkout</b>		
<b>Total Amount Ordered</b>		
<b>Shipping (\$4.60 if applicable)</b>		
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