



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

Vibrations

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Judge Rules for Blue Lake Township

by Susan Derby, OSA Member

Judge Marietti ruled in early March in favor of Blue Lake Township on all counts in the zoning lawsuit brought by the Chicago Area Council. The 19-page ruling (available on www.OOEC.org under News & Updates) was released on March 6. The ruling is packed with Marietti's summaries, including that the 2002 zoning amendment to change the camps from FR to FRI didn't prohibit any uses of the property, that the land is a gem of Michigan, that the FRI zoning serves the public good, and that other camps in the area under the same zoning are thriving. In one portion of the decision focused on the factor of economic impact, Marietti cites Stone's testimony that CAC was losing money before the change in zoning, so FRI zoning is not to blame for CAC's continued deficits. Marietti also squarely supports the township's appraisal of \$12.3 million as currently zoned - vs. the CAC's appraisal of \$2.3 million - and discounts the CAC's appraisal on numerous counts. Marietti writes, "Based upon the findings that there was neither a denial of substantive due process as applied nor an unconstitutional taking, this Court declines the invitation to thwart the will of the public as expressed through the Township board."

This ruling is fantastic news for the Save Owasippe efforts. A decision in favor of the CAC would have been the next step

toward the sale to developer Ben Smith becoming a reality. But we're not out of the woods yet. The CAC Executive Board met on March 20 and voted 15-5 to pursue an appeal of the decision. Before that vote was taken, council attorney Devin Schindler presented his opinion that an appeal would not cost as much (estimates place the bill to the council thus far at \$1 million). Considering this first suit was filed in 2006 and not decided until 2008, we have a long road ahead of us.

On the flip side, Blue Lake Township has spent about \$250,000 to defend itself in the Owasippe case, and has filed a request with Marietti to order the council to reimburse the township for some of its costs.

At the same March 20 meeting, Charles Dobbins was officially installed as Interim Scout Executive, replacing Jim Stone who is set to retire June 1. Dobbins reportedly has taken the position of Scout Executive immediately. He most recently served as Associate Regional Director of Endowment. In a former position, he oversaw the merging of the Sinnissippi Council in southern Wisconsin/northern Illinois and Four Lakes Council in Madison, Wisconsin. Also National Council of the BSA has given the CAC a "provisional charter" to operate as a council - a move that has been described as putting the council on probation, according to council members. ♣

OOEC Names Major Backer

by Susan Derby, OSA Member

In March, the Trust for Public Land (TPL) announced its relationship with the Owasippe Outdoor Education Center. The national conservation group helps broker land deals with preservation in mind. According to the Muskegon Chronicle, the TPL reported \$220 million in revenue for its 2006-07 fiscal year on its 2006 federal tax filing. It is a national nonprofit land conservation organization based in San Francisco that since 1972 has preserved 2 million acres in 47 states valued at \$4 billion. It conserves natural places, parks, community gardens, historic sites, farms and ranches.

The OOEC and TPL have been working together privately for months lining up details of a possible purchase of Owasippe. TPL could provide a loan to the purchaser, or
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CAC Slates Defeated... Again

by Susan Derby, OSA Member

In another round of CAC elections, all slates were squarely defeated at the April 2nd annual meeting. Though slates weren't even announced until four days before the election, Chartered Organization Representatives arrived at the 5 p.m. meeting downtown Chicago and voted solidly against all five slates. The slates for Board of Directors, Advisory Board and Executive Officers were defeated by a margin of more than three to one. Council Representatives and Member At Large slates were closer, being defeated by a roughly two-to-one margin.

Many believe one of the contributing factors to the rejection of the slates was the removal of Jim Adamitis in exchange for Brian Kasal. Kasal had been identified as a
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As the OSA begins its 31st year, I can happily report that our annual Dinner Dance was a huge success. We had a great turnout as 203 people showed up to celebrate the 30th anniversary! A big thank-you goes to **Candy Merritt** for organizing this event for the fifth year in a row!



As with most OSA events, a lot of people contributed to make the dinner dance a success, and they all deserve to be recognized.

Bill Van Berschot organized the silent auction and it was a huge success, raising over \$1,500. Bill worked tirelessly to secure the many donations needed for the auction. A slew of people, including **Steve Henclewski**, **Andy Lukasiewicz**, **Michelle O'Connor**, **Suzy Smyth** and **Tim Toerber** helped sell raffle tickets for this year's "Ultimate Split the Pot." **Ron Derby** put together this year's ad book, a fundraiser that continues to be quite profitable. **Pat Monahan** served as emcee for the business meeting. His introduction reminded us why the OSA was founded and much of what has happened in the past 30 years. **Mike "Buda" Campbell** spent much of the evening selling OSA merchandise and apparel. If you didn't have a chance to see what's in stock, he'll have it all again at the Spring Fix-It. **Ron Kulak** brought Owasippe memorabilia and helped Candy coordinate with the different vendors for the dinner dance. **Susan Derby** served as election chair this year. She put together a great slate, and the election ran very smoothly. **Hans Anderson**, our membership chair, assisted Susan at the election table, making sure that all members were up to date on their dues and eligible to vote. Two new board members, **Bob Pagels** and **Edgar Wolff-Klammer**, were elected, and **Tim Toerber** was reelected to serve a second term. I would also like to thank all the candidates who ran for the OSA board.

If you weren't able to make it to the dinner dance, there are plenty of other ways to celebrate the OSA's 30th anniversary before the summer is over. Here are five suggestions:

1. Visit Owasippe! Join us at the Spring Fix-It on May 16th-18th. We'll be painting cabins at Reneker and helping get Owasippe ready for the summer. Contact Tim Toerber, our fix-it chair, to reserve a cabin. (see page 4)
2. Catch up with some old friends at the annual pub crawl on June 14th. Jack Newell planned this year's event which will take place at some German and Irish bars in Chicago's Lincoln Square neighborhood. (see page 4)
3. Bring your family to the OSA picnic on August 17th and play a game of softball. Edgar Wolff-Klammer is organizing the kid's games this year, so they are sure to be lots of fun! (see page 4)
4. Show your support by wearing OSA apparel out and about. Random people you meet will question you on your memories of Owasippe, what camp you worked at, etc. You might even recruit a new member.

5. Recruit a new member! We have 400-plus members, but wouldn't it be great if we had a few more? Invite a friend from camp staff or someone you've camped with at Owasippe to one of our events. Send people a link to our website at www.owasippe.com.

Regardless of how you choose to celebrate, take this opportunity to reflect on the good times you've shared with other staff and Scouts at Owasippe. Hopefully, you'll be able to create some new memories with those friends as members of the OSA. ♣

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it could finance the deal and hold the property until it was reimbursed by grants, private funds and organizations. It has brokered land conservation deals in many forms and wants to work with the OOEC to purchase Owasippe in its entirety from the CAC.

Though the council has yet to publicly let membership know if they are willing to consider a sale to the TPL/OOEC partnership now that the TPL has added its credibility to the deal, the OOEC's \$12.3 million offer stands as the only offer on the table aside from Ben Smith's \$19 million offer, which is contingent on rezoning away from FRI.

Another of OOEC's backers, the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute, would still be a major part of the funding and use of the camp if the deal can be made. All three groups share a common goal of outdoor education as well as protecting and preserving tracts of natural land. ♣

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 or www.owasippe.com to find out how to contribute the funds needed to prevail.



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"lightning rod" and was removed from the council governance during the reorganization following the Scouter-11 lawsuit. Many CORs still view Kasal as a lightning rod for negative action, whereas Adamitis is viewed as a frontline Scouter.

Council has set June 2nd as the date (5 p.m. at the same location as last meeting) for the reconvened annual meeting. By then, the nominating committee can adjust the slates or simply re-present the same slates (and hopefully announce them further ahead of time). Council President Mike Hughes presented a long-term plan for a reduced-size camp Owasippe, keeping just 1,000 acres and moving all activities and facilities as needed. The plan was met with jeers from the frontline Scouters present.

An expanded report of the meeting is available on the Fort Dearborn District's website at www.fortdearborn.org. ♣

Packed Dinner Dance Marks 30 Years

By Candy Merritt and Susan Derby

Did we have a great time or what? It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves at the 30th annual Dinner Dance, coming together to unite and reminisce about the years we spent as youths at Owasippe. It is hard to believe how time has gone by. I hope everyone had the opportunity to stop by the picture table to look back on some memories. If you did not catch the memorabilia, don't worry you can get it at our next big event. Thanks goes out to Bill Van Berschot who worked so hard at putting the silent auction together which was a big hit. Swoop is already making his reservations at the Palmer House.

About 200 OSA members, friends and guests were on hand at William Tell Banquets in early March to celebrate the OSA's 30th birthday. The evening was filled with great dinner, a productive annual meeting, elections, raffle drawings, a silent auction, and casual conversation. Guests were having such a great time that it was difficult to clear the hall at the end of the evening, and many guests opted to continue the gathering in the hotel bar.

Pat Monahan served as emcee of the Annual Meeting portion of the evening, and he began with a trip down memory lane. Pat had served as emcee of the first Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance. He noted that a vast majority of the nine founding OSA members were present that evening and highlighted some of the major accomplishments of the OSA over the last 30 years including reaching more than 400 members, major camp improvements, and ongoing staff programs and support.

During the meeting, the annual financial report and membership reports were presented as well as Life Member plaques of those who joined at that level this past year. Elections Chair Susan Derby announced the results of the very close election, with OSA Board of Director seats going to Tim Toerber, Bob Pagels and Edgar Wolff-Klammer. Because of the two-term limit, Ron Kulak and Candy Merritt were not eligible to run again for the OSA Board. Ron has excellently performed the role of treasurer for the past six years, and Candy has planned numerous events for members to enjoy. Both will be missed on the board but have promised to still lend a hand going forward.

Blue Lake Township Supervisor and OSA member Don Studaven gave a summary of the court battle with CAC and thanked the contributors to the township's legal defense fund. He said that fund was making it possible for the township board to more easily approach the legal fight to keep the zoning as-is. Owasippe Outdoor Education Center Chairman and OSA member Joe Sener also presented an update on the OOEC's efforts to purchase the property. He said they are ready to re-present the CAC with a letter of intent to purchase and asked for continued financial support of the OOEC.

Ron and Susan Derby were each presented with Honorary Life Member awards, the highest recognition bestowed by the OSA on its members. The contributions of both were reviewed, and they were humbly honored by the award.

Congratulations to the raffle winners! Joe Alonso won the \$500 cash drawing, and the Wii Game System went to Tom Chrissy. We had a bunch of wonderful silent auction prizes including theater/hotel packages, a huge basket of hair care

products, collectible patch sets, and a Frango Mint gift basket. Lots of people went home with a little something extra! Plus all attendees received an OSA travel coffee mug.

Thanks to Candy Merritt, Bill Van Berschot, and all the OSA board members for their hard work planning the event. And thanks to all those who attended, enjoyed the food and open bar (even when the taps broke), and the company of fellow Owasippe lovers. Thanks to all the candidates for coming early to help with preparation. Thank you for all the members who supported the raffles who were not able to attend the banquet.

We are currently looking for a new location with a hotel attached or nearby if anyone has any locations that they have had a good experience at, please e-mail Candy Merritt at candymerritt@yahoo.com. My thanks go out to everyone for coming and enjoying the evening and I look forward to seeing all of you again next year.



Photos courtesy of
Vince Rychtanek



Upcoming Events

the 2008 Spring Fix-it

All persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult chaperone.

Our primary project will be painting Reneker cabins, Adopt-A-Road Crew and getting Owasippe ready to open. Other projects may include roofing, carpentry, and more. Don't forget to bring a trunkload of tools for various projects!

May 16-18

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



Calumet Council's 19th Annual Boy Scout Memorabilia Show & Swap Meet!

Memorial Day Weekend

Friday May 23, 2008 • 6:00 p.m. - ???
Saturday May 24, 2008 • 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

St. Christopher's Church Gym

147th (Sibley Blvd.) & Keeler - Midlothian, IL

More Details

General Admission - \$1.50 - Scouts in uniform - Free
Refreshments Available... Lunch & Soft Drinks

Buy, Sell, Trade, Browse!

the Pub Crawl

**Saturday, June 14th
starting at 7:00 p.m.**

NEW LOCATION!
Lincoln Square
in Chicago

on Lincoln Ave.
between Lawrence
& Montrose

7:00-7:45 Huettenbar
@ 4721 N. Lincoln Ave.

8:00-8:45 Brauhaus
4732 N. Lincoln Ave.

9:00-9:45 Ricochets
4644 N. Lincoln Ave.

10:00-? The Grafton
4530 N. Lincoln Ave.

**must be 21
or older
to attend**

There will be beverage specials as well as raffles!

There's plenty of street parking on Western, Lincoln, Wilson, Lawrence and Montrose... and it's accessible via the CTA's Brown Line.

Food will be provided at the last stop...
& we are asking for a \$5 donation to cover Crawl costs.

Questions: contact **Jack Newell** at **jackcnewell@gmail.com**



Annual Family Picnic

Sun. August 17th, 11:00 a.m. (rain or shine)

Sundown Meadow

Entrance located on the west side
of LaGrange Road at 67th (just north of I-55)

Questions: contact **Candy Merritt** at
708-354-9837 or **candymerritt@yahoo.com**



News & Notes

DowntownWhitehall.com Launched

If you are ever wondering what's happening in Whitehall over the next few weeks, now you can check from home at www.downtownwhitehall.com. The website lists upcoming events and full details for all downtown happenings. This includes performances at the Howmet Theater, waterfront festivals, special events, parades and more. The site also pulls current news, has an interactive map, and lists ongoing improvements downtown as part of the Cool Neighborhoods revitalization plan. A business directory is available on the site so you can call ahead to check with individual businesses for hours or special events. You can sign up for email updates as well. Updates bring the best of what's happening to your inbox.

Another great source for business and event information is the White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce website at www.WhiteLake.org. The OSA is a proud chamber member.

Restaurant News in Whitehall

Attention all camp staff! Gary's is moving! The favorite breakfast destination for staff week and throughout the summer is planning a move to the old location of Ciabatta's (also past location of Michael's, The Sands, Diamondback Steakhouse and more), across Colby Street from Pizza Hut. They plan to be in the new digs by June 1 and may begin serving dinner as well as breakfast and lunch.

Also, Harbor View Grille is planning to open in late April. The restaurant, located behind Bell's Furniture in downtown Whitehall, overlooks White River and White Lake and plans to serve lunch and dinner. The menu is moderately priced, with burgers and sandwiches starting at \$6 and complete meals between \$8 and \$13. Weekly specials are also planned.

In a final piece of dining news, Crosswinds is again gearing up to reopen. The owner has worked out the liquor license, and she expects to be open in time for tourist season. There is little news at to whether it will be a similar menu as before (you may remember it was sold and reopened as Scales for a time), but the location with the dining deck right on White Lake is sure to draw customers. Happy dining!

Rothbury Fest

A huge concert is landing in Rothbury, just five minutes north on US-31 from Whitehall.

Rothbury Festival includes big-name musicians like Dave Matthews Band, John Mayer, Widespread Panic, 311, Primus, Modest Mouse, Snoop Dogg and dozens more. The event will happen July 3-6 at the Double JJ Ranch. One of the major focuses of the concert event is environmentalism, so much of the planning includes green-centered policies. There will be multiple stages, a marketplace, and think tanks for green awareness information. Plans currently state that guests will park their



cars and be shuttled around the facility to reduce emissions. Proceeds for the show will go to outfit a Rothbury school with solar panels to provide lasting energy replacement and as a bonus to the town of Rothbury for hosting the event.

Tickets are on sale now and run from \$100 for RV passes to \$250 for a full weekend ticket including campsite to \$475 for concert ticket and cabin lodging. Other higher-end lodging is available for even more. Full lineup, ticket ordering, and a bunch more info is available at www.rothburyfestival.com.

Silversides Adding Museum

One of the popular outpost attractions at camp is an overnight stay on WWII submarine USS Silversides. Now the sub is getting a brand new building to house related Navy and WWII-era artifacts, many of which have been stashed away in storage areas for lack of space to display them. A new \$2 million channel-side museum is scheduled for opening in mid-June, rounding out a visitor destination center that is expected to attract more than 50,000 visitors annually. Besides bringing the Silversides' propellers and torpedoes and other outdoor exhibits in out of the weather, the sizable 16,500-square-foot museum building will properly display an actual control system taken from a nuclear-powered incarnation of the USS Silversides, since its decommissioning. Acquisition of a nuclear submarine periscope to go with it is in the works. And besides adding greatly to exhibit space, the recently christened Robert G. Morin Sr. Building will include two exhibit areas, a research library, classrooms, a 72-seat theater, on-premise storage space for artifacts, offices, a banquet and conference area overlooking the Muskegon Channel and an expanded gift shop. It also will have a staging area for tours and for those participating in the museum's popular Overnight Encampment Program before going aboard the submarine or the Coast Guard cutter for the night.

Mountain Bike Events at OSR This May

Brian Myers, of the Michigan Mountain Biking Association and West Michigan Coast Riders Bike Club, is inviting the OSA to help with their biking events around OSR this spring. Lend a hand or come to take part and see Owasippe in a new way! These events are intended to give the mountain biking community a chance to give back to the trails they love and also showcase the property in a responsible manner.

Saturday, May 3: Spring Clean Up & Trail Maintenance Day. Hosted by the West Michigan Coast Riders Bike Club to clean up winter's abuse and re-mark the red and blue trails. Gather at the trailhead around 10 a.m. and work half a day to clean, repair and re-mark the trails.

Sunday, May 18: The 2nd Annual Owasippe MTB Time Trial hosted by both Tailwind Enterprises and the WMCR Club. Volunteers are welcome to contact Brian at northsidebiker@yahoo.com.

Galloping Grapevine



Dannielle Carroll

Congratulations to Dannielle, who recently was promoted to the position of Captain with the United States Army. Her mom, Lynn, is very proud of Dannielle's accomplishment and couldn't wait to share the great news with the Owasippe family. We wish Dannielle the very best as she moves up the ranks in her Army career.

Susan and Ron Derby ~ Whitehall, MI

Congratulations to the Derbys as they welcome the arrival of Margaret Rose Derby. Maggie was born on April 15th at Hackley Hospital in Muskegon and she weighed in at a healthy 9 lbs. 2 oz. (19 1/2 inches long). She has a full head of black hair and so far she seems to be a pretty mellow baby. It was a long couple of days but Susan is doing very well. Future OSA President? We'll see.

Ed Kinnerk ~ Kofu, Japan

Ed didn't drop off the face of the Earth, he just traveled to the other side. Ed moved to Kofu, Japan at the end of 2007 and teaches English. He writes, "Living here wasn't the easiest of transitions for me but I am slowly becoming used to it (although my Japanese pretty much stinks!). My apartment is located very close to a great hiking trail that leads to the top of a small mountain. I hike this trail at least three times a week, as I am trying to get in shape for a summit of Mt. Fuji sometime in August. Ed plans to return to Chicago in November.

Elaine and Lea Pagels ~ Downers Grove, IL

Elaine visited her daughter, Lea, in Ghana in March. Lea has been studying there and volunteering at an orphanage since last fall. Elaine writes, "The Ghanaian people as a group smile and laugh more than any other culture I have experienced. The orphanage where Lea is working is wonderful in a quiet, remote area. The needs are amazing. The library [which has been Lea's big project] is soon to be finished. At that time, we will create murals on the walls plus have several times for various artistic endeavors." Sounds like an amazing trip – can't wait to hear all the details from Elaine!

Heidi Schlichting ~ Whitehall, MI

In her continued travels across the country, Heidi will soon be heading back across the country to California. She recently accepted a full-time position as a Park Ranger at Yosemite National Park in California starting in November. She says, "I wanted to thank each and every one of you for the little (or big!) parts you have played in getting me to this point." Congrats on the coveted full-time position in a beautiful National Park!

Gordie Stiefel ~ Western Springs, IL

Gordie is heading off to Africa to greet and meet with the Catholic African bishop to discuss the value of Scouting as Youth Ministry. He was invited at the World Scout Jamboree by Father Ceasar Matovu, Assistant Scout Chaplain for Africa and Scout Chaplain for the Archdiocese of Kampala, Uganda. Gordie plans to visit the Basilica of the African saints and the grave of Lord Baden Powell, located in Kenya. He has almost raised his goal of \$3,750 to purchase a motorcycle to help Father Ceasar with his Scouting and Youth Ministry. Now, Father Ceasar relies on his feet or the kindness of others to visit the over 40 cities in the Diocese of Kampala. If you would like to help, tax-deductible donations can be sent to KC Council 4338, African Assistance, c/o Saint John Brebeuf Parish, 8307 N. Harlem Ave, Niles, IL 60714. We wish safe travels to Gordie and can't wait to hear of his adventures.

Music Means Moolah!

by Michelle O'Connor,
OSA Board Member

The OSA is excited to team up with the First Midwest Bank Amphitheater (formerly the Tweeter Center) for another summer of fundraising. Working concessions during concerts has been one of our best fundraisers. Last summer, our volunteers earned \$4,000! That's awesome for just a few Saturdays of slinging beer and sodas. This is a great opportunity to help raise money for OSA projects, as well as enjoying free music and great company. It's also a nice way to get to know other members!

Concerts planned so far include Steve Miller Band, Tim McGraw, Toby Keith, Warped Tour, and Brooks and Dunn. More concerts will be added as they are booked.

Volunteers arrive about an hour before the concerts, which usually last four to six hours. We'd love to have new volunteers added to our seasoned staff. It can be a ton of fun, and you can bring non-OSA members to help too (so you and a friend can listen to live music for free). There's no limit to the number who can come lend a hand! If you or anyone you know is at least 18 and interested in volunteering, please email Michelle O'Connor at osafundraising@gmail.com or call her at 773-718-1524. Check www.owasippe.com as more concerts and training dates are added. The amphitheater is located just south of I-80 on Harlem in Tinley Park, IL. ♣

Gift Card Stock Up

by Tricia Groben,
OSA President

Looking for the perfect gift? With graduation parties and Father's day just around the corner, we have the perfect solution. Buy a gift card! Plus you can cover birthdays between now and August. Don't forget – you can also use gift cards for everyday shopping at grocery and department stores as well as restaurants.

The March shopping/gift card order was successful. It raised \$240 for the OSA. The next shopping/gift card order needs to be **postmarked** by Saturday, May 3rd (see green insert). You can pick up your cards (free of charge) at the upcoming Spring Fix-It on May 17th. The cards can also be shipped directly to your home using Priority Mail with delivery confirmation. The cost of mailing gift cards is \$4.60. If you have any questions, please email Tricia Groben at tricia.groben@gmail.com or call her at 708-334-1100. ♣

OSA Membership Corner

presented by Hans Anderson - OSA Board Member

New Members

Daniel Brady
Val Mertens

New Life Members

Barb Lea

Thank you!
Active membership is
at 408 and growing!

PLEASE NOTE: Be sure to check the year on your mailing label to see when your membership dues expire. If you see a <2007> or a <Temp07> there, you are on our list to receive a dues invoice in the coming months. Help us save a stamp and other mailing materials... pay your membership dues today!

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: _____

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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	_____
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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

May

- 11.....Mother's Day
- 13.....OSA Board Meeting
- 16-18.....OSA Spring Fix-it
- 23-24.....19th Annual Calumet Council Swap Meet
- 26.....Memorial Day (observed)

June

- 2.....CAC Board Elections, re-convened
- 10.....OSA Board Meeting
- 14.....OSA Pub Crawl
- 21.....Staff Week Begins
- 29.....1st Day of Owasippe's 97th Summer!

July

- 4.....Independence Day

August

- 7.....Vibrations Copy Deadline
- 12.....OSA Board Meeting
- 17.....OSA Family Picnic





Shopping/Gift Card Fundraiser

Deadline:

Shopping/Gift card orders must be **postmarked** by May 3rd. 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 Spring Fix-it on May 17th.

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



Thank you for supporting the OSA!

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Vendor	Qty.	Total \$
Groceries		
Dominick's \$25		
Jewel \$25		
Jewel \$100		
Walgreens \$20		
Car and Travel		
Jiffy Lube \$30		
Speedway Gas \$25		
Marriott \$50		
Restaurants		
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		
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Bed Bath and Beyond \$25		
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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		
Entertainment		
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