



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

# Vibrations

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## Owasippe Reopens for Off-season Use

*by Susan Derby, OSA Member*

After more than a year of denying access to the Owasippe property, the Chicago Area Council has arranged to reopen limited admittance thanks to a Michigan-based non-profit. Endurance Adventure, a Muskegon group focused on mountain biking and endurance racing, has reached an agreement where it provides the additional liability insurance required by the council in order to allow off-season use by individuals.

Those who want to bike, hike or ski the trails can do so for \$6 per day or with a \$60 annual pass (subject to black out dates when summer camp is in session). Since the news was announced in late August, the Ad Center parking lot has again become the central meeting point for many avid mountain bikers. Though the first few weeks were met with a flood of individuals seeking fishing, camping, biking and other uses of the property, use seems to have returned to more normal levels from before the CAC announced the closing of the property.

Camp was closed to the general public after the council determined its insurance wasn't sufficient to cover liability for off-season use. The expense was more than the council was willing to pay, so it shut down access. This arrangement reopens the property for a use-based fee, which is split between the council and Endurance Adventure.

Users must sign in at the Ad Center parking lot, pay the fee, and sign a waiver form before using the trails for any purpose.

The reopening of trails to mountain bikers was met with both cheers and groans. While some enjoy pedaling the challenging trails, others dislike the damage mountain biking does to the trail system and the ecology of the property.

The Owasippe Outdoor Education Center (OOEC) is working with the council on a similar arrangement for other off-season use of the property. The OOEC team has lined up the needed insurance to cover the CAC's requirements and is planning a few events in the coming months. Check in with [www.oeec.org](http://www.oeec.org) to see what's developing! ♣

## Candlelight Bowl Anyone?

It's that time of year again... Time to dust off the Phylis Award and return her to a place of honor, a place where she is sought by all our OSA bowlers. This year's bowling will take place on Nov. 14th starting at 7:15 p.m. Dinner will be served at 8 p.m., and bowling will follow shortly after. Eden Lanes, located at 10159 W. Cermak Rd. in Westchester, will again host our event.

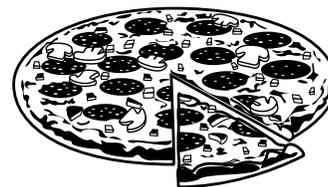


We usually bowl three or four games, with the last one filled with frame-by-frame fun (who doesn't like bowling with your eyes shut while singing your favorite camp song?). Highest score for the evening takes home the elegant Phylis Award to hold and cherish for a full year before returning at the next bowling night to defend the title. Greg Regalado took her home last year – let's see who gets the honor this time around.

Just \$18 per person includes dinner, bowling and shoe rental. Start warming up that swing, and call Candy Merritt by Nov. 8th to reserve your spot. [candymerritt@yahoo.com](mailto:candymerritt@yahoo.com) or (708) 860-2555. We hope to see you there! ♣

## Owasipalooza Pizza Night

Where are these weeks going? Wasn't it just the 4th of July? In about a month, the OSA will again be running its annual post-Thanksgiving mixer on Friday, Nov. 27th, at the European Chalet Banquet Hall (Lower Level). Dubbed the "Owasipalooza Pizza Night," this fun social event will run from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. with a cost of \$10 per person at the door. We just ask for the courtesy of an RSVP so we can better plan for food and supplies. The cost will give you a variety of delicious pizza, various snacks, and a door prize ticket. A cash bar will be provided.



The theme for the evening will be "Camp Nostalgia," and there will be a variety of displays regarding Owasippe memorabilia, patches and photos. Bring some of your own unique Owasippe collectibles to show off to others in attendance. It will be great to reminisce and help get us in the right frame of mind for Owasippe's forthcoming centennial celebration in 2011. *(continued on pg. 2)*

## President's Perspective

by Bill Van Berschot, OSA President

In the blink of an eye, our brief summer has become fall and the holidays are almost upon us. I would like to thank everyone who came out to this year's Fall Fix-it, especially the OSA VP Tim Toerber for managing the crews and always being prepared for the unexpected!



This fall is packed with fun OSA opportunities to see old friends and mingle with the emerging leaders of the current camp staff. Candy Merritt has some great information about Jim Graczyk's Ghost Tours ([www.ghostresearch.org](http://www.ghostresearch.org)); for all those who may be interested in taking a tour of haunted Chicago, drop her a line and get the info! She has also done a great job putting together this year's annual Candlelight Bowling Night coming up on Nov. 14th at Eden Lanes. On Nov. 27th we will be gathering for the pizza extravaganza known as Owasipalooza, and Ron Kulak's theme this year is "Camp Nostalgia." Ron says several memorabilia collectors will be coming in with their patches, neckerchiefs and photo displays. Do you have anything that you might like to bring along?

Recently I met with Chuck Dobbins and Glenn Emig to discuss how the CAC and the OSA can continue to work together to ensure the continued success of Owasippe. The council is committed to beginning some much-needed improvements and repairs to the property and is looking to the OSA for help and support. This is something that I believe we can definitely provide! It is a great feeling to be forward-thinking and discussing how to strengthen the Scouting program and build toward the future. To this end, we may be embarking on some new improvement projects and will be looking to our talented membership to help make them happen. For those of you who have been asking for some bigger projects to sink your teeth into, the wait is almost over. We will keep you all updated as these projects take shape!

As we move forward into 2010, we will be celebrating not only the 100th anniversary of Scouting in America, but we will also be planning for the incredible 100th anniversary of Owasippe Scout Reservation, the oldest Scout camp in America and the longest continually running Scout camp in the world! I know that you all share my awe and enthusiasm of the auspicious occasion!

On behalf of the OSA board I thank you for all that you do and wish you and yours a fantastic and safe holiday season! ♣

## Owasipalooza (continued)

Owasipalooza is open to OSA members and their spouses and friends as well as other friends of Owasippe. This is an adult-only event. Minor children must be accompanied by a parent. Come for a great time, terrific food, and the lively art of conversation. The more, the merrier...so help us spread the word.

Again, please call in your participation and the number in your party to Ron Kulak at [Owasiron@juno.com](mailto:Owasiron@juno.com) or at (708) 535-7748. European Chalet Banquets is located at 5445 S Harlem Ave in Chicago (1 block north of Archer Ave and 1/2 mile south of I-55). Hope to see you there! ♣

## Fire Game Burns Out

Despite a thrilling game and fierce competition, the Chicago Fire didn't win their game against D.C. United on Aug. 29th. We had a small contingency of OSA members at the game and sold all but one of the tickets in our block of seats.



We had 19 people there, and some tailgated before the game. It was a chilly moonlit evening in the cool new stadium. We had a great view in fourth- and fifth-row seats in the corner of the field. Thanks to everyone who came out for the evening together. We had a few last-minute additions, and it was great to see a range of Owasippe staff representing many decades of staffers.

Due to a low demand for this event, it will unfortunately not be repeated next year. We are still looking for a fun social event in a family-friendly setting. Wolves and Fire games have been lots of fun for those who attend, but we're looking for something that draws a bigger crowd. Let us know what you'd like to see! ♣

## Wild Weather at the Picnic

What started out as a bright, sunny day turned into a mix of gray skies and storms for our family picnic in August. We had a great turnout, with lots of families opting to pack up a cooler and enjoy a simple meal among friends.



Between the rain, we were able to enjoy a few kids' games. Luckily we campers know it takes more than a little "liquid sunshine" to spoil our day. When the rain got bad, we just huddled under the shelter to catch up with each other and share stories. We especially enjoyed hearing some funny events from this past summer from the current staff members.

Thanks to everyone for coming out and making this event an annual success. Even when a little rain must fall, we can still gather together and enjoy a great Sunday afternoon. ♣

### Vibrations always needs copy!

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

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# Call for 2010 OSA Board Nominations

Think of all the OSA members you know. List out the people you talk to at the Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance. Picture the workers and cooks at the Fix-it weekends. Who do you call to see if they are going to the family picnic? Who do you reminisce about camp with? Those are the people we want to talk to.

If anyone on your list of OSA members is someone you'd consider a good candidate for the Board of Directors, let us know! This is an open invitation for OSA members to make nominations.

Being on the Board has its share of benefits and commitments. These people make the decisions about Fix-it projects, event locations, fundraisers, membership and more. The Board's input is needed on many topics and situations. It's not all fun and games; a lot of work goes into running this organization. We need motivated thinkers and doers.

Candidates need to be OSA members in good standing, at least 21 years old and must be available for monthly meetings. The only other requirement is a dedication to Owaspippe, the OSA and its members. If you or someone you know has the drive and ability to make things happen, we

need to hear from you!

The Elections Committee will contact nominees to see if they are willing and able to serve. The Elections Committee will then review all the nominees and make a slate recommendation to the Board. Slated candidates will then be contacted to garner their respective bios and goals for publication in the next newsletter.

As you may know, the bylaws limit board members to two consecutive terms, after which they must sit out for at least one year. This policy is intended to promote growth and diversity by giving newcomers a better shot at getting elected.

Please contact Dan Kleinfeldt, 2010 Elections Chairman, at (773) 631-4171 or DKleinfeldt@oprfs.org with any nominees. Nominations are due by Dec. 16, 2009. Now is the time to step up and show your commitment to Owaspippe and the OSA! ♣

**PLEASE NOTE: Nomination does not guarantee a spot on the slate. The Elections Committee will review all the nominees and select a fair and balanced slate.**

Current Board of Directors			Term Expires
Steve Henclewski*	Andy Lukasiewicz	Michelle O'Connor	2010
Timothy Toerber III (Vice Pres.)	Edgar Wolff-Klammer	Bob Pagels (Treasurer)	2011
Bill Van Berschot (President)	Candy Merritt (Secretary)	Ron Kulak	2012

\* Two consecutive term limit goes into effect.

## Reservation Staff '70

*Photo sent in by OSA Member Walt Weber*



**NOTE:** We have started a "Staffs of the Past" picture page located in the "Picture Archives" section of [www.owaspippe.com](http://www.owaspippe.com). We need your help to fill it up! So please scan those old staff photos (full size) and e-mail them to [vibrations@owaspippe.com](mailto:vibrations@owaspippe.com).

**PS** - So far, response to this effort has been great. Look for photo submissions from Ron Kulak, Mike Bachman and Dan Kleinfeldt in upcoming issues. Keep those old photos coming in!

# The Summer of 1974 Was Special

by Ron Kulak - OSA Board Member

I anticipated my 1974 assignment as a commissioner at Camp Wolverine North to be like any of my prior four summers on staff. Expectations were high for another great camp season with Owasippe operating eight periods of camp at six section camps. The reservation was a beehive of activity, and upwards of 9,000 campers were expected to attend Owasippe, most of them from CAC. But, something was going to occur to make this particular summer very special.

That summer, the senior staff at the section camps was asked to take turns driving trucks running hotpacks back and forth between the camps and Food Prep. I can't remember if we had a shortage of driving staff that summer or if Reservation Director Ed Black just wanted a bigger bang for his buck with personnel. On one particular Saturday afternoon early that summer, Chuck Nagel and I were doing this not only for Wolverine North and South but also for Family Camp (Reneker) as they had no one available to come pickup their hotpacks after lunch. It was on that run that I had taken note of a cute blonde walking on the front patio outside the Family Camp Lodge. Chuck told me it was Marilyn Young, Carl Young's sister. Marilyn was part of the Family Camp aquatic staff. Carl and I had worked on staff at Wolverine North the prior summer. Right then, I made up my mind that I would ask her out on a date when the opportunity presented itself.

Shortly thereafter, the Family Camp staff was seeking assistance with arranging their Monday evening opening campfire, and they called the Wolverine North lodge to see if our staff would lend a hand. I was the one who took the call and, not being one to ignore an opportunity, I accepted the invitation on behalf of the Zap Staff. It was not too difficult to get volunteers. A handful of us came down after dinner that Monday. While playing with sticks and logs and singing a few songs, including the Music Cantor, I got to meet and talk to the lovely Marilyn Young. It was there after the fire that we decided to see each other again, which then turned into more than one date that summer.

Marilyn and I were from opposite ends of Chicago, so sustaining this relationship was going to be a real test. Marilyn hailed from the West Rogers Park neighborhood near Touhy and Western, and I was from Brighton Park near 39th and California, about a 14-mile separation. Despite the distance and the difference in Chicago baseball team loyalties, the courtship continued in the off season. As I got to know her parents and siblings, a great relationship began to build with them as well.

When the summer of 1975 came around, we both again were asked back on staff at our respective camps. We looked forward to coming back to Owasippe not only to be at camp and with friends but now to be closer together. This gave us time to see more of each other on days off and on weekends after changeover was done. It seemed that we couldn't see enough of each other, and we looked forward to our dates on and off camp. When camp ended, Marilyn enrolled at Illinois Benedictine College in Lisle, so the geographic distance between us became farther apart but the relationship became closer. In the days before emailing and texting, we relied on rotary phones and letters to communicate. When

I wasn't working or doing homework on weekends, I would hop in my '68 Olds Cutlass and drive out to visit Marilyn at IBC.

The courtship continued into 1976, when I finally graduated from college and took on a job as a finance rep for a credit union in Chicago. I had a decent-paying job and things appeared pretty stable with my career in finance. Marilyn was still in school at IBC. In February 1977, for her birthday I presented a special box of Fanny May candy to Marilyn at her family home where she found one of the pieces of candy replaced with an engagement ring. She accepted my proposal, and we made plans to get married in the summer of 1977.

On Saturday, Aug. 7, 1977, at West Ridge United Methodist Church, we tied the knot before family and friends, many of whom came in from Owasippe to participate in the ceremony and reception. You could have staffed a good size camp with those present. Chuck Nagel was my Best Man, and he was accompanied by groomsmen Mark Behnke, Frank Chlebek, and Carl Young...all Owasippe staff. Marilyn's Maid of Honor was her sister Elaine, and her bridesmaids were Sheryl Menghi from camp staff, her sister Diane and my sister Bernadette.

We have had and are still having a terrific marriage and have been blessed with four great sons, Peter (31), Nicholas (29), Richard (27) and Jason (25). All of them came up through Scouting with Pack and Troop 442 in Tinley Park and worked their way to becoming Eagle Scouts. All four were also on Owasippe staff. Scouting became an integral part of all of our lives. Marilyn spent nine years as Cubmaster, and I put in ten years as Scoutmaster. Once our sons became older and in elementary school, Marilyn went back to work at Owasippe for another 17 years at Camps Carlen, Wolverine and Blackhawk as aquatics director and at Reneker and Blackhawk as camp director. I volunteered for 20 years on the CIT training staff. Marilyn is now a PE teacher in LaGrange School Dist. 105 while I'm a branch manager for Park National Bank in Chicago.

Owasippe has played an incredible role in being the conduit that brought us together and formed our lives. We are indeed thankful for the opportunities and close friends that Owasippe has presented us. I don't think we ever would have met and fallen in love if it wasn't for our Owasippe experience. ♣

*Now the Kulaks are selecting Hans and Denine Anderson to share their Camp Love story. Vibrations is also accepting anyone's story for this series. Just send us a few paragraphs about where each person worked at camp, how you met and dated, and what's happened since. Don't forget to include a photo as well! Send it all to vibrations@owasippe.com*

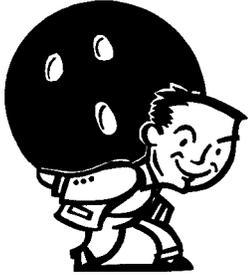


# Upcoming Events

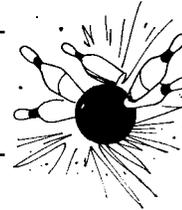


## Candlelight Bowl

**Saturday, November 14th  
from 7:15 p.m. til ?**



Eden Lanes  
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708-865-0515



Please RSVP by 11/8 to Candy Merritt  
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**PLEASE  
NOTE**

The cost is **\$18.00 per person** which covers dinner, bowling and shoe rental! Dinner will be served at 8:00 and there will also be a cash bar for your enjoyment.

**Must be 18 or older to attend.** No one under 21 will be served alcohol. Responsible drinking and designated drivers are encouraged.



## Owasipalooza (OSA Pizza Night)

**Friday, November 27th  
from 6:30-11:00 p.m.**

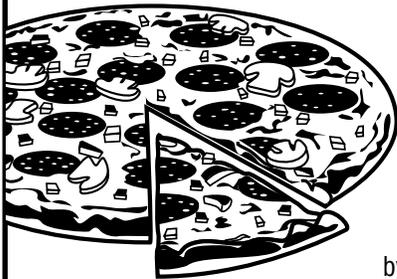
At the European Chalet (lower level),  
5445 South Harlem Ave., Chicago, IL 60638  
(54th & Harlem Ave. Just off I-55)  
[www.EuroChal.com](http://www.EuroChal.com)

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

**PLEASE  
NOTE**

There will be a **\$10** charge at the door, which covers pizza, promotional expenses and a door prize. There will also be a cash bar for your enjoyment.

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

Saturday, March 6, 2010  
(more details next issue)

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# Fall Fix-it Soaks Up the Sun

Can you believe the beautiful weather we had at the Fall Fix-it in September? Saturday was sunny and pleasant all day, and the evenings were gloriously cool (perfect for sleeping after a long day of work).

We had about 65 people trek up to Owasippe to put in a day of work and enjoy amazing meals in return. The big project was some painting and repair of the main Administration building at Ad Center. The building takes the brunt of long sunny days all summer with little tree cover, and some of the side panels needed replacing. The road crew piled up nine bags of garbage, and it's getting noticeably easier every time we hit the roads for three miles of cleanup. Our three crews usually finish their respective miles in just two hours, and they graciously head out to other work sites after lunch.

We had a few roofing teams taking care of buildings across camp. Buildings at both Blackhawk and Carlen got some much-needed attention and will be in great shape for many years to come.

Other groups helped on a variety of tasks to make repairs and to close camp down for the winter. The dinner feast was a smorgasbord of delicious items that left everyone stuffed and satisfied. A big thanks to Tim Toerber for all his work prepping for projects, taking reservations and organizing the weekend. We thank the ranger staff too for their ability to gear up all our volunteers. And the kitchen crew deserves a standing ovation for always meeting (and exceeding) our expectations. ♣





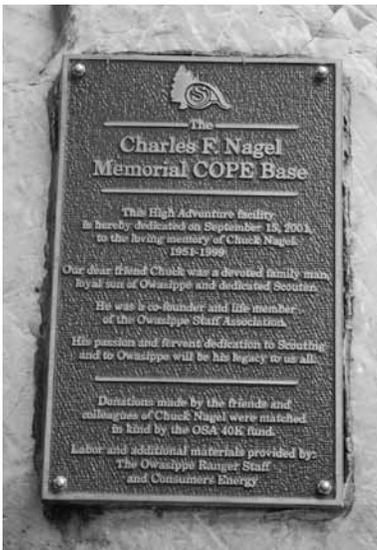
# The Other Trail Markers

by Edgar Wolff-Klammer - OSA Board Member

This summer I had the opportunity to hike the Red, Blue, Orange, White and Yellow Trails. There are many interesting and beautiful sites on these trails including the bogs, paradise valley, wild life and the many lakes. On some of these trails and other places at Owasippe, you will see a different trail marker. These markers show a trail of work done by the OSA. The oldest one I saw from was 1982, and it

was attached to the Wolverine shower house.

Since 1978 the OSA has donated, designed, built and maintained many camp facilities and program areas that we can be very proud of. And as Owasippe approaches its 100 year anniversary, the OSA will continue to provide service to the camp we all love. ♣



# News & Notes

## CIT Program May Return to OSA Hands

After a meeting between Bill Van Berschot, Chuck Dobbins and Glen Emig, the Counselor In Training program may come back under the OSA's guidance. The CIT program was taken in-house by the CAC two years ago, but the program hasn't flourished as the council had hoped. The meeting led to an agreement that the OSA may again take on the task of training first-year staff members.

The details of the program have yet to be worked out, so we can't report whether the program of the past 25 years will return in full. Members of the CIT training team will need to meet with Director of Camping and Reservation Director Chris Townsend to work out the finer points.

We're grateful for the chance to again be a part of staff training and summer camp programs. The OSA has always been proud of our well-honed CIT program, and we look forward to helping future staffers successfully navigate their first year on Owasippe staff.

## Camp Staff Applications Being Accepted

Chris Townsend is accepting application for all camp staff positions for the 2010 summer camp season. Open interviews will be held on Saturday, Nov. 28th at a location yet to be announced. Please check the council website, [www.chicagobsa.org](http://www.chicagobsa.org), for details as the date approaches.

Another date is expected to be added in January, but the date and location are not finalized. You can review the various positions and descriptions on the council website. You can also find the staff application form there as well. If you have questions or would like to set up an individual interview, contact Chris at [christian.townsend@scouting.org](mailto:christian.townsend@scouting.org).

## Annual Meeting Program Ads Being Accepted Now

Want to give your business a boost with OSA members while also supporting the OSA? Feel like giving a shout out to your friends and family at the OSAs Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance in March? Are you looking for a way to wish the BSA a happy 100th birthday?

You can do all of that and more with an ad in the program book of our Annual Meeting. The new shorter format book still leaves plenty of room for your ad in either business card, quarter, half or full page size. Share a funny photo, wish camp well, promote your business, or just say "hi" to your friends and family.

Ads are being accepted now, and the order form is available in this issue as well as on the OSAs website, [www.owasippe.com](http://www.owasippe.com). This book is read by more than 100 Annual Meeting attendees. Advertisers also receive a corresponding ad on the OSA website for one full year! Support OSA programs by taking part in the ad book.

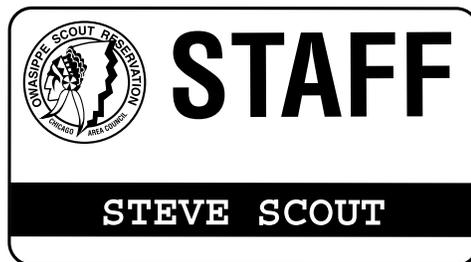
## OSA Event Suggestions & Feedback Wanted

We've had a whole slew of OSA events lately, and we have really enjoyed the variety of members who turn up at each event. The board is constantly reviewing each event to see what draws the most people or if any improvements can be made. We value your feedback! Please contact Events Chair Candy Merritt ([candymerritt@yahoo.com](mailto:candymerritt@yahoo.com)) if you have suggestions for future OSA events.

## Share Your Scout Story

The National Scouting Museum is preserving personal stories of Scouting's first 100 years, and they want to hear from you! Do you have a funny memory of your scoutmaster or troop? What was your best summer camp experience? Did earning a merit badge turn you on to a new career or hobby? Was there a brush with danger that you'll never forget?

A huge variety of stories is needed to reflect the dynamic, unique experiences we've all had through Scouting. This is the perfect time to gather stories from all generations, locations and Scouts to share in one collection. Tell your story when and where you like. The National Scouting Museum will send you recording equipment, so you can record your messages and send it back postage paid. Just contact Gail Mayfield, assistant curator, at (800) 303-3047 or [gail.mayfield@scouting.org](mailto:gail.mayfield@scouting.org) for details.



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# Galloping Grapevine



## **Jim Connelley**

Jim was a part of a commemoration of the battle of Ft. Dearborn and sent in some photos of the event. He tells us that there is great embellishment of the Owasippe legend with the references to Owasippe's sons visiting John Kinzie and Ft. Dearborn. The event took place at Blackhawk Incident Park, located at 18th Street in Printer's Row in the South Loop. Jim worked at OSR in the 1980s and '90s, mostly at Wolverine and Crown. Thanks for checking in with us, Jim, and for sharing the news that the Owasippe legend is more well-known than we may have guessed.



## **Jason Gebhardt ~ Palatine, IL**

Congratulations to Jason and his lovely bride Kristen, who were married on Oct. 11th in Elgin. They are regulars at many of our OSA events, and we wish them a marriage filled with love and joy!

## **Bill Holecek**

Congratulations to Bill and his wife on their recent wedding. They have been dating for almost 13 years and decided the time was right to officially tie the knot. The July 25th ceremony was very low key at the county building. Bill checked in with Ron Kulak to ask a few questions about Sauger Lake and Austin (Echo) Lake to see if either has fallen victim to development. Congratulations on the wedding, Bill, and we hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.



## **Ron Kulak ~ Oak Forest, IL**

At a dinner meeting on Oct. 6th at the Beverly Woods Restaurant in Chicago, Ron Kulak was inducted as the newest president of the Kiwanis Club of Southwest Chicago. The organization is dedicated to serving youth and their related institutions of the Chicago communities of Mt. Greenwood and Beverly and the nearby suburbs of Evergreen Park and Merrionette Park. Congratulations to Ron for this honorable title and position.

## **Andy Marhoul and Kim Sturtevant ~ Riverside, IL**

Our congratulations to Owasippe staffers Kim and Andy, who tied the knot on Oct. 2nd in Riverside, IL. It was a beautiful time of year for a wedding, and the happy couple was all aglow the entire day. Attendees included many Owasi-people and OSA members in addition to Andy and Kim's families. We wish you many happy years together, and congratulations on the wonderful occasion.

## **John Sanchez ~ Shererville, IN**

We can't wait to see John and ask him about his Honor Flight! On Oct. 21, John was among 80 WWII veterans who were selected to participate in Honor Flight Chicago, a volunteer group that provides flights and transportation for WWII vets to see the new WWII memorial in Washington D.C. The flight and tour is completely free to the vets and is a chance for them to see the memorial, completed in 2004, in their honor. As an added surprise, the participants receive a "Mail Call" on the flight home, with packets of letters from family and friends thanking them for their service. A hero's welcome awaits their plane with cheers

from family, friends and strangers to give them the welcome home they may not have received in the 1940s. We add our "thanks" to John for his service, and we're so happy to hear he was a part of Honor Flight.

## **Heidi Schlichting ~ Yosemite National Park, CA**

Heidi has been putting her ranger and EMT skills to the test. She was a major part of a rescue of a hiker in Yosemite National Park, providing emergency services to a 43-year-old hiker who had fallen and hit his head on river rocks. The hiker had lost consciousness for a period of time. Heidi arrived on the scene, a two-mile hike from any road access, and provided medical attention. She called for the helicopter to evacuate the hiker to Yosemite Valley for further care. Congrats on seeing some action out there, Heidi, and great job in saving a life!

## **Scott Stiefel ~ Western Springs, IL**

Our congratulations to Scott for completing his first year of law school at Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., in the top quarter of his class. He has been named to the prestigious Columbus School of Law law review for the 2009-2010 academic year. Scott has spent fall semester of this year as an intern for federal district judge the honorable Alexander Williams, Jr., United States District Court in Maryland. We applaud his accomplishments and wish him all the best as he continues school.

## **Ray Toler ~ Chicago, IL**

Ray Toler will be a featured actor in the soon-to-be released movie "Chicago Overcoat." He plays a south-side alderman who gets murdered by the key movie character played by Frank Vincent of "Sopranos" fame. The movie just came back from the Sundance Film Festival with very good reviews and was a hit at the Chicago International Film Fest. We all look forward to seeing the movie! Congrats to Ray on the thrilling movie role.



## See You at the End of the Trail

### **Philip Hermesdorf ~ Chicago, IL**

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hermesdorf family as they mourn the loss of Phil, age 73, from a heart attack. Phil passed away on Oct. 4th. Phil has been a long-time supporter of Owasippe. He was a lone troop camper and worked on aquatics staff decades ago. He and wife Mary Ann were family campers at Reneker for many summers. He is father to former staff member Denine Anderson and grandfather to Phil, Andrew and Nicholas Hizek. Many who knew Phil will remember him as the no-nonsense guy who could fix just about anything. He would share a smile and a joke with complete strangers, and was always willing to lend a hand in the most physical of jobs. He will be missed, and we'll say his name in the council fires to keep his spirit alive.

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### *November*

- 14.....OSA Candlelight Bowl
- 16.....Gift Card/Shopping Card Order Deadline
- 26.....Thanksgiving
- 27.....Owasipalooza (OSA Pizza Night)

### *December*

- 16.....OSA Board Nominations Deadline
- 25.....Merry Christmas

### *January*

- 1.....Happy New Year
- 15.....Vibrations Copy Deadline
- 16.....OSA Ad Book Copy Deadline





# Shopping/Gift Card Fundraiser

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**Deadline:**

Shopping/Gift card orders must be **postmarked** by November 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)  
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**Mail entire form and check to:**

Tricia Groben  
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**Questions?**

Contact Tricia Groben at  
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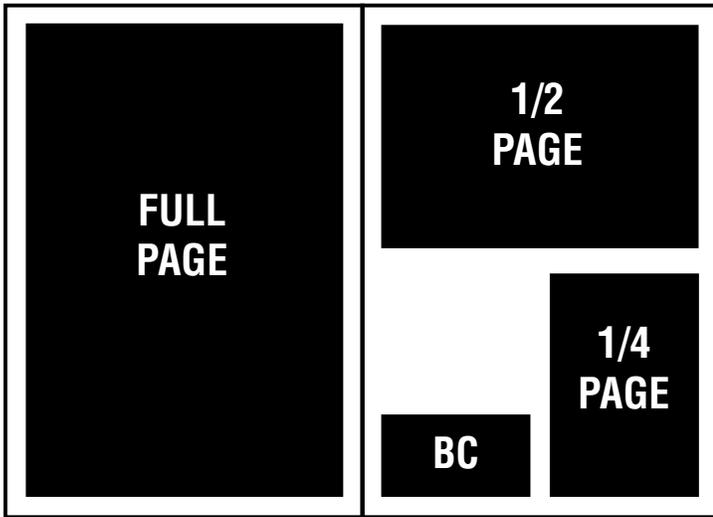
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