



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

Vibrations

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Owasippe - Appeal Heard, Waiting Begins

by Susan Derby, OSA Member

On Jan. 12th, the Michigan Court of Appeals heard arguments in the appeal filed by the Chicago Area Council against Blue Lake Township. Lawyers on both sides have been filing briefs and arguments since the March 2008 decision by Circuit Court Judge William Marietti. The hearing, held in Grand Rapids, was limited to just 30 minutes per side to make oral arguments.

The lawyers for the CAC argued that Marietti mistakenly upheld the township's zoning of all camp properties in the township under FR-I designation. The CAC says the zoning amounts to an unconstitutional "taking" of the land. The township lawyers argued that the township is within its rights to zone the property as it sees fit and as residents approve.

The three-judge panel may take six months or longer to announce their ruling. They can decide to uphold or reverse

Marietti's decision or send portions back to him for further consideration.

The Pacific Legal Foundation, a national organization that promotes property rights and limited government, filed a brief in support of the CAC. Filing a brief for the township's side, the Michigan Townships Association argued in support of the township's right to determine the best and most appropriate use of the property.

The Council has not confirmed or denied whether it will continue legal filings in the case if the appeals court upholds the earlier decision. Scout Executive Chuck Dobbins says the council is still interested in selling portions of the property since its original deal with a developer was cancelled.

We'll keep you posted via Vibrations, but for faster word on any ruling, sign up for OSA email blasts at www.owasippe.com or watch the website for updates. ♣

OOEC Announces Symposiums

As a kick-off for off-season use granted by the Chicago Area Council to the Owasippe Outdoor Education Center, the OOEC is planning a series of three symposiums to highlight the potential uses of the property. The symposiums will include exhibitors, guest speakers, participant discussion panels and hands-on activities to help promote each session's topic. Participants will learn and discover new concepts and information while also learning what Owasippe and West Michigan can offer them.

The symposiums are scheduled for the last three weekends in April and the topics will be natural resources, education and recreation, respectively. Everyone is invited to attend, and more information will be available via www.ooec.org as exhibitors and events are locked in. All will be held at Owasippe and will begin on Friday evening and continue until Sunday mid-day.

If you are interested in helping plan one of the weekends, or if you would like to exhibit, present or attend, you can write to info@ooec.org. ♣

OSA Dinner Dance March 6th; Tickets Available Online!

The OSA is celebrating turning 32 years old this March, and we're planning a heck of a party. The Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance will be held Saturday, March 6th starting at 6 p.m. We'll have our OSA Board elections, family-style dinner, business meeting and socializing late into the night. A silent auction will be available throughout the evening for guests to bid on some spectacular items.

Early bird tickets are on sale now for \$40 per person until Feb. 19th. After that date, the price will increase to \$50

each. Ticket price includes dinner, open bar, table prizes and dancing. For the first time, tickets can be purchased online through the OSA website, www.owasippe.com. Just click on "store" in the top menu. You can use secure PayPal payment to purchase dinner dance tickets, annual dues and raffle tickets. See the site for details.

Raffle tickets are available for just \$10 each and are a great way to participate even if you can't make it to the actual

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President's Perspective

by Bill Van Berschot, OSA President

Happy New Decade! As we settle on what to call this year – 10, 2010, o'10 – I began to wonder if the individuals who would soon be forming the first camp staffs of the logged areas that would become the “lower lakes,” individuals who were undoubtedly just beginning to hear about this new organization called the Boy Scouts of America, were having similar questions as to how to refer to 1910 after 1909. I also wonder if, when they joined this new and exciting organization, they could have imagined us today preparing to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Scouting!



The OSA along with Scouting has enjoyed a rich history of fellowship and service, and I am proud that the OSA is as strong as ever as we celebrate our 32nd anniversary! Candy Merritt has once again done an outstanding job of organizing this year's March 6th Dinner Dance, which will be at the European Chalet banquet hall. This is the perfect opportunity to reunite with friends that you have not seen in years or decades; why not look up past camp staff members on Facebook or MySpace or one of the other sites I am still not computer savvy or cool enough to use properly? I think that we have an incredibly strong and dedicated number of friends and supporters who would love to hear from us and enjoy a shout-out to once again become involved.

On behalf of the board, I would like to thank Dan Kleinfeldt for serving as the 2010 elections chairman. This year we have an election with three dedicated board members up for re-election (Michele O'Connor, Steve Henclewski, and Andy Lukasiewicz) and three outstanding OSA members who have been recommended by their peers to run for a seat on the board (Andy Sirota, Mike Dorich, and Caitlin Boline). Please read their bios and elect wisely. If you are not able to join us in person this year at the Dinner Dance, we do invite you to fill out an absentee ballot, found on page 4 of this issue.

In addition to the incredible raffle prizes you read about on the first page of this issue, we will again have a great assortment of silent auction items. Each silent auction item is solicited by OSA members from businesses, friends, favorite restaurants, etc., and all donations are greatly appreciated! Please reach out to your favorite establishment or create something yourself and let Candy know what you can contribute!

Thanks to all who came out for this year's Candlelight Bowl and the extravaganza of this year's “Camp Nostalgia” Owasipalooza. Candy and Ron really outdid themselves this (I mean, ah, last) year (ah, decade)!

As we move forward into this new decade, we also have an excellent opportunity to continue our mission of building a strong and vibrant future for Owasippe. To that end Bob Pagels is leading our efforts to assist the council with the 2010 CIT program. We will be looking to you, our members, for support in this important endeavor... stay tuned; much more to come! ♣

Dinner Dance (continued)

event. Two raffles will be held. One is our Ultimate Split-the-Pot raffle, where we sell an unlimited number of tickets, and the winner walks away with half of the total pot. We'll also raffle off a brand new iPod Nano, rocking a video camera, 16 GB, a polished anodized aluminum finish, larger screen than the old generation, and the first-ever iPod FM radio with live pause feature.

Silent auction items are still sought. Please contact Bill Van Berschot at billyvb@yahoo.com if you have an item to donate. Board elections will be held early in the evening, with the results announced during the business meeting portion. Candidate bios are on page 5 of this issue.

The Dinner Dance will be held at European Chalet Banquets, 5445 S. Harlem Ave. in Chicago, just off I-55. We look forward to seeing you there! ♣

Message from the Treasurer

by Bob Pagels, OSA Treasurer

As your OSA Treasurer for the last two years, I would like to thank every active OSA member for your ongoing support of our organization. There are some members who deserve a very special “Thank You” from the OSA: those who make financial gifts or gifts of their time for the betterment of Owasippe and Scouting. It amazes me that, even in these difficult economic times, our membership stays loyal and strong, and so many of you continue to make generous contributions to the OSA. For those who have made gifts of time or money, I and the OSA Board of Directors want to give you a Class A salute! Thank you for your generosity. With Respect and Appreciation, Bob Pagels ♣

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Upcoming Events



32nd Anniversary!

Owasippe Staff Association's Dinner Dance & Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 6, 2010

(see white insert for details)

18 or OLDER EVENT

- *Dinner & Drinks*
- *Dancing*
- *Friendship & Fellowship*
- *Board Elections*
- *Raffle & Silent Auction*

the 2010



Spring Fix-it, May 21-23

Staffs of the Past, Wolverine North 1970

Photo sent in by OSA Board Member Ron Kulak



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

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

2010 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 6, 2010, 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
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.

Who may vote?

Each OSA member currently registered (2010) 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 32nd Annual Meeting (European Chalet) on Saturday, March 6, 2010, 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 (2010) 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 Andy Lukasiewicz at (312) 203-5534 or relievestress@yahoo.com.

Winners Those candidates receiving the largest number of valid votes will be inducted into the Board of Directors during the 2010 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



2010 Board of Directors
Official Mail-in Ballot

Mail-in ballots **MUST BE SIGNED** for authenticity and received at the P.O. Box by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2010 to be counted in the election.

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

Vote for 3 candidates

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Caitlin Boline

Mike Dorich

Steve Henclewski

Andy Lukasiewicz

Michelle O'Connor

Andy Sirota

write-in _____

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Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Meet the Candidates



Caitlin Boline turns 24 two days after the election and says she is honored to be nominated to further her friendship with the OSA. She currently resides on the Southside of Chicago and is in her second year teaching in Calumet City where she works as an English as a Second Language primary school teacher, a certification she received from the University of Tampa. This year will be her ninth consecutive summer working at Owasippe where she will serve for the second summer as High Adventure Director. Prior to serving as the Climbing Director in 2007 and '08, she enjoyed working at both Reneker and Blackhawk. Additionally, Caitlin currently is the COPE/Climbing chair on the CAC Camping Committee. During her time working at Owasippe, she has been able to serve in a variety of positions that have broadened her understanding of what it takes to run such a diverse camp. She has also seen a need for improvement, which she became specifically interested in through OSA functions and work weekends as well as personal projects she has headed. She says, "I would like to use my positions on the Owasippe management team/camping committee to further bridge a more direct relationship to the OSA."



Mike Dorich is 49 years old and lives in Chicago with his wife, Kim, and his two sons, Matthew and Kristofer, both of whom are current staffmembers at Owasippe. He also lives with his future daughter-in-law and granddaughter. He works at the Paradise Park assisted living community in New Lenox as the Assistant Maintenance Director. Mike is an Eagle Scout and has been an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 644 since 2000. He is also the Venturing Crew Advisor for Crew 2644 and is a youth hockey coach. Mike worked at Owasippe from 1976 through 1981, first as a CIT, then two years at Crown in aquatics and scoutcraft, one year as a truck driver, a Commissioner at Wolverine and finally in field sports at Blackhawk. You may have seen him at past OSA picnics or in the kitchen for the past six years' worth of fix-its. He's a Life Member of the OSA. He says, "I want to give back to Scouting what it has given to me, and I think that working on the OSA board will help me do this."



Steve Henclewski, age 53, lives in Lowell, Indiana, with his wife Chris Sanchez. His son Roman and stepson Christopher are Eagle Scouts. Steve is an IBEW journeyman electrician. A recipient of the CAC Silver Beaver Award and a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow, Steve has served in a variety of Troop positions, including Scoutmaster. As a Scout, he camped at Owasippe for six years. Later he served on the Owasippe staff for five years, four as a Commissioner at Camp Blackhawk and one as Director of Camp Wolverine. He is National Camp School trained in commissioning and in program. His hobbies include fishing and canoeing. He currently serves on the OSA Board of Directors. He says, "I look forward to helping Owasippe celebrate 100 years."



Andy Lukasiewicz is 27 and lives in Berwyn with his wife, Chrissy, who also worked at camp. He is a massage therapist at Massage Envy in Western Springs. In 1996, Andy was a CIT. He worked at Carlen from 1997 through 2000, and was the Wolverine Shooting Sports Director from 2001 to 2003. He was Assistant Camp Director for High Adventure in 2004 before returning as Wolverine Shooting Sports Director from 2005 to 2008. Andy sits on the OSA Board and is the Membership Chairman. He says, "I look to continue to serve as a board member to help the OSA to grow through membership and fellowship."



Michelle O'Connor says she would like to say she's 23, but she's actually 27. She lives in Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood with Suzy Smyth (who was also on camp staff). She is running the brand new 3-D theater at the Field Museum, which is one of her dream jobs as her last OSA bio three years ago mentioned how much she likes visiting the Field Museum. She joined Girl Scouting in 1987 and earned her Gold Award in 1999. Michelle and Suzy are currently leading a troop of Cadette Girl Scouts (6th to 8th grade). She joined the Boy Scouts in 1997 at the same time she joined the Owasippe staff, where her father, Mike, and sister, Christy, also have served. She has worked various positions at Camp Reneker between 1997 and 2003, and in 2004 served as COPE Director and as a member of the CAC Camping Committee. In 2005, she served on the National Camp School Staff. Michelle is active in the OSA work weekends, and she has been on the board for the last three years. She says, "I'd like to reach out to more members and see increased numbers at our events, both at camp and back here in Chicago. It's great to see everyone coming together in support of camp!"



Andy Sirota is 24 and lives in Wheaton where he works as an Engineering Technician at Weaver Boos Consultants, a civil engineering firm that performs work primarily on environmental sites. Andy graduated from Southern Illinois University Carbondale with a degree in Geography in 2007. Andy has been involved in Scouting since 1996 and is currently an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 352, where he earned his Eagle Scout award in 2003. Andy has worked six years on Owasippe Staff. After his CIT year, he worked one year at Carlen and five with Blackhawk on the aquatics staff, including two years as Aquatics Director. He says, "I would like use my position on the OSA Board to improve the quality of program at Owasippe so that every Scout will have the same great experiences as I did."

Camp Love: Hans & Denine

by Denine Anderson - OSA Member

I will never forget the phone call I received in February of 1988. Mark Karall said he had just finished conducting interviews for the coming summer. He teased and taunted me, playfully saying, "Guess who's coming back to camp this summer..." After several minutes I gave up. "Hans Anderson," he finally revealed. "Ohhh," I said, nodding and smiling to myself, thinking he would be a very fun summer fling!

Months before, at the beginning of the school year, the Chicago Public Schools had gone on strike, meaning we started late and would have to stay later into the summer to make up the days. It was my senior year, so I did not graduate until June 23rd. All of the other Reneker girls were going to Owasippe a week before Staff Week, but I was still locked in school. I made sure Cheryl Voliva and Audrey Pryst would keep an eye on Hans and make sure no one else got their hands on him until I arrived at camp.

Luckily, Hans was still "unclaimed" when I arrived, and we had our first date on July 4th. We had ice cream and went to the Marina in Whitehall to hang out. It was a great summer, both on staff in general and for us as a couple. What I thought might just be a summer fling was getting more serious as the weeks went by.

That fall, Hans was going to the University of Wisconsin – Madison, and I was starting my freshman year at Beloit College. Beloit had reciprocity with Madison's libraries. There was also a bus that left Beloit hourly to Madison and was just \$6 round trip. As you can imagine, I did a whole lot of studying in Madison.

Hans landed his first job at Geonex as a Production Digitizer in Des Plaines, Ill., in 1991. He found an apartment one mile from my parents' house. I thought it was so sweet that he left Wisconsin – his life-long home state – to be close to me.



I was sure it would only take me a little while to change the Wisconsin fan into a Chicago fan. Boy, young love is clueless! Decades later he is still a die-hard Packer and Brewers fan, but somehow we survive football season.

We were engaged on Feb. 12, 1993, and married on Sept. 24, 1994. Five years later, our son Nathan was born and little sister Claire followed just 16 months after that. We're still very much involved in Scouting and Owasippe. Hans is an assistant Den Leader of Nate's Pack #3978, and I am the leader of Claire's Brownie Troop #1636, both out of St. Thecla Parish on the Northwest side of Chicago. I have enjoyed a week at Reneker with Nate and Claire for the past eight summers, and we look forward to many more years of cabin camping and Reneker program. Hans served many years on the OSA Board, particularly as Membership Chairman. ♣

Thanks to Denine and Hans for sharing their story! They are now passing the torch to Tricia and Phil Groben for the next issue of Vibrations. We're 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 to vibrations@owasippe.com. We'd love a photo too!

225 MPH Pinewood Derby!

by Bob Pagels, OSA Board Member

While the Boy Scout movement celebrates its 100th anniversary in America this year, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway marked its centennial in 2009 (though the centennial of the Indy 500 race will be in 2011). This Memorial Day, for the first time ever, there will be a Boy Scout Indy Car in the Indianapolis 500! The #19 car will proudly bear a red, white and blue paint scheme prominently featuring the BSA fleur-de-lis.

On Jan. 11, BSA Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca announced the launch of BSA Motorsports and a partnership with Dale Coyne Racing of Plainfield, Ill. The Boy Scout Indy Car will campaign all 17 races in the Izod Indy Car Series this year, including the Indy 500. A significant goal of the program is to utilize Indy Car racing to promote science, technology and math to those involved in Scouting. Coordination by local

Scout councils across the country could produce events or camporees in conjunction with the 17 races.

I have a personal connection to this Indy Car, because I worked as a weekend warrior mechanic/pit crew member for the #19 Dale Coyne Racing Indy Car in 1988. The #19 Indy Car has always been based in Plainfield, Ill., and the Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet will host an Izod Indy Car Series nighttime race on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Not only is the Boy Scout car a Scouting endeavor, their Chicago base makes them our home team. Tell your Scout units to watch the 2010 Boy Scout Indy Car in action this year!

You can get more information about the BSA sponsorship, the programs connected with Indy Car races and the racing schedule at www.scouting.org/motorsports.aspx. ♣



Strikes, Spares and Gutters

article & photos by Candy Merritt, OSA Board Member

We held our annual Bowling Night back on November 14th, and the Phyliss Award goes to... Scratch that. I have some important news to report regarding Phyliss. It seems that she came to an untimely death by the hands of last year's winner, Greg Regaldo. He tried his best to save her with CPR, paramedics and glue, but none held true, for Phyliss met her demise outside of Greg's car on the way to return Phyliss to what would be her new home with this year's bowling winners, Andy and Chrissy Lukasiewicz. How sad they were

to find out that Phyliss would not be going home with them that evening. However they did win the opportunity to make a new, sturdier, Phyliss award.

Thank you to all who joined us that evening. We had a nice time and we got to meet some new faces, new friends and members. Congratulations Andy and Chrissy for winning this year's "Phyliss Award"! We look forward to seeing what you discover as the new coveted Bowling Night trophy. ♣



Look what we found at the museum!

by Ron & Susan Derby, OSA Members

Over Christmas, we went to Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. In some of the museum's hallways, you can find terrific old black and white photos depicting various moments in Chicago's history. One of these photos depicts astronaut John Glenn's visit to the museum back in 1963. When we looked at the Scouts in the photo, we noticed a couple of very familiar camp patches!



A Terrific Owasipalooza Turnout

by Ron Kulak, OSA Board Member

We had one of the best ever Owasipaloozas on Friday, Nov. 27th, at European Chalet Banquets in Chicago with 95 OSA members and other friends of Owasippe in attendance. We consumed (or was it inhaled?) 21 family-size pizzas, fellowship reigned supreme, and great conversation ensued among a very diverse group of camp buddies.

A split-the-pot raffle awarded \$179 to a very happy Mike O'Connor. Eight other assorted door prizes were raffled off courtesy of the OSA, Bill Van Berschot and Corporate Concierge, and Ron Kulak and U.S. Bank. A few very interesting Owasippe memorabilia exhibits were set up by Tom Bolbot, Lynn "Swoop" Dellamano and Lee Marks, which

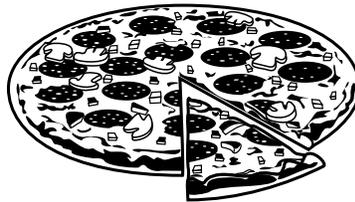
awed and captivated many.

Furthest traveled was Sean Monahan from Irving, Texas. Oldest staff lineage was by Norville Carter ('50s) followed by Tim Fass and Swoop (early '60s). Our regrets and apologies are extended to Erv Brinkmann who was deprived of an anchovy pizza but managed to get his fill regardless.

Thanks go out to Edgar, Kurt, Scott and Diane Wolff-Klammer, Andy and Chrissy Lukasiewicz, and Michelle O'Connor for assisting with setup and registration. We also greatly appreciate the fine hospitality of the staff of European Chalet. ♣



photos by Bill Van Berschot, OSA President



Visit www.Owasippe.com to see these photos (and many more) in full color.

News & Notes

CAC Board Rescinds "Two-Strikes" Election Rule

(as seen on the Fort Dearborn District website)

A controversial clause in the Chicago Area Council Bylaws, known colloquially as the "Two Strikes Rule," has been rescinded. The action was taken at the November CAC Board of Directors meeting.

The "Two Strikes Rule" stipulated that if the voting membership defeated a proposed nominating slate twice, the impasse would then be referred to the Board of Directors who could then literally appoint themselves over the wishes of the voters.

The clause had been added to the Bylaws in 2004 following overwhelming defeats of the nominated slates endorsed by then-Council President Lewis Greenblatt, who disbanded the sitting Nominating Committee and refused to accept a compromise slate proposed by that committee. Subsequently 11 Scouters, many of them CAC Board Members opposed to Greenblatt's actions, filed a lawsuit against the CAC alleging irregularities in election procedures.

At the May 2009 meeting, a resolution was introduced by COR Ray Toler asking for removal of the "Two Strikes Rule" and a return to the pre-2004 wording of that particular clause in the Bylaws. Acceptance of the resolution for Board Action was approved by the voting members at that time. The November vote by the Board of Directors makes that resolution final.

This is hopefully the end to the irregular election process the council had been following since 2004. It again puts the voting power to seat board members back in the hands of the CORs. We applaud the Council for its passing of the resolution. This is a big step in the right direction and is a sign that the Council truly is looking to make a change and mend fences.

"Celebrate Scouting" Postage Stamp Unveiled

The U.S. Postal Service gave its "stamp of approval" in honor of the BSA's 100 years of Scouting in America. The "Celebrate Scouting" stamp celebrates the adventure and spirit of Scouting. Since the creation of the international youth scouting movement more than 100 years ago and its coming to America 100 years ago, hundreds of millions of children have benefited from opportunities for adventure, skill building, leadership, personal development and community service provided by scouting organizations.



To create this original stamp design, illustrator Craig Frazier of Mill Valley, Calif., depicted the images of two different Scouts in clothing and accessories that are often part of the outdoor Scouting experience including hats, packs, boots and binoculars.

In conjunction with the "Celebrate Scouting" stamp announcement, the BSA announced it will begin a nationwide effort to support U.S. Armed Forces personnel serving overseas and veterans by sending letters and care packages using the Priority Mail Flat Rate Box through the Postal Service. The letter writing campaign continues the BSA's longstanding tradition of service and performing "a good turn" daily.

A ceremony unveiling the stamp to the public was held

in November at The Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington D.C. The stamp will be available for purchase starting in July, and the sale kicks off at the National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia.

BSA Launches "Scouting Experience of a Lifetime"

While a 100th anniversary may seem like an occasion to reflect on an impressive past, the BSA is looking towards the future. Eight major national 100th Anniversary engagement programs have been designed to reintroduce Scouting to the next generation of young leaders and reconnect millions of alumni with the organization.

You may have caught the BSA's float in the Tournament of Roses Parade. To continue the year-long celebration, the BSA has launched "Adventure Base 100," a 10,000-square-foot interactive campus featuring immersive and exciting Scout-related experiences. Adventure Base 100 will travel the country throughout 2010, providing more than 40 markets with a hands-on view of Scouting and the difference it makes in the lives of millions of youth.

Adventure Base 100 will include:

- A high adventure ropes course for all visitors more than 4 feet tall weighing less than 250 pounds
- A multi-sensory experience that will offer visitors the sights, smells and sounds of Scouting via the campus IMAX-like video "GoScouting! Dome"
- An overview about what it takes to become an Eagle Scout, the highest level of Scouting
- A chance to speak with members of local BSA councils to learn more about Scouting
- A traveling Scouting museum featuring an overview of the BSA's amazing history, including an exhibit of rare artifacts collected by the organization over the last 100 years
- Interactive digital displays, including a virtual build-and-race your own Pinewood Derby car and a touch-screen merit badge wall

As Adventure Base 100 tours the country, local BSA councils will provide their own artifacts to be featured in the BSA's 100th Anniversary National Time Capsule.

OSA Gear - Your ideas wanted!

We still have OSA Gear available and we'll be selling it at the Dinner Dance. We

are trying to design some new shirts, hats, or other gear you may want to buy, but we need your help. If you have a certain type of shirt style, new design or some other product that you think the OSA could or should be selling, please e-mail us your ideas to osapayments@yahoo.com.



Galloping Grapevine



Scott Dorencz ~ Orland Park, IL

Scott wrote in to share the happy news of his recent engagement to his girlfriend, Barbie Matelski. He made quite an event out of the engagement, waiting until the day after Christmas to take Barbie skating in Millennium Park, where he had the ice cleared so he could ask her center ice with a full audience. A jubilant "yes" and smile greeted Scott's question, and now the couple is planning a fall 2011 wedding. Congratulations to Scott and Barbie on the great news!



Timothy Gibbons ~ Palos Hills, IL

Tim is sharing the great news of his recent engagement. On Christmas day, he popped the question to his girlfriend, Miranda Petrie. Tim has been on Owasippe staff for many years in the late '90s and into the '00s, working his way up to the position of High Adventure Director for a few years. We send our congratulations to the newly engaged couple!

Sarah (Niziol) and Rob Hall ~ Signal Mountain, TN

Congratulations to Sarah and Rob on the arrival of their son and first child together! Thomas Jude Hall was born in early December and was a perfect 7.8 lbs and 20.5 inches. This is the first grandchild of Chauncey and Mary Beth Niziol, and there was great anticipation in the family for the little one's arrival. Thomas was baptized in LaGrange Park by Owasippe's own Deacon Dan Troy. The baptismal waters were part Jordan River and part Lake Wolverine, so you know he's destined for camp staff! Congratulations on the safe arrival and all the joys of a new baby!



Scott and Cindy Weber ~ Sun City West, AZ

Scott has completed his first full year living in Arizona, and he dropped a note to share some good and bad news. The good news is he has been promoted at Cabela's and is now a mentor for new employees. He has also been cross-trained in many different sections of the store, so he can fill in many places and still have the product knowledge. The bad news is the health concerns Cindy has been facing. She was diagnosed with Hepatitis C in the liver, a swollen spleen and bulging disks in her lower back. After much leave from her work, she was released from the company. Luckily she has been approved for disability income and medical assistance, so the hope is a few months' recovery time will get Cindy back to feeling well. Thanks to Scott for sharing the news, and we wish for a fast recovery for Cindy.

Financial Support Still Needed

The fight to save Owasippe is far from over. Visit www.ooc.org for donation info.



OSA Membership Corner

presented by Andy Lukasiewicz - OSA Board Member

New Life Member:
Jamie Goodwin

New Members:
Chase Budzaiak
Victor Paulus

Join the OSA's
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See You at the End of the Trail



John Grout

We are saddened to report the passing of John Grout in early January. He was 55. John earned his nickname "John Grout, Eagle Scout," by his amazing, unending enthusiasm for all things related to Scouting and the outdoors. He camped at Owasippe starting in 1965 at Camp Stuart, and then spent four summers at Beard and two summers at Blackhawk. John worked his way through Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Sea Explorers. He worked as a Wrangler on the Philmont staff and served Owasippe in many functions including Stuart Waterfront Director and Pack and Paddle Director. He was the first member of Troop 944 to earn the rank of Eagle Scout in 1970 and was an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow.

We owe the trail system at Owasippe in part to John; he worked with Jim Marshall blazing trails and mapping the entire property. In more recent years, he was part of the CIT Staff Development Team working to train future Owasippe staff members. Despite inheriting a genetic disease that required multiple surgeries and hospital stays, John always kept an upbeat attitude and a desire to maintain his ties to Owasippe and Scouting. As John's former Scoutmaster Erv Brinkmann wrote, "I have loved John Grout as a father would love his son. John Grout embodied everything that the perfect Scout stands for and is. I will miss him forever." We will miss him too. His name will be spoken around the council fires to keep his spirit alive in our hearts.

NOTE: The OSA has established a memorial fund in John Grout's honor. If you would like to make a contribution please make your check out to the Owasippe Staff Association and send it to P.O. Box 7097, Westchester, IL 60154. Be sure to earmark your check as a contribution to the John Grout Memorial Fund. A suitable project or use of any funds collected will be determined in the coming months.

Ann Marie Nedza

Ann passed away in late December at the age of 83. She was a tireless Owasippe enthusiast and Scout supporter. Ann and her husband Matt were longtime Scouters in the Portage District, and she worked at Family Camp in the 1970s and '80s. Two of her four children, Steve and Michael, worked at camp as well as Camp Blackhawk. She was a teacher in the Chicago Public School System for 40 years. We will remember her caring nature, and our thoughts are with the family at this time of loss.

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: _____

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Children's Names & Ages: _____

Mail to:
OSA Membership
P.O. Box 7097
Westchester, IL 60154

New Member \$20 _____

Renewal \$15 _____

Lifetime \$350 _____

Visit the OSA online at www.owasippe.com

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- Winter (Issue 4) October 15

Dates of Interest to OSA Members

February

- 15.....OSA Board Meeting
- 19.....Discount Deadline for Dinner Dance Tickets
- 20.....Shopping / Gift Card Deadline
- 24.....Owasippe Leaders' Meeting #1 (at Five Holy Martyrs)
- 25.....Owasippe Leaders' Meeting #2 (at Our Lady Mother of the Church)

March

- 6.....32nd OSA Dinner Dance & Annual Meeting
- 8.....Owasippe Leaders' Meeting #3 (Cowlshaw Elementary School)
- 14.....Daylight Savings Begins (spring forward)
- 17.....St. Patrick's Day
- 27.....All-day OSA Board Planning Meeting

April

- 1.....OSA Vibrations Copy Deadline

May

- 21-23.....OSA Spring Fix-it @ Owasippe





Shopping/Gift Card Fundraiser

Deadline:

Shopping/Gift card orders must be **postmarked** by February 20th. 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 6th.

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 \$4.80 no matter what!

*Thank you to the people who ordered gift cards in November.
Gift card orders raise much-needed funds for OSA programs!*



See order form on reverse side and thank you for supporting the OSA!



Use cards for your own shopping or to give as gifts!

Perfect for employees, co-workers, teachers, teenagers and any other hard-to-shop-for people.

Name:		
Phone:		
Address:		
Vendor	Qty.	Total \$
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Jewel \$100		
Walgreens \$25		
Car & Travel		
Amoco \$50		
BP Gas \$50		
Delta Sonic Car Wash \$16		
Gas City \$50		
Jiffy Lube \$25		
Marriott \$50		
Mobil \$50		
Shell \$25		
Speedway Gas \$25		
Restaurants, Coffee & Fast Food		
Applebees \$10		
Burger King \$10		
Caribou Coffee \$10		
Chili's \$25		
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10		
Cold Stone Creamery \$10		
Dunkin Donuts \$10		
Lettuce Entertain You \$25		
Olive Garden / Red Lobster \$25		
Outback Steakhouse \$25		
Panera Bread \$10		

Restaurants, Coffee & Fast Food (cont.)		
Pizza Hut \$10		
Starbucks \$10		
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Retail		
Amazon.com \$25		
American Eagle \$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 \$25		
Eddie Bauer \$25		
Express \$25		
Fannie May \$20		
Game Stop \$25		
Home Depot \$25		
Kohls \$25		
Lowe's Home Improvement \$25		
Macy's \$25		
Old Navy / Gap \$ 25		
Sam's Club / Walmart \$25		
Toys R Us \$20		
Ulta Cosmetics \$25		
Entertainment		
AMC Movie Theaters \$25		
Blockbuster Video \$10		
Classic Cinemas \$10		
Checkout		
Total Amount Ordered		
+ Shipping (\$4.80 if applicable)		
Total Amount Enclosed		



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



*Owasippe Staff Association's
32nd Annual Meeting & Dinner Dance
on March 6, 2010 from 6 - 11 p.m.*

at European Chalet Banquets • 5445 S. Harlem Ave., Chicago, IL 60638
www.eurochal.com

Ticket price is \$40 per person (in advance)
and includes a family-style dinner with an open bar.

NOTE: Ticket prices go up to \$50 after February 19th so make your reservations early!

There is limited parking available in the adjacent lot.

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

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

For additional information, call
Candy Merritt at 708-354-9837 or email 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 \$40 if your reservations are postmarked by February 19th.

- A Golden Ticket will be mailed (or confirmed by phone or email) to each OSA member who has their ticket and membership dues paid for by February 19th.
- A Green Ticket will be mailed (or confirmed by phone or email) to each non-member who has their ticket paid for by February 19th.

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

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

See reverse for the order form and raffle info!



Dinner Dance Raffle Info.

Drawings to be held at the OSA Dinner Dance/Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 6th. Winners need not be present. Advance orders MUST be postmarked by February 19th.



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OSA Dinner Dance & Raffle Order Form (Please Print)

NOTE: Tickets can also be purchased online. Go to www.owasippe.com and click on STORE.

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 (by 2/19)		x \$40	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner Dance Tickets (after 2/19)		x \$50	
<input type="checkbox"/> OSA Membership Dues Renewal		x \$15	
<input type="checkbox"/> OSA Life Membership		x \$350	
<input type="checkbox"/> Apple iPod Nano (raffle)		x \$10	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ultimate Split-The-Pot (raffle)		x \$10	

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



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