



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

# Vibrations

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## Dinner Dance March 5th at New Venue

*by Susan Derby, OSA Member*

We're switching things up a little this year as part of the huge 100th anniversary of Owasippe. The OSA will be hosting its Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance on March 5th at Bobak's Signature Events at Seven Bridges, 6440 Double Eagle Dr. in Woodridge. We are getting dressed up and celebrating Owasippe's century milestone in style. We are calling on all friends to reunite for food, fun and fellowship. Help spread the word.

Doors open at 5:45 p.m., and we'll be sharing dinner, drinks, conversation, our annual business meeting, and music until 11 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person in advance, \$60 at the door. Order tickets by Feb. 25th using the enclosed order form, or online via PayPal by March 4th on the OSA website, [www.owasippe.com](http://www.owasippe.com). Price includes dinner and open bar, plus plenty of parking.

We're raffling off an iPad, a lifetime OSA membership, and a split-the-pot cash prize. All raffle tickets are \$10 each. In addition, a silent auction will be running throughout the evening. See right if you have items to donate to the silent auction.

We're also collecting photos to run as part of a slide show during the event. Send your photos in scanned JPEG form or on CD to Candy Merritt at [candymerritt@yahoo.com](mailto:candymerritt@yahoo.com).

Her address is available on page 7 of this newsletter if you're mailing a CD. All photos from camp and OSA events are welcome! We'd love to see your photos of OSA fix-its, social events, camp memories, staff photos, and everything else in your collection. Pick your favorites and send them along to Candy to be included in the slide show. ♣

### Silent auction items needed!

Please help celebrate the 100th anniversary of Owasippe Scout Reservation by contributing to this year's silent auction! All donations are greatly appreciated and will help in the OSA's continuing mission to support of the nation's oldest Scout Camp. We are currently seeking donations of all kinds such as scouting memorabilia; restaurant, spa, hotel, or service gift certificates; artwork; sports tickets; or anything else that you would like to contribute! If you have a donation to make or any questions about the auction process, please contact Bill Van Berschot ([bvanberschot@corporateconciierge.com](mailto:bvanberschot@corporateconciierge.com) or 312-907-1762) or Candy Merritt ([candymerritt@yahoo.com](mailto:candymerritt@yahoo.com) or 708-860-2555).

## Owasipalooza Provides Fun & Fellowship

*by Ron Kulak, OSA Board Member*

As in years past, the OSA Pizza Night (dubbed "Owasipalooza") did not disappoint and gave roughly 60 members and camp buddies a venue and opportunity to commune in fellowship. As in the past, the event was held at the European Chalet Banquet Hall in Chicago on Harlem Avenue and was on the Friday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 26.

People brought their appetites despite being full of turkey and stuffing from the day before. We had an assortment of pizza pies that filled everyone's tastes. Circles of friends enjoyed the lively art of conversation throughout the room and genuinely enjoyed each other's company and getting reacquainted.

Edgar Wolff-Klammer and sons provided OSA gear for sale, which many took advantage of. Veteran Scouter Lee Marks had his collection of Owasippe patches on display that went back to the camp's early years. His photos and display

boards were impressive to see and created quite a stir of interest and discussion. It was a good way to get everyone in a historical mood on the eve of Owasippe's 100th anniversary.



The evening culminated with door prizes being raffled off thanks to the generosity of Bill Van Berschot, Corporate Concierge and U.S. Bank. A split-the-pot cash raffle was also conducted and provided a great opportunity for a bit of friendly gaming.

All had a great time getting together and talking about Owasippe's historic centennial in 2011. It was a great way to end one year and look forward to another. ♣

Not only is 2011 the beginning of a new decade but also of a new chapter for Owasippe as we begin The Next 100 Years! In preparation for the next century of Owasippe, the OSA is strengthening our mission of fellowship through the ages as we build our social network linking the past with the present and building the foundation for the future!



If you have not yet befriended Dan Beard, please find him on Facebook! Dan was not only the name sake of one of Owasippe's first camps but was one of the founding fathers of the Scouting movement along with Paden Powell. He was a noted painter, illustrator and author; edited the first Boy Scout handbook; and was the first National Scout Commissioner, recruiting more than one million Scouts while he served in that position. We are asking you join this group and, in the spirit of Dan Beard, recruit your friends to this group so that we can continue to build the link between Owasippe's past and its burgeoning future! Please reach out to past staff members that you have not heard from in while and ask them to join to help build our own OSA web! If you have questions regarding OSA's social media please contact Caitlin Boline (caitlinboline@gmail.com or 708-989-2909) or Tim Toerber (tmytbr3@gmail.com or 312-545-6320). If you would like membership information sent to an OSA member or potential member, please contact Andy Lukasiewicz (relievestress@yahoo.com or 312-203-5534).

The 33rd Annual Owasippe Staff Association Dinner Dance will be held at the beautiful Bobak's Signature Events in Woodridge. This new dramatic location will allow us the space we will need to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Owasippe in style! Candy Merritt (candymerritt@yahoo.com) and Michelle O'Conner (michelle.oconnor@gmail.com) are collecting photos from the last 100 years of Owasippe history! Help us to create a visual history of "the camp so dear to memory..." and send us your photos of the land, campers, leaders and staff. You can digitize them yourself, or we would be happy to take care of that for you and return your images to you. Ron Kulak (owasiron@juno.com) will also be collecting historic information about Owasippe for this endeavor.

In addition to the festivities and fellowship of the evening, we also will feature a raffle for a Life Membership to the OSA, the ultimate unlimited split-the-pot and an iPad, plus we're hosting a silent auction of items solicited, donated and created by members of the OSA. If you would like to make a contribution to the silent auction, please contact Bill Van Berschot (bvanberschot@corporateconciierge.com or 312-907-1762). Dinner Dance registration and purchasing raffle tickets has been streamlined and made incredibly easy! You can now use PayPal on our website at owasippe.com to RSVP for the event. You can even purchase raffle tickets even if you cannot attend. If you have any questions, please contact Edgar Wolf-Klammer (ewolffklammer@prodigy.net or 224-217-1112).

As we plan for the upcoming anniversary, the OSA will be working closely with CAC to get camp ready for this

monumental year. We can use all hands on deck at this year's Spring Fix It as we will be once again focusing our efforts on a large improvement project. Andy Marhoul will be spearheading our efforts. Please look to him in the upcoming months for more information.

The shining glory of this auspicious year will be the spectacular celebration which will be taking place this summer at Owasippe Scout Reservation. Bob Pagels is coordinating the OSA's role in the 100th anniversary task force to make this a truly unforgettable celebration and will keep us informed as the plans continue to develop. If you want to be a part of the celebration, contact Bob at pagelsb@nsk-corp.com or 603-605-4322.

Thank you again for your participation and commitment to both the OSA and to Owasippe! You do make a difference and you are appreciated! ♣

## Mac Wood's Dune Rides in Silver Lake

by Caitlin Boline, OSA Board Member

Whether you are looking for a Saturday stay-over activity or just want to do a little more exploring of the Western Michigan area, Mac Wood's Dune Rides located in Silver Lake is a really great time! A few summers ago on my Saturday off, a few staff members and I ventured out to Silver Lake to see what the Dune Rides were all about. Reservations are not needed, and rides go out very often. The dune ride is a safe ride that takes you on a scenic (don't forget your camera!) seven-mile dune ride lasting about 40 minutes. The drivers are very knowledgeable and have a lot of interesting facts and information about the history and environment of the area, which they present in a very funny, informal tour. In addition to Mac Wood's Dune Rides, there are many "cut-out" photo ops, a nice gift shop, a Whippy Dip ice cream shop nearby, a towering red-brick lighthouse and also Silver Lake Beach. It's a wonderful option for a family-friendly adventure. So try something new and head out to Mac Wood's this summer during its 81st year in business! ♣



### Mac Wood's Dune Rides

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Phone: (231) 873-2817

[www.macwoodsdunerides.com](http://www.macwoodsdunerides.com)

Age 12 and over ... \$16

Age 3 thru 11 ... \$11

Age 2 and under ... FREE

# Contributions Are Mission Critical

by Ron Kulak, OSA Board Member

Everyone recognizes the importance of maintaining and renewing their membership with the OSA. It has also been proven, time and time again, that volunteerism and service to Owasippe via the OSA carries a value highly immeasurable and important to the camp's survival. Such man-hours of donated time and talents over the last 32 years to Owasippe along with countless contributions of materials and facilities have probably been unparalleled in the Chicago Area Council, undoubtedly making the OSA its single largest sustained contributor.

However, dues and service alone cannot help the OSA achieve its mission and be as successful as it has been over the years. Donations to the OSA by individuals and organizations have played a critical role in getting important jobs done. Laying testimony to this are the revitalized campfire bowls at camps Blackhawk and Wolverine, redone roofs on countless buildings, sailboats, building of the High COPE Course and climbing tower, and construction of the rifle ranges...just to name a few. It was the dedication and stewardship exhibited by hundreds of members and friends of the camp that enabled these projects to become a reality. Thousands of Scouts and Scouters have benefitted from these projects thanks to the generosity and unselfishness of past staff and Scouters.

We need this effort to continue even though there may not always be something flashy to get done or something impressive to exhibit. Sometimes it is just the simple replacement of camp necessities that allow the camps to continue to roll. We need everyone to keep focused on this and to provide donations to the OSA for this type of effort and success to continue.

There are several ways for this to happen:

- \* Contribute directly to the OSA with your monetary donation by sending in a check to the OSA, P.O. Box 7097, Westchester IL 60154

- \* Naming the Owasippe Staff Association to be a benefactor in your will or living trust. A bequest to the OSA would leave a lasting legacy for the youth who have yet to set foot on the camp we want to live on in perpetuity. Anyone can include the OSA in their will, no matter what the size of their estate.

- \* Contribute shares of stock or mutual funds directly to the OSA. The OSA through its investment advisor can accept such contributions and give the donor an opportunity to provide a donation based on book value but a tax-free way to donate without converting the security first.

- \* Naming the OSA to be a beneficiary on your insurance policy, certificate of deposit, investments, or insurance policy.

- \* Utilize your annual distributions from your 401k, 403b or other retirement annuity to be drawn and contributed directly to the Owasippe Staff Association. New changes in IRS rules make this a possibility. See your tax advisor on how this can be done.

We're all in this to help the OSA help Owasippe, but we just need to be aware of what all our options are. Good stewardship takes on many forms and opportunities to give back. The next thing is to have the will to act on our convictions and dedication. Owasippe Forever! ♣

## Staffs of the Past, Sauger Lake 1974

Photo sent in by OSA Member Carl Young

The staff of 1974 was the last to work a full summer under the name Camp Sauger Lake. In the bathtub is Carl Young's dog "Sauger Dogger."



**NOTE:** We have started a "Staffs of the Past" picture page located in the "Picture Archives" section of [www.owasippe.com](http://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](mailto:vibrations@owasippe.com).

# 2011 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 5, 2011, have a genuine interest in the success of the organization and be available for monthly Board of Director meetings.

Current Board of Directors			Term Expires
Timothy Toerber III*	Edgar Wolff-Klammer (Vice Pres.)	Bob Pagels (Treasurer)	2011
Bill Van Berschot (President)	Candy Merritt (Secretary)	Ron Kulak	2012
Caitlin Boline	Andy Lukasiewicz	Michelle O'Connor	2013

\* Two consecutive term limit goes into effect.

## Who may vote?

Each OSA member currently registered (2011) 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 33rd Annual Meeting (Bobak's Signature Events) on Saturday, March 5, 2011, 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 (2011) 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](mailto:relievestress@yahoo.com).

**Winners** Those candidates receiving the largest number of valid votes will be inducted into the Board of Directors during the 2011 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



2011 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 25, 2011 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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- Ryan Gust
- Barb Lea
- Andy Marhoul
- Bob Pagels
- Vince Rychtanek
- Edgar Wolff-Klammer
- write-in  \_\_\_\_\_
- write-in  \_\_\_\_\_
- write-in  \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## Meet the Candidates (listed alphabetically)

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**Ryan M. Gust**, age 28, lives in Minooka with his wife, Chrissy, and their 6-month old son, Carlen. Ryan worked on camp staff for many summers at both Camp Carlen and Camp Wolverine, working his way up to his role as camp director for Camp Wolverine for a number of years. Ryan is a current OSA member and an Eagle Scout. He is the district executive of the Ishkote District in the Rainbow Council in Morris, IL. *“I enjoyed my years on staff at Owasippe and I would like to help the OSA in its endeavors to better such a wealth of Earth and Heaven.”*



**Barbara T. Lea** is 32 and lives in the Edgewater neighborhood of Chicago. She teaches children and adolescents who are in hospitals and spends her free time working on getting kids outside and learning about their natural environment. She has been a Girl Scout as well as a Girl Scout leader. Her first Owasippe experience was at Family Camp / Camp Reneker in 1978 when she was just three weeks old, and since then, Owasippe has been in her blood. She and three of her seven siblings – Caroline, Liz and John – worked on camp staff, along with their mother. Barb served on staff from 1992-1997 and again in 1999, 2002 and 2003 at camps Reneker, Carlen, Wolverine and Crown High Adventure Base/Manistee Quest. She trekked at Philmont in 2000 and is looking forward to camping at Owasippe for the 100th anniversary! Barb is an OSA Life Member and is active in OSA events whenever possible. *“Owasippe has given us so much. We are all sons and daughters of Owasippe, and we shall continue to give back to Owasippe in any way we can.”*



**Andy Marhoul**, age 31, lives with his wife, Kim Marhoul (formerly Sturtevant), in Riverside. Earning a BFA in photography from Columbia College, Andy also worked full time as a union carpenter for five years at ALCA Carpentry before becoming an estimator for the same company in 2006. He has been attending Owasippe as a Scout since 1991 and earned his Eagle Scout rank in 1997. Working at Camp Carlen since 1996, Andy spent three years on aquatics, one year as archery director earning Staffman of the Year, and one final year as photography director. He has been part of the OSA ever since, giving time and fellowship. Andy has recently taken over as the Fix-It chair in 2010 and hopes to bring his construction and project management experience to the board and the OSA to further aid in the rebuilding of camp. *“The life lessons that I have learned at Owasippe have helped me always be positive; I want to make sure that sense of hope is in future scouting generations of Owasippe as well.”*



**Bob Pagels**, age 53, resides in Downers Grove with his wife, Elaine. He is a Life Member and is completing his third year as the Treasurer of the OSA. As a youth, Bob rose through all ranks of the Scouting program. He is a second-generation Eagle, having earned his Eagle Scout rank with Troop 729 in Palos Heights. He worked at Owasippe for four years in the mid-1970s, including a year in the CIT program, two years on the Stuart waterfront and a year in Pack & Paddle. While considering the opportunity to serve another three-year term on the OSA Board, he recognized his desire to provide continued service to Owasippe through this post. *“The Owasippe Staff Association’s mission is one I am proud to be associated with and I’m grateful to be serving as Treasurer. I hope to fulfill this privilege by serving another three years on the OSA Board.”*



**Vince Rychtanek**, age 47, lives in Elgin with his wife, Beth, and three daughters. He is a firefighter/paramedic with the Elgin Fire Department. Vince worked at Owasippe for ten summers from 1978 through 1987. He worked numerous program areas including Camp Blackhawk, Pack and Paddle, survival and logging outposts, and High Adventure. His wife is the current director of Camp Reneker, and two of his daughters have served on Owasippe staff as well. He has dedicated many summer weekends and vacations to maintenance and repairs at camp. Vince has been a member of the OSA since 1987, serving two terms on the board including a year as OSA president. Vince’s service to Owasippe and the OSA was celebrated with the OSA Honorary Life Member award at last year’s Dinner Dance.



**Edgar Wolff-Klammer**, age 50, is married and a father of three sons. His wife and sons have worked on Camp Blackhawk staff the past few summers. He lives in Skokie and works for Underwriters Laboratories Inc. in Northbrook as a principal engineer. He has been involved with Scouting for 40 years and is an Eagle Scout. Currently he is the Scoutmaster for Troop 72 in Skokie. Edgar worked at Owasippe for five summers (CIT, three years at Camp Blackhawk, and one year on maintenance staff) during the late 1970s and early '80s. He is a Life Member of the OSA and has been active at work weekends, picnics, bowling and other OSA events. Besides Scouting, Edgar enjoys woodworking and woodcarving. *“It has been a great three years, and I would like to continue in my role and hope that I can make the OSA even better.”*

# Galloping Grapevine



## **Joe Alonso**

Joe wrote in to update us on some major health issues he is facing. Joe was diagnosed with a muscle-invasive bladder cancer last year and has been seeing multiple doctors for research and consultation. He underwent surgery in late November to have his bladder, prostate and lymph nodes removed in an effort to remove the cancer. We are hoping that the cancer hasn't spread elsewhere and that the surgery went well. We send our best out to Joe in his recovery and further medical tests. Hang in there, Joe. You've got a whole OSA family thinking positive thoughts for you!

## **Marilyn Kulak**

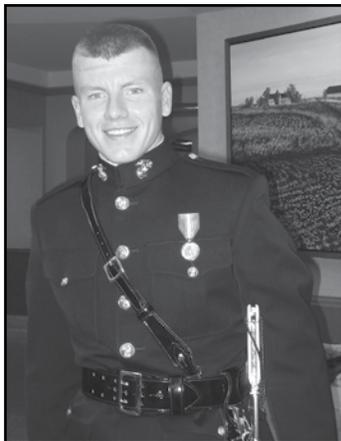
Ma Kulak completed her second Master's Degree in Education/ Curriculum at Concordia University in River Forest this past December. She is a physical education teacher at the Hodgkins School in LaGrange School District 105 where she has been so employed for almost 20 years. Marilyn has dedicated many years to Owasippe, as a staff member, camp director, spouse of an Owasippe enthusiast and fellow staffer, and mother to four staffers. We applaud your dedication and all the hard work that goes into a Master's Degree! Congratulations, Marilyn!

## **Joe Schluep**

Edgar Wolff-Klammer sent in information about one of our OSA members earning a high recognition in BSA history. On July 25th, Joseph N. Schluep was inducted into the BSA 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership, representing all of the nominees of Northwest Suburban Council. The induction ceremony was held on the Adventure Base 100 Campus following the BSA Grand Centennial Parade in Washington D.C. Joe Schluep's leadership story will be recorded as part of the BSA 100th Anniversary archives at the National Scouting Museum in Irving, Texas. Congratulations Assistant Council Commissioner Joseph N. Schluep!

## **Kevin Shotas**

Longtime staffer Kevin Shotas reported Dec. 14th to The Basic School (TBS) in Quantico, VA. This past August, he graduated from U of I with a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Human Factors. Immediately after, Kevin was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, received his orders in August and has been assigned to active duty. During his 26 weeks at TBS, he will be given extensive classroom, field and practical application training and then selected for a Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) for specialty training. Kevin has served on both Blackhawk and High Adventure staffs, serving most recently as Blackhawk Assistant Director in 2009. For those of you who know Kevin, you have most certainly been impressed and entertained with his colorful character as well as his devotion to Scouting. Good luck, Kevin!



## See You at the End of the Trail



### **Dorothy Accardi**

Dorothy was 90 years old at the time of her passing on Jan. 25th. She was the mother of Mary Beth Niziol and grandmother to Sarah Hall and Therese Gach. Dorothy was a long-time supporter of youth scouting. She had been enduring six months in and out of the hospital. Our deepest sympathies to the Niziol family and all her family and friends at the loss.

### **Eric Cavnar**

Eric, 51 years old, perished in an apartment fire in Phoenix, AZ, on Dec. 29th. Eric attained the rank of Eagle Scout, became a CIT in 1975, and served on the Aquatics Staff for three years at Wolverine South. Campers and staff from the 1970s will remember Eric for his unique humor and wit. He will be missed by all who knew him.

### **Rita Oomens**

Rita, age 72, passed away on Jan. 9th in Elgin. Rita was the matriarch of a large family of 17 children. Son Scott Oomens is an active OSA member and former Owasippe Staffman of the Year. Rita was an at-home mom who deeply loved family gatherings. We are so sorry for the loss, and our prayers are with the Oomens family.

### **Theresa Tenner**

Theresa, mother of Bill Tenner, passed away on Jan. 25. At age 82, she had been fighting several different illnesses for many years. Theresa was a Committee Member with Boy Scout Troop 998 for six years and was very involved with Bill and his brother's scouting life. We offer our condolences to Bill and the entire Tenner family.

### **John Typetantar**

"Uncle John" passed away on Dec. 2nd. He was a WWII Army veteran and was known among the Scouting family as the "Knot Master" or "Mr. Knots." He was honored with a Broken Arrow ceremony. He was father to five children and grandfather of 13, many of whom have become involved in Scouting and Owasippe. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Typetantar family at this time of grief.

## Vibrations always needs copy...

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

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▶ e-mail: [vibrations@owasippe.com](mailto:vibrations@owasippe.com)

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# 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.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Year	Camp	Position

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Deadlines for submitting materials for publication are as follows:

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

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

### *February*

- 18.....Shopping / Gift Card Deadline
- 23.....Owasippe Leaders' Meeting #1 (at Five Holy Martyrs)
- 24.....Owasippe Leaders' Meeting #2 (at Our Lady Mother of the Church)
- 25.....Dinner Dance RSVP
- 25.....OSA Board Absentee Ballot Deadline

### *March*

- 5.....33rd OSA Dinner Dance & Annual Meeting
- 8.....Owasippe Leaders' Meeting #3 (Grace Community Christian Church)
- 13.....Daylight Savings Begins (spring forward)
- 17.....St. Patrick's Day

### *April*

- 1.....OSA Vibrations Copy Deadline

### *May*

- 21-23.....OSA Spring Fix-it @ Owasippe
- 27-30.....OA Spring Fellowship @ Owasippe
- 30.....Memorial Day (observed)





# Shopping/Gift Card Fundraiser

The December shopping/gift card order raised over \$300, bringing the total profit for 2010 to more than \$600. Thank you for ordering and helping to make this fundraiser successful. We have been asked by a few members to provide the complete list of gift cards that are available, so in this newsletter you have quite a few options to buy cards. The % column shows what percentage of the gift card amount goes to the OSA in cash.

## “I never use gift cards, so why should I buy any?”

There are a lot of ways you can use gift cards even if they aren't for yourself.

- Order some Pizza Hut cards and tell the OSA to donate them to the Ad Center, Blackhawk, HiAd, Reneker or Wolverine staff to have a treat on you this summer.
- Buy some Lowes, Home Depot or Sam's Club gift cards and tell the OSA to use them at the spring or fall Fix-it.
- Buy any restaurant gift cards and tell the OSA to give them away as raffle prizes at the dinner dance, pub crawl, pizza night, etc.

## Deadline

Shopping/Gift card orders must be **postmarked by February 18**. Orders received after the cut-off date will be returned because the cards must be ordered all at once.

## 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, March 5, 2011. 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!

## Send checks only (no cash)

Make checks payable to the Owasippe Staff Association.

Mail entire form and check to: Edgar Wolff-Klammer, 7820 Keystone, Skokie, IL 60076

## Questions?

Contact Edgar Wolff-Klammer at [ewolffklammer@prodigy.net](mailto:ewolffklammer@prodigy.net) or 847-677-1688

**NOTE: You must fill out both sides of this form completely and send in the whole form!**

Name:
Phone:
Address:

CHECKOUT	
Total Amount Ordered	\$
+ Shipping (\$4.80 if applicable)	\$
Total Amount Enclosed	\$



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

	%	Amount
Ace Hardware \$25	5.0	
Aeropostale \$25	9.0	
Amazon.com \$100	5.0	
Amazon.com \$25	5.0	
AMC \$ 6.50 Single Admission	5.0	
AMC \$25 Gift Card	9.0	
AMC Gold \$8.00 No Restrictions	5.0	
American Airlines \$100	5.0	
American Eagle \$25	10.0	
American Girl \$25	10.0	
Applebee's \$10	9.0	
Applebee's \$25	9.0	
Arby's \$10	9.0	
Arco \$50 or \$250 Gas Cards	2.5	
Auto Zone \$25	8.0	
Baja Fresh \$10	8.0	
Barnes & Noble \$10	10.0	
Barnes & Noble \$25	10.0	
Barnes & Noble \$5	10.0	
Baskin Robbins \$2	10.0	
Bass Pro \$25	10.0	
Bath & Body Works \$10	14.0	
Bath & Body Works \$25	14.0	
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25	7.0	
Best Buy \$100	3.0	
Best Buy \$25	3.0	
Billboard Music Card \$10 BONUS	25.0	
Borders Books \$10	9.0	
Borders Books \$25	9.0	
Boston Market \$10	14.0	
BP Gas Card \$100	2.5	
BP Gas Card \$50	2.5	
Brunswick Zone \$10	9.0	
Buca di Beppo \$25	9.0	
Buffalo Wild Wings \$25	8.0	
Build A Bear \$25	9.0	
Buona Beef \$10 or \$100	9.0	
Burger King \$10	5.0	
California Pizza Kitchen \$25	5.0	
Caribou Coffee \$10	9.0	
Carson Pirie Scott \$100	10.0	
Carson Pirie Scott \$25	10.0	
Champps Rest \$25	10.0	
Cheesecake Factory \$25	4.0	
Chevron \$250 Gas Cards	3.5	
Chevron \$50 Gas Card	2.5	
Chili's \$25 BONUS	12.0	
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10	12.0	
Choice Hotels \$25	5.0	
Chuck E Cheese \$10	9.0	
Cinemark Theatres \$8.25	10.0	
Claire's Boutique \$10	10.0	
Classic Cinema Theatres \$10	10.0	
Cold Stone Creamery \$10	10.0	
Costco Membership Cert \$50	25.0	
Cracker Barrel \$10	10.0	
Cracker Barrel \$25	10.0	
Crate & Barrel \$25 or \$100	7.0	
CVS \$100	5.0	
CVS Pharmacy \$25	5.0	
Dairy Queen \$10	5.0	
Darden Card \$25	9.0	
Dave & Buster \$25	15.0	
Del Taco \$10 Gift Card	5.0	
Dell Computers \$100	5.0	
Delta Sonic Car Wash \$16	20.0	
Dennis Uniform \$20	5.0	
Denny's \$10	8.0	
Denny's \$25	8.0	
Dicks Sporting Goods \$25	7.0	
Dillard's \$25 or \$100	10.0	
Disney Gift Card \$100	3.0	
Disney Gift Card \$25	3.0	
Disney \$500 or \$1000	3.0	
Dominicks \$100	5.0	
Dominicks \$25	5.0	
Domino's Pizza \$10	9.0	
Dunkin Donuts \$10	5.0	
Dunkin Donuts \$25	5.0	
Dunkin Donuts \$5	5.0	
Eddie Bauer \$25	10.0	

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Edine Gifts \$25	4.0	
Edwardo's \$10	9.0	
Egg Harbor \$15	4.0	
Express \$25	11.0	
Exxon \$50	2.5	
Fairmont \$25 or \$100	15.0	
Famous Dave's \$25	9.0	
Fandango \$10	10.0	
Fannie May \$20	25.0	
Fashion Bug \$25	9.0	
Finish Line \$25	11.0	
Footlocker \$25	9.0	
Game Stop \$25	4.0	
Garden Fresh \$20	5.0	
Gas City \$50	3.0	
GCHolder BDay \$2.00	25.0	
GCHolder Bundle \$5.00	25.0	
GCHolder Congrat \$2.00	25.0	
GCHolder Gift4U \$2.00	25.0	
Gino's East \$10	9.0	
Giordano's \$25	9.0	
Good Earth Market \$20	10.0	
Goodrich Quality Theaters \$10	5.0	
Gordon Food Service (GFS) \$25	4.0	
Great American Bagel \$5	9.0	
Great Harvest Bread \$10	8.0	
Guitar Center \$25	6.0	
Gymboree \$25	14.0	
H&M \$25	7.0	
Hair Cuttery \$10	9.0	
Hallmark Gold Crown \$25	5.0	
Hard Rock Cafe \$25	9.0	
Harry & David \$25	13.0	
Home Depot \$100	5.0	
Home Depot \$25	5.0	
Home Depot \$500	5.0	
Home Run Inn \$25	20.0	
Home Shopping Network \$25	10.0	
Honey Baked Ham \$20	10.0	
Houlihans \$25	9.0	
Hyatt \$25 or \$100 Gift Card	9.0	
iTunes \$15	4.0	
iTunes \$25	4.0	
J.Jill \$25	10.0	
Jack In The Box \$15	7.0	
JCPenney \$25 or \$100	5.0	
Jewel Foods Gift Card \$100	5.0	
Jewel Foods Gift Card \$25	5.0	
Jiffy Lube \$25	10.0	
JoAnn Fabric \$20	7.0	
Joe Caputo & Sons \$25	5.0	
Journeys \$25	10.0	
Kentucky Fried Chicken \$5	10.0	
KMart\$25	5.0	
Kmart\$50	5.0	
Kohl's \$25	5.0	
Kohls \$100	5.0	
L.L. Bean \$25	19.0	
Landry's Gift Card \$20	9.0	
Lands End \$25	15.0	
Lettuce Entertain You \$100	14.0	
Lettuce Entertain You \$25	14.0	
Logan's Roadhouse \$25	9.0	
Lone Star \$25	5.0	
Lord & Taylor \$25	10.0	
Lou Mainati's Pizza \$25	8.0	
Lowe's Home Improve \$25	5.0	
Lowe's Home Improv \$100 or \$500	5.0	
Macy's \$100	10.0	
Macy's \$25	10.0	
Marathon \$100	4.0	
Marathon \$25	4.0	
Marcus Theatres & Resorts \$25	10.0	
Mario Tricoci \$100	9.0	
Mario Tricoci \$25	9.0	
Marriott \$100 or \$500	9.0	
Marriott Gift Cards \$50	9.0	
Meijer \$100	4.0	
Meijer \$25	4.0	
Men's Wearhouse \$25	8.0	
Menards \$100	4.0	

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Menards \$25	4.0	
Michael's Crafts \$25	5.0	
Mimi's Cafe \$25	10.0	
Mrs. Field's Cookies \$5	19.0	
Mt. Olympus/Treasure Island \$50	14.0	
Nike \$25	15.0	
Noodles \$10 or \$25	7.0	
Oberweis Dairy \$10	10.0	
Office Depot \$25	5.0	
Office Max \$25 or \$100	5.0	
Old Country Buffet \$25	5.0	
Omaha Steaks \$25	9.0	
Omni Hotels/Resorts \$100	9.0	
Once Upon A Child \$25	9.0	
Options \$25	10.0	
Outback \$25	9.0	
Overstock.com \$25	10.0	
P.F.Changs \$25	9.0	
Panera \$10	9.0	
Panera \$25	9.0	
Papa Johns Pizza \$10	9.0	
Payless Shoe Source \$10	14.0	
Pete's Fresh Market \$20	5.0	
Petsmart \$25	5.0	
Pizza Hut \$10	9.0	
Plato's Closet \$25	9.0	
Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25	8.0	
Quiznos \$10 Gift Cards	10.0	
Red Robin \$10	9.0	
Regal Entertainment \$25	10.0	
Regis Salon \$25	9.0	
Restaurant.com \$10	30.0	
Restoration Hardware \$25	14.0	
Rockbottom/Old Chicago \$25	7.0	
Rocky MounChocolate \$10	13.0	
Ruth's Chris Steakhouse \$25	10.0	
Sally Beauty Supply \$25	15.0	
Sara Lee \$10	14.0	
Sears \$25	5.0	
Sears \$250	5.0	
Sephora \$20	6.0	
Shell \$25	3.0	
Shell \$50	3.0	
Shell \$100	3.0	
Shoe Carnival \$25	5.0	
Shutterfly \$25	10.0	
Six Flags \$32	10.0	
Speedway \$100	5.0	
Speedway \$25	5.0	
Sports Authority \$25	9.0	
Staples \$25 or \$100	6.0	
Starbucks \$10.	8.0	
Starbucks \$100	8.0	
Starbucks \$25	8.0	
Starbucks \$5	8.0	
Steak & Shake \$10	9.0	
Subway \$10	4.0	
Super Cuts \$25	10.0	
Sweet Tomatoes \$10 or \$25	9.0	
Talbots \$25	10.0	
Texas Roadhouse \$25	9.0	
TGIFridays \$25	9.0	
The Childrens Place \$25	14.0	
The Container Store \$25	10.0	
TJMaxx/Marshall/HomeGoods \$25	8.0	
Toys R Us \$100	2.0	
Toys R Us \$20	2.0	
Ulta Cosmetics \$25	4.0	
Ultra Foods \$25 or \$100	3.0	
VISA \$25	2.5	
VISA \$50	2.5	
Walgreens \$25 or \$100	5.0	
Walker Bros \$25	7.0	
Walmart \$100	3.0	
Walmart \$25	3.0	
Walmart \$250	3.0	
Walmart \$5 or \$10	3.0	
Walmart \$50	3.0	
Wendys Gift Card \$10	5.0	
William Sonoma \$25 or \$100	9.0	
Yankee Candle \$25	10.0	



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



*Owasippe Staff Association's  
33rd Annual Meeting & Dinner Dance  
on March 5, 2011 from 5:45 - 11 p.m.*

*Saluting Owasippe's Centennial in style!*

Bobak's Signature Events at Seven Bridges  
6440 Double Eagle Dr., Woodridge, IL 60517 • (630) 968-7778 • [www.signatureevent.com](http://www.signatureevent.com)

Ticket price is \$50 per person (in advance\*)  
and includes dinner with an open bar.

**\*NOTE: \$50 price is for mail-in orders received by February 25th or PayPal orders by March 4th.  
Ticket prices go up to \$60 at the door so make your reservations early!**

For additional information, call  
Candy Merritt at 708-354-9837 or e-mail [candymerritt@yahoo.com](mailto:candymerritt@yahoo.com)

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

## What are Golden or Green Tickets?

This year we are again using the "Golden Ticket/Green Ticket" system in a continued effort to speed up the check-in process. As mentioned above, each Dinner Dance ticket is \$50 if your reservations are postmarked by February 25th (PayPal by March 4th).

- A Golden Ticket will be mailed (or confirmed by phone) to each OSA member who has their ticket and membership dues paid for by February 25th.
- A Green Ticket will be mailed (or confirmed by phone) to each non-member who has their ticket paid for by February 25th.

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 5th.  
 Winners need not be present. Advance orders **MUST** be postmarked by February 25th (or PayPal by March 4th).



**Apple iPad**  
 at \$10 each



**ULTIMATE  
 SPLIT-THE-POT**  
 at \$10 each



**LIFE MEMBERSHIP**  
 at \$10 each

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

## OSA Dinner Dance & Raffle Order Form (Please Print)

OSA Member Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Golden Tickets)

Non-Member Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Green Tickets)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Qty.	Price	Subtotal
<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner Dance Tickets (by 2/25)		x \$50	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner Dance Tickets (after 2/25)		x \$60	
<input type="checkbox"/> OSA Membership Dues Renewal		x \$15	
<input type="checkbox"/> OSA Life Membership		x \$350	
<input type="checkbox"/> Apple iPad (raffle)		x \$10	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ultimate Split-The-Pot (raffle)		x \$10	
<input type="checkbox"/> OSA Life Membership (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