



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

Vibrations

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The OSA's 34th Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance

The OSA is celebrating turning 34 years old this March! The Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance will be held Saturday, March 3rd starting at 6:00PM. We'll have our OSA Board elections, then dinner, the 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 \$40.00 per person until February 20th via mail and March 2nd via PayPal. After that date, the price will increase to \$50.00 each. Ticket price includes dinner, open bar, table prizes and dancing. Tickets can be purchased online at www.owasippe.com. You can use secure PayPal payments to purchase dinner dance tickets, annual dues and raffle tickets.

Raffle tickets are available for just \$10.00 each and are a great way to participate even if you can't make it to the actual event. Three 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 will also raffle off a brand new Kindle Fire and a GT Avalanche 3.0 Bike!

Board elections will be held early in the evening, with the results announced during the business meeting portion.

The Dinner Dance will be held at
European Chalet
5445 Sout Harlem Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60638

We look forward to seeing you there!

Silent Auction Items Needed!

Now is the perfect time to start thinking about contributions that you might be able to make to help the OSA raise funds at this year's dinner dance. Last year, our expanded silent auction raised over \$1,500.00! To make a donation, please e-mail Bill Van Berschot at

bvanberschot@corporateconciierge.com
or call
312.907.1762

If you are unfamiliar with how a silent auction works, here is the idea: OSA members ask for donations from local businesses, restaurants, spas, sporting outfitters et cetera... as a tax deductible donation to the OSA. The OSA assigns a minimum bid to each item and a specific bidding increment of \$5 or \$10 dollars per bid. At the dinner dance, the auction is open throughout the night and you have an opportunity to see what the current bid is. All you have to do to bid is write your name under the previous bid and increase the amount by the minimum bid. The winner is the highest bid at the end of the night and gets to take to prize home with them that night!

All donations to the silent auction are welcome and appreciated!

Camp Reneker To Offer Theatre Merit Badge

by Caitlin Boline, OSA Social Media Chair

This summer, Reneker staff will offer Theatre Merit Badge as an outpost to Scouts at camp. In an effort to continue to offer diverse programs, Theatre Merit Badge will introduce Scouts to production, directing, acting, theatrical make-up, and costuming, to name a few of the exciting requirements. Additionally, Reneker campers will be exposed to the Scouts' progress throughout the week, and will serve as the *perfect* audience for end-of-the-week culminating acts. How exciting for Reneker to be involved in the action!

While many of the materials for this merit badge are easy to obtain, a need for costume pieces/miscellaneous fabric

(of all kinds!) and stand-alone lighting is currently in need. Any other donations you think may benefit this program are certainly welcome as well! If you have anything you would like to donate, please email Caitlin Boline at

caitlinboline@gmail.com

to coordinate the exchange.

Thank You!

For more details on Theater Merit Badge, visit:

<http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Theater>

President's Perspective

by Bill Van Berschot, OSA President

I am proud that the OSA is as strong as ever as we celebrate our 33rd anniversary! Candy Merritt is doing an outstanding job of organizing this year's March 3rd dinner dance which will be at the European Chalet. This is the perfect opportunity to reunite with friends whom you have not seen in years or decades; why not look up past camp staff members on Facebook and LinkedIn? 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.



If you have not had a chance to see our new and improved Facebook page, Edgar Wolf-Klammer is doing a fantastic job of keeping it current with all of the latest OSA news!

On behalf of The Board I would like to thank Dan Kleinfelt for serving as the 2012 elections chairman. This year we have an election with two dedicated board members up for re-election: Ron Kulak and Candy Merritt running with four new outstanding OSA members who have been recommended by their peers to run for a seat on the board. Please read their bios and elect wisely. If you are unable to join us in person at the dinner dance, we do invite you to fill out an absentee ballot.

In addition to the incredible raffle prizes, we will have a great assortment of silent auction items. Each silent auction item is solicited by OSA members from businesses, friends, favorite restaurants, et cetera, and all donations are greatly appreciated! Please reach out to your favorite establishment or create something yourself. Contact Candy or myself if you have something that you would like to contribute!

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as the president of the Owasippe Staff Association and it is difficult to believe that my six-year term limit on The Board has come to an end. As a new board is elected, I feel extremely confident in the strength of the OSA and look forward to the many ways that we can all work together to contribute to this great organization. I look forward to seeing many of you this summer at the alumni weekend, following the 2012 camping season, where we can share in "All the Wealth of Earth and Heaven..." ♣

Guest Lodge Restoration Project

by Ron Kulak, OSA Treasurer

The Guest Lodge Restoration Fund

\$12,690.00 with pledges outstanding

A committee has been formed under the leadership of Dr Francis Podbielski and Ron Kulak to rehab the Guest

Lodge to allow its continued use as an off-season dormitory for Scout units and a staff/program facility during the summer. This has taken on some urgency as the building has fallen into serious disrepair. It was actually being considered by the Camp Properties Committee for demolition until a reprieve was granted to see if funds could be raised to try to restore the building to operational use. Chicago Area Council has no funds of its own for this project, and the effort will have to be supported by private funding and sweat equity. CAC will allow some time to see if this restoration project can succeed.

The Guest Lodge was originally built in the late 40s as the key hunting lodge for The Lake Wolverine Club which acquired the land and built the Gus Kopp Dam that formed Lake Wolverine. It sits atop a bluff overlooking Lake Wolverine and the spillway. When the hunt club failed, Chicago Area Council was able to acquire all of that land and the lake along with a series of hunting lodges situated around the lake. Over the years, the Guest Lodge, in particular, has been used by hundreds of units for winter camping and by the staff for pre-camp housing. Ceremonial Teams for Owasippe Lodge OA also have used this as an administrative facility during the summer.

There has been considerable personal interest in the building's preservation which has given life to this project. The OSA is supporting this project and is also going to act as the repository of donations. The committee is not only seeking pledges and monetary contributions but also donations of time, talent and materials (ie. plumbing & electrical supplies, cabinets, roofing materials, windows) to help restore this building to operational use.

The building is structurally sound but needs a new roof and windows, a complete gut job of the kitchen and bathroom, new electrical wiring, a new heating system, and a rebuilt porch... for starters. A local building inspection was completed for an objective evaluation. Rot and insect infestation was found to be minimal.

So, we are seeking your help and that of others you can recruit. Pledges and checks can be made payable to the OSA (referencing Guest Lodge Rehab) and sent to:

OSA Guest Lodge Restoration Project
P.O. Box 7097
Westchester, IL 60154

You can also go to the OSA's Store and use Paypal to make a contribution. The OSA is a 501-c-3 charitable organization and such donations are tax deductible per the IRS tax codes. Pledges can be emailed directly to Ron Kulak at owasiron@juno.com for further followup. Also, please let us know if you have a specific trade that would be useful, ie. carpenter, electrician, plumber, or if you have a material resource we can tap.

Spread the word and let others know of this effort. Together, we can make a significant difference and can preserve this historic structure in a very scenic setting for future use by our Scouts and camp staff. Look for further updates on this project at www.owasippe.com in coming months.

Keep those cards and letters and checks coming. Thanks for your help. ♣

Just Don't Open A Starbucks...

by Edgar Wolff-Klammer, OSA Vice President

Are you looking to buy a business near Owasippe? Do you want to give Owasippe Staff and OSA Members a discount on ice cream? Then this may be the deal for you!

For sale: Long established retail convenience store, Ishnala Trading Post, with attached three-bedroom, 1-1/2 bath living quarters, with potential for future growth. One of only a few commercial properties in Blue Lake Township. Purchase price includes equipment; beer, wine & packaged liquor sale license, and DNR sales. Store offers grocery area, ice cream and/or prepared food area, kitchen & break room, and an additional retail shop for t-shirt or souvenir sales. Inventory to be paid at time of closing. Sales & expense records to be released to qualified buyers after signing confidentiality agreement.

Asking \$229,900.00. ♣

Owasippe An 'Epic' Destination? Mountain Bikers Say Yes.

by Lynn Moore, The Muskegon Chronicle

If new trails — up to 50 miles of them — are developed at Owasippe, the tourist draw could be “epic.”

That's the opinion of mountain bikers who are behind the design of new multi-use, single-track trails at the Boy Scout reservation in Blue Lake Township.

Alex Stewart, the expert trail builder who has been brought into design a new trail system has experience with “epic.” A trail system he designed for Brown County State Park in Indiana was named one of 57 “epic” rides worldwide — a “bucket list” of rides that “will blow your mind” — by the International Mountain Bicycling Association this year.

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The OSA
is going
paperless!

Dear OSA Members,

This issue of the OSA newsletter was e-mailed *and* mailed via USPS. Please check your e-mails.

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Westchester, IL 60154

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The OSA Eagle Award

by Edgar Wolff-Klammer, OSA Vice President

Congratulations to these 2011 Owasippe Staff Members who reached the rank of Eagle Scout:

James Baugh
Nicholas Hizel
Kyle Klass
Richard Kuszynski

Did you know that the OSA has adopted a program to honor Owasippe staff members who attain Scouting's highest rank? If the applicant has successfully completed all of the Eagle Scout requirements and has served on staff for at least one summer at Owasippe, he is eligible to receive a certificate and letter of congratulations from the president of the Owasippe Staff Association. To receive this award, simply send your request along with the Scout's name, the date of the Court of Honor, the year(s) on staff and the section camp(s) staffed to:

The OSA Eagle Award
P.O. Box 7097
Westchester, Illinois 60154

or e-mail it to

osainquires@gmail.com

Requests must be received at least one month prior to the Court of Honor, and don't forget to include a shipping address.

Applicants do not have to be members of the OSA, but we certainly hope they'll join when they're old enough. ♣

Epic Bike Trails con't.

Stewart said Owasippe “absolutely” could one day be considered epic — a designation that, like Brown County, could attract tens of thousands of visitors a year.

The trails Stewart is designing “would hold the mileage and variety to be considered epic,” he said.

Nate Phelps has seen the potential for Owasippe to become a regional mountain-biking destination for years. Phelps, the president of the Michigan Mountain Biking Association, said mountain bikers currently travel to Copper Harbor in the Upper Peninsula or Brown County, Ind., for “epic” riding. The High County Pathway in the Pigeon River State Forest near Vanderbilt also is an “epic” ride.

“From our viewpoint, we’re looking to develop (Owasippe) into what’s known as a destination trail, a designation that is loosely applied to trails that are of a length of 18 miles or longer. We are pretty confident we could push well above that,” said Phelps, who also is a board member with the West Michigan Mountain Biking Alliance.

The WMBA with support from the West Michigan Coast Riders Cycling Club have paid to have Stewart design a new trail system at Owasippe. The looped trail system for everyone from beginners to experts would replace current trails that are eroding so badly that mountain biking has been banned from them.

The WMBA plans to build to Stewart’s designs using volunteers from its organization and even Boy Scouts who camp at the 100-year-old reservation for six weeks each summer.

“Alex has a really clear understanding of Midwest terrain,” said Phelps, who describes that as lots of short “ups and downs.” “Because of that and his expertise ... he’s gotten a lot of respect from riders and land managers.”

Managing Owasippe when Boy Scouts aren’t camping there is the Owasippe Outdoor Education Center, which invited the WMBA to help redevelop the trails. Mitch Dennison, director of development for the OOEC, said he envisions mountain-bike racing and triathlons on Owasippe’s trails.

“From my standpoint, we’ve dropped the ball from the tourism standpoint,” Dennison said. “It’s a great tourism opportunity.”

Randy Knapp of Montague, Owasippe trail coordinator for the WMBA, is one of those riders who enjoys weekend mountain-biking trips with friends.

“We spend a lot of money when we travel to the U.P. and other states,” Knapp said. “But we just can’t do it close to home.” ♣

1 Picture = 1000 Words

by Candy Merritt, OSA Events Chair

Calling on all OSA Members to take, then submit pictures from our annual dinner dance. Send your photographs to:

OSA Dinner Dance Photos
P.O. Box 7097
Westchester, Illinois 60154
or
candymerritt@yahoo.com

News From The CAC

by Ron Kulak, OSA Treasurer

Mr. Thomas E. McDonough reported that a total of 3,153 Boy Scouts camped at Owasippe Scout Reservation this summer, which was a 35% increase from 2010. Mr. McDonough said that 1,505 of the Scouts were from the Chicago Area Council, reflecting a 16% increase from last year and 1,648 were from other councils, a 59% increase from 2010. Mr. McDonough said that 173 Webelos attended camp over three sessions, which is an increase of 20%. Mr. McDonough stated that Reneker Family Camp had 180 cabins rented, which is 83% of capacity, an increase of 15% over 2010.

- Mr. McDonough said that in celebration of the camp’s 100th Anniversary, repeating events such as a morning history hike, a passport program that encouraged touring of the entire reservation, and an evening event at the Administration Center were offered. Mr. McDonough said that the 100th Anniversary Alumni Weekend celebration that was hosted by Mr. Joseph P. Sener and Mr. Philip (Chauncey) Niziol had approximately 1,000 people in attendance.

- Mr. McDonough said that in 2012 there will be four sessions for Webelos to camp that will match up with the Boy Scout camping periods. Mr. McDonough said that this adjustment will aid in encouraging troops to bring packs during the same week that the troop is attending camp, allow Webelos families to stay and enjoy the Reneker Family Camp program at the same time their Scout is attending camp, and hire and train staff that will be specific to Webelos Camp.

- Mr. Glenn E. Emig reported that there are ongoing discussions of a sale of approximately 560 acres in Paradise Valley which is non-essential to Owasippe Scout Reservation to a potential Scout friendly buyer. Mr. Emig said that the purchaser already owns property near Owasippe, is a long time Scouter and has 2 adult sons that are Eagle Scouts. Mr. Emig said that the sale would consist of multiple transactions pending Board of Directors’ approval, including two outright purchases of acreage. Mr. Emig stated that in the current market, this offer is exceptional.

Mr. Emig said that an exclusive easement would also be put in place to ensure permanent Owasippe Scout use could continue, and some restrictions are planned for the property to maintain the natural state of the area being considered for sale. Mr. Emig stated that these factors are all well within the guidelines discussed with the Owasippe Task Force and Owasippe Master Plan committees.

- Mr. Emig said that the Master Plan Committee is discussing improvements such as adding a Pavilion to Camp Wolverine to provide a dining hall experience to campers and construction of a bathhouse.

Minutes can be read in their entirety at:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=98915>

and

<http://www.chicagobsa.org/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=101683>



2012 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 3, 2012, 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
Bill Van Berschot (President)*	Candy Merritt	Ron Kulak (Treasurer)	2012
Caitlin Boline	Michelle O'Connor (Secretary)	Andy Lukasiewicz	2013
Andy Marhoul	Edgar Wolff-Klammer (Vice-President)	Vince Rychtanek	2014

* Two consecutive term limit goes into effect.

Who may vote?

Each OSA member currently registered (2012) 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 34th Annual Meeting (European Chalet) on Saturday, March 3, 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 (2012) 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 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



2012 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, 2012 to be counted in the election.

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

Vote for 3 candidates

Mike "Buda" Campbell

Scott Dorencz

Mike Dorich

Ron Kulak

Candy Merritt

Andy Sirota

write-in _____

write-in _____

write-in _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Meet the Candidates (listed alphabetically)

Michael “Buda” Campbell

Mike “Buda” Campbell is 51 years old. He is currently a math teacher at Roberto Clemente High School. He has been teaching high school mathematics since 1984. Mike is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor Member. He has worked on summer camp staff from 1978 through 1985, 1989 through 1992, and 2002 through 2005. He has worked at Robert Crown, Wolverine, and Blackhawk. He has worked in many different departments including being the Wolverine Camp Director for his last two four-year periods.

Mike is a life member of the OSA which he joined in 1978. He has served on the Board of Directors for 18 years, and has helped out with several activities during his years in the OSA. He loves Owasippe and the OSA and all that they stand for.

Scott Dorencz

Scott Dorencz, age 28, married Barbie in September 2011. They reside in Oak Lawn, Illinois and Scott works for Midwest Automatic Door as a low-volt electrician where he recently completed his four year apprenticeship as a member of IBEW Local 134. Scott was a CIT in 1998 and worked the following five years at Camp Blackhawk. An Eagle scout and OSA lifer, Scott spends his free time pampering his new wife and fixing up their old home.

“If elected, I will continue to serve the OSA as a loyal member and dedicated scouter.”

~ Scott Dorencz

Michael Dorich

Mike Dorich, age 51 and an Eagle Scout, is married to Kim, and is the father of two Eagle Scouts, Matt and Kristofer. Mike has lived in Chicago since 1985 and is currently the Assistant Coach for the Lyons Township Varsity Hockey Club. He worked on staff from 1976 through 1981: 1976, CIT; 1977, Robert Crown Aquatics; 1978, Robert Crown Scoutcraft Director; 1979, Ad Center Trucker; 1980, Wolverine Commissioner; 1981, Blackhawk Field Sports.

“On OSA work weekends you will find me in the kitchen. I would fill any role the OSA Board needs help with.”

~ Mike Dorich

Ronald Kulak

Ron Kulak, age 60, is a resident of Oak Forest and is married to long-time Owasippe staffer Marilyn. They have four sons, all Eagle Scouts and past Owasippe staffers. Ron is a graduate of Chicago State University and is employed as a Branch Manager with US Bank in Chicago. He was a Scoutmaster in Tinley Park for 10 years, for a 1997 National Jamboree troop, and for a Philmont trek in 1999. He created the Owasippe Manistee Quest program in 1997 and coordinated the Owasippe CIT program for over 15 years. He

has earned the OA Vigil Honor, the Silver Beaver Award, and the District Award of Merit. He is a founding Board member of the OSA and has served on its board at various times for 18 years as president, secretary and treasurer as well as chairman of its membership, newsletter, banquet and Owasipalooza committees. Ron also proudly serves as the President of the Kiwanis Club of Southwest Chicago and as a board member of the Tinley Park Lions Club.

“The OSA has an important role to play in the continuum of handing down values and traditions from one camp staff to another, in the development and recruitment of future staffs, and with the care and creation of programs and facilities that make Owasippe a camp of epic proportions...a world-class camp.”

~ Ron Kulak

Candy Merritt

Candy Merritt lives in LaGrange Park with her husband Geoff and daughters True and Bailey. She started a new career last year with Travelers Insurance (and she loves it!). Candy served on camp staff at Reneker for many years in various positions such as Trading Post, Age Group Leader, Aquatic Director, and Assistant Camp Director, and was privileged to sit in the Director's chair for nine years. She loves Owasippe for many reasons: the beauty, the fresh air, the adventures, the people, but mostly for the memories. Candy has served on the OSA Board of Directors for two terms in the past, which is an equivalent of six years. During that time she served as the Event Coordinator planning many of the OSA's events such as the banquets, Candlelight Bowls and picnics.

“I would like to again serve on the OSA Board because I believe that the OSA is an important part of Owasippe's present and future. I bring with me my camp experience, my ability to speak up for those who may not be able, my experience in managing a business on a budget and my ability to organize fun events.”

~ Candy Merritt

Andrew Sirota

Andy Sirota, age 26, lives in Warrenville and works for Weaver Boos Consultants, an engineering firm in Naperville. Andy worked at Owasippe for six years and has been a member of the OSA for seven. A CIT in 2000, Andy also worked Carlen Aquatics in 2001, and Blackhawk Aquatics from 2003 through 2007. He spends most of his spare time working on his house.

“I think I can bring a different perspective to the OSA. With a foot in the past and an eye toward the future, we can accomplish the goals of the OSA.”

~ Andy Sirota

Staff from the Past

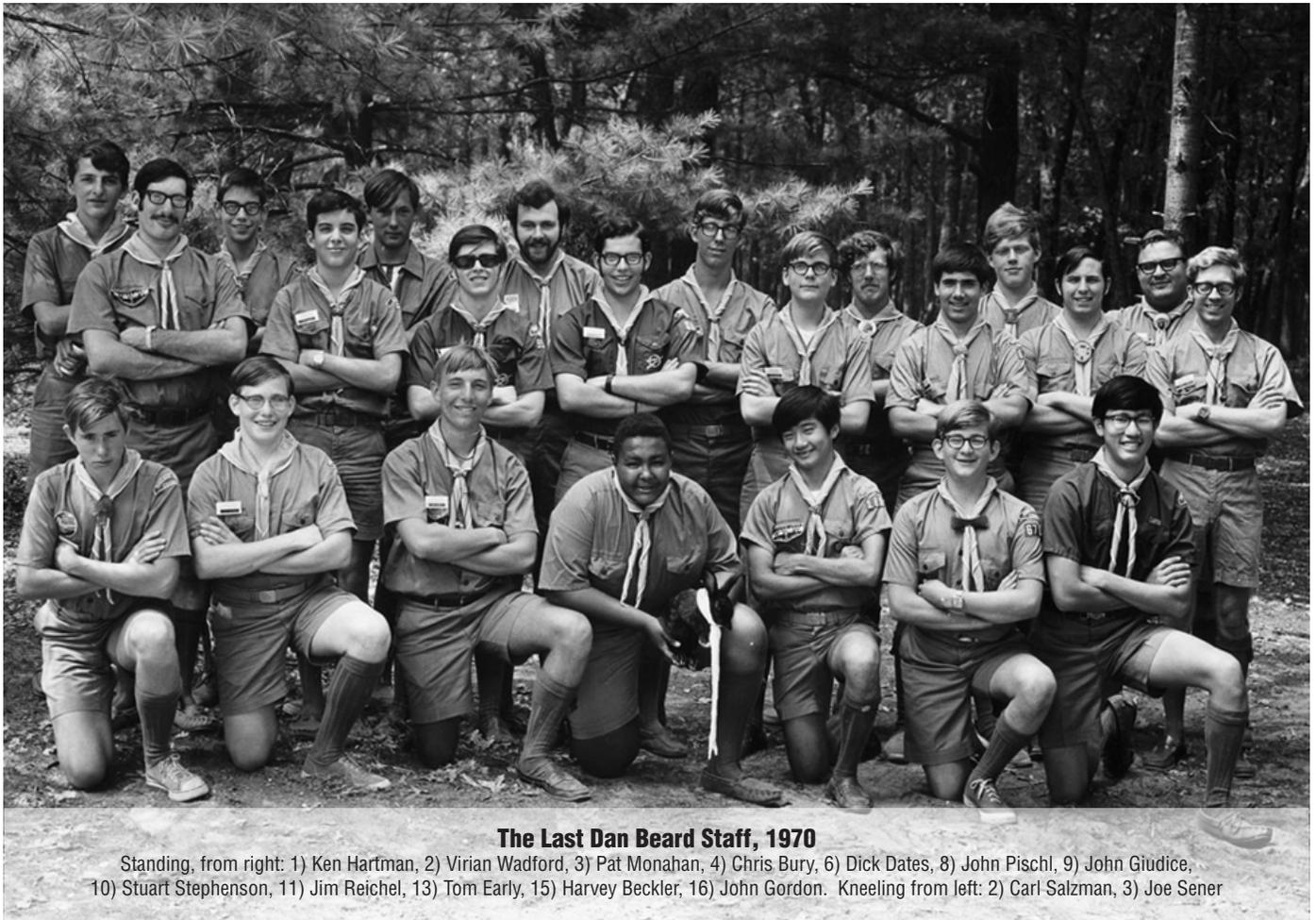
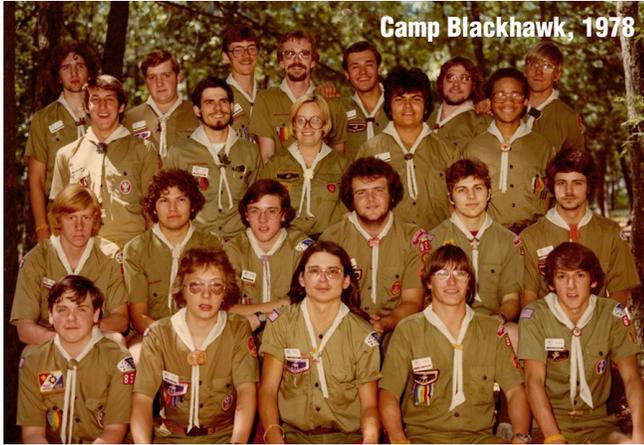
by Edgar Wolff-Klammer, OSA Vice President

Do you want to see your old Owaspippe Staff photo or Owaspippe post cards? Then take a look at the OSA Facebook photo section:

www.facebook.com/pages/Owaspippe-Staff-Association/251144668267490

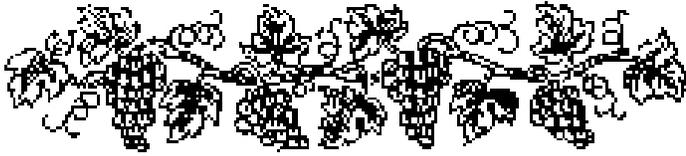
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(Yeah, just search for "Owaspippe Staff Association" on Facebook)

You don't need to have a Facebook account to view the photos. Your Staff Photo is missing? Then send us a copy at osainquires@gmail.com and we will add it. Don't forget to 'Like' us!



*For staff in the sense of "a body of employees", the plural is always staff; otherwise, both staffs and staves are acceptable, except in compounds, such as flagstaffs.

Galloping Grapevine



Chauncey Niziol

It is a pleasure to inform Vibrations readers of Chauncey's induction to the Illinois Conservation Foundation's Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame. The Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame is comprised of individuals who have made significant contributions to or exhibited unparalleled dedication in preserving, promoting, enhancing or supporting natural resources or outdoor recreation opportunities. Congratulations, Chauncey! Nobody deserves it more.

Matt Dorich

Matt has graduated from Northern Michigan University and started law school at the University of Michigan.

Sean Haneberg

Sean is now teaching high school history and literature in Racine, Wisconsin at St. John Fisher Academy, a brand new school in its first year.

Christy O'Connor

Christy is currently traveling the world. She started her journey in Costa Rica, has already been to Ethiopia and Nepal, and has seen Mount Everest. Thanks, Christy, for forcing the rest of us reevaluate our lives.

Sean Lynch

Sean, who has been stationed at a US Embassy in Montevideo, Uruguay, will be returning to the states this summer, stationed in Washington D.C.

Laurie Jacobs

On March 31st, Laurie plans to hold a reunion for The Camp Reneker Staff, years 1975 through 1990. Keep your eyes peeled for electronic updates containing additional details.

Bill Schaefer, Sr.

The OSA sends all available well wishes, happy thoughts, positive energy, strength and support to Bill. Bill recently found out that one of his kidneys is host to a cancerous growth. The prognosis and type of cancer is unknown as of yet. Bill is in good spirits and feeling okay.

Vibrations always needs copy...

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

OSA Vibrations
P.O. Box 7097
Westchester, IL 60154

Preferred Method e-mail: vibrations@owasippe.com

News & Notes

2011 Staff People of the Year!

A hearty congratulations and a heartfelt thanks to the fine, fine folks who put their best feet forward in an effort to make Owasippe a better place for everybody!

Blackhawk **Nate Wegner and Jeremy See**

High Adventure **Matt Kehoe**

Reneker **Maureen Haneberg**

Wolverine **John Kryl and Ambrose Donnelly**

Owasippe Cross Country Skiing Trails Now Open

Trail permits are \$3.00 per day. To pay the fee, permits and envelopes are available at the trailhead. The envelope, with payment, can be deposited in the "Iron Ranger" pipe.

Project Noah

Project Noah is a tool to explore and document wildlife and a platform to harness the power of citizen scientists everywhere. That means you can take photographs of mushrooms and turtles and stuff, and post them online. Join the Owasippe Mission at:

<http://www.projectnoah.org/missions/8441726>

Owasippe Leader Meeting Dates & Locations

Meeting #1 - Tuesday, February 28th at 7:00PM

Grace Community Christian Church

2770 Montgomery Road, Aurora, Illinois 60504

Meeting #2 - Wednesday, February 29th at 7:00PM

Steve Fossett Center for Scouting

1218 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois 60607

Meeting #3 - Thursday, March 1st at 7:00PM

First United Methodist Church

10000 South Central Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453

Meeting #4 - Wednesday, March 7th at 7:00PM

Our Lady Mother of the Church

8747 West Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60706

(east of Cumberland Ave)



See You at the End of the Trail

Alfred Kuhn

In September of 2011, Alfred corresponded with Vibrations to express his gratitude. While he was unable to attend Fix-Its or other OSA events, he loved Owasippe and liked being able to keep up with the goings-on. His first summer at Owasippe was in 1946 at Dan Beard; his last was in 1994 at Blackhawk. He graciously offered to write about his early experiences at Owasippe for this issue of Vibrations.

Unfortunately, Alfred John Kuhn, 78, of Traverse City, Michigan, and formerly of Hammond, Indiana, died unexpectedly on January 20th, 2012. Al was born August 20th, 1933, in Chicago.

A detailed obituary can be found here:

<http://www.sturgisjournal.com/obituaries/x1771273077/Alfred-J-Kuhn>

Bob Allen

We witnessed the passing of this local legend in November of 2011. Bob Allen was the owner of The Red Rooster Tavern since 1985.

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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2012
Board of Directors

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February

- 20.....Shopping/Gift Card Order Deadline
- 20.....Dinner/Dance Forms Due
- 28.....Owasippe Leader Meeting #1
- 29.....Leap Day

March

- 1.....Owasippe Leader Meeting #3
- 3.....OSA Annual Board Meeting, Dinner/Dance
- 11.....Daylight Saving Time
- 14.....Pi Day
- 18-20.....Spring Fix-It

April

- 15.....Panic About Taxes Day
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- 27.....Arbor Day

May

- 1.....Loyalty Day
- 5.....Cinco de Mayo
- 13.....Mother's Day
- 25.....Towel Day

