



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

Vibrations

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Tents, Docks, Radios, Grills and Thanks

By Edgar Wolff-Klammer, OSA President

In the last issue of the Vibrations, we reported that the OSA authorized \$30,000.00 to purchase a new floating dock, \$9,000.00 for a Circus Tent at Camp Carlen, \$7,000.00 for Radio Outpost, and \$1,620.00 for grills. Here are a few photos from Owasippe, and appreciations from Chicago Area Council.

Dear Edgar...

“Thanks to you and all the members of the OSA for your generous and important support of Owasippe. These items will make a difference in the Owasippe experience of our campers this summer. Our Scouts and Scouters are appreciative of all the ongoing support, hard work and dedication provided by the OSA.”

H. Charles Dobbins

Scout Executive & CEO

Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

“Let me add my thanks as well to you and to the OSA. It's very exciting to see such outstanding examples of dedication to the Scout program and to Owasippe. Thanks again for this very generous and much needed support.”

John Leonard

President Chicago Area Council

“Please let me add my profound appreciation for all the work you and your organization do, have done, and will do in the future. Your efforts make OSR a far better experience for the Scouts and Webelos. Thanks again.”

Glenn Emig



President's Perspective

by Edgar Wolff-Klammer, OSA President

How many times have we repeated: "A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent."

During a scoutmaster conference or Board of Review, we may ask a scout, "What should the 13th point be?" We hear Hungry, Perseverance, Responsible, Punctual, Good, Attitude and many more. If I could add a 13th point based on the members and friends of the OSA I would add: GENEROUS.

So far this year I have witness great generosity from so many.



- Christian Sterling and his family donated all of the materials for thirty floor boards and three field sports sheds. www.sterlinglumber.com
- Dennis Mitchell has donated his own time and effort to get materials donated and purchased for Radio Outpost.
- Paul Myers has written an excellent book, *Owasippe the Camp*, *Owasippe the OA Lodge* *The Early Years*, and donated copies to the OSA to sell.
- OSA members donated generously to our "Give the Staff a Treat" program at the Whitehall Dairy Treat.
- John Ruiz and crew donated their time and effort purchasing the food and preparing meals for the Spring Fix-it, and offered to do it for the Fall Fix-it.
- OSA members and friends donated their time and effort to the Annual Spring Fix-It and helped get camp ready.
- OSA members and friends started on the Guest Lodge renovation.
- And many more GENEROUS acts.

I am always impressed by your generosity and I am truly grateful to be president of the OSA. The OSA Board and I hope to see you at the upcoming OSA Picnic and Fall Fix-it. Don't forget to mark your calendar for other OSA events like pizza night and the OSA 35th Annual meeting and dinner.

Lastly, for recent photographs and up-to-the-minute news, keep checking the websites:

www.owasippe.com

and

<https://www.facebook.com/OwasippeStaffAssociation>



The Master Plan

The Owasippe Task Force

The vision of the Owasippe Scout Reservation (OSR) Master Plan is that Chicago Area Council (CAC) operates OSR so that Scouts have a strong desire to return to our beloved camp for new adventures every year from the time they are Webelos to age 17. A great program drives attendance, advancement and Scout retention. Quality program requires dedicated and

motivated staffing. The CAC must market the mystique and experience that is OSR."

The above is the opening paragraph of "The Owasippe Master Plan," aka "The Vision of Owasippe." This forward-thinking rough draft will be of great interest to anybody would like a glimpse into the future of Owasippe, in terms of program and in terms of Mother Nature.

Some highlights:

The non core areas of camp may be sold provided these two basic tenets are maintained:

a. Any land sold will be required to be maintained in a conservation easement style that keeps the property in at least as good of condition as presently exists; and

b. Campers at Owasippe will continue to be permitted to use the land for hiking and nature studies.

Our camps should not be defined by their meal service plan. Blackhawk and Wolverine shall ultimately offer both hot pack and dining facility dining plans.

Other than the COPE Course at Carlen, these camps will not be utilized for summer camp operating facilities. While they are available for year round outpost use, there are no plans to allocate funds for development of these areas.

By maintaining Camps Crown and Carlen in this conservatory fashion, the CAC is protecting the watershed of Lake Wolverine. Additionally, the Master Plan Committee recommends moving the southern boundary of the core area of camp down to the Holton-Whitehall Road.

Staff at the section camps typically reside in wood sided, wood framed, site built cabins in areas known as "staff row". The cabins are built for two staff members each, with one screened window on each of the two flanking sides of the cabin. There is basic electricity in each. Relative to the other scout camps we have visited these facilities rank near the bottom in terms of comfort and aesthetics. With some fiberglass insulation and wood paneling, these cabins could be substantially upgraded. Perhaps the installation of a ceiling fan could be considered. These efforts would be another component of demonstrating our respect for the staff.

You may review all of the existing details of The Owasippe Master Plan in the nine-page draft at:

<http://bit.ly/OHEprn>

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group on...



Visit www.owasippe.com for a link.

The More You Know...

...the more you grow!

The term “kybo” is popular within the Scout Movement worldwide. The term “kybo” may have originated at the Farm and Wilderness Camps in Vermont where it came from the coffee cans (Kybo brand coffee) that held the lye or—more often—lime that was used to keep odor to a minimum. It was only after Kybo coffee (motto: “A cup full of satisfaction”) was no longer available and the cans were no longer used that folks began to come up with other possible reasons for the term “kybo”. The word is believed by some to have originated as an acronym for “Keep Your Bowels Open,” although this may be a backronym. An interesting aside is that toilet paper is often referred to as “Kybo Tape” or “Kybo Wrap”.

Kybos are firmly woven into the lore of RAGBRAI, the Register’s Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa. “Kybo Roulette,” in which riders waiting in line guess which toilet door will open next, is a common and celebrated diversion on the ride.

Wikipedia



Alert Scouts Report Fire

By Jon Mills of WZZM 13

A group of Boy Scouts spotted a grass fire that burned several acres at a Muskegon County camp.

It happened around 3:30 p.m. Monday at the Owasippe Scout Camp of Holton-Whitehall Road in Blue Lake Township.

The fire is one-half to one mile away from the road in an area surrounded by woods.

The scouts alerted leaders, who reported the fire to 911.

Several townships and the Department of Natural Resources had the fire under control by 5 p.m.

Firefighters say the fire burned up to four acres of property, but did not threaten any buildings. They do not yet know what caused the fire. ♣

Commemorative Patio

By Edgar Wolff-Klammer, OSA President

If you ordered a patio brick as part of the 100 year anniversary they are being installed in front of the Ad Center Trading post. It will take some time to get them all installed so please be patient if you do not see yours yet. Also since the bricks are in a big pile it is impossible to ask to see yours if it is not installed.

Would you like to have your own name or Troop number solidified in Owasippe history? Do you have a favorite Scoutmaster you want to recognize, a loved one who has gone to the great council fire, or perhaps a staff person who made a difference? Do you want to recognize the current OSA President (*just kidding*)? You can still order a brick by using the form at this link:

<http://bit.ly/Mechfy>



Spring Success, Fall Progress

by Andy Marhoul, OSA Board Member

This year's Spring Fix-it was one of the nicest in a good long time. A great showing; around sixty friends of Owasippe, enough work to keep everyone busy, amazing food, plenty of sun, and temperatures in the 80's. All of this led to an extremely successful work weekend. The worker bee count was higher than usual this spring, compared to the last few years. There was, however, plenty of work to be done as a few additional requests for projects came in from council, staff, and the OSA during the week leading up to the Fix-It. This was a blessing and a bane; while we could provide for some of the most needed requests, even with the additional people this year, we still didn't have enough alumni power to complete all of the work we would have liked.

The food this year was top notch, provided by John Ruiz and his group of leaders and scouts. Al Geisler even commented, "OSA work weekend food this year was able to give the OA a run for their money," referring to the fact that the OA always has great food. Best of all, the Ruiz clan is expected in the fall and shouldn't disappoint even the most discerning camp food palate.

Work included building many many new floorboards, two new sheds for Shotgun Outpost, spreading a mountain-sized pile of woodchips at Carlen's dining tent and Reneker's pool area, painting wash stations, fixing cots, finishing up a few roofs at Reneker A side, and a few other tasks.

Moving on to the upcoming Fall Fix-It, even more work is being planned that will stretch into next year's Spring Fix-It. Bigger projects are on the way to help solidify the infrastructure of camp and even more people will be needed. Please RSVP to Andy Marhoul at:

708-655-2911

or

fighting_mongoose@rocketmail.com

to reserve your Reneker cabin today or to answer any questions.





The OSA Family Picnic is just around the corner! Make plans to attend on Sunday, August 19, starting at 11 a.m. at Sundown Meadow. The entrance to the grounds is on the west side of LaGrange Road at 67th, just north of I-55.

NEW THIS YEAR - The OSA will provide 200 pieces of fried chicken at 1 pm. You can still pack a picnic lunch or bring the grill out to cook your own meal. Call up an old camp friend to split some great food and conversation! But no matter what you do, be there!!!!

As in past years, we will have some kids' games and softball equipment. Feel free to bring your own other activities for the picnic - kites, baseball gloves, beanbags or flying discs. **Can you help run the kids games? Let us know at osainfoooth@gmail.com.**

This is a great event for calling your old staff buddies that you haven't seen in years to catch up and remember the summers of the past and chat with current staffers from this summer to see how things went at camp.



Bags Tournament – Single Elimination
12:30 PM Start
\$10.00 Entry Fee Per Team
Winning Team Gets Entire Pot

Rules for Players:

The bean bag toss game is played with 2 teams of 2 people.

Each team gets 4 bean bags to throw.

Each player throws from behind the front of the boxes. This is the foul line. The player must not pass the foul line or the players throw does not count and the bag is removed from play.

Each team alternates shots beginning with the team that had scored last.

Scoring is as follows:

Points are scored when a player has a bag on the board or in the hole. Only one team can score per round. Therefore points cancel each other. A point scored on the board is equal to 1 point; a point scored in the hole is equal to 3 points.

An example of cancellation is as follows: Team one has 2 bags in the hole and 1 bag on the board equaling 7 points (3 pts. + 3 pts. + 1 pt. = 7 pts). Team two has 1 bag in the hole and 1 bag on the board equaling 4 points (3 pts. + 1 pt. = 4 pts.). The lowest score is subtracted from the highest score to get the points earned for team one (7pts. - 4 pts. = 3pts.). Team one earns 3 points in this round and gets to throw first in the next round.

Game is played until one team scores 21 or more points. A team cannot win by a white wash which is 11 - 0.

A bag that is tossed in play and knocks another bag off or in the hole is legal.

A bag that bounces from the ground onto the board is not a legal play. This bag must be removed from the board and play is then continued.

Galloping Grapevine



Jennifer Carroll

In our last issue we announced that Jenny completed her coursework and officially added "R.N." to the end of her name. What we *didn't* know was that she was keeping *another* secret that she's engaged! Congratulations.

Chris Townsend and Christina Sener

Chris² are engaged to be married in August of 2013.

College Graduates

Maureen Haneberg; from Eastern Illinois University in May.
Scott Wolff-Klammer; from Northern Illinois University in May.

High School Graduates

Amanda Rychtanek; attending University of Illinois.
Anne Thuot; attending St. Louis University.
Rich Ward; attending Carthage College.
Eric Wolff-Klammer; attending Northern Illinois University.
Jeremy See; attending... the U.S. Army.

OSA Silent Auction Fishing Charter

Peter Schuyler won this fishing package offered from Chauncey. They recently completed the charter and Pete provided this report:

Chauncey, Bill Finkler and I had a great time bringing in some nice size kings and coho. Bill got the big one, a fourteen pound king salmon. Our captain Jack, of the Diamond Ghost Charter, put us on plenty of action.

Thanks to Chauncey and Captain Jack of the Diamond Ghost Charter for donating this charter to the OSA.



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News & Notes

Merch!

Ron Derby designed this year's Owasippe logo. Look at the staff uniforms and you may see the Council Patch or 2012 Staff Patch. You can stop by the newly-remodeled Owasippe trading post and you will see it on stickers, a pin, a piggy bank, mugs, a t-shirt, a sweatshirt, three patches, dog tags, a bolo tie, and a stave medallion.



But Wait... There's More!

The Owasippe Staff Association now has an online store!

We are now selling our OSA logo merchandise online, every day. You no longer have to wait for an event to purchase our OSA gear. The OSA and CafePress have introduced a new OSA Online Store where you will be able to buy official merchandise along with merchandise designed by other OSA members.

CafePress technology will allow visitors to the site to design their own t-shirts, posters, water bottles and other custom products. These self-designed products will live alongside official merchandise in the OSA Online Store.

You order and pay online. They even accept Paypal. The merchandise is shipped directly to you.

<http://www.cafepress.com/owasippestaffassociation>

If you have suggestions for new merchandise, feel free to contact us at osamerchandise@gmail.com, or just go to the store and design your own items.

New Owasippe Map

Tom Crissey, Al Geisler, Ron Derby, Chris Townsend and Phil Pappas have completed a project to update the mapping of the OSR. A copy can be downloaded at:

<http://bit.ly/NvcUfX>

See You at the End of the Trail



Reinhard Plaut

Member of OSA and Troop 923, attended Owasippe from every summer 1945-1956 and from 1959-2011 (2 years in the army), passed on April 18, 2012 at the age of 78. If you have ever shot a rifle at Owasippe you can thank Reinhard. He drew the building plans for the shooting sports shelters. All the wealth of Earth and Heaven, Reinhard.

James Newell

Father of former Staffmen Patrick and Jack C. Newell, Jim Newell passed away on June 22, 2012 at the age of 82. Following health complications beginning in March, Mr. Newell slipped into a coma and passed away painlessly. All the wealth of Earth and Heaven, Jim.

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 18 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: _____

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Year	Camp	Position

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

Dates of Interest to OSA Members

September

- 3.....Labor Day
- 7.....OSA Gift Card Deadline
- 21-23OSA Fall Fix-it @ Owasippe
- 22.....Fall Equinox

October

- 7-13National Fire Prevention Week
- 8.....Columbus Day
- 15.....OSA Vibrations Copy Deadline
- 31.....All Hallows' Evening

November

- 2.....Día de los Muertos
- 10.....United States Marine Corps' birthday
- 17.....The Leonids Meteor Shower Peak
- 24.....Thanksgiving

December

- 1-31Culturally Non-Specific Holiday Festivities
- 15.....Bill of Rights Day
- 22.....Winter Solistice
- 31.....New Year's Eve

