



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

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Call for 2014 OSA Board Nominations

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

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

The Elections Committee will contact nominees to see if they are willing and able to serve. The Elections Committee will then review all the nominees and make a slate recommendation to the Board. Slated candidates will then be

contacted to garner their respective bios and goals for publication in the next newsletter.

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

Please contact Dan Kleinfeldt, 2014 Elections Chairman, at (773) 505-4512 or DKleinfeldt@oprfs.org with any nominees. Nominations are due by December 14, 2013. Now is the time to step up and show your commitment to Owasippe and the OSA! ♣

Why should I run?

To preserve and promote the bond of friendship forged through Owasippe; To offer your time, talents, resources, and assets to the OSA and Owasippe; To continue to provide a great experience to Owasippe campers, Owasippe staff and OSA Members; And to HAVE FUN.

<u>Current Board of Directors</u>			<u>Term expires</u>
Andy Marhoul	Vince Rychtanek	Edgar Wolff-Klammer*	2014
Andy Sirota	Candy Merritt*	Ron Kulak*	2015
Caitlin Boline*	Barbara Lea	Kurt Wolff-Klammer	2016

* Two consecutive term limit goes into effect.

Behind the Scenes at the Field

by Michelle O'Connor, OSA Member

Did you know that The Field Museum houses nearly 26 million specimens and artifacts? Less than 1% of those are on display to the public! Explore the storerooms and working laboratories that house these exquisite and unique collections during a Behind-the-Scenes Tour. We'll take you through the Zoology and Entomology departments, where you can get up close with real live bugs during a special presentation from Jim Louderman, one of the museum's collections

managers. Hold a live tarantula, see a scorpion glow in the dark, observe Madagascar hissing cockroaches and more! Learn about the special worker bugs that clean animal skeletons and tour the non-public third floor of the Museum where the scientific staff work everyday! Tours are generally \$59 per person, but OSA members can enjoy this visit, including all special exhibits, for only \$10 each on January 11! The first tour is at 10:00. If more than 20 sign up, we will add an 11:00 tour! Please contact Michelle O'Connor at michelle.oconnor@gmail.com if interested! ♣

President's Perspective

by Edgar Wolff-Klammer, OSA President

On October 16, 2013, the newly formed Properties Committee invited members from the Camping Committee, OA, and OSA to their first meeting. We discussed a path forward to get as many repairs and improvements done before, during, and after the 2014 summer camping season. I explained to them that the OSA has already started the Wolverine Rifle Range shelter renovation and poured footings for the new Wolverine Shot Gun Range shelter. We also completed the Soderstrom Chapel renovation located at Camp Crown. All the people at the meeting appreciated the work the OSA has done.



Additionally we had some discussion about enhancing program and adding new activities for scouts. More information will be coming in future OSA Newsletters regarding this as we continue to participate and finalize the plans.

So what are the OSA Fix-It plans for the future? We are working on a list of repairs for each section camp and Ad Center. There will be many projects from small to large. We will try and plan projects that the OSA can start and the OA can complete. At the 2014 Spring Fix it we will need people to help complete the Wolverine Rifle and Shotgun ranges. The rifle range needs a new storage shed built and the roof needs to be extended 3 feet. The only item completed for the shotgun range is the poured footings. We need to build the complete structure.

We appreciate all who can attend and it would be great to have over 100 attend. It would be a perfect start for the 2014 camping season. So please make plans to attend the Spring Fix-It on May 16-18, 2014. We plan to have a list of the projects printed in the spring 2014 edition of the Vibrations. ♣

Owasipalooza Pizza Nite

by Ron Kulak, OSA Treasurer

The colors of Fall remind us that the OSA will again be running its popular post-Thanksgiving mixer on Friday, November 29, at the European Chalet Banquet Hall at 5445 S. Harlem Ave., Chicago, approximately 1/2-mile south of I-55. For directions, visit www.eurochal.com.

Dubbed the "Owasipalooza Pizza Nite," this fun social rendezvous of Friends Of Owasippe will run from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm with a cost of \$10/person at the door. Please RSVP, so that proper

plans can be made for sufficient food and supplies. The entry fee will give you a variety of delicious pizza, various snacks, and a door prize ticket. A cash bar will also be available.

There will be a variety of displays regarding Owasippe history, patches, and photos. Feel free to bring your own unique Owasippe collectibles and photos to show off. The recently published book on Owasippe's first 50 years will also be available. We can also collect annual dues payments and new member applications at this event.

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

Again, please send all RSVPs and the number in your party to Ron Kulak at Owasiron@juno.com or at 708-535-7748. Hope to see you there for good fun and fellowship! ♣

The Story of Paradise Valley Ale

by Mike Brus, OSA member

Many of us enjoy having ourselves a good beer. Inspired by the growing popularity of craft beer and the desire to create beer that we would enjoy drinking, Brian Weems and I decided to pursue the hobby of homebrewing.

What began in March of 2013 with the purchase of a beginner's brewing kit quickly evolved into purchasing several hundred dollars worth of equipment and reading countless books and articles about homebrewing. After brewing an "American Light Ale" beer kit and an "Irish Stout" beer kit, we decided to get a little more creative with our brewing. Both Brian and I have served as Owasippe Staff and hold Owasippe dear to our hearts, so naturally, we challenged ourselves to incorporate Owasippe into the beer that we brewed.

When deciding how we would do this, we thought of the 4 main ingredients of beer. These are: water, malt, yeast, and hops. Right away the ingredient that stood out to us was water. Going on hikes from Camp Blackhawk (GO!) to Owasippe's grave as young Scouts, we remembered those leading the

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Paradise Valley Ale (cont.)

hike telling us how pure Paradise Valley water was and drinking it right from the spring at the bottom of the valley. To us, this was the perfect way to bring Owasippe to our beer!

Next, we had to decide on a style of beer to brew. We arrived at the conclusion that we wanted to brew a lightly hopped, summer-time ale since when we think of summer, we all think of Owasippe. After reviewing countless recipes, we ended up deciding on a Golden Belgian Ale. The particular recipe we used included the use of orange zest and several spices which we felt would give the beer a “summer feel.”



Our final challenge was to figure out how to get 7 gallons of paradise valley water back home so that we could brew with it! Those of you that have been to paradise valley know that you have to walk up and down a giant hill to get in

and out of paradise valley and that the water coming from the spring at the bottom is not very deep. Seven gallons of water is heavy. Carrying heavy things up a big hill is quite the challenge, especially since Brian wasn't there to help me carry the water. To make this challenge a little more manageable, I filled up a water bottle with paradise valley water (because the water was so shallow) and then transferred that water to a 2 gallon water jug. When that was full, I brought it up the hill and to

our waiting car. Three trips down and up the hill later and I had just over 7 gallons. About 1 month later, brewing, fermentation and bottling were complete. All that was left to do was enjoy some Paradise Valley Golden Belgian Ale with our Owasippe family and friends.



Brian and I are always seeking knowledge, and we are currently looking for homebrewing keg equipment and all-grain brewing equipment. If there are any OSA members who are also in the hobby of homebrewing, please get in contact with us so that we can collaborate! Cheers! ♣

**Save the Date:
36th Annual Dinner Dance**

Saturday, March 1st, 2014

Adventures in Local Dining with Kurt and Caitlin

by Caitlin Boline, OSA board member

This Stop: Nonie's in Twin Lake (6069 Holton Road, Twin Lake, MI 49457)

Directions from OSR: Head south on Russell Road. Turn left onto Holton Whitehall Road, right on Blue Lake Road. Continue onto Main Street, left on Holton Road. Nonie's will be on the left!

While most of us gladly leave Chicago for the beauty Owasippe has to offer, some of us (especially those who spend the whole summer in paradise) get hungry for the original cuisine of the Windy City. Look no further and head on down to Nonie's in Twin Lake!

Owned and operated by OSA members, Nonie's, a converted gas station, is a novelty experience for those craving an authentic Chicago meal! With a menu boasting everything to American, Greek, Italian, and Middle Eastern food, Nonie's has something for everyone. Despite the extensive menu, by the time I had arrived I was in the mood for a good old Chicago dog. What I got was a stellar Chicago dog, without the Chicago price. Kurt sampled the Italian beef, which he gave the Wolff-Klammer blessing towards. While we did not have room to sample the pizza, Nonie's is currently advertising their pizza on Facebook, also at a great price! Nonie's staff is friendly and their facility is warm and inviting. Take a ride over and mention you're an OSA member, they'd probably love to see you! :)

Next time: The Shipwreck Inn! ♣

Guest Lodge Restoration Project Under Way

by Ron Kulak, OSA Treasurer

After a long delay and the obtaining of township work permits, work finally began on the reconstruction and rehab of Owasippe's Guest Lodge during the first week of September.



Plans include the construction of an addition over the existing bedrooms and carport that will be tied into the main building. New living capacity will be around 28-36. The old carport has been razed and the flat roof over the bedrooms has been removed. A new foundation and slab has been poured for the new addition to the building. This phase of the project is being done by a contractor from Muskegon. He has not only taken care of some demolition and the foundation but has already erected the walls and roof to the addition. Electricity will be restored to the building soon. New windows and doors for the Guest Lodge and its annex have been delivered and will be installed before the end of October. We have ordered supplies for a steel roof and that will also be installed on the entire structure, new and old, by month's end.

Our objective was to erect and enclose the building before Michigan snows came, and we have accomplished this important first step.

As this initial phase is completed, our sights will



turn inward and we will be seeking volunteer help to complete the electrical and plumbing work and necessary carpentry for interior walls, cabinetry, and trim work. The kitchen and bathrooms will have to be completely rebuilt. Appropriate flooring is needed as well as a thorough clean out of the chimney and fireplace. And, of course, the porch overlooking Lake Wolverine will be restored.

The Guest Lodge annex will be a split dormitory area that will permit a larger number of Scouts to

live and sleep there. One of the old bedrooms will be converted as an adult leader room. An additional bathroom and shower will be installed adjacent to the existing bathroom to allow handicap access. Handicap access will also be arranged to the building from its lakeside entrance.



The Council Program and Properties Committee is actually considering using the Guest Lodge over the summer for the new BSA S.T.E.M. program initiative (science, technology, energy, and math) as well as for the relocation of the Short Wave Radio Station now at the old Wolverine South. The Guest Lodge was actually being considered by the council for demolition until a reprieve was granted to see if funds could be raised to try to restore the building to operational use. This is when Dr. Francis Podbielski, Ron Derby, and Ron Kulak formed the committee dedicated to restoring the Guest Lodge. The OSA is pleased to be a sponsor of this project and building restoration which the Scouts will be able to use year-round.

The Guest Lodge was originally built in 1948 as a sportsman's lodge for a physician who was a member of The Lake Wolverine Club. It was that club which acquired the land from the developer of the Fruitvale subdivision and built the Gus Kopp Dam in the early 50s 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 string 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. Unfortunately, because of neglect, the building fell into serious disrepair and deterioration. It now has a new lease on life, but she needs our help.

There has been considerable personal interest in the building's preservation which has given life to this project. The OSA is supporting this rehab project and is also going to act as the repository of donations. The Guest Lodge Committee is not only seeking pledges and monetary contributions but also donations of time,

talent and materials.

So, we are seeking your help and that of others you can recruit. Pledges and checks can be made payable to the O-S-A (referencing Guest Lodge Rehab in memo) and sent to Owaspippe Staff Assoc, P.O. Box 7097, Westchester, IL 60154. You can also go to the OSA's website 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 and ideas can be emailed directly to Ron Kulak at owasiron@juno.com for further followup. Why not consider making a monetary contribution in 2013 that can also be taken as a tax deduction for this year?



So far, the OSA has collected a little more than \$48,000 in contributions. But more will be needed as we anticipate costs upwards of \$60,000 for rehab and installations depending on forthcoming donations of volunteer work and materials. This is also a critical part of the success of this project.

Please spread the word and let others know of this effort. We are extremely thankful to those individuals and groups who have already generously contributed. Together, we can make a significant difference and can preserve this historic structure for future use by our Scouts and camp staff all year round.

Look for further updates on this project at www.owaspippe.com in coming months. Photos, plans and prints on the building will be on display at the forthcoming Vigil Reunion Banquet on Saturday, November 23, and again at the OSA's Pizza Night (Owasipalooza) on Friday, November 29.

PLEASE share the GREAT news and contribute what you can toward our mission and cause. We truly need everyone's help accomplishing this grand undertaking. ♣

Owasippe Lodge Reunion Dinner

Owasippe Lodge Order of The Arrow will host its 4th annual Vigil Alumni Reunion Dinner on Saturday, November 23, at the European Chalet Banquet Hall. Festivities begin at 5:30pm. Cost is \$35 with an RSVP. This is open to anyone who is a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow. RSVPs with fee are requested no later than November 11.

Those interested in attending may send their reservation and fee of \$35 to Dr Francis J Podbielski, 4-D Center Hill Rd, Plymouth, MA, 02360-1310. Checks should be made payable to Chicago Area Council BSA and reference Vigil Dinner in the memo section. Questions can be submitted to Dr Podbielski at either

312-607-7390 or Fjpmeteu@msn.com.

Appropriate attire would be either full Scout uniform or business attire. Spouses may attend as well. If you have friends who will be attending or if you are purchasing a full table, seating of 8, please indicate with whom you wish to be seated. They will try to accommodate all seating requests.

To see who has responded to the Vigil Dinner invitation and attending, visit the Vigil Alumni website at www.moqua.org and go to the dropdown for Vigil Dinner 2013. The website is updated weekly. ♣

Fall Fix-it Recap

by Andy Marhoul, Fix it chair

Another fix-it complete and we are already planning for the next! The groundwork for two projects have been set in place, including the foundation piers for a new pavilion at the Wolverine shotgun outpost and a foundation and slab for an



addition at the existing Wolverine rifle range. With the help of the hunt club, we are now ready to complete these projects come spring. Additionally, the Crown chapel received the first phase of a major renovation planned by Ron and Susan Derby. The chapel received



all new bench seating, new altar top, and new podium tops. And to top it all off, the circus tents at Carlen and Reneker were

taken down, our adopted roads were cleaned up, Snack Bar was shut down, and one of the food prep cabins received some much needed roof repairs. Last, but not least, the food was most excellent as well.

Look for an update in spring where we will be completing the framing of the shotgun pavilion, framing a new rifle range storage shed and extended roof shade, and completing phase two of the chapel renovation where the trail to the chapel will be repaired and upgraded with new check dams. Thank you to all who donated their time and service and hopefully there will be good turnout to finish up THREE major projects for the Spring Fix-it! ♣



Galloping Grapevine



Jenny Carroll wed Dave Belanski on October 26, 2013 at Holy Innocents Church in Chicago. Presiding over the ceremony was Father Phil (longtime Owasippe friend and camper) and the bridal party included Brian Weems, Sean Haneberg, and Caitlin Boline.

Welcome home to Captain Danielle Carroll! She spent the last year serving with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan.

Jack Newell had a nice write up in the Chicago Sun-Times. Many of his films revolve around dining and restaurants, and so he talks about some of his favorite city eateries. The article can be found at <http://www.suntimes.com/lifestyles/food/22915915-423/columbia-college-graduate-jack-c-newell-films-and-eats-great-food.html>.

Jason Kulak recently moved out to Mesa, Arizona, and just started working with Arizona Outback Adventures. He's doing his best to avoid scorpions and chupacabra.

Sue Thotz (Lutz) showed up on WGN recently, as part of her work with Common Sense Media, sharing tablet apps that teach your kids as well as let them have fun. The clip and list can be found at <http://morningnews.wgntv.com/2013/10/08/guilt-free-apps-your-kids-will-love>.

Congratulations to these Owasippe Staff who recently became Eagle Scouts:
Paul Kerchberger, Dan Piper, Ryan Wiesbach

John Sanchez had a second stroke recently. He was in intensive care but has been released. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Frank Accardi had liver surgery recently. The OSA wishes him well. ♣

Thank you OSA

by Kevin Dubbins

I would like to thank the OSA members who donated to me for my Journey of Hope last summer, I could not have done it without your support, I was able to raise \$6,850 and the entire JOH team raised \$523,686.05, 95% of which went directly to the organizations for people with disabilities that we visited with along the way. I still can't believe how truly life changing this summer was and I constantly wish the trip had never ended. The trip kicked off from the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco and finished on the lawn of the US Capitol building in Washington DC. In between was 62 days, over 3,800 miles of biking, 15 states, and roughly



50 organizations we met with along the way.

We crossed the Sierra Nevada, Rocky, and Appalachian mountain ranges, staying in Austin, NV a 1.1 sq mile town with 30 people, making our way up to Loveland Pass which is the highest highway in North

America at 11,990ft, riding down Lookout Mountain on my birthday (my first in 10 years not at Owasippe), and reaching 56.3 mph bombing a hill crossing from Pennsylvania into Maryland along the way. After getting off the bike most days we met with an organization for people with disabilities and had a friendship visit where we would have a dance, or bowl, or a BBQ.

One particular friendship visit that sticks out to me was in Milwaukee, WI where we met up with an organization and had a "girls night out" where we took a group of girls out shopping at the



local mall, I was paired up with Cate who is undiagnosed and nonverbal, but her smile and laughter as we built a bear together and walked around made the visit one of the most memorable, I still keep in touch with her and a few other people I met along the way.

Thank you again for your support. ♣



Chuck Nagel and Tony Krier, circa 1977, reflecting on the bridge over Cleveland Creek. Tony had recently completed its construction.

Corrections:

In the last issue, Vibrations mistakenly listed the college of Christy Townsend as Marquette University. She is a graduate of Northern Michigan University located in Marquette, Michigan. Also, Chris Townsend has been promoted to Assistant Scout Executive in Hoosier Trails Council in Bloomington Indiana, not Crossroads of America Council. We regret the errors.



It's OSA Ad Book time again, 36 years and still going strong!

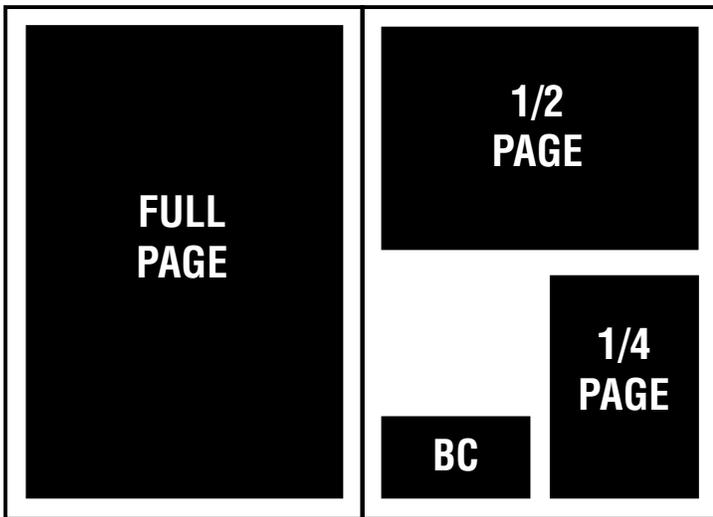
Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are seeking sponsors for the Owasippe Staff Association Ad Book distributed at our Annual Meeting in March of 2014. Here is an opportunity to promote your business, extend greetings to your friends, and/or wish Owasippe and the OSA well. The annual Ad Book is an important fundraiser for the OSA, and its proceeds help us carry on our mission of supporting Owasippe.

As you probably know, Owasippe is located in scenic Western Michigan near Whitehall and Montague, and it is the nation's oldest Boy Scout summer camp. Owasippe serves youth and families from the Chicago area and throughout the U.S.

ONLINE FEATURE OFFERS YEAR 'ROUND EXPOSURE!

The ad book consists of a program for the annual meeting, our annual report and a yearbook of event photos. We have four ad options as outlined below and each ad comes with a corresponding space on the OSA website for one full year!



Please respond with your materials by January 16, 2014 using the form provided below.

Enclose your camera-ready art or any message you wish to present and mail it to the address below.

Email ad submissions (PDFs) are preferred.

If you have any questions, please contact Ron Derby at (231) 557-0770 or osa.adbook@gmail.com

The OSA thanks you for your support and reminds you that we are a not-for-profit organization, therefore your participation is tax deductible.

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Qty.	Ad Description	Size (width x height)	Cost
	Business Card	3.5" x 2"	\$25
	1/4 Page	3.5" x 4.75"	\$40
	1/2 Page	7.5" x 4.75"	\$65
	Full Page	7.5" x 10"	\$100
	Cover Full Page (inside front, inside back, outside back)	7.5" x 10"	\$125

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All materials which the author wants returned must be accompanied by a self addressed stamped envelope.

Deadlines for submitting materials for publication are as follows:

- Spring (Issue 1) January 10
- Summer (Issue 2) April 1
- Fall (Issue 3) August 7
- Winter (Issue 4) October 15

Dates of Interest to OSA Members

November

- 15..... OSA Gift Card Deadline
- 23..... Owasippe Lodge OA Annual Vigil Alumni Reunion Dinner
- 28..... Thanksgiving
- 29..... Owasipalooza Pizza Nite
- 30..... 2014 Owasippe Camp Staff Interviews

December

- 7..... Pearl Harbor Day
- 14..... OSA Board Member Nominations Due
- 21..... Winter Solstice
- 1-31 Culturally Non-Specific Holiday Festivities

January

- 1..... New Year's Day
- 10..... Deadline for Spring issue Vibrations submissions
- 21..... Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

March

- 1..... OSA 35th Annual Meeting and Dinner
- 17..... St. Patrick's Day
- 20..... March Equinox

