



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

Vibrations

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Guest Lodge Report

by Ron Kulak, Guest Lodge Task Force

After a long, long wait for a record winter snowfall to melt at Owasippe, rehab work continues in earnest at the Guest Lodge (GL). If you are not aware, we were successful last Fall with completing the new annex and foundation which included new windows and doors throughout. A replacement porch was constructed and new cedar window frames were added. The entire structure, old and new, was also treated with a brand new steel roof (forest green color). For glimpses of what has been accomplished so far, go to www.owasippe.com and to the OSA's Facebook page for some great photos. Seeing what has been done is an inspiration to completing the task.

As this is written, electrical service is being brought back to the cabin underground and

connected to the electrical panels. Electricians and plumbers meet out there next week to scope out the building and prepare their schematics with the roughing in of the lines shortly thereafter. The Muskegon County Health Department will arrive on site in days to also tell us where to place the new septic tank and field so that this may also get done in the coming weeks. As soon as the electric and plumbing is roughed in, we will do other work inside including the installing of two new bathrooms and a refurbished kitchen. But, simultaneous to that, 1 x 12 cedar boards will be attached to the outside of the annex to continue on with the log cabin motif. As an FYI, the GL will be made ADA accessible and heating will be via electric baseboard heat (installation no later than the Fall).

The annex will be outfitted with insulation and
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Support Owasippe Work Weekends 2014

There are many opportunities to lend a hand to make improvements to Owasippe Scout Reservation this spring as well as prepare the camp for opening. The Make Owasippe Better (M.O.B.) Weekends are April 25-27, May 2-4, June 6-8, and June 13-15. Come to just one weekend! Or come to them all!! Additional information can be found at <http://www.chicagobsa.org/newsfeed/support-owasippe-work-weekends-2014/10839>

Please email your contact information to: makingowasippebetter@gmail.com

Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Profession/Trade:

Additional Skill(s):

The Order of the Arrow Memorial Day Work Weekend (MDWW) is May 23-26.

Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.chicagobsa.org/document/2014-0a-mdww-registration-form/134598>



OSA Fix It Weekend

May 16-18, 2014

**RSVP: osafixit@gmail.com by May 10
to ensure we have enough food**

For Fix-It weekend details, please see page 3.

President's Perspective

by Candy Merritt, OSA President

My name is Candy Merritt and I have been involved in scouting my entire life. I have been going to Owasippe since I was a toddler. I am very proud of my accomplishments as a staff member at Owasippe. As a section camp director I learned how vital the OSA is to Owasippe's success. I was fortunate to see firsthand how the accomplishments of the OSA affected camp programming, facilities, campers and staffers. We are so fortunate to be a part of the glue that has been holding the camp together for many years. I am very proud of our organization. We have come a long way and our organization's strength continues to come from our members. Our members are getting involved not only financially, but with their hard work and sweat.



I could not be prouder to have accepted the honor as President of this organization. I promise I will do my very best to reach the bar that has been set by our past presidents. The OSA has no secrets, our mission is to help support programs, the camp and the staff at Owasippe and we are doing that. I am very proud of the relationships our organization has built, and we could not have done that without our members.

Many thanks to Edgar Wolff-Klammer, who has been attending monthly meetings with the Council property committee members. We continue to strengthen our relationship with the Council at each meeting that is attended. Edgar has agreed to take over as Fix-It chair and he has been assisting the Council in preparing for the MOB weekends. I really hope you take advantage of one of the weekends to go up with your family and help out the camp. I would like to thank Andy Marhoul who had graciously accepted the challenge of being the Fix-It chair for the past few years.

We had another great turn out for the OSA's 36th Anniversary Meeting and Dinner. There are so many people who helped make this event successful and we would like to thank all of you, especially Diane Wolff-Klammer, Marilyn Kulak, Rosemarie Young, Dan Kleinfeldt, Bill Van Berschot, and the many silent auction donors. Thank you very much.

Thank you to the former members of the board—Andy Marhoul for 1 term (3 yrs), Vince Rychtanek for 1 term (3 yrs) and Edgar Wolff-Klammer for 2 terms (6 yrs).

Welcome to our three new board members: Blaise Lukasiewicz, Ryan Gust, and Carl Young. I would like

to congratulate the current officers of the board: President Candy Merritt, Vice-President Kurt Wolff-Klammer, Treasurer Ron Kulak, and Secretary Barb Lea.

Please think about bringing your family and friends out to the Fix-Its and all of the events sponsored by the OSA. ♣

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interior panels probably at the Fix-It Weekend on May 16-18 and/or other work weekends being planned. There is plenty to be done. The Guest Lodge will be a bee hive of activity in the coming weeks.

Benefactors have stepped up to get us an A/C unit for the building as well as to furnish the kitchen with donated cabinets, appliances and a marble counter top. BOOYA! We are so thankful for those contributions soon to arrive.

The entire goal is to make the GL a functional building for this summer's STEM Outpost program (i.e., Science, Technology, and Engineering and Math merit badge programs). Plans are now being made to move the Radio Outpost there from the vicinity of the old Wolverine South swimming pool and to outfit it with a new 72-foot antenna. Come mid-August, work will continue to retrofit the Guest Lodge to be a winter dormitory complex for unit rental. Sleeping capacity should be around 24-30 depending on the placement of bunk beds which still have to be acquired by the end of the summer.

Completed work so far has cost us around \$38,000, a pretty reasonable amount considering what has been done. We have \$18,200 in the Guest Lodge Fund but will need more funding to get everything done the way we would like. Everyone can help us here with a little or a lot, whatever one can afford.

Please continue to provide the OSA with your generous monetary donations and send them ASAP c/o the OSA Guest Lodge Fund, PO Box 7097, Westchester, IL, 60154. Make your checks payable to the OSA or the Owasippe Staff Assoc. We will also gladly accept donations to help finish the bathroom, i.e., sinks, shower fixtures, hot water tank, toilets. So, we need everyone's help in many ways, big and small.

Thanks to all of you who have generously helped us so far with your time, talents and money!

The Guest Lodge Dedication Ceremony is to be held in front of the Guest Lodge (LC2) on Saturday, May 24, beginning at 5:00pm, Michigan time. All are invited to attend. ♣

OSA May Fix-It Weekend (May 16-18, 2014)

WHAT WILL YOU BE HELPING WITH?

- We will be extending the Wolverine Rifle Range roof three feet, reroof this section and completing the Rifle Range storage shed.
- We will be completing a new Wolverine Shot Gun Shelter (only the footings are current there)
- Repairing the 2nd cook's cabin roof behind Food Prep.
- Completing the renovations at the Crown Chapel.

We may also do some odd jobs to help get the camp ready to open... such as painting, roofing, carpentry, general repairs, etc

We will meet at Food Prep for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Michigan (Eastern) time on Saturday morning.

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) Persons under 18 MUST be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- 2) Alcohol is strictly prohibited on Owasippe property.

RSVP: osafixit@gmail.com or 847-677-1688 by May 10 to ensure we have enough food.

**Want to help on a specific project?
Can you be at Owasippe by noon on Friday
May 16 to do some prep work?
Let us know**

Adventures in Local Dining with Kurt and Caitlin

by Caitlin Boline, OSA board member

This Stop: Pekadills (503 South Mears Avenue Whitehall, MI 49461)

Kurt and I did set out to explore other dining options in the Owasippe area, but let's be honest, Pekadills is a staff/camper/OSR visitor favorite! For those of you who have been there, I am sure you will share my sentiment. For those of you who haven't: enjoy.

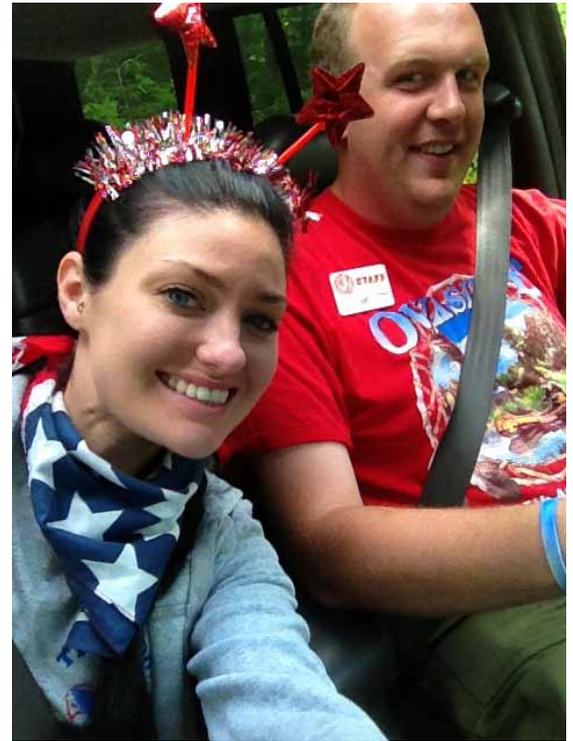
Kurt and I began on staff together in 2002 and quickly became friends, and so naturally we took the chance to catch up and eat lunch with each other together on staff last year. The idea to try out new places in the area originally came after we went to Pekadill's an irresponsible amount of times.

Pekadills is a lovely location to get a fresh lunch or dinner in Whitehall. They have delicious sandwiches, salads, soups, and combinations that continually send Owasippe staff back for more throughout the summer. Their staff is friendly and makes note of you coming back (especially if you arrive wearing a nametag...). One of the best parts of the Pekadills experience is location. Opened in 1983 as an ice cream parlor, your dining options include the front ice cream parlor, back in-house dining, or the beautiful, cozy garden seating out back with falling water and various flowers/foliage! Even when "Peks" is packed, you get the sense of privacy with your lunch date.

Peks always has a daily special (specific sandwich with a side and soup!) that is not only delicious but a great price. While Kurt is a daily special kind of guy, I prefer the veggie croissant, BLT, or roast beef sub with their homemade coleslaw or macaroni salad. All items are fresh and delicious. Peks is not only the place to go for a great meal, but for a relaxing setting to meet up with dear friends.

"But wait...THERE'S MORE!": Don't forget to stop by the ice cream counter for a scoop on your way back for afternoon program! Voted one of the top ten ice cream parlors in Michigan, Pekadill's offers a variety of local flavors that will satisfy your sweet tooth!

And so concludes my summer of dining with the OSA Vice-President. Let's hope he comes up to camp this summer on official business...TO EAT WITH ME! ♣



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

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36th Annual Dinner Dance

by Candy Merritt, OSA president

I wanted to thank everyone who attended our 36th annual dinner dance. Thank you to those that supported the ad book and raffles, even if you were not able to be in attendance, we appreciate your continued support. We had a fantastic time at the Victoria Banquets in Rosemont. From the DJ to the view of the city night life, an amazing time was had by all. Friends re-united and had a great time catching up.

To thank a few people; Ron and Susan Derby for their work on the ad book, to all the silent auction donors', thank you for helping making this a successful year. Marilyn Kulak, Diane Wolff-Klammer, and Rosemarie Young for setting up the silent auctions items, hats off ladies, you did a wonderful job! Way to go Kurt Wolff-Klammer, who won the split the pot and turned around and purchased an OSA Life Membership. Susan Derby, we know you are really going to enjoy that Surface tablet you won! Bill Tenner, all I am saying is lucky you for winning the Guest Lodge stay. Thank you to everyone who came out and had fun with us. We look forward to seeing you all next year. ♣



Owasippe Career Paths: Teachers

by Caitlin Boline, OSA board member

People have many reasons for wanting to be on staff at Owasippe. One reason that is probably the most relevant is the desire to work with children. So it should come as no surprise that many Owasippe staffers later became educators, or were drawn to Owasippe due to their experience or want to work with children. Here are some updates on some past and present Owasippe staffers who have made continuing to educate children their life's work:

John Adamowski

He says, "I don't know if Owasippe encouraged my career path, rather, since I worked with Bill Schafer, my career created a path to Owasippe." His degrees include: B.S.E. from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater—Physics, Math, Secondary Education; M.S.E. from Chicago State University—Occupational Education; Administrative Certification from Concordia University—River Forest; Continuing Education Credits from UW-Platteville, UW-LaCrosse, Hamline, University of Ohio, Montana State-Bozeman, Northeastern Illinois, UIC, James Madison University, University of Maryland-College Park, San Luis Obispo College, Loyola, Loyola Marimont, College of DuPage, Triton College and "probably a few more." He is now a bus driver for the high school at which he taught. He has former students with their own TV shows, Chiefs of Medical Teams, mechanics, teachers, stunt men, mummies and daddies, quite a few deceased, and says he tried to be part of each of their lives.

Susan Derby

Susan Derby (current Reneker adult leader, previous High Adventure Director/Trek Guide) decided to look more into teaching after being asked for the 20th time by a scout leader "So where do you teach?" Knowing she loved working with high school age kids from working at camp, she earned her double major Math/English degree from Baker College and holds a secondary teaching certificate in Michigan. She is currently in a long-term sub position teaching Algebra/Pre-Calculus at Reeths-Puffer High School (if you're an OSR regular, this should ring a bell)! It may come as no surprise to you that Susan sings (terribly) to her High School students and heckles

them for being Gerber scouts (even offering them extra credit to convert to Owasippe!)

Maureen Haneberg

Mo (current Reneker Assistant Director) knew that teaching was the correct path for her through working with various age groups at Camp Reneker. She received her Elementary Education degree from Eastern Illinois University with a concentration in Middle Level Math. She currently teaches 4th Grade Reading and Math at St. Damian School in Oak Forest, Illinois, however she has accepted a new position teaching 4th grade for Summit public school district in the fall. This July she will finish coursework on her English as a Second Language endorsement.

John Kennedy

John worked at Wolverine North, Sauger Lake, and Stuart in the late 60s/early 70s. He graduated from DePaul University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and began teaching for the Chicago Public Schools where he taught Social Studies for 31 years, retiring in 1993. Now, he spends retired life on to go: serving as a Charter Organization Representative (his wife is the Religious Emblems Coordinator) of Troop 141 in Belvidere, IL. John has a long scouting resume including serving as a Wood Badge Course Director and Council Wood Badge Coordinator. In all, he has spent 52 years in the scouting program.

Joseph Kerke

According to Joe, working at Owasippe definitely influenced him on becoming a teacher. His time spent on staff at OSR was at Camp Robert Crown as the Aquatics Director from '71-'72 and as a Commissioner from '75-'76. He also worked at Camp Delvan (West Suburban Council) from 1965-'71. He taught Chemistry from 1975-2006 working for both the Chicago Public Schools (Harlan, Simeon, Kenwood) and then in Hillcrest with District 288 (Bremen High School). His degrees are as follows: Associates Degree at Morton Junior College, Bachelors in Education from Illinois State, and a Masters Degree from DePaul University. Joe is a proud Eagle Scout!

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Lemont Lap – Sat. June 7, 2014, in Lemont, IL
5pm-12am

\$20 {includes T-shirt and food}

Go to <http://goo.gl/6beig5> to register.

Registration deadline is **May 25**. T-shirt size information and payments accepted until then.

Contact Ryan M. Gust (colonelcarlen@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Summer 2014 Program

by Sean Haneberg, 2014 Owasippe Reservation Director

Summer 2014 brings many new and exciting changes to Owasippe Scout Reservation. The Management Team has been extremely active in putting the finishing touches on a program that we believe will both thrill and captivate the scouts we serve. While many of the core program offerings remain untouched, we are once again excited to provide new opportunities. This summer will feature Woodwork merit badge and Painting merit badge, which will be located at the maintenance building. Due to the generous donations of many Scouts and Scouters in 2013, Golf merit badge will continue and look to build on the success of the previous summer. If you have any materials you would like to donate to summer camp program this summer, please contact Sean Haneberg at seanhaneberg@gmail.com ♣

News about Jim Chandler

OSA friend and former Reservation Director Jim Chandler has been struggling with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. He will be presented with the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award on Sunday April 27. Captain James Lovell (Apollo 8 & 13) will be making the presentation.

If you want to contact Jim, he has asked that you either write or email in lieu of calling, due to the potential volume of calls. He is still a fan of regular mail and would enjoy your written letters. His address is James L. Chandler, 7122 Sauk Trail Beach Drive, Cedar Grove, WI 53013-1524. His email is jlc1942@wi.rr.com.

A letter from his brother, Rev. Thomas R. Chandler, detailing his medical condition, has been distributed at his request. Though we do not have the space to print it in its entirety, an excerpt follows. The full letter can be found on Owasippe.com.

“...Jim and I both know that there are many people concerned about Jim and want to know about his situation. Jim has been in complete charge of his medical treatment from the beginning of his treatment. Disclosure of details about his medical condition has been also his decision. He has been concerned about unnecessary worry and concern by those who he loves and who love him that might be caused by the ups and downs of his fight against this deadly disease. However, he also recognizes

the importance of updating you with the latest news that came with his doctor’s consultation.

The news is not good. The chemotherapy treatment is not having the desired effect on Jim’s resistance to the disease. Instead the cancer has spread aggressively. It now is affecting his liver as well as the pancreas, his lungs, and his duodenum. Jim continues to lose weight and strength as the disease advances. The cancer measurement “marker” has recently soared to over 2500 (normal is 31), and recent comparative imagery scans confirm the spread and advance of the disease. Jim continues to be mentally and emotionally alert but has increasing difficulty with his deteriorating physical condition.

The good news is he is still emotionally strong and is not allowing this bad news to discourage his fighting spirit. He continues to have excellent medical care and continuous home care by George Sparks, Jr., and many friends who come to help.

In discussions with Dr. Bettag [Jim’s oncologist] it is clear that Jim does not have many medical options. The present chemo treatments are not succeeding and are actually affecting him negatively with the severe side effects that he suffers. Changing the chemo formula is not an option because Jim’s physical condition does not provide the strength that is needed to withstand it. Alternative therapies are not available for him because most programs require long waiting periods (typically 4 weeks) before he would qualify for entry. It is Dr. Bettag’s opinion that Jim should consider Hospice to make his life as comfortable as possible for the time he has remaining. Jim has made that transition and is now a hospice patient.

Hospice is a program designed for support to patients whose life expectancy is 6 months or less. Jim will be able to remain at his home and receive care there. His medications would continue. Dr. Bettag said that he would personally visit Jim at home. He is director of the local hospice program.

...This is a time for all of us to provide for his help and encouragement. Please keep Jim in your prayers, as he knows you keep him in your heart. As Jim would say “Keep Smiling.”

Galloping Grapevine



Ryan, Chrissy, and big brother Carlen Gust welcomed son #2: Connor Michael! Congrats!

Jay Sullivan has accepted a position with the Schaumburg School District teaching Automotive Technology and Building Construction starting this fall. An amazing job in a great district! Well done!

Maureen Haneberg accepted a new position with Walsh Elementary teaching 4th Grade for Summit School District. Good Luck!

Pete Klaeser ate ice cream at Dairy Treat during the summer of 2013. FOR THE FIRST TIME.

OSA Teachers (cont. from p. 5)

Dan Kleinfeldt

Dan says his time at Owasippe really developed his passion for helping someone learn new and interesting things, be it how to tie a knot or how to build an above-ground campfire. He loved the challenge then and it motivates him now. He would not change his decision to be an educator and owes a big part of his love for teaching, which started with a foundation that began at Owasippe. He received his Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and Education from the University of Illinois at Chicago. His first Master's Degree in Curriculum Leadership was from North Park University and his second Master's Degree in School Leadership (Type 75) was from Concordia University. He is currently a teacher and Department Chair of Driver Education at Oak Park and River Forest High School. Before OPRF, he taught Physical Education for 8 years in Oak Park for District 97. If given the opportunity, he says he often encourages his students to spend a summer as a camp counselor!

Greg Lange

Working at Owasippe encouraged Greg to become a teacher. He earned his Bachelors from Saint Joseph College, his Masters from Governor State University, and an additional Masters from University of St. Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary. He currently works as a teacher and Dean of students at Mother Teresa Catholic Academy, as well as serving as a committee leader writing religious and vocational curriculum. Greg believes his experience as Reservation Director helps him in his Dean role, allowing him to make quick and educated decision in relation to student

discipline and success.

Due to overwhelming response, OSA teacher submissions will continue in the August newsletter. If you have a career path you would like to see highlighted by Owasippe staffers/friends, please send your ideas and applicable emails to caitlinboline@gmail.com. ♣

A WHO-larious Summer!

by Caitlin Boline, OSA board member

This summer at Camp Reneker "Go For It!" the sensational Reneker staff will be guiding campers through the wonderful world of all things Dr. Seuss. This won't be your average Cat-in-the-Hat themed affair! We are digging deep in the Seuss vault to bring you both nostalgic and new Seuss activities that families can participate in together. We even have some never-before-done programs that are sure to bring out the inner child in all!

If you have any Seuss-themed materials that may be helpful to the execution of our program (as well as any materials for Theater Merit Badge!), please contact Reneker Camp Director, Caitlin Boline at caitlinboline@gmail.com. Thank you! ♣

OSA Family Picnic: August 10

The OSA Family Picnic is on Sunday, August 10, starting at 11:00 a.m. at Sundown Meadow Forest Preserve Grove 2 in Countryside, IL. The entrance to the grounds is on the west side of LaGrange Road at 67th, just north of I-55. The OSA will again provide 100 pieces of fried chicken at 1:00 pm. You can still pack a picnic lunch, bring the grill out to cook your own meal, or call up an old camp friend to split some great food and conversation! But no matter what you do, be there! We will have kids' games and softball equipment, but bring other items (kites, baseball gloves, beanbags, flying discs) if you like. This is a great event for mini reunions. Call the old staff buddies you haven't seen in years to meet so you can catch up and remember past summers. You can also chat with current staffers to see how things went at camp. ♣

OSA's shopping/Gift Card program deadline

May 2, 2014

Download the order form at www.owasippe.com

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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

April

25-27 MOB (Make Owasippe Better) Work Weekend

May

2..... OSA Shopping/Gift Catd Order deadline
2-4 MOB (Make Owasippe Better) Work Weekend
16-18 OSA Spring Fix-It
23-24 Cal. Council Swap Meet
23-26 OA Work Weekend

June

6-8 MOB (Make Owasippe Better) Work Weekend
13-15 MOB (Make Owasippe Better) Work Weekend
22..... Campers arrive at OSR

July

4..... Independence Day
25..... Christmas in July

August

2..... Campers leave OSR
7..... Vibrations submissions deadline

