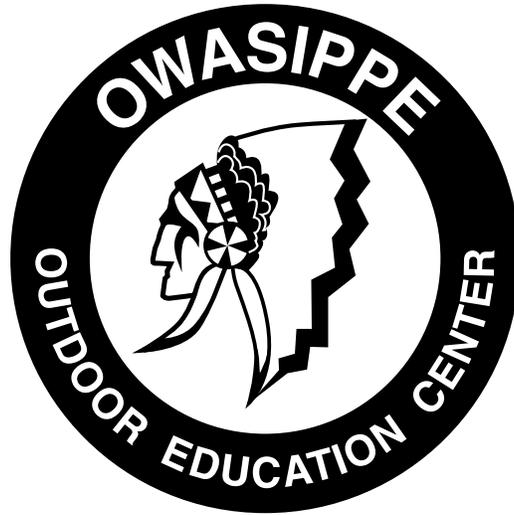




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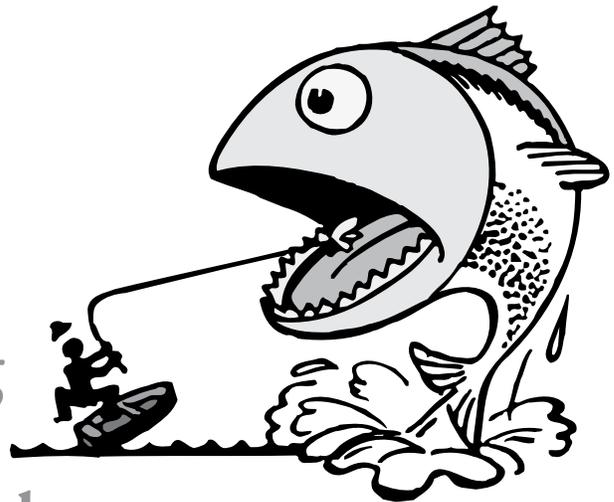
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# The Owasippe Staff Association

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36th Anniversary Meeting and Banquet  
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March 1, 2014

## Agenda

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| 6:00  | Fellowship & Open Bar<br>Election for OSA Board of Directors  |
| 7:00  | Welcome<br>Invocation<br>Dinner   |
| 8:15  | Call Annual Business Meeting to Order<br>Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting .....see pg. 7<br>2013 Treasurer's Report.....see insert<br>Membership Report & Life Member Plaque Presentations<br>Special Recognitions .....see pg. 9<br>Remember Those Who are No Longer with Us .....see pg. 15<br>Presentation of Special Awards<br>Thank Outgoing Members of the Board of Directors<br>Introduction of the 2014 Board of Directors/Operating Officers<br>President's Address<br>Call for New Business<br>Business Meeting Adjournment |
| 10:00 | Raffle Drawings   |
| 10:15 | Silent Auction Ends   |
| 10:30 | Last Call   |
| 11:00 | Good Night & Please Drive Safely  |

On behalf of the Owasippe Staff Association, we would like to welcome everyone to our 36th Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance. We thank all those who helped make this event a success, especially to everyone in attendance. Your support and dedication is the key to the success of the Owasippe Staff Association.

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## Minutes of the Owasippe Staff Association 35th Annual Meeting & Dinner Dance

*Presented by Susan Derby, OSA Member*

March 2, 2013  
European Chalet Banquets

The annual meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. by OSA President Edgar Wolff-Klammer. A quorum of the board was present to conduct business. Edgar welcomed everyone and thanked all for coming.

The minutes of the 2012 annual meeting were presented, and a motion to accept them was made, seconded, and approved by acclamation. OSA Board Treasurer Ron Kulak presented the annual financial report for 2012. He pointed out the major expenses for the year including the work that has begun on repairing and restoring Guest Lodge. That fund has a balance remaining of \$26,000 and will need more donations to sustain the project through completion. Other major projects for the year included a new pier for Blackhawk, repairs to the Carlen circus tent, new picnic tables for campsites, and radio outpost supplies and materials. Ron mentioned the OSA is showing \$194,000 balance, the largest balance on record for the organization, much of that thanks to a donation to the Pearl Silverman fund in the amount of \$150,000. Some of that was placed in an endowment, but the organization is proud to have no loans, payroll, or liability. He thanked all of the financial supporters for that accomplishment. A motion was made to accept the report, and it was seconded and carried by acclamation.

Edgar thanked all the volunteers for their work throughout this year in various aspects of the service and organization of the OSA. He specifically referenced a page in the program listing specific people and their contributions. He also led a moment of silence in remembrance of those who had passed this year.

OSA Board Membership Chairman Andy Lukasiewicz presented the five new Life Members of 2012. His report showed there are 325 active members of the OSA, of which 201 are life members. OSA Board Member Bob Pagels then recognized the first Member of the Year, Christian Sterling. Christian is an operator of Sterling Lumber, a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Eagle Scout, and is a den leader for his boys' pack. His donations of lumber and materials have been crucial in building 30 new floorboards, 4 sheds, and many Guest Lodge supplies. A second Member of the Year award recognized Paul Meyers, the author of a book on the history of Owasippe and its OA chapter. *Owasippe: The Camp* includes many connections to OSR's key past events and documents the OA's special connection to Owasippe as the oldest Boy Scout camp in the country. Paul donated 200 copies to the OSA to sell, with all funds going to the OSA. Congratulations to both Christian and Paul for their recognitions.

Elections chair Dan Kleinfeldt thanked the outgoing members of the board (Caitlin Boline, Michelle O'Connor, and Andy Lukasiewicz) and the candidates of this election. He announced the election results, with board seats going to Caitlin Boline, Barb Lea, and Kurt Wolff-Klammer. He then announced the officer positions: Edgar Wolff-Klammer as president, Vince Rychtanek as vice president, Ron Kulak as treasurer, and Candy Merritt as secretary.

Edgar gave a summary of the past year's projects. He welcomed CAC representative Chris Townsend and key OOEC representatives. Edgar then gave a brief speech celebrating the expanded projects as the camp is on more stable ownership status. He made some general announcements about the raffles and silent auctions. Edgar then moved that all remaining business be presented during the fellowship portion of the evening. That motion was seconded and passed. He then made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation at 8:55 p.m. ♣



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**Spouses and family of the OSA Board members** for graciously giving their spouses the support and time needed to serve on the board and for lending help with many functions.

The following OSA Board Members for all the sacrifices they make to keep the OSA going strong: **Caitlin Boline, Ron Kulak, Barbara Lea, Andy Marhoul, Candy Merritt, Vince Rychtanek, Andy Sirota, Kurt Wolff-Klammer and Edgar Wolff-Klammer.**

**Erv Brinkmann:** for his generous support through our fundraising programs.

**Phil Pappas:** for his generous support to the Guest Lodge and the Steve Schaefer Fund.

**Dr. Franics Podbielski:** for his time and donations to the Guest Lodge Fund.

**Ron and Susan Derby:** for producing the ad book, and for maintaining the website, with the Recruiting (Pizza) Night during Staff Week and help with Guest Lodge.

**John Kapusciaz:** at European Chalet for donating the event space for the OSA's Owasipalooza Pizza Night.

**Peter Kulak:** for producing the newsletter.

**Pete Klaeser:** for his assistance with the Recruiting (Pizza) Night during Staff Week

**Dan Kleinfeldt:** for serving as the Elections Chair.

**Paul E. Meyers Jr.:** for his generous donation of 200 copies of his book, Owasippe the Camp / Owasippe the Lodge The Early Years

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**All those who have sent in photos from OSA events.**

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- 1) Preserve and promote the bonds of friendship forged through Owasippe;
- 2) Offer the time, talents, resources and assets of the Association and its membership to Owasippe;
- 3) Provide, wherever possible, for the continued experience of both campers and staff of Owasippe.

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“The largest Indian mound in this vicinity was built on a high hill above Silver Creek. Because of its size, someone of importance must have been buried there.

An Indian named John Stone frequently visited a Mr. Paul Norman. Both had served in the Civil War and once did a he did John a favor which is something an Indian never forgets. One day he asked John who was buried in the great mound and John answered that his people had told him it was Chief Owasippe.

The village over which the Chief presided, he said, was on the flat at the foot of the hill. The creek, Bishe-gain-dang (Beautiful), furnished them with fresh water and a safe landing for canoes. Both fishing and hunting were good and the wooded hills that surrounded them kept out the cold winter winds. They were also comparatively safe here from attacks by hostile bands.

Owasippe had two teen-age sons in whom he took great pride. They liked to hunt and fish and sometimes went far down the river to search for game. When, after a reasonable length of time, they failed to return from one of these expeditions, the Chief became anxious. Every day, he climbed the high hill and sat for hours beneath a great pine tree, scanning the long marsh and watching for their reappearance on one of the many streams that wound through the tall grass to the blue of the distant hills. But no sign of them did he see. No news of their whereabouts could he learn. They might have drowned in the treacherous river or met enemies who had tortured and killed them, which was a common occurrence before 1812. Whatever happened, the two boys were never seen again. Eventually, their father succumbed to uncertainty and disappointment. His people found him dead beneath the great pine and built his mound where he had kept vigil so long.

In the early 1890's, three boys were following a trail along the foot of the roll-away at the mouth of Silver Creek when they noticed something that resembled the end of a canoe protruding from the bank. Hurrying back to town, they notified the village Marshall, who returned with the boys, bringing men and shovels. They unearthed two dugouts, each containing the skeleton of a teen-age Indian. There were also the metal parts of a flint-lock gun, bits of decayed blankets, a copper kettle and a silver ornament.

The boys thought they had found an Indian burying ground hence the name, Burying Ground Point, but from the information give by John Stone, it was evident that these youths were the missing sons of Owassippe. The two boys had apparently pulled their canoes up to the bank for the night, and the river, constantly cutting into the earth, had caused it to cave in, burying them while they slept.”

“Some effort has been made to learn the correct name of the Chief, and its meaning. The Indian language being strict oral, makes the matter difficult. The late K.G. Smith of Lansing and Birch Brook consulted the late Father Gagnieur of Sault St. Marie who thought the name was Awassisibi, meaning “Beyond the River,” hence Owasippe.”

“When John Stone told this story, the great pine was still standing. In 1914 only a rotted log remained. Now even that has disappeared. The mounds have settled beyond recognition and would be lost but for the marker placed there by the Chicago Boy Scouts.”

from The Montague Area-100 years, published by Montague Area Centennial Inc., Montague, Mich., 1967

**But the spirits around the great campfires of this age speak of the how the Chief had not yet slept in total comfort. Though his sons slept each night, in warm blankets beneath pines on each side of the chief, there was still a forth pine, bigger than either of the sons pines but smaller than the Chief's. There was even a hand woven blanket there, as if waiting for another son.**

**One evening, quite recently, the great Chief saw that the blanket was covering one of the last true Sons of Owasippe. The Great Chief, that night, just before the evening campfire, introduced his two sons to another son of Owasippe, Tony Krier. The campfire was brighter than usual that night and the great Chief was truly at peace with all his sons around him.**

**If you look at the stars tonight, you might find one that is a bit brighter than in the past. That star is the star of the great campfire of a recent night. The first night when Chief Owasippe would sleep in peace.**



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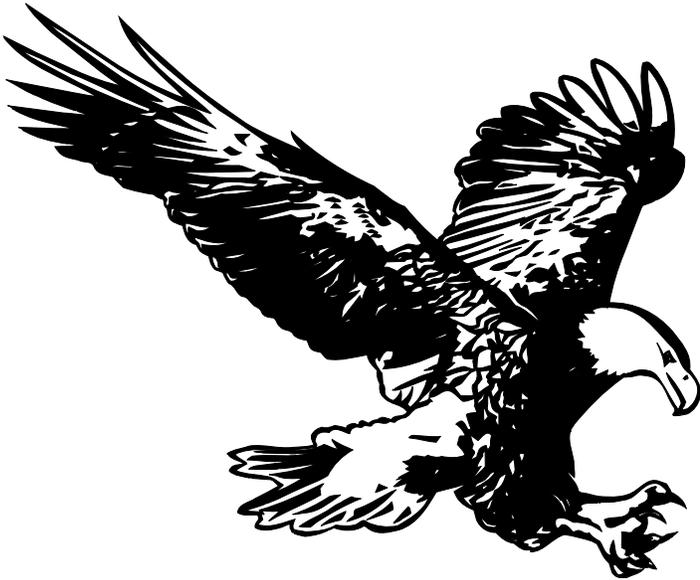
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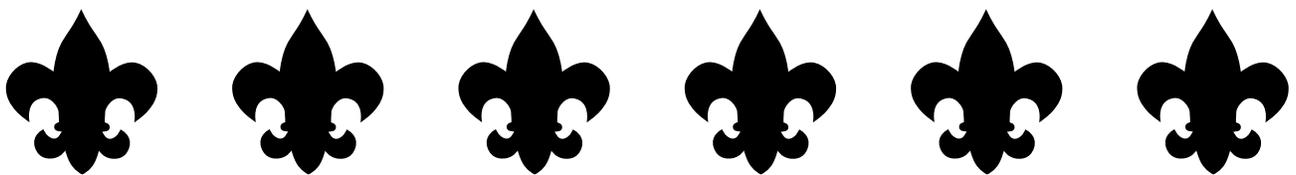


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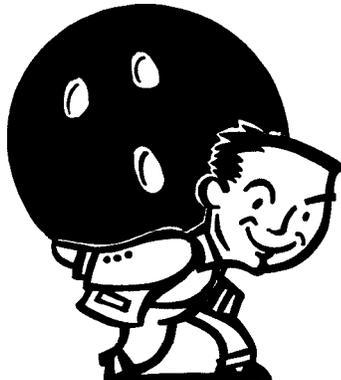
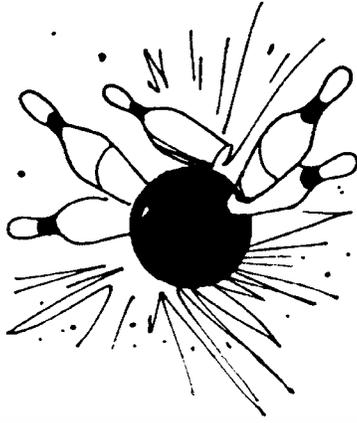
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