



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

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37th Annual Dinner Dance — A Great Time Had By All

by Candy Merritt, OSA member

I would like to thank everyone who attended our 37th 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 an amazing evening at Victoria Banquets in Rosemont. What a fun night of dancing and fellowship. I hope those that attended were able to take advantage of getting some photos with their friends in the photo booth.

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 and making this a successful year! Diane Wolff-Klammer, Edgar Wolff-Klammer and Rosemarie Young thank you for all your work on setting up the silent auction items. Thank you to everyone who came out and had fun with us. We look forward to seeing you all next year.

During the evening, we held our annual meeting, presented the Member of the Year Award, made special recognitions, conducted Board elections, raffled off some wonderful prizes and held numerous silent auctions.

2015 OSA Board Election Results

Kurt Wolff-Klammer, PRESIDENT
Caitlin Boline, VICE PRESIDENT
Barb Lea, SECRETARY
Blaise Lukasiewicz, TREASURER
Andy Sirota
Ryan Gust
Carl Young
Eric Hetland
Conrad Zadlo

2014 Member of the Year Recipient

Gary Dorencz

Notable Guest

Aaron Vikemyr, Boy Scout Camping Director

Raffle Winners

Ultimate Split-the-pot: Rev. Francis G. Scanlan
Samsung Galaxy Tablet: Gary Dorencz
Amazon Gift Cards: Pat Kleinfeldt

Net Funds Raised for OSA Programs

The OSA Ad Book: \$1,003
Dinner Dance Raffles: \$797
Dinner Dance Silent Auctions: \$1,572

Thanks also to the following people for their donations:

Bridget Boline, Caitlin Boline, Kevin Boline, Mike Brus, Chauncey, Pat and Wally Kleinfeldt, Andy Lukasiewicz, Michelle O'Connor, David Oshinski, Victor Paulus, Ted Rotzoll, Edgar Wolff-Klammer and Kurt Wolff-Klammer. ♣



President's Perspective

by Kurt Wolff-Klammer, OSA President

My name is Kurt Wolff-Klammer and I am looking forward to being the president of the Owasippe Staff Association. I have been involved in scouting most of my life. This includes serving on the board for the past two years and most recently as vice president.



The dinner dance was a huge success. It was great to see many people that I have not seen in a while, and I tried to catch up with many of them. It is wonderful to see and hear from so many of you who care to keep the bounds of friendship alive and provide help to support Owasippe. I would also like to thank everyone who helped with set-up and donated items for the silent auction.

The vote for the OSA board was a close one. I would like to thank Chris Skopec and Kyle Nystrom for running for the board. I also want to congratulate Andy Sorita on his reelection to the board along with new board members Conrad Zadlo and Eric Hetland. I am excited to work with this board. I know that the board will miss the dedication and hard work of our outgoing board members, Ron Kulak and Candy Merritt. Our board vice president is Caitlin Boline, treasurer is Blaise Lukasiewicz, and secretary is Barb Lea.

I am looking forward toward the Spring Fix-it and hope to see you all at camp that weekend. As Chicago Area Council has merged with three other councils to become the Pathway to Adventure Council new opportunities will arise as scouts from all over Chicago, Indiana and dozens of suburbs are encouraged to camp at Owasippe. We will see how we can help facilitate excellent programs at Owasippe. For now, we will be working with new scouting professionals to establish new relationships to better our beloved camp. ♣

OSA Website Gets Facelift

by Blaise Lukasiewicz, OSA Treasurer

In addition to everything else that OSA Member Ron Derby does for the OSA in his spare time, he has been hard at work for the past few months on our website, www.owasippe.com. If you have not been there recently you really need to check out what Ron has done. Ron has given the website

a chic streamlined look, comparable to any other company.

The streamlining has made the website look and feel more professional. We have added important stories to the main page as well as a better showcase of our Facebook page. We have also added shortcuts to the items most used: Calendar, donations, Information on Owasippe, a link to join, and a Link to our online store. Our store makes it easier to renew memberships or purchase items. Keep your eyes open for updates and new things on the horizon.

The OSA's web presence also includes our Facebook page and a LinkedIn group that members can join to socialize with each other. On both sites, members have the opportunity to share stories, pictures or life stories with the entire OSA community. We also post information about Fix-it dates and tidbits of history every now and then. It is a great way to preserve our rich history and connect with our new generation. As always, the OSA will look for ways that we can better serve our members and potential members. ♣

Dinner Dance 2015 Photos



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Meet Your 2015 Camp Directors



Sam Canchola **High Adventure Director**

Favorite Owasa-meal: BBQ Chicken Sandwiches

Favorite Owasippe past time: Fishing out on Lake Wolverine

I've been coming to Owasippe since 2004 as a Camp Reneker Teen group(er) and eventually made my way to staff in 2008. This will be my 8th consecutive summer working at OSR. Throughout these years, I've educated scouts as a COPE facilitator and Director, Handicraft instructor at Camp Blackhawk, and will now be in my second year as the High Adventure Director.

The experiences that I've gained from this camp have also acted as a positive influence in guiding me through my future. In December 2014, I graduated from Ferris State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Recreation and Leisure Services Management concentrating in Outdoor Leadership. Currently, I work part-time as an Adventure Education Facilitator for Wheaton Park District and look forward to future career opportunities. It's the friendships gained and memories made that have me returning every year and I look forward to what I hope to be yet another successful summer at Owasippe High Adventure (Challenge Accepted!)



Tessa Mitchell **Camp Reneker Camp Director**

Hello, Tessa here! Last summer, I worked at High Adventure at COPE and climbing. But this summer, I'll have my feet planted firmly on the ground and will be working for you as the Reneker Director. I am

originally from the rolling hills of West Virginia, but currently live in South Bend, IN, where I study communicative sciences and disorders at Saint Mary's College. In the fall, I will be beginning a master's program in speech-language pathology. During the school year, I work as a teacher assistant and am also involved with a literacy program at Center for the Homeless. I value children and families, so Reneker is a perfect fit for me. I hope you find your week with us is the right balance of adventure and relaxation. I look forward to spending the summer with you at Owasippe in "all the wealth of earth and heaven."

Laura Levan **Camp Wolverine Camp Director**



2015 will be my 12th summer on Owasippe Staff. I started working at Camp Reneker in 2003 as a CIT, and went on to spend the next 4 summers there. In 2008 I made the move to Camp Wolverine and it has been my home ever since. Through the years I have been an instructor, commissioner, program director, and most recently, camp director. This summer will mark my 3rd summer as Wolverine Camp Director.

Laura has a degree in Education from Carthage College and has been teaching since graduation in a variety of roles.

Andrew Piper **Camp Blackhawk Camp Director**



Hi! My name is Andrew Piper, and I am proud to be serving as the 2015 Camp Blackhawk (GO!) Director. I have worked on staff for 6 years now, starting as a CIT in 2009, and have never held the same job title for more than one summer. I have been an Aquatics Instructor, Eco-Con Instructor, Commissioner, Pathfinder Director, and Assistant Camp Director all at Camp Wolverine (ZAXIE!).

Although this will be my first time at Blackhawk since my CIT summer, I am excited to be returning to where my Owasippe staff career started and cannot wait to be back in the Dining Hall. Outside of Scouting, I am currently an undergraduate at the University of Notre Dame but will be graduating this May with a degree in Physics. In the Fall I will be attending graduate school to eventually earn my PhD. in Physics, though I am still deciding between the programs I have been accepted to. I would describe myself as generally quiet and reserved, I like to give things a lot of thought before I act, however I believe my reputation at camp is for leading the highest energy songs at campfire Sunday night.

Galloping Grapevine



Abby and Adam Keene had their son, Aiden Christopher, on March 31. Congratulations!

Jack Newell is involved in the Wabash Lights, a project that wishes to install LED lights underneath the eL along Wabash Avenue in downtown Chicago. You can learn more at www.thewabashlights.com.

Nick and Kelly Kulak are expecting their first child later this year. Congratulations!

Board Member Eric Hetland attended the first-ever Spring Gathering of Scouts for Equality the weekend of April 17-19 in Estes Park, Colorado. Scouts for Equality is a group of Scouting alumni committed to supporting the Scouting program and changing the membership policy of the BSA as it relates to openly gay adult members.

Barb Lea is now engaged to Edward Ojode. Congratulations!

Heidi Schlicting is now engaged to Joseph Edgecomb. They plan to wed on Oct. 17 in Yosemite National Park. Congratulations!

From Paul Mitchell: I live in New Jersey and recently retired after 48 years as a high school and college English teacher. As a native Chicagoan and Eagle Scout, Troop 1500, I was at Camp West in 1953, 54, 55, West Camp Clerk 56, Commissioner 57, 58, 59, Senior Commissioner at Camp Stuart 1963, and Rotating Camp Director 1965. I then moved East and Owasippe dipped into my memory bank. But I treasured my summers at Owasippe. I wish I knew what happened to West, Beard, and Stuart (I knew they were sold, but I wonder what has become of the lake and property at Chrystal Lake.) Many happy memories. I wonder if any of my boyhood friends remember me. I know a few are deceased. I am in touch with Gary Wilson if any remember him. Anyone who remembers me, I'd love to hear from you! pdmitcho9@gmail.com I still know and can sing the Owasippe songs: "Our paddles clean and bright....!" "Scouts come listen to my tale. Hail Owasippe!"

2015 Life members

Robert P. Burns, Jr.

Heidi Schlicting

Jory Lannes

Dinner Dance 2015 Photos

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Muskegon: Craft Beer, Craft Pizza, Craft Coffee

by Caitlin Boline, OSA board member

Unless you are intentionally exploring, very few venture from the Owasippe/Whitehall area simply because they have their favorite novelty spots that they choose to visit when in the area. Here are a few great places to see in Muskegon when you get the itch to expand your horizons!

These 3 superb locations are simultaneously located in the old Russell Block Building at 360 W. Western Ave, Muskegon:

Unruly Brewing

Do you like music? Do you like art? Most importantly: Do you like beer? Then Unruly Brewing is the watering hole for you! Offering an uncannily large list of their own beers on tap, Unruly is a great place to hang with a camp buddy while enjoying a flight (a line of tasters) of Unruly offerings! Some of my favorites from this summer? Oats and Hoes Double IPA, 21 Guns American Pale Ale, and Brimley's Breakfast Oatmeal Stout. Cheers!

Rebel Pies

Sure, you can get GREAT classic pizza in Chicago, but has Chicago perfected the "Italian Sausage Prosciutto and Goat Cheese" pie of dreams? Probably not. What about a delicious "Teddy the Greek" Greek pizza? I certainly know a few guys who would love to delve into the "Meat Sweats" pizza. Rebel Pies is an innovative, progressive purveyor of pizza pies from the crust to the toppings. These guys put their heart and soul into making delectable out-of-the-box pizzas!

Drip Drop Drink

Are you looking for a "better" cup of a coffee than food prep or Wesco can offer? Check out Drip, Drop, Drink! This hometown owner uses a drip-style brewing process which allows the brewer to control all elements of the action: amount of coffee and water, water temperature, and the time that water makes contact with the coffee grounds. And it's delicious! Sure, you may wait a little longer for your pour-over style brew, but there is a comfortable, chill atmosphere to hang in while you wait!

So what are you waiting for?! Stop by the Russell Block Building to refuel with a great cup of coffee, while you wait for your pizza...and take a growler of beer to go! As long as you are heading home or staying off reservation, of course. :) ♣

Guest Lodge Now Open

by Ron Kulak, OSA member

The next best thing to making the Guest Lodge renovation project come to fruition, is seeing Scouts actually using the facility. A handful of units and leader groups have already used the Guest Lodge this winter and early spring to a certain degree of fanfare, and we see that trend continuing as the word gets out about its availability and amenities. Some work remains, however, before we can claim 100% completion.

This May, the OSA plans to install additional split rail fencing to deter vehicle passage over drain and electrical lines. Some minor interior and exterior carpentry fixes also have to be made. The main task will be to power wash the building and stain the beams and the window and door frames. This will be a focal point at the May OSA Fix-it Weekend but will probably take another weekend or two to finish.

Member Ken Graczyk has graciously agreed to oversee the staining work. In April, contractors will finish up grouting the exterior of the fireplace and cleaning the soot from the interior walls and fireplace rocks. The interior of the original lodge also needs to be stained sometime before next fall.

There was an issue with a frozen water line during the bitterly cold and sub-zero February, but that problem was fixed and the line is now flowing again. A remedy will be applied before next winter to avoid the issue again. On-demand water heaters were a bit faulty but that problem has also been fixed.

While dormitory use of the Guest Lodge continues through mid-May, the building will eventually transition to a program facility for summer camp as a STEM Outpost. Part of that Outpost will be for Radio Merit Badge, hosting a fully functional HAM Radio base with a brand new 72-ft telescopic radio antenna tower purchased by Chicago Area Council's Program Committee. Other STEM programs will be added for this summer. It is rumored that those could include a computer lab and/or weather station.

The Guest Lodge is now Wi-Fi enabled via a receiving antenna mounted on the radio tower.

Donations are still being graciously accepted to help with the remaining work. Assistance will also be needed for the staining project this spring. So, please help us wherever you can.

If nearby this summer, either personally or with a Scout unit, please stop by and visit the Guest Lodge to see what we were able to resurrect. ♣

OSA Fix It Weekend - May 15-17 , 2015

Free Food

..... but actually

We need your help at the OSA Fix It Weekend to get it.

RSVP: osafixit@gmail.com by May 9, 2015 to ensure we have enough food



WHAT WILL YOU BE HELPING WITH?

- *We will be completing the Wolverine Shot Gun Shelter.
- *Building and installing some new activities for COPE.
- *Repairing and building archery stands for Reneker.
- *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
If you have a cabin preference please let me know.

Photobooth Fun from 2015 Dinner Dance



Owasippe
Staff Association
Banquet
3/7/2015

Gift Card Program

THANK YOU – Our last Gift Card order made \$140.00 in sales.

Deadline

The next Shopping/Gift card orders must be postmarked by May 2, 2015.

Order form can be found at:

http://owasippe.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/gift_card_flyer.pdf

“I NEVER USED GIFT CARDS, SO I WANT TO DONATE SOME TO THE OSA”

We have had members from all over the country send us donations.

 	<p>I want to buy _____ Home Improvement gift cards for the OSA to use at the Fix it.</p>	<p>Enclosed (\$25 each)</p> <p>_____</p>
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Send checks only (no cash)

Checks payable to the Owasippe Staff Association Mail entire form and check to:
Edgar Wolff-Klammer, 7820 Keystone Skokie, IL 60076

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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

May

- 2..... Gift Card Order Deadline
- 15-17 OSA Spring Fix-it Weekend
- 22..... Camp Frank S. Betz Swap Meet
- 22-25 Owasippe Lodge OA Work Weekend

June

- 21..... Summer Solstice
- 21..... Owasippe Staff Week Begins
- 28..... Owasippe Open to Scouts

July

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

August

- 7..... OSA Vibrations copy Deadline
- 8..... Last Day of Summer Camp
- 9..... Camp Shutdown Week Begins

