



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

# Vibrations

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## Call for 2018 OSA Board of Directors 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, 2017 Elections Chairman, at (773) 505-4512 or [DKleinfeldt@oprfls.org](mailto:DKleinfeldt@oprfls.org) with any nominees. Nominations are due by December 14, 2017. 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.

Current Board of Directors		Term expires	
Andy Sirota*	Eric Hetland	Conrad Zadlo	2018
Barbara Lea*	Kyle Nystrom	Kurt Wolff-Klammer*	2019
Carl Young*	Scott Dorencz	Doug Lotter	2020

\* Two consecutive term limit goes into effect.

## OSA's Annual Pizza Night - 11/24/17 - details next page



## President's Perspective

by Kurt Wolff-Klammer, OSA President

As the year is coming toward the end, it makes me reflect on this past year and look forward to the next. I have been talking with different people about future projects and am excited to get them started. I am glad with everything we have worked on for camp. I love seeing all the improvements being made to camp, while looking forward to the next year.



At the Fall Fix-it, a crew started to rebuild the bridge at Blackhawk located between Shooting Sports and archery. The creek has grown in size and this will be a great improvement. I was also excited to see the COPE element, Whale Watcher, rebuilt. We will continue to work with the OSR Properties committee to work on projects to improve Owasippe for the staff and future campers.

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming events Pizza Night (November 24th) and the 40th Anniversary Dinner Dance (March 3rd). These two events bring many of our members together for some great fellowship. If you have not seen some of your camp friends in a while, please invite them to join you at one or both of these events.

With the upcoming 40th Annual Dinner Dance comes new board members. The board is currently looking for nominations of people that would like to run. Please let us know if you are interested in running or if you would like to nominate anyone to run. I would like to wish everyone a good holiday season, and I'm looking forward to hearing from everyone in the new year!

## 40th Anniversary Dinner Dance Save the Date

On Saturday, March 3rd, the OSA will be hosting the 40th Annual OSA Dinner Dance. This is a big one, folks! More information to come. Please start thinking about items you will donate to the silent auction. Direct questions to Kyle Nystrom (nystrom.kyle@gmail.com) or Barb Lea (educatorbl@gmail.com). SEE YOU THERE!

## OSA's Annual Pizza Night

by Eric Hetland, Board Member

Please join the OSA for its annual Pizza Night. A night of camaraderie and fun times, the OSA Pizza Night will take place on Friday, November 24th, from 7-11PM at Banquets at the Mayor's Mansion (formerly European Chalet Banquets). The address is the same (5445 S. Harlem Ave., Chicago). Please note that this is the Friday after Thanksgiving. For just \$10, enjoy all-you-can-eat, local, delicious pizza while you reconnect with old and new Owasippe friends. Every attendee will be entered into a raffle for great Owasippe items as prizes and other OSA door prizes. The OSA will also have some items for sale and will be accepting membership dues and new applications. A cash bar is available for those 21 years of age and over. As always, we encourage our members to practice safe driving by having a designated driver.

Kindly RSVP via email by Monday, November 20th, to Eric Hetland at [hetland.eric@gmail.com](mailto:hetland.eric@gmail.com). Although we certainly welcome walk-ins, your RSVP ensures that we have the necessary amount of pizza, drinks, and dinnerware. Additionally, please contact Eric if you are interested in donating a door prize for the event.

The Board hopes you can join us for one of the OSA's finest traditions. And don't forget to bring a few of your Owasippe friends along for a great night of reconnecting. We look forward to seeing you on the 24th!

## 2018 Reservation Director Terry Dutton



Terry recently came on board to serve as Pathway to Adventure Council's Director of Program. In this new role, he spent part of the 2017 season at Owasippe to learn all about the reservation. Terry has previously served as a Camp Director and Camp Program Director in the former Des

Plaines Valley Council.

Terry has been involved in Boy Scouting for 30 years. He is an Eagle Scout from Troop 16 in Oak Park and Vigil Honor Member of Pachsegink Lodge. Currently, Terry serves as the Scoutmaster of Troop 16 in Oak Park, one of the council's largest scout troops. Prior to his current role with PTAC, Terry was an elementary school principal and teacher, with 16 years of experience in public education. ♣

# OSA Fall Fix-it 2017

by Andy Sirota, Fix-it Chair

I am happy to report that the 2017 fall work weekend was a success. Owasippe continues to improve after every work weekend because of our contributions. I would like to thank all of the volunteers again for their efforts on a beautiful day in September. All of this would not possible without your continued support.

Our volunteers separated into several groups and worked on many different projects. One work crew raised the bridge at the archery range at Blackhawk and built a ramp on one side. They plan on finishing the bridge in the Spring of 2018. Another crew painted the inside of the Kybo at site 4 at Blackhawk. A third crew finished building the whale watcher platform at COPE. The scouts that use COPE will now have a better experience. There was a crew of electricians labeling the electrical boxes at the Blackhawk dining hall and basement in the morning. After lunch, they labeled the electrical box at Food Prep.

Over at maintenance, the plow truck was rebuilt by a very skilled and diligent mechanic from the OSA. Now the many troops that come to camp in the winter will be able to access the cabins around camp easier. The cabins at Reneker, after being treated for carpenter ants, were patched. We are hopeful that with the treatment and the patches the ants will not be a problem, at least for a while. On Saturday there were two crews repairing screens on the Kybos at Blackhawk, Wolverine, and Reneker. And finally we had one work crew building a wash stand roof at Reneker. I am hopeful that the OSA will be able to complete the wash stand roof at Reneker in the spring work weekend before the campers arrive.

All of this work could not be accomplished on empty stomachs. The kitchen crew was one of the most important crews working on Saturday. They provided tasty meals of superb quality. I have had the great pleasure of working with so many wonderful dedicated people. This coming March 2018, I will no longer be the Fix-it Chairman. Scott Dorencz will be taking over as the new Fix-it Chairman. We are all wishing Scott well on his new post on the OSA board. Scott can be reached at the following email address and phone number: ScottDorencz@icloud.com, 708-567-7714. ♣



OSA Fall Fix-it 2017 (cont.)



# Now Hiring for 2018 PTAC Summer Camp Staff!

Our PTAC Summer Camp leadership is looking for qualified applicants for our 2018 summer camp staffs, especially key camp leadership positions, such as Camp Directors, Program Directors, and program area directors. This is the perfect summer job for scouts who are teachers! Interested applicants can apply online at <http://www.pathwaytoadventure.org/camping/campstaff>. For questions or more information, please refer to the Pathway To Adventure Council website ([www.pathwaytoadventure.org](http://www.pathwaytoadventure.org)) or direct questions to Terry Dutton, Director of Program ([terry.dutton@scouting.org](mailto:terry.dutton@scouting.org)). ♣

## Galloping Grapevine



Anthony Marzano and Nikki Zak were married on September 17th.

Phil Kaufman and girlfriend, Ashley Bennett, selected a vacant lot in Lisle, IL, to build their first home. Phil and Ashley relocated to the Chicagoland area from the Twin Cities in 2016. The house is planned to be completed in early 2018. Good luck with construction and congrats on the new home!

Adam and Abby Keene are happily expecting baby number two, due early next year. Their first son, Aiden, is 2 years old now and is super excited to be a big brother. Adam is also excited to be starting a new position as a squeak and rattle engineer at Ford's Chicago Assembly Plant.

After a 45 year carpentry career, Gary Dorencz has happily retired. Gary has built new homes, remodeled fire damage, owned his own business, and most recently held a superintendent position at Advocate Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn. He is currently rehabbing from his second knee replacement surgery and looks forward to fishing more and spending time with his grandkids. Congrats, Gary!

Congratulations Al Geisler on retiring as head ranger of Owasippe Scout Reservation. Thank you for all you have helped us with over the past 15 years.

### Doing Some Shopping? Use Smile.Amazon.Com and Help the OSA

You can give a gift to Owasippe at the same time you buy anything from Amazon! Use Amazon smile. When signed in on Amazon, go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), and in the drop down underneath the search bar, choose Owasippe Staff Association. A percentage of your purchase will go toward the OSA!



# OSA Picnic 2017

by Kyle Nystrom, OSA Board member

The OSA Picnic was another great success. Weather was beautiful and allowed all picnickers to enjoy themselves! We had kickball to play, and improved mega bubbles from the previous year. Once again, seems the adults were having more fun with the bubbles. The kids insisted on popping them.

There was plenty of food there provided the OSA and other amazing people! Since many were asking, the chicken was provided by Broasted Chicken Royal (previously owned by the Nystrom family) in the Jefferson Park neighborhood. It was all delicious!

I would like to thank everyone who came out to enjoy the day with us. Also, thank you again to all who brought additional snacks and food! We hope to see you all next year for more fellowship and fun!”



# It's OSA Ad Book time again, 40 years and still going strong!



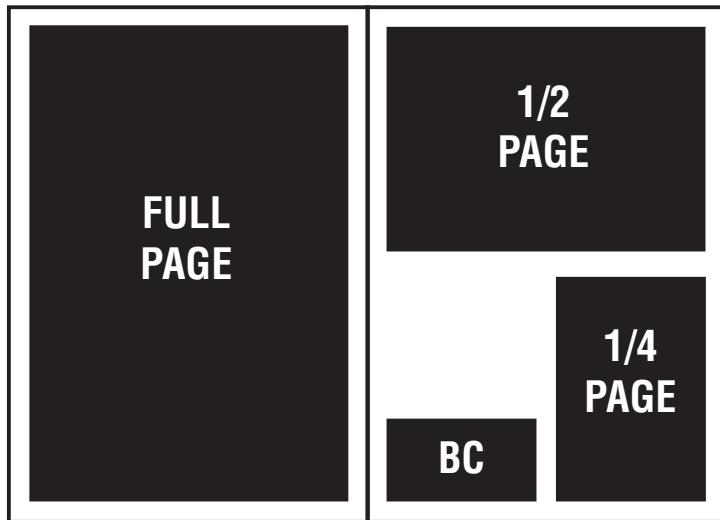
Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are seeking sponsors for the Owasippe Staff Association Ad Book distributed at our Annual Meeting in March of 2018. 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 West 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 lives on in the online Ad Book archive on the OSA website at [www.owasippe.com](http://www.owasippe.com)!



**Please respond with your materials by January 15, 2018** 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](mailto: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.

### AD BOOK ORDER FORM

Complete this form and send with a check payable to the Owasippe Staff Association to...  
OSA Ad Book c/o Ron Derby • 510 Holton Whitehall Rd. • Whitehall, MI 49461

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Qty.	Ad Description	Size (width x height)	Cost
	Business Card	3.5" x 2"	\$30
	1/4 Page	3.5" x 4.75"	\$45
	1/2 Page	7.5" x 4.75"	\$70
	Full Page	7.5" x 10"	\$105
	Cover Full Page (inside front, inside back, outside back)	7.5" x 10"	\$130

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

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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*

### *November*

- 11..... Veterans' Day
- 23..... Thanksgiving Day
- 24..... OSA Pizza Night

### *December*

- 14..... OSA Board Member Nominations Due
- 21..... Winter Solstice
- 25..... Christmas
- 31..... New Year's Eve

### *January*

- 1..... New Year's Day
- 15..... Ad book Deadline
- 15..... Deadline for Spring Vibrations Submissions
- 15..... Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

