



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

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Call for 2019 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, Elections Chairman, at (773) 505-4512 or DKleinfeldt@oprfs.org with any nominees. Nominations are due by December 13, 2018. 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
Barbara Lea*	Kyle Nystrom	Kurt Wolff-Klammer*	2019
Carl Young*	Scott Dorencz	Doug Lotter	2020
Bob Kurth	Greg Lange	Rachel Weber	2021

* Two consecutive term limit goes into effect.

OSA's Annual Pizza Night - 11/23/18 - details next page



President's Perspective

by Kyle Nystrom, OSA President

What a year! As 2018 comes to a close, I take time to reflect on the accomplishments made this year. Of course, our donations and hard work to the camp made for monumental improvements and allowed the camp to flourish, with projects like the completion of the Black Archery Bridge and addition to the COPE Course, to name a few.



At the Fall Fix-it, the crew, after the completion of one bridge, started working on another. The work on the Blackhawk Aquatics Bridge over the creek has now begun! We are always looking for more projects or ideas to help improve the camp! Please do not hesitate to speak up!

Make sure to attend our upcoming events! Owasapalooza — or as some may call it — Pizza Night is on November 23 and the 41st Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance is on March 2! These events are heaviest in attendance! Make sure to come and enjoy the fellowship with like-minded friends. 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. We would love to see some new faces as well as past nominees looking for their second chance to get on the board (or third, like I had). I would like to wish everyone a good holiday season, and I'm looking forward to hearing from everyone in the new year! ♣

41st Annual Dinner Dance Save the Date

On Saturday, March 2nd, the OSA will be hosting the 41st Annual OSA Dinner Dance. 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 Doug Lotter, 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 23rd, from 7-11PM at Banquets at the Mayor's Mansion (formerly European Chalet Banquets). The address is the same (5445 S. Harlem Ave., Chicago).

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.

Please RSVP via email by Monday, November 19th, to Doug Lotter at doug.lotter@gmail.com. Although we certainly welcome walk-ins, your RSVP ensures that we have the necessary amount of pizza, drinks, and dinnerware.

Additionally, we could use some door prizes for this event. Please contact Doug 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 23rd! ♣

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](https://www.amazon.com/smile), and in the drop down underneath the search bar, choose Owasippe Staff Association. A percentage of your purchase will go toward the OSA!

OSA Fall Fix-it 2018

by Scott Dorencz, Fix-it Chair

The 2018 OSA Fall Fix-it was held on September 14-16. The Friday rain cleared up for what was perfect fix-it weather on Saturday. Our largest project was the construction of a new pedestrian bridge spanning the Blackhawk waterfront creek along the Red trail. Camp supplied telephone poles were used to span the water. All treated framing lumber was generously donated by the OA. Thank you! Finishing touches will be completed in the spring, but I've been told the first wedding pictures have already been snapped on the bridge. Congrats!

Other projects included our three miles of Road Crew cleanup, staining a set of BLHK dining hall stairs, and chipping up fallen tree limbs from recent storms.

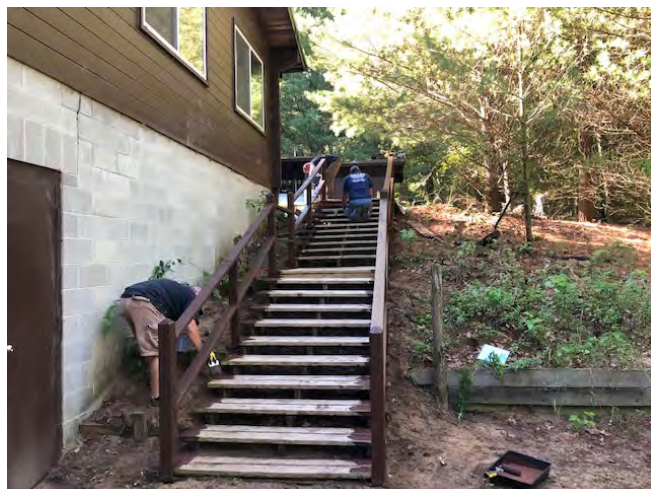
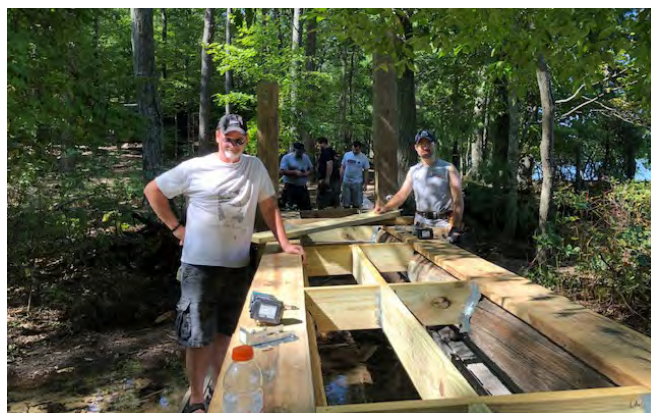
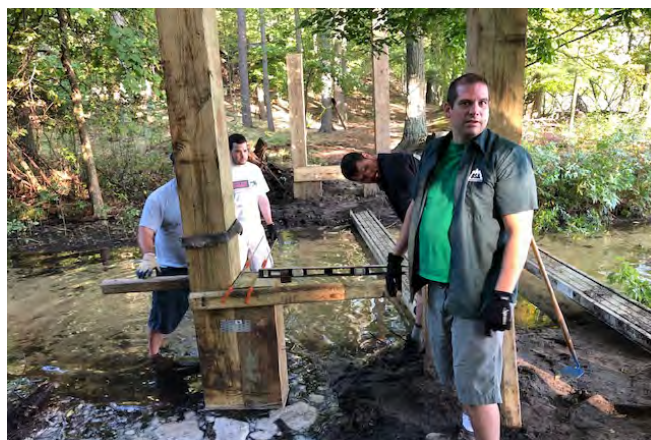
Edgar & Diane Wolff-Klammer had the kitchen crew running on autopilot once again. The OSA thanks you for a great day of meals!

Our 2019 fix-it dates can be found below. I look forward to another year of fix-it's and meeting new members. Thank you to all volunteers for a great 2018! See you in the spring. ♣

Save the Dates: 2019 Fix-its

Spring: May 17-19

Fall: September 20-22



Phil Luhmann Owaspippe Photograph Collection

Birth/death dates: March 31, 1932 - March 23, 2017



Store Manager:
June 1959 to August 1960
(summers only)

“I supervised the operations of five small trading posts...”

Business Manager:
March 1961 to February 1966

“Although my specific duties varied from year to year, I generally supervised or performed most business operation of the reservation, except for negotiating major contracts.”

The amenities at his cabin were basic; one item that his family still has from his time at

Owaspippe is a galvanized bath tub. After his time at Owaspippe it was his daughters’ and grandchildren’s “wading pool” and then a beverage cooler. He upgraded the cabin that he used with an outdoor shower.

Mrs. Luhmann donated to the OSA two Whitehall newspapers from 1961 celebrating Owaspippe’s 50th Anniversary and a great collection of staff photos. Here is some of the newspaper and a photo of the 1962 Administration Center Staff. In the picture are Walter Nekrosius, Phil Luhmann, Steve Horvath, Donald Rylander, Lawrence McBride, Samuel Ludden, and Gary Wilson. The rest of the newspaper and some of the photos are on the OSA Facebook Page. ♣



Recently the OSA was contacted by Mrs. Dianne Luhmann about her husband, Phillip, passing away. Phil attended Owaspippe first as a camper with his scout troop — sponsored by Hyde Park Methodist Church located at 54th & Blackstone Ave in Chicago. Phil earned the rank of Eagle Scout & Order of the Arrow.

On his resume, he included details on his service at Owaspippe:

Ranger: June - August 1949

pay: room & board, transportation from Chicago, and \$5.00 credit at the camp store.



Head Ranger: June - August 1953

pay: room & board, transportation from Chicago and \$168 per session.

Personnel Driver: June 1957 to August 1958

“My job was to drive a two-and-half ton stake body truck carrying boys and leaders to various parts of the reservation and to other points.”

Assistant Distribution Officer:
June - August 1958

“My job was to assist the distribution officer in any of his duties, but I had specific responsibility for allocating food to the section camps on the basis of camp population and menu, and checking central food stocks to be sure an adequate supply on hand.”



Galloping Grapevine



Blaise and Beth Lukasiewicz greeted their second child, Phillipa (Pippa) Martha on Oct. 22, 2018, at 6 lbs 15 oz and 19 inches long.

Owasippe Blog - Former '90s staff man Mike Mieszczak worked at Owasippe for the first time in 20 years during the summer of 2017 AND he blogged about it! Read his unique perspective about working on staff again, what's changed at camp and what hasn't. Check it out at soaringwinds.com/blog

Owasippe CD Album

Former staff man Mike Mieszczak has started a crowdsourcing campaign to raise money to produce a CD album of all the various Owasippe songs. The campaign's goal is to generate enough funds to professionally record all the camp songs that we know and love! Imagine hearing the Owasippe Hymn or the Blackhawk, Wolverine or Stuart camps songs on your stereo! For more information, check the campaign out on Facebook at fb.me/OwasippeCD and donate through Indiegogo at <https://igg.me/at/owasippe-cd>.

See You at the End of the Trail



Walter Otto Kleinfeldt was an active member of the Chicago Area Council Boy Scouts for over 40 years serving as Cubmaster of Pack 3986 and Scoutmaster of Troop 986 at St. Ladislaus Parish. Walter served in various positions in

the District, Council and Region. He also was the National Representative for the Chicago Area Council. Walter also attended Owasippe Scout Reservation yearly as a leader and was instrumental in helping many scouts earn the rank of Eagle Scout. He made lifelong friends with his scouting family. ♣

Staff Kybo Project

The Owasippe Staff Association was approached by the Owasippe Property's Committee, which is part of Pathway to Adventure, to help support more improvements to the camp.

There is a major need to upgrade the Staff Kybos (bathrooms) to provide separate rooms. Each room will have a toilet, sink and shower. The board discussed this project during many meetings and have agreed to help with the improvement to the staff bathrooms. Currently the Wolverine and High Adventure Staff Kybos are facilities with individual rooms but have had issues with mold and water damage. The Blackhawk staff Kybo is a facility with group showers.

The Council had architectural drawings made and received estimates to replace all three kybos. Wolverine, High Adventure (Tent City) and Blackhawk kybos will be rebuilt in cinder block. Additionally, there may be a need to have some septic repairs.

The work is set to start in the spring 2019 on part of this project. The current estimate for all three kybos is \$350,000. As this project is within the mission of the OSA, the board has decided to currently contribute \$110,000 to these improvements. The OSA feels that this a well-thought out project and encourages our members to also contribute to the OSA for these improvements. If you would like to donate please go to owasippe.com. ♣



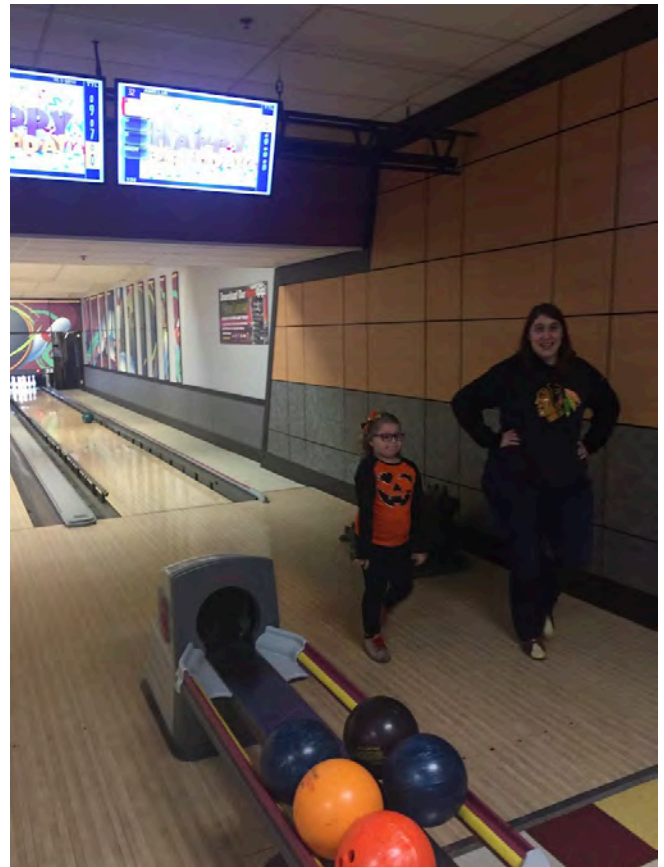
Curtis Charles Coyle devoted his life to teaching and mentoring youth. He touched many lives during his 36 years as a Chicago Public School teacher, mostly at Shoop Elementary. He also served as a Boy Scout leader and later on staff at Owasippe

Scout Reservation, for the summers of 1978, 1980, and 1981. A music lover, he played trumpet and sang in choirs. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, uncle and will be deeply missed. ♣

Bowling Event Recap

by Doug Lotter, OSA Board member

On Saturday, October 13th, the OSA hosted a bowling outing for the first time in a few years. A small but fun-loving group enjoyed some good-natured competition in a family-friendly environment. Scores ranged anywhere from 30 to 165 points (for protection of reputations, we won't identify who got which or whether bumpers were used). All in all, it was a great outing that will hopefully continue in the years to come! ♣



BONUS Heavy Machinery Pics!



It's OSA Ad Book time again, 41 years and still going strong!



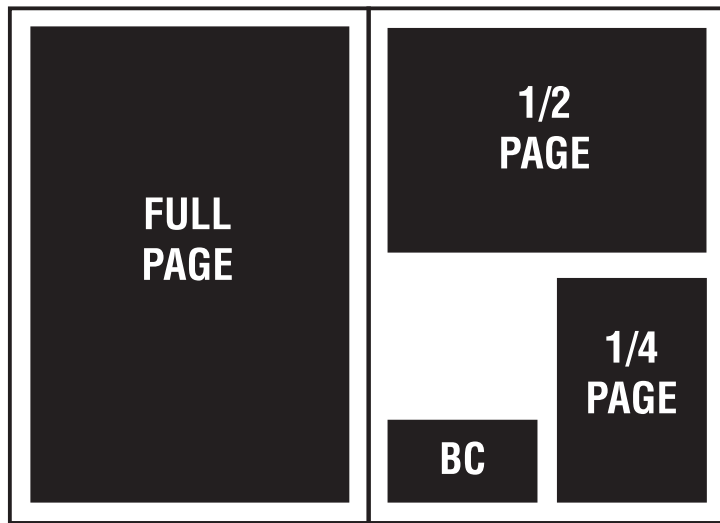
Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are seeking sponsors for the Owasippe Staff Association Ad Book distributed at our Annual Meeting in March of 2019. 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!



Please respond with your materials by January 15, 2019 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.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Date: _____

Business Name: _____

web address: _____

Message (or attach copy) _____

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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Articles, tidbits, photos and artwork are encouraged. E-mail all such materials to: **vibrations@owasippe.com**. Submissions can also be made by mail to: **OSA Vibrations Editor, P.O. Box 7097, Westchester, IL 60154**.

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 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
- 22..... Thanksgiving Day
- 23..... OSA Pizza Night

December

- 13..... 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
- 21..... Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

