



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

# Vibrations

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## 41st Annual Meeting & Dinner Dance

by Kurt Wolff-Klammer

Pete Kulak has been named the Owasippe Staff Association's 2019 member of the year. Pete has been editing the OSA Newsletter for the past 7 years (\*editor's note: My God, has it been that long?). Along with working and editing the newsletter, Pete has found himself attending and volunteering at many Fix-It weekends. Pete has shown great dedication and consistency with (\*mostly) maintaining deadlines to ensure the OSA newsletter found its way "to the presses" on time! Pete is a long-time scout. Growing up in Tinley Park, he was a member of Troop 442. There, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Pete was a CIT in 1992, and worked Scoutcraft at Blackhawk for the summers of 1993-1996.

Pete will be receiving this award on March 2 at the 41st annual OSA Dinner Dance celebration (\*you know it). Come join Pete, the board, and all your camp friends for a night of friendship and fellowship (\*and food)! There will be so much to celebrate, so come out and catch up (\*and eat). Mark your calendars and send in your ticket reservation!

There is a form attached to mail in a check or you can reserve via PayPal. Tickets will not be sold at the door. This year, the banquet

will be held in the Ballroom at the Edward Hotel in Rosemont. Same location as the 2018 Dinner Dance, just a different room! Doors open at 6pm and dinner (\*heck yes) starts at 7pm. Dancing ends at 11 pm, so take advantage of all the exciting events planned for the evening! The Edward Hotel will have a block of rooms set aside for those traveling from afar (\*or aclose). The price is \$89 per night plus tax. Use the code, "OSA," for a discount. Rates will apply to the night of the dinner dance and one night before or after. You must book before February 25. It's first come, first serve for the hotel rooms, so don't wait! Please see the flyer (\*in this very newsletter) for more details, including the awesome raffle prizes for this years event! ♣



Revelers at last year's 40th Anniversary Dinner Dance and Annual Meeting

## President's Perspective

by Kyle Nystrom, OSA President

I can't believe we're already in 2019! This year has definitely kept us busy. The OSA has provided so much this year. Our sincerest gratitude to John Grout who made most of the strides of OSA this year possible. Thank you to all of our work crews who have done amazing projects around the camp.



The 41st Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance is quickly approaching. I have never heard a person say that they don't enjoy this event! That is because it is always a great time! Mark your calendars as booked on March 2nd, and I will see everyone there!

I would like to thank Kurt Wolff-Klammer for his six years of service on the board and Barb Lea for another three years. As Barb, Kurt, and I step down from the board this year, I would like to take a second to thank the current board, as well as all past board members, for all the time and hard work they put in to the organization.

I expect great things from the future board members. For me, serving on the board has been an honor, and a fulfilling experience. Owasippe gave me so much, and I was so happy to give back. ♣

## 2019 Spring Fix-it May 17-19

by Scott Dorencz

Everyone mark your calendars! This year's Spring Fix-It will be held on May 17-19, the weekend before Memorial Day. If it's been a few years since your last trip to camp, the work weekend is a great excuse!

All skill levels are welcome and there will be a job for everyone. If working hard labor isn't your cup of tea, don't fret. We also need cooks to re-fuel the crews. Guests are put up in Reneker cabins and all meals on Saturday are provided.

Reserving a spot is simple. Just give Fix-It chair Scott Dorencz a ring and you are in. Email and texts are also accepted. See you there!

**RSVP:** Scott Dorencz at 708-567-7714 or ScottDorencz@icloud.com by May 13th.

### PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) Persons under 18 MUST be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- 2) Alcohol is strictly prohibited on Owasippe property.
- 3) Ground fires are not allowed by Reneker Cabins. ♣

\*Ad Book deadline extended to January 31!\*

## Apply now for 2019 Owasippe camp staff

Spread the word — Owasippe camp staff positions are still open for the 2019 season.

Apply now! Grab your mouse or your mobile device and head on over to:  
**<http://www.pathwaytoadventure.org/camping/campstaff>**  
to fill out an application.

## Silent Auction Items Needed for 2019 Dinner Dance

by Rachel Weber

Thank you to everyone who has donated in the past for the OSA Silent Auction. Donations at the 2018 Dinner Dance included many beautiful, hand-crafted items, as well as many Owasippe themed pieces. The creativity and resourcefulness of OSA members was notably apparent.

Now is the time to submit donations you might be able to make to help the OSA raise funds at this year's Dinner Dance! We ask that you consider resources you may have with local businesses, restaurants, breweries, spas, sporting outfitters, et cetera. All donations are a tax deductible donation to the OSA. To make a donation, please email Rachel Weber at racheljweber1@gmail.com.

All donations to the silent auction are welcome and appreciated very much. Thank you! ♣

# 2019 OSA Board of Directors Candidates

Vote March 2 at the Dinner Dance



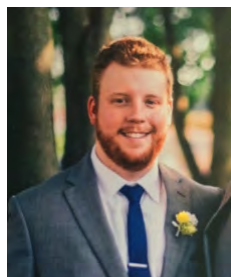
## Dalton DeVries

Dalton DeVries, 21, lives in Lakeview, IL, while he attends his third year at Columbia College Chicago studying Cinema and Television Arts. He has a passion for nature and cinematography and hopes to combine the two. He works on campus as

a broadcast engineer and teaching assistant. Dalton joined scouts as a Bear and earned his Eagle in 2016 from Romeoville Troop 22. When he is not working on productions, Dalton likes to road trip with friends or camp with his home troop to push his younger brother to earn his Eagle rank.

Dalton first came to Owasippe as a Blackhawk camper in 2009 and joined staff in 2014 at Handicraft. Dalton enjoys volunteering on work weekends, skeleton crew, and side projects like digitizing the scout museum's large map collection. He also earned his Brotherhood through camp and joined the OA ceremonial team for two summers. He worked his way up to Head Commissioner last summer and is currently serving as Blackhawk's Program Director.

He really enjoys being a part of the summer camp management team and as an OSA board member, Dalton would like to bring the two groups closer together, inform the new staff generation of the OSA's events and benefits, and help use our resources to put on a great program for the scouts!



## Kevin Harper

Kevin Harper, 30 years old, lives in Villa Park, Illinois.

Currently, he works in national customer rebates and set-up for US Foods in Rosemont. When not working on his house he can be found tinkering in the garage on a variety of projects.

Kevin was a CIT in 2003 and then worked various positions at Blackhawk and High Adventure until 2009. He then returned to work at Blackhawk in 2011. He earned his Eagle Scout with Troop 969 and is also a vigil member. He is a former Owasippe Lodge Chief and Section Chief for O/A.

"I feel that I have met some of my best friends working on camp staff. My fondest memories at camp are work weekends and working on change over. I hope that I can add valuable input and assistance to the board in the years to come while furthering the mission of the OSA."

## Adam Keene

Adam Keene, 36, a native south-sider, currently resides in Oak Forest, IL, with his wife, 2 year old son, and 1 year old daughter. For the past 7 years, Adam has worked as an engineer for Ford Motor Company at the south side Chicago Assembly Plant where they make the Ford Explorer and Taurus.

Adam began scouting in Calumet Council Troop 507 out of Burnham, IL. He fell in love with Owasippe as a camper in '97 and '98 and felt the calling to serve on staff. He had an amazing first year on staff in the summer of 1999 at Camp Blackhawk and after earning the rank of Eagle Scout, he was happy to return to Camp Blackhawk staff in 2001 and 2002.

Adam enjoys working on cars, home improvement projects, and visiting Owasippe every chance he gets. He is a Life Member of the OSA and one of his favorite times of year is volunteering at the Fix-It weekends and working with the Dorencz crew. As an OSA board member, Adam would strive to find more ways to help Owasippe and encourage newer camp staff to join and be involved in the OSA.



## Jacob Klein

Jacob Klein, 21, lives on the near north side of Chicago. Jacob is currently pursuing his bachelor's degree in physics and mathematical science from DePaul University and is on track to graduate in 2020. He currently works as a host at Eleven City Diner located in the South Loop of Chicago.

Jacob spent 6 years on staff, starting as a CIT at Blackhawk in 2012 and working at Scoutcraft and Aquatics until 2015. In 2016, Jacob became the Aquatics Director at Reneker until 2017. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2010 with Troop 1 and is also a vigil honor member of the Order of the Arrow. Jacob was the longest serving Lodge Chief of Owasippe Lodge serving from 2014-2017. Currently Jacob also serves as an associate board member for the Pathway to Adventure Council.

"Being one of the younger members of the OSA, my goal if elected to serve on the Board of Directors is to encourage more participation from younger OSA members and make them aware of the opportunities the OSA has to offer. With the influx of staff members who are brand new to Owasippe as a whole, my goal is to promote an increase in membership and connect younger member with an entire network of people who share the same passion for camp.

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# Board Candidates

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## Jory Lannes

Jory Lannes, 73 years old, lives in Evanston, IL. He grew up in Chicago. Jory is a graduate of Northeastern Illinois University where he earned a BS in business. He is a retired CPA and home inspector (second career).



Jory was an Owasippe camper for three years and a staff member for six years. Between 1962 and 1966, Jory was a CIT; had various staff duties at Camp Wilderness; was the store keeper at Camp West; worked in the Administration Center; and managed the Reservation BSA store. In 1966-1967 Jory served as the Assistant Business Manager for OSR. Jory is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

“Scouting and Owasippe helped me grow as a person. I would like to give back, and would be honored to serve on the OSA Board.”

### Make your vote count!

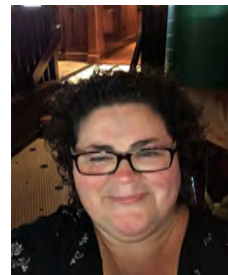
Voting for our Board of Directors takes place on March 2 at the OSA dinner dance. See Election Information and find the Absentee ballot on page 7 of this very issue of Vibrations!

## Galloping Grapevine



## Candy Merritt

Candy Merritt, age 46, is married and has two daughters, True (OSA Member) and Bailey. She and her family reside in La-Grange Park. Candy currently works as a Senior Claims Adjuster for Travelers Insurance.



Candy started her Owasippe experience as a camper in 1974. Her staff experience began in 1989, and she continued on staff through 2007, holding various duties including Reneker Camp Director for 8 years. She loves Owasippe for many reasons — the beauty, the adventures and the people she has had the opportunity to meet and become friends with.

Candy started serving the OSA as a Board Member in 2002. She handled many positions on the Board including her last year on the Board as OSA President. During her time on the Board she has been known to organize a banquet or two. She is looking forward to bringing her creativity and experience as both a camper and staff member to the OSA Board.

### Vibrations always needs copy...

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

OSA Vibrations  
P.O. Box 7097  
Westchester, IL 60154

Preferred Method → e-mail: [osa.vibrations@gmail.com](mailto:osa.vibrations@gmail.com)



Caitlin Boline married Pat Dospoy on October 6th, 2018 in San Antonio, TX. They currently live just outside of Seattle, WA where Caitlin is a middle school principal. As seen in the photo, there was an impressive camp presence! Congrats and best wishes!

Roman and Carly Henklewski welcomed son Luke Miles Henklewski into the world on August 16, 2018! Congratulations!

Frank Chlebek and Gary Dorencz are two of the five 2019 Pathway to Adventure Council Silver Beaver recipients. Well done!

After many years of waiting, past OSA board member Mike “Buda” Campbell received a donated kidney in December and went through a successful replacement surgery. The OSA wishes him well and a speedy recovery!

You are cordially invited  
to an evening of great fellowship, fine food,  
good spirits and raffle drawings at ...

*The Owasippe Staff Association's  
41st Annual Meeting & Dinner Dance  
on March 2, 2019 from 6-11 p.m.*

*at Victoria of Rosemont*

in the ballroom of the Edward Hotel Chicago (formerly the Holiday Inn Express)

6600 N. Mannheim Rd., Rosemont, IL 60018

847-544-7500 • edwardhotelchicago.com



Ticket price is \$60 per person and includes dinner\* with an open bar.

\*If you have any dietary restrictions, please email Rachel Weber (contact information below) or mail a note with payment if paying with check.



**Mail-in ticket orders MUST be postmarked by Feb. 23rd**

Event tickets will also be available at [owasippe.com/ways-to-help/store](http://owasippe.com/ways-to-help/store) (via PayPal) until Feb. 23rd

**NO tickets will be sold after Feb. 23rd • Event tickets will NOT be sold at the door.**



There will be a block of rooms available, at the Edward Hotel, for \$89 per night, plus tax.  
Call the Edward Hotel by February 10th to book. Use the code "OSA" for this discount.



For more info, please contact Barb Lea: 773-412-1125 • [educatorbl@gmail.com](mailto:educatorbl@gmail.com)

Or Rachel Weber: 773-330-2380 • [racheljweber1@gmail.com](mailto:racheljweber1@gmail.com)

REMINDERS: This is an 18 and over event. NO ONE under 21 will be served alcohol. Responsible drinking and designated drivers are strongly encouraged.

## ***Pay in advance and get your FAST PASS!***

### **OSA Members**

Pay for your event ticket, raffle tickets AND membership dues in advance, and you'll be able to breeze through the check-in table! Simply grab your GOLDEN TICKET, head straight to the elections table to cast your vote, and get right to the good times!

### **Non-Members & Guests**

Pay for your event and raffle tickets in advance and you'll be able to breeze through the check-in table too! Simply grab your placecard and make your way to the FUN!

**NOTE:** In order for this to work smoothly we will need the names of all the attendees in your party as well as an indication of their membership status (see order form).

**See reverse for the order form & raffle info!**



# Dinner Dance Raffle Info.

Drawings to be held at the OSA Dinner Dance/Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 2, 2019. Winners need not be present. Mail-in orders **MUST** be postmarked by Feb. 23rd (or PayPal by Feb. 23rd) Raffle tickets cannot be purchased online.\*



**Weber Q1200 Grill**  
with grilling & tailgating accessories!  
\$10 each



**ULTIMATE  
SPLIT-THE-POT**  
\$10 each



**Google  
Home Mini**  
\$10 each

There will also be an  
**AWESOME SILENT AUCTION**  
on the night of the  
dinner dance!

**\*PLEASE NOTE:**

Due to PayPal restrictions, raffle tickets cannot be purchased online. Raffle tickets must be purchased by mail or at the event.

## OSA Dinner Dance & Raffle Order Form (Please Print)

(Golden Tickets)  
OSA Member Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

(Green Tickets)  
Non-Member Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Qty.	Price	Subtotal
<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner Dance Tickets		x \$60	
<input type="checkbox"/> OSA Membership Dues Renewal		x \$15	
<input type="checkbox"/> OSA Life Membership		x \$350	
<input type="checkbox"/> Weber Q1200 Grill (raffle)		x \$10	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ultimate Split-The-Pot Cash (raffle)		x \$10	
<input type="checkbox"/> Google Home Mini (raffle)		x \$10	

Enclose a check payable to the  
Owasippe Staff Association in the amount of:

**Pay in advance &  
get your FAST PASS!**



Mail to:  
Rachel Weber  
5047 W. Drummond Pl.  
Chicago, IL 60639

# 2019 Election Info.

**Your OSA Board:** The affairs of the OSA are managed by the nine members of the Board of Directors whom you elect. Their terms are staggered so that three must be elected each year. Each Board member serves a three-year term unless a vacancy must be filled for a shorter term. A Director must be a currently registered Staff or Associate member age 21 or older as of the day of election to be held on March 2, 2019, have a genuine interest in the success of the organization, and be available for monthly Board of Director meetings.

Current Board of Directors			Term Expires
Barbara Lea*	Kurt Wolff-Klammer*	Kyle Nystrom	2019
Carl Young*	Scott Dorencz	Doug Lotter	2020
Bob Kurth	Greg Lange	Rachel Weber	2021

\*OSA bylaw two-consecutive term limit goes into effect.

## Who may vote?

Each OSA member currently registered (2019) is entitled to one vote at the Annual Meeting for the purpose of election of the Board of Directors. Voting may be done in person at the 41st Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 2, 2019, from the time doors open until dinner is served. Alternately, signed ballots will be accepted via the U.S. mail. A list of candidates, their resumes and a ballot are included in this issue of Vibrations.

**Be sure that you are currently registered (2019) so that your vote can be counted!** The current year of your membership will be on the mailing label addressing this mailing. Any questions regarding the status of your membership can be presented to the Membership Committee Chairman Eric Hetland at (773) 332-8661 or hetland.eric@gmail.com.

**Winners** Those candidates receiving the largest number of valid votes will be inducted into the Board of Directors during the 2019 Annual Meeting. The top three vote-getters will be considered duly elected. Seats are held for a term of three years.

**Operating Officers** The first official duty of the newly constituted Board of Directors will be to select operating officers for the next 12 months, namely President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

## Absentee Ballot

Owasippe Staff Association



2018 Board of Directors  
Official Mail-in Ballot

Mail-in ballots MUST BE SIGNED for authenticity and received at the P.O. Box by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2019 to be counted in the election.

**Owasippe Staff Association**  
**Attn: Elections**  
**P.O. Box 7097**  
**Westchester, IL 60154**

Vote for 3 candidates

Dalton DeVries

Kevin Harper

Adam Keene

Jacob Klein

Jory Lannes

Candy Merritt

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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*

### *February*

- 2..... Groundhog Day
- 14..... Valentine's Day
- 23..... Mail-in / online deadline: Dinner Dance tickets

### *March*

- 2..... OSA 41st Annual Meeting and Dinner
- 17..... St. Patrick's Day
- 20..... Spring Equinox

### *April*

- 1..... OSA Vibrations copy Deadline (no joke)

### *May*

- 17-19 ..... OSA Spring Fix-it Weekend
- 27..... Memorial Day

