



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

Vibrations

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Call for 2020 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 12, 2019. 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
Carl Young*	Scott Dorencz	Doug Lotter	2020
Bob Kurth	Greg Lange	Rachel Weber	2021
Adam Keene	Candy Merritt	Kevin Harper	2022

* Two consecutive term limit goes into effect.

OSA's Annual Pizza Night - 11/29/19 - details next page



President's Perspective

by Scott Dorencz, OSA President

2019 will soon come to an end, but the OSA's impact on the Owasippe Scout Reservation will be felt for years to come. Back in late 2017 the OSA received a donation from the estate of John Grout. The 2018 board of directors passed a motion to allocate \$150,000 of these funds towards the replacement of the Camp Blackhawk staff row shower house/KYBO structure. This year the old one was demolished and a brand new structure was built and ready for use by the summer camp staff. I've seen the final product and am pleased with the outcome.



The Pathway to Adventure Council also made a commitment to upgrade the aging facilities at OSR. The first campsite KYBO rebuild was completed in 2019 on the Camp Blackhawk Wilderness hill. The OSA did not contribute any funds towards this project. I commend the PTAC for recognizing the need for facility upgrades. It shows their desire to keep our great camp strong and desirable for the next generation of scouts. I hope to see more facilities upgraded or replaced by PTAC in the coming years.

Fundraising is one area the current board has made an effort to improve. The OSA still funds our two work weekends and our events throughout the year. We've decided to bring back the "9900 Club" raffle fundraiser. 250 tickets will be sold at \$50 each. I ask you to help support the OSA by promoting this raffle. See the flyer in the newsletter for more information.

Lastly, I'd like to update the membership on an amendment to our bylaws in February of 2019. Prior to this amendment, the bylaws allowed professional scouters on the OSA Board of Directors. This topic was discussed by the board and a motion was unanimously passed to change this. The amended portion can be found in Article 6, Section 1, subsection b) and reads: "Directors shall not be professional boy scout personnel, nor may they be full time employees of the Boy Scouts of America or any of its subsidiary entities, with the exception of seasonal camp staff."

The board discussed and agreed that seasonal camp staff will continue to be eligible for the OSA Board of Directors, as reflected in the bylaws. If you have discussion regarding this or any of our bylaws, please feel free to contact one of the board members. A digital copy of our bylaws and the OSA's mission can be found at owasippe.com under the Links & Downloads tab. ♣

OSA's Annual Pizza Night

by Rachel Weber, Board Member

Mark your calendars! The OSA Pizza Night will take place on Friday, November 29th, 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 \$10 you can enjoy all you can eat pizza.

We will still have the same ole' fun as previous years. Members can pay dues and we will happily welcome new-member applications. There will be a cash bar for members 21 years of age and over. As always, we encourage members to practice safe driving by having a designated driver.

Please RSVP for the pizza night to Rachel Weber by Monday, November 25, 2019. You can RSVP through the google document on all social media or by Email: OSAINFOBOOTH@gmail.com. Please use the title: OSA Pizza Night/Trivia Night. If you do not want to play trivia currently, RSVP for pizza only.

New to the evening, TRIVIA NIGHT! For an extra \$5 per person, \$20 per team, join us for a night of fun and fellowship! Some things to keep in mind, 4 players per team and trivia topics will be a mix of Chicago, scouting, and Owasippe facts. Sign-up via google doc on our Facebook or Instagram accounts, or by email. First place team will win cash prize.

We will also be accepting donations for the t-shirt quilt this evening. Please refer to the T-shirt quilt article for more information.

Where: 5445 S. Harlem Ave., Chicago, IL 60638

When: Friday November 29, 2019 7-11pm

Why: For fun, fellowship, pizza, and trivia!

What: \$10 per person for all-you-can-eat pizza
\$5 per person- trivia; \$20 per team- trivia

**Save the Date:
42nd Annual Dinner Dance**

March 7, 2020

More info on page 5

OSA Fall Fix-it 2019

by Adam Keene, Fix-it Chair

It was a pleasantly warm and sunny fall day when the smell of fresh paint filled the air around the public KYBO, and the sounds of screw guns chattering away filled the woods of Cleveland Creek. That's right — once again we had a great turnout for our 2019 Fall Fix-It! The exterior of the public KYBO near Admin Center was completely repainted and for the first time in a while we had all 3 miles of our adopt-a-road sections thoroughly de-littered — many thanks to the painting crew and the enthusiastic road crew! We also had a crew in the museum dusting off some long forgotten Owasip-treasures and tying these artifacts to the proper time periods and events in Owasippe history. Through their efforts, the museum will eventually tell the story of Owasippe more effectively.

The largest project of the weekend actually spanned two days — beginning on Friday — a great effort to build a robust new bridge over Cleveland Creek on the Red Trail was bravely undertaken by a crew lead by pro carpenters. Camp once again provided two stout telephone poles to span the creek, and the crew constructed the supporting structures and decking, including two concrete columns in the center of the creek. Now, hikers and bikers alike can traverse Cleveland Creek without fear of falling in.



In the afternoon, Owasippe's legendary Ranger staff led a crew to do some branch chipping at Wolverine pool, and a small group of electricians worked on demystifying the Food Prep circuit breaker panel — complete with easy-to-read labels. And last, but certainly not least, a HUUUUGE thanks goes out to the Wolff-Klammers for once again keeping our crews fueled up for the day. They provided quite a spread of delicious offerings which kept all of our bellies pleasantly full.

I want to give a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of the volunteers that came out. If you haven't been to an OSA Fix-It in a while, you're surely missing out. What better way to show some love to Owasippe than by visiting during two of the most beautiful seasons and doing some gratifying volunteer work? The Fix-It is held every Spring and Fall (May and September). We hope to see you next time! ♣

More Fix-it Pics - New Cleveland Creek Bridge!



Donate while you shop and search

by Kevin Harper, Board Member

As a sort of refresher, I wanted to remind OSA members of two easy ways that they can help the organization through the internet. The first is Amazon Smile; by purchasing through Amazon with their Smile program, 0.5% of your purchases are donated back to the OSA on millions of items.

There is a link on the OSA website that will take you directly to amazon to set this up. I tested, and this only works when making purchases on a desktop/laptop computer. I was not able to get this to work through the Amazon app. To date, the funds raised through Amazon Smile are listed below.

The second method is through Goodsearch, which is your everyday search engine like Google. This entity is powered by Yahoo. In addition to \$0.01 per search, they also offer coupon codes to which a portion of your purchases are donated back to the OSA. All these varied in percentages but some of the retailers are Target, Kohls, Expedia, Under-Armor, and Old Navy, etc. Also, these retailers rotate daily. The catch is you do have to sign up for this one so we can receive the donations and they are tracked. Below, you can see the totals so far for 2019. Another requirement with Goodsearch is that if the OSA does not get at least \$5.00 in searches for the year, any money raised will be allocated to another charity of Goodsearch's choosing.

Since 2014, Amazon smile has donated a total of \$516.07, and since 2006, Goodsearch has donated a total of \$883.45 back to the OSA. Holiday shopping is right around the corner! ♣

Owasippe T-Shirt Quilt Donations

by Rachel Weber, Board Member

It is almost that time of year again! We will be looking for donations for the annual Dinner Dance. This year, we are so excited to announce we will have a t-shirt quilt as a door prize.

We need your help! We are in need of old camp staff or Owasippe shirts to create this beautiful raffle prize! We will be accepting donations for the quilt beginning the evening of pizza night. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Weber via osainfobooth@gmail.com. ♣

Dinner Dance: Save the Date!

by Rachel Weber, Board Member

Our annual dinner dance will be held Saturday March 7, 2020. All are welcome to attend. Prices and location will be announced in our first newsletter of 2020. As always, donations of any size and value are welcome for our silent auction. For any questions regarding dinner dance, please contact Rachel Weber or Candy Merritt via osainfobooth@gmail.com. ♣

Even More Fall Fix-it Pics



Use Smile.Amazon.Com to Do Your Holiday Shopping 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, and in the drop down menu underneath the search bar, choose Owasippe Staff Association. A percentage of your purchase will go toward the OSA.



“9900 Club” Raffle-Fundraiser

Drawing to be held at 42nd Annual Dinner Dance & Meeting 03/07/20 & Broadcast on Facebook Live

Only 250 Tickets Sold! • Cost: \$50.00 per ticket

Winner need not be present to win

[Full List of Rules](#) listed on Owasippe.com

50/50 Split and all proceeds go to benefiting the OSA

1st Prize \$3,500

2nd Prize \$2,000

3rd Prize \$750

Tickets can be split amongst parties listed on ticket.

OSA to host Pop events/meetups to sell tickets in person or contact a board member to organize a buy!

All mail in requests for tickets must be postmarked by 2/27/20 and long as tickets are still available.

9900 Club Raffle-Fundraiser Ticket Order Form

Please make checks payable to Owasippe Staff Association

MAIL TO: The Owasippe Staff Assoc.

P.O. BOX 7097

Westchester, IL 60154

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

of Tickets: _____

Amt enclosed: \$ _____

It's OSA Ad Book time again, 42 years and still going strong!



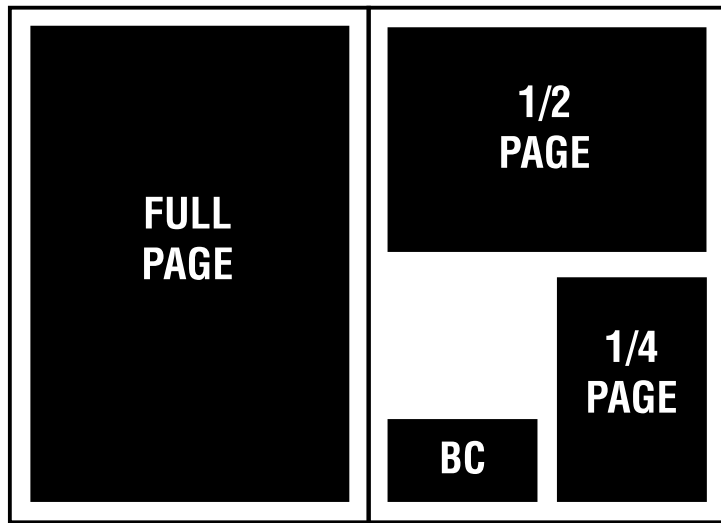
Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are seeking sponsors for the Owasippe Staff Association Ad Book distributed at our Annual Meeting in March of 2020. 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, 2020 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. Email all such materials to: **kulak.pete@gmail.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
- 28..... Thanksgiving Day
- 29..... OSA Pizza Night

December

- 12..... 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

