



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

Vibrations

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2021 OSA Board of Directors Candidates

Make Your Vote Count! Feb 15 - March 5

Learn about the candidates here and on p. 3. Vote for our Board of Directors online/by mail from February 15 to March 5. Election Information and the Mail-In Ballot are on p. 7! Vote online at owasippe.com/category/osanews You must be a current member to vote (Dues form on p. 5).



Mike Brus, age 34, is a resident of Kalamazoo, MI. He attended Northern Illinois University where he earned his BS in Education. He is currently working as a brewer for Bells Brewery in Kalamazoo.

Mike joined Scouting in 1992, and first experienced Owasippe at Carlen in 1997. He joined the OSA

staff in 2003 and worked on staff for the next 12 years. He has served as a Nature Instructor, Nature Director, Commissioner, and Camp Director at Blackhawk. He has also served as Climbing Director, Webelos Camp Director, CIT Director, and Associate Reservation Director during his time on staff at Owasippe.

Since his time working on staff ended, Mike has focused on volunteering at Owasippe, with an emphasis on helping the mountain biking program grow. Mike's favorite OSA events are the work weekends and dinner dance.

If elected to the Board of Directors, Mike's goal will be to foster strong relationships with current camp staff leadership and the community local to Owasippe. He hopes that these relationships will allow the OSA to continue to provide the appropriate resources to improve the program and experience for the Scouts and campers who visit Owasippe.



Kevin Joyce is 52 and lives with his wife Jenn and her daughter Shaye in Niles, Michigan.

He was introduced to Owasippe at Robert Crown — Mojave!— site 7 as a camper in 1980 through troop 505. He became a staff member as a camper in 1982 for the last four

weeks of camp with the Robert Crown staff. 1983 was his first CIT year. Kevin worked at Ad Center, snack bar, Camp Carlen, and Robert Crown. 1984 through 1989, he worked Robert Crown staff in the nature area. He missed camp in 1990 to go to DuPage Community College and travel to Europe, but when he returned, Don Studaven recruited him as a Ranger, which he held from 1991 to 1992.

Scouting and Owasippe have been and always will be a big part of Kevin's life. Becoming an OSA member and going to most of the spring and fall Fix-Its since 1997 has allowed him to give back. If elected, Kevin plans to continue to give back to the OSA, Owasippe, and Scouting and help move forward into 2021.

Wally Kleinfeldt is 56 and lives in Palatine, IL. He is married to his wife Jan and has two children, Wally and Molly. He has been a Local 9 IBEW lineman for the past 37 years. He works as a General Foreman for Lyons Pinner Electric, running the street light and traffic signal maintenance department for the past 20 years.



Wally's first time camping at Owasippe was in 1977 at Camp Blackhawk — GO! He began his staff years as a CIT in 1979, when he was named CIT of the year. In 1980, 1981, and 1982, he worked at the waterfront on the shores of Camp Blackhawk (GO!). In 1980 he was part of the construction crew of the new dining hall and camp infrastructure at BLHK(G!). During his tenure in Scouting, Wally attained the rank of Eagle Scout and continues to apply the lessons learned in his adult life. Wally and his family never miss the opportunity to spend a few warm summer days at Camp Reneker. He is a lifetime member of the OSA and his face is a

President's Perspective

by Kevin Harper, OSA President

Howdy Membership! Happy to say that 2020 is over and we are moving on to 2021, I hope that you are all happy and healthy. I think that goes without saying that all of us are ready to get back to our own sense of normalcy and most importantly starting to think about our next trip up to Michigan this coming spring and summer. On a positive note, the council has already begun their staff interviews which sounds promising that there will be summer camp this year. For those of you that are able to donate your time we have our spring work weekend on the calendar. The board and I hope to see many of you in late May up at up at camp. Last year we have an over whelming response of volunteers for work weekend and would like to keep that positivity rolling.



Firstly, I would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to Pete Kulak who over the past nine years has put together and edited 37 issues of the newsletter. I would also like to thank our outgoing board members Rachel and Greg for their support and dedication for the past 3 years on the board of directors and wish best of luck to all those running in this year's election.

This year's annual meeting will be held over zoom on March 6th, 2021. This will be a first for our organization moving to an online format. All members who are up to date on annual dues or are life members will have the option to vote by mail and or vote online through google. Members can pay online through our website using paypal or mail a check to our PO Box. Kudos to our elections chairman Dan Kleinfeldt who organized the online voting and the election committee. He will be verifying your votes and monitoring the process up until the conclusion of the election at the end of our brief business meeting.

Mark your calendar now for the Annual Meeting and digital social/campfire on March 6, 2021 and May 21-23rd for the spring fix it. Hope to see many of you on zoom soon! ♣

2020 Spring Fix-it May 21-23

Everyone mark your calendars! This year's Spring Fix-It will be held on May 21-23, 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 Adam Keene a ring and you are in. Email and texts are also accepted. See you there!

RSVP: Adam Keene at 708-567-2678 or akeene2@gmail.com by May 12th.

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. ♣

43rd Annual Meeting and Digital Campfire - March 6

This year's banquet will be virtual, and we want you to be a part of it! We'll be featuring a virtual campfire as part of the evening, and we're calling for submissions.

To participate, simply send a video (MP4 preferred) of you performing your favorite song or skit to osainfobooth@gmail.com. Is coordinating a Zoom rendition of "Purple Stew" too overwhelming? We'd still love to see you — just send a quick video of you saying hello to your fellow members instead!

Please send in videos no later than **Saturday, February 27.**

A huge thanks to Sarah and Rob Hall for helping put together our video!

Apply now for 2021 Owasippe camp staff

<http://www.pathwaytoadventure.org/camping/campstaff>

Board Candidates

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familiar one at the spring and fall Fix-Its as well as many summertime campfires at Owasippe.

If elected, he would like to shepherd some of the larger camp projects that the Pathway to Adventure Council and ranger staff wish to be organized and carried out by the OSA. He understands how devoted the OSA membership is to the preservation and continued success of the camp. By advocating for the OSA members he will work hard to keep the place that is so dear to his and the hearts of all OSA members ready for the future generations of Scouts to enjoy and love.

Bob Kurth, 78, lives with his wife of 48 years in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago's south side where he grew up.

Bob spent two weeks each summer from 1955 through 1958 as a camper at Camp Wilderness. He returned to Owasippe in 1971 as Scoutmaster of Troop 1559 and brought the troop back every year through 2007.

In 2008, he joined the OSR staff as a commissioner at Camp Wolverine and continued to serve in that role through 2010. From 2011 through 2016 he held the position of Training Director, overseeing the adult leader training of some 400 leaders. 2017 saw Bob serving as a volunteer commissioner welcoming visitors to the OSR Museum.



Bill Lotter, 74, and his wife Judi reside in Owasso, Oklahoma. He is retired from American Airlines where he was employed as an Aviation Maintenance Technician Crew Chief. Bill also served in the US Army and the Illinois and Oklahoma National Guard primarily as an avionics mechanic. He was assigned back-to-back overseas tours with the 1st Air Cavalry Div. (Viet Nam) and the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment (Germany). After leaving active duty he graduated from Lewis University with a BS in Aviation Maintenance and Management.

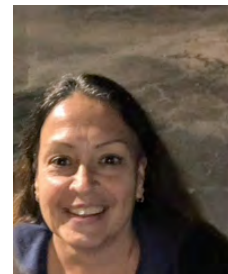
Bill was the waterfront director at Camp Stuart from 1971-73. Over a period of many years he was a Scoutmaster for three troops, district training chairman, and aquatic merit badge instructor, primarily teaching lifesaving. He was also a registered Girl Scout leader for 10 years. For the last four summers, he has been a volunteer at OSR on the notorious ranger staff.

Bill is one of the founding members of the OSA, serving on the board for eight years as vice-president and treasurer.



Bill says, "It's always nice to sit back and remember the people and events of the past. But as Owasippe, the scouting program, and our entire world are going through massive changes, it is extremely important for us to plan and be ready for these changes, so that we as an organization can continue to provide service to Owasippe."

Chris Sanchez lives in Lowell, IN. She has 3 adult children: Christopher, Scott, and Dawn. Dawn is married to Jeremy Dewar. They blessed their families with a son on April 10, 2020. His name is Wyatt Nash. Chris has been employed by Park Forest/Chicago Heights School District



for the past 16 years. She is a Physical Education/Health Teacher, Athletic Director and Union President for her school district of 200. Prior to teaching here, she has held teaching positions in both Illinois and Michigan, where she also holds a certificate. In her spare time, lol, she loves to play Cribbage. Visiting her grandson is the best of times and has introduced him to the camp she holds so dear.

Chris was first introduced to Owasippe in 1972 when her dad took his troop to Wolverine South. Mom and the girls got to stay at Family Camp. In 1973 Chris was hired as an Aquatic Aide and from there served through the 1981 camping season moving into the role as Aquatic Director. In 1986 she was asked to run the Trading Post at the Ad Center and proudly served in this capacity. She would take a break until 1994 when asked to be the Reservation Aquatic Director and oversee all pool operations. She has served on staff ever since moving into the role of the Trading Post Manager for the reservation. 2019 saw her at 36 years on staff. She will be working the trading post in 2021.

Chris is a Life Member in the OSA. She has previously served on the Board of Directors. She says it seems like she can never spend enough time at camp helping in any capacity needed. She says it is GREAT to work alongside members of all staff, their friends and families, and it is good to give back to Scouting what it gave to her.

Chris hopes that she is elected to the Board to bring more of the Owasippe family together for work weekends and fun weekends. She would like to include members of the community at the work weekends that have special skills. She hopes to engage all staff from all eras because everyone has a talent and the camp means and meant something special to all of them.

Now Vote!

Voting open February 15 - March 5

Membership Updates

by Greg Lange, Membership Chair and Kevin Harper, OSA President

As of 2/1/21, there are 241 life members and 177 transactional members that owe dues for 2021. Total Membership stands at 456. Members can make dues payments online through our website or by mailing the dues form included with this issue to the OSA PO Box. Membership dues help cover a variety of operational expenses including insurance premiums, mailings, state and federal fees, accounting fees, work weekends, etc.

New Members

Tom Rein

New Life Members

Kevin Joyce

Steve Mason

Bob Boldoc Jr

Peter D. Foote

George Sparks (2019)

Please Update Your Contact Info

The below list of OSA members have had mailings returned or emails bounced back for incorrect contact info for some time. As part of an ongoing effort for 2021 to ensure all members are receiving our emails and newsletters, we want

to ensure we have the right contact information.. If you know any of the below members, please forward their contact info or refer them to OSAINFOBOOTH@gmail.com

Thank you! ✦

| Name | Status |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Adam Armstrong | Member for Life |
| Roger Bevans | Member for Life |
| Joey Bradley | Member for 2018 |
| Greg Brunet | Member for 2019 |
| Tom Donlan | Member for Life |
| Brian Feltner | Member for 2018 |
| Emily Gesell | Member for Life |
| Guy Gogliotti | Member for Life |
| Ryan Gust | Member for Life |
| Katie Heffernan | Member for Life |
| Steve Henclewski | Member for Life |
| Jeremiah Jackson | Member for Life |
| Edward Jordan | Member for Life |
| Craig Kenny | Member for 2021 |
| Mindy Kleinfeldt | Member for Life |
| Kenneth Klemm | Member for Life |
| Janae Klimczak | Member for 2018 |
| James Koziel | Member for 2014 |
| Deborah Leinweber | Member for Life |
| Frederic Mack | Member for 2019 |

| Name | Status |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| John Magyarics | Member for 2017 |
| Eddie McCartney | Member for 2018 |
| Keith Milschant | Member for 2018 |
| Caroline Lea Mindock | Member for Life |
| Matt Nelson | Member for 2018 |
| Joe Duke Olechno | Member for Life |
| Zula Pendowski | Member for 2018 |
| Tyler Pondel | Member for 2019 |
| Steven Probst | Member for 2020 |
| Jim Richerson | Member for Life |
| Brian Richter | Member for 2019 |
| Daniel Schergen | Member for 2019 |
| Dave Schlichting | Member for Life |
| Nick Tavaría | Member for Life |
| Christina Townsend | Member for 2016 |
| Chris Townsend | Member for 2016 |
| Scott Weber | Member for Life |
| Walter Jr Weber | Member for 2016 |
| Nate Wegner | Member for 2014 |
| Glenn Young | Member for Life |

Thank You!



Are Your Dues Current?

Pay today to vote in the 2021 OSA Board Election

New Member Application

Membership Renewal

Thanks for your interest in the OSA. Simply complete this form and send it in with your check made payable to the Owasippe Staff Association. Thanks, we look forward to hearing from you!

Note: You must be 18 or older to be a member of the OSA & membership is subject to Board approval.

I hereby submit my application thus pledging my support of the OSA's purpose ...

NAME: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

EMPLOYER: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

MARITAL STATUS: _____ SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

CHILDREN'S NAMES & AGES: _____

SERVICE AT OWASIPPE:

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Camp</i> | <i>Position</i> |
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SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

NOTES: _____

Mail to:
Owasippe Staff Association
attn. Membership
P.O. Box 7097
Westchester, IL 60154

- New Member..... \$20
- Renewal \$15
- Back Dues \$ _____
- Lifetime \$350

Make checks payable to:
The Owasippe Staff Association



Annual Meeting Raffle Info.

Drawings to be held online during the OSA Annual Meeting & Digital Campfire on Saturday, March 6, 2021.
Mail-in orders **MUST** be postmarked by Feb. 26th. Raffle tickets cannot be purchased online.*



**18V BOSCH
1/2 In. Hammer Drill/Driver
with L-Boxx Carrying Case
\$10 each**



**KitchenAid
Artisan Mini Series, 3.5 qt
Tilt-Head Stand Mixer
\$10 each**



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



**Apple AirPods
Wireless Headphones
with Charging Case
\$10 each**

***PLEASE NOTE:**
Due to PayPal restrictions,
raffle tickets cannot be purchased online.
Raffle tickets must be purchased by mail.

Annual Meeting info: owasippe.com/annual-meeting-2021 • Election & Candidate info: owasippe.com/board-election-2021

OSA Annual Meeting Raffle Order Form (Please Print)

OSA Member Name (s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

| Item | Qty. | Price | Subtotal |
|---|------|---------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> OSA Membership Dues Renewal | | x \$15 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OSA Life Membership | | x \$350 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18V BOSCH Hammer Drill (raffle) | | x \$10 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ultimate Split-The-Pot Cash (raffle) | | x \$10 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KitchenAid Stand Mixer (raffle) | | x \$10 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apple AirPods (raffle) | | x \$10 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Donation to the OSA | | \$ | |

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



Mail to:
OSA
P.O. Box 7097
Westchester, IL 60154

2021 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 6, 2020, 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 |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Bob Kurth | Greg Lange | Rachel Weber | 2021 |
| Adam Keene | Candy Merritt | Kevin Harper | 2022 |
| Jennifer Kotwasinski | Henry Nakazawa | Michelle O'Connor | 2023 |

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

Who may vote?

Each OSA member currently registered (2021) 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 (2021) 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 Greg Lange at (773) 206-1727 or greglange89@gmail.com.

Winners Those candidates receiving the largest number of valid votes will be inducted into the Board of Directors during the 2020 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



2021 Board of Directors
Official Mail-in Ballot

Vote for 3 candidates

- Mike Brus
- Kevin Joyce
- Wally Kleinfeldt
- Bob Kurth
- Bill Lotter
- Chris Sanchez

write-in

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Mail-in ballots MUST BE SIGNED for authenticity and received at the P.O. Box by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2020 to be counted in the election.

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

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

The Owasippe Staff Association
P.O. Box 7097
Westchester, IL 60154



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Articles, tidbits, photos and artwork are encouraged. E-mail 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

February

- 2..... Groundhog Day
- 14..... Valentine's Day
- 27..... Deadline for Virtual Campfire submissions:

March

- 5..... Online deadline for Board Election
- 6..... OSA 42nd Annual Meeting and Dinner
- 17..... St. Patrick's Day
- 20..... Spring Equinox

April

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

May

- 21-23 OSA Spring Fix-it Weekend
- 31..... Memorial Day

