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VIBRATIONS NEWSLETTER

Mark your Calendar - The 45th Annual Dinner Dance

You are cordially invited to an evening of great fellowship, raffle drawings, the annual election and meeting!

The Owasippe Staff Associations 45th Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, March 4, 2023, starting at 5 p.m. CT. We will be gathering at Niko's Banquet Hall on 7600 Harlem Avenue in Bridgeview, IL.



Ticket price: \$55 per person. Due to limited space only 120 tickets will be sold. You must purchase tickets online or by mail, no later than Friday, February 10th. You must have a ticket to attend. There will be no walk-ins allowed!

The agenda for the evening includes...

- *Board Election results
(you must vote no later than Friday, March 3rd on line)
- *Board Meeting and New Officers announced
- *Raffle and Silent Auction Prizes



Buy tickets here!



Raffle Prizes!

45th Anniversary Annual Meeting - Raffle

Scan the Raffle Prize QR code to check out this year's 2023 prizes! Prizes range from tools to mixers to LEGO sets and even luggage! We have our two night Guest Lodge stay as well as Split the Pot on the website!

2023 OSA Board Nominations

Jen, 48, lives in Cicero, IL. She is married and has three children: Conor, Lorelei, and Gabriel. Jennifer has worked for Robert Bosch LLC for the past 23 years and is currently a Senior Business Analyst working on global rollouts of multiple HR systems. Jennifer was first introduced to Owasippe in 1983 as a Reneker camper participating in the age group program. In 1989, she joined the Reneker staff as a CIT. Through her five years as a Reneker staff member, she held various positions from assistant age-group leader to Aquatics Director. At the age of 18, she joined the OSA, enjoying the ability to see her camp friends in the fall and spring for OSA Fix-It work weekends, as well as giving back to the camp by ensuring its up-keep during the off season.

Jennifer Kempa Kotwasinski



Besides working alongside other OSA members to ensure Owasippe's up-keep, in the past she has also taken up the task of organizing the children's games for the past OSA Family picnics as well as organizing the food preparation for some of the OSA Fix-It weekends. During her current term as a board member she has organized multiple OSA gear sales as well as moving the Dinner Dance raffle to an online site. She also is working toward building committees to allow more members to get more involved in the day to day running of the OSA. Jennifer hopes that if she is re-elected as a Board member she can continue to help the OSA meet the current needs of its members.



Eddie McCarthy

Eddie, 23, Lives in Irving Park neighborhood of Chicago. Currently, he is the Marketing Director and Deck Manager for a swim school. Eddie is a graduate of The University of Dayton obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree while majoring in political science. He is currently the Blackhawk Aquatics Director and this summer will mark his 10th year of staffing at Owasippe.

"I am grateful and honored to be running for a position on the OSA board. I have enjoyed being part of the OSA over the years and I have personally been able to see the ways the OSA has made an impact on camp. I believe I am an asset to this board because of my current camp staff involvement and connections with the staff. I have three main goals if I was to be elected:

-Bring in new members aged 18-30. I have many strong connections with current and former camp staff that I would love to bring into the OSA. I am passionate on the growth of the OSA and to build off an already strong structure.

-Be your boots on the ground representative. As a current staff member I have an insider's look on how the OSA can benefit camp. Additionally, I believe that there is a wealth of knowledge within the OSA. I enjoy hearing stories about how camp ran when you were on staff. I would love to hear about program ideas from the past and maybe incorporate them into the Owasippe current/future programs!

-Add more events that would be enticing to everyone in the OSA. Bowling night? Trivia Night? Brewery tour? Sports watch party? Kayak the Chicago river? This is just a start of ideas and I'd love to hear yours!

I appreciate your support to the OSA as I can attest to your impact on camp. I want to make myself accessible to those that may not know me as well. Feel free to call/text me at 773-558-5283 or email me at mccarthyeddie@yahoo.com. Thanks and let's go change some lives!"

Nicolas Pajor

Nicolas, 22 years old, currently lives in Oak Lawn, Illinois. He is an apprentice Pipefitter through Pipefitters Local 597. Prior to his apprenticeship, he completed the welding program at Moraine Valley Community College. He is an active member of American Welding Society and Troop 618 of Scouts, BSA. He worked at Owasippe from 2015 to 2019, and has been a member of OSA since 2019.





Edgar Wolff-Klammer

Edgar, 62, and lives in Skokie, IL. He is married and has three Eagle Scout sons. He works for Underwriters Laboratories Inc. in Northbrook as a principal engineer. He has been involved with Scouting for over 50 years and is an Eagle Scout. Edgar worked at Owasippe for five summers (CIT 1975, Camp Blackhawk 1976 - 1978, and maintenance staff 1982). Edgar has been a Life Member of the OSA since 1985 has been active at work weekends and other OSA events. He has previously served two terms on the OSA board including two years as OSA president. Besides Scouting, Edgar enjoys woodworking and woodcarving You may have seen his work at OSA Auctions..

The OSA has provided many camp improvements, materials and opportunities to make Owasippe better for the staff, scouts and leaders that attend Owasippe. I would like serve on the OSA Board to continue and expand the OSA's mission at camp so that the current and next generation of scouters experience the best of Owasippe.

Pat Troy



Pat, 58, lives in Lemont, IL with his two children, Kevin and Hannah. Pat currently teaches at UIC in the Computer Science Department. Pat has been involved in scouting since 1972 and is an Eagle Scout. Pat has been awarded Vigil Honor in the OA, District Award of Merit, and Silver Beaver Award. Pat camped at Owasippe 6 summers as a Scout, 2 summers at Family Camp as a youth, and worked on the OSR staff for 10 years from 1983 until 1993 including being camp director at Blackhawk. Pat has been a member of the OSA since the late 1980's, served two terms on the OSA Board including 2 years as OSA president.

Pat is still active in Scouting, currently serving as scoutmaster of Troop 49G in Lemont (taking scouts up to Owasippe multiple times), the Advancement Chair for the Tall Grass District, and course director for this summer's National Youth Leadership Training course for PTAC.

"I would like to see the OSA continue its role in helping train and support the current summer camp staff at Owasippe. I have always felt that summer camp is truly the high point in the year for many scouts and the staff primarily provides that opportunity to the scouts. Toward that end, the OSA's role in supporting the current summer camp staff cannot be undervalued. In the late 1990's, I was involved with the Staff Development role at Owasippe that the OSA helped run and I would love to see that partnership occur again."



Ryan Carlson

I am 23 and live in the Lagrange Highlands in Illinois. I began camping at Owasippe in 2010 at Camp Blackhawk-GO! and did until I first began joining staff in 2016 as a volunteer. since then I have staffed or volunteered each summer including staffing the summer of 2022 where I ran shotgun at Blackhawk. Every summer I have been to Owasippe have been the best times of my life. Every summer has been an adventure full of fond memories that I will remember for a lifetime. I wish to continue to give back to the camp and give the scouts there the best program possible, to give them the best summers of their lives and memories they too will look back on years down the road. To give them the same experience past staff gave me.

At home I work part time in the auto industry as a technician. I am currently in school to be a paramedic and to pursue a career in law enforcement. I have always had a desire to help people in the community and see it prosper. Beginning with service projects through my troop all the way to now through the career I am pursuing. I have always found myself to be a history buff and thoroughly enjoy reading about historical events and about American history. Since 2017 my family have been historical reenactors portraying the civil war era, bonding with and teaching the public about one of the most fascinating times in US history. This is also when I picked up the hobby of sport shooting. From shotgun sport to long range rifle competition to even musketry, sport shooting has become a fun and full time hobby. In 2019 I became an instructor and Range officer and began assisting in shooting sports for the scouts at various klondikes and day camps, teaching proper technique, safety and understanding of a great hobby. My time at camp have been the greatest memories I have and I can't wait to make more. I look forward to working with the staff association to continue making the camp the best it can be using all the resources I can bring from my experiences and my time on recent staff. I also hope to pay it forward for all staff and scouts who come to our wonderful camp, past, present and future.

President's Perspective

By Kevin Harper

Happy New Year to all! Hoping all of our members had a wonderful holiday season. We are looking forward to 2023 and all of the great events the OSA will be hosting. Dinner Dance tickets are currently on sale and the Spring Fix-It will be held on May 19-20.



We had a great turn out with over 50 people at pizza night this past November. It is always great seeing our members and catching up with friends! Looking forward to seeing everyone on March 4th! Remember that you must be a member in good standing to vote in the board election.

The Passing of Jean Sanchez

Jean Sanchez passed away on November 21, 2022. She joined her husband John. Jean was a mom to Chris, John and Mike Sanchez, Anita Fitzgerald, and Denise Frey and many others through camp friendships. Jean was a grandmother and great-grandmother. Mom, we'll see you at the end of the trail!



Pizza night door prize winners:

- Cabela's Cooler**-Tony Petrauska
- OSA Sweatshirt**-Eric Gebhart
- OSA Sweatshirt**-Kristin Gebhart
- OSA Shirt**-Hans Anderson
- Owasippe Museum Gift Basket**-Sean Monahan
- Jason's Deli GC**-Max Zelenka
- Split the pot (\$130)**-Jennifer Kotwasinski

45th Anniversary Gear



Work Shirt - \$35.00
(Embroidered)

Short Sleeve
Unisex T-shirt \$20.00

Trucker Hat \$20.00
(Embroidered)

Short Sleeve
Ladies V-Neck \$20.00

Order your new 45th anniversary apparel today! All sizes and options are listed on the website! Scan the Qr code to the right to check them out!

Order by **Tuesday, January 31st** and you will receive your item at the OSA Dinner Dance!



45th Apparel

2023 Board of Directors- Election Information

OSA Board & Voting

The OSA is managed by the nine members of the Board of Directors whom you elect. Since each term is staggered, three positions must be elected each year. Elections are held and announced during the annual meeting held the first Saturday in March.

Each OSA member that is currently registered can vote for up to three candidates on one ballot. Voting will take place online through the OSA website.

Voting will conclude at the annual meeting. It is highly encouraged to vote early online!

Join us at the March 4th Annual Meeting to see your new OSA board members!

| 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
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| Henry Nakazawa | Michael Brus | Ron Kulak |
| Michelle O'Conner | Chris Sanchez | Candy Merritt** |
| Jennifer Kotwasinski | Wally Kleinfeldt | Kevin Harper** |



VOTING IS NOW OPEN!!!

Pizza Night



Requiem for An Elder of The Tribe - Frank S. Accardi

Frank S. Accardi, 95, passed away peacefully on December 3, 2022 surrounded by his loving family. Frank was thoughtful, caring, spiritual and made friends wherever he went and worked with others. He was serious about his relationship with God and prayer but he also had a sense of humor that never failed and always made his family and friends laugh.

One of the great works of Frank's life was his involvement with the Chicago Area Boy Scouts of America. Through his parish, Maternity B.V.M, he joined a Cub Scout Committee, which then led to his role as Scoutmaster for Troop 109 for over 15 years. He guided a very active troop which included annual visits to his beloved Owasippe Scout Reservation in Michigan, a trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico and his induction into the Order of the Arrow and journey to the Vigil Honor. Both of Frank's sons were Eagle Scouts and his daughter was a Girl Scout and was included in many scouting events, including Philmont. Frank received the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award from the Chicago Area Council.

Later Frank and JoAnn ran a senior camp at Owasippe where old friends and new friends would come to the Scout camp and experience the Michigan woods and behave like youngsters again. It was at this time that he was asked to serve at Owasippe Scout Reservation as its Assistant Reservation director for two years. In 1963 at a Pathfinder District Camporee at Ft. Dearborn, Frank was tapped out by the Cahokia Chapter Ceremonial Team and began his journey in the Order of the Arrow. He sealed his membership in the Order the following year, again at Ft. Dearborn by accepting the responsibility of the Brotherhood Honor. Frank served first as an Associate Advisor of Cahokia Chapter and later as its Advisor. He was then summoned to serve as an Associate Lodge Advisor by a true legend of Owasippe Lodge – Sheridan U. Nunn. In 1968 Frank was called by his Brothers in the Arrow to the Vigil Honor for a life of cheerful service to Scouting.



Gray Staff Village Cabin Update!

Many thanks to Gary Dorencz and his crew for the Gray Staff Cabins 9 and 10 updates! All floor tiles have been chipped up and moldy plywood has been removed. Rotten sill plates replaced, new shower base and walls, as well as a new vanity top. The inside of the hot water cubby was sheathed with new durock and cabin 9 received a new roof!

Some future tasks include new gas lines, updating the electric, modifying a bedroom, floor tiles, and painting!



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