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NEWSLETTER

45 Annual Dinner Dance Recap

By: Susan Derby

Scores of members and friends enjoyed the OSA's 45th Annual Meeting on March 4, 2023 at Niko's in Bridgeview, IL. During the evening, we held our annual meeting, made special recognitions, conducted Board elections and raffled off some wonderful prizes. It was a great turn out with just under 110 people in attendance. Each person received a special 45th anniversary patch, sticker, cookie, and YETI tumbler. Net Funds Raised for OSA Programs (after expenses) are as follows. The OSA Ad Book: \$2,400, Dinner Dance Raffles: \$2,900, and Dinner Dance Silent Auction: \$380

2023 OSA Board Election Results

- PRESIDENT:** Kevin Harper
- VICE PRESIDENT:** Chris Sanchez
- SECRETARY:** Jen (Kempa) Kotwasinski
- TREASURER:** Edgar Wolff-Klammer
- Wally Kleinfeldt
- Mike Brus
- Ryan Carlson
- Pat Troy
- Eddie McCarthy



Raffle Summary

By: Edgar Wolff-Klammer

Net Funds Raised for OSA Programs

OSA Ad Book: \$2,388.69

Dinner Dance Raffles: \$3050.00

Dinner Dance Silent Auctions: \$380.00

Thank you to Caitlin Boline, Mike Brus, Ron Derby, Kevin Harper, Jennifer Kotwasinski, Michelle Lerma, Chauncey Niziol, Ted Rotzoll, Andy Sirota, Susie Smyth, Edgar Wolff-Klammer and Carl Young for donating one or more items for the event.

Top Raffle Prize Winners

By: Chris Sanchez

Some of our top Raffle prize winners were:

2 night stay at the Guest Lodge - Vince Rychtanek

Starry Night Lego Set - Chris Sanchez

Ninja Foodie Power Blender - Mike Brus

Bosch 18 Volt Combo Kit - Rosemary Brown

Split the Pot - Michelle O'Connor

Congrats to all the winners!

Galloping Grape Vine



John J. Schmidt, III U.S.N. ("Jack"), Chicago Troop 923/Order of the Arrow, completed Officer Training School and was elevated to the rank of Ensign in May, 2021 while completing his engineering degree at the University of South Carolina - both attained on the same day. Jack resides in South Carolina with his wife and three children while continuing his officer training for officers he will soon be a Jr Lt and is currently assigned to the USS Montana, a Virginia class submarine. Wishing Jack the best. Keep all of our military in your thoughts and prayers.



End of the Trail



Ron Kulak passed away on January 17, 2023



George Sparks passed away on January 18, 2023



Stephen Parrish passed away on April 9, 2023
(See more on final page.)

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Galloping Grape Vine Call for Submission

By: Jen (Kempa) Kotwasinski



Hey there, loyal Vibrations reader! You may not be aware but, Galloping Grapevine is the place for any and all info on the comings and goings of all OSA members. As much as they would like to think so, the OSA board is not all-seeing nor all knowing - they need your help. So please! Send us your anecdotes, tales, or half remembered rumors. It doesn't have to be long, it doesn't have to be about you, but it does have to be mostly accurate.

Send submissions to osainfobooth@gmail.com putting "OSA Newsletter" in the subject.

Spring Fix It

By: Wally Kleinfeldt



Spring is here! Save the date for the 2023 Spring Fix it! Mark your calendars for May 19th-21st. If it's been a few years since your last trip to camp, work weekend is a great excuse!! Please RSVP 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
- 4) Contact Wally Kleinfeldt to RSVP walterkleinfeldt5@gmail.com by May 12th.

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President's Perspective

By: Kevin Harper



Hey Hey Membership spring has sprung! Thank you to all those that attended our 45th annual meeting this past March! It was a great success, happy to have over a 100 members in attendance, in person! What a concept! There was great energy in the room, awesome anniversary party favors, and we even raised some funds for our cause. The OSA raised roughly \$5,600 through our ad book, split the pot, and our online raffles & silent auction. We also held our election to which I would like to welcome our new board members for 2023, Pat Troy, Jennifer Kotwasinski, and Edgar Wolff-Klammer. There have also been some other adjustments, due to the passing of Ron Kulak, the board and I agreed to fill his place with the next highest vote garnered, which was Eddie McCarthy. Unfortunately Candy Merritt has recently resigned from her position on the board. I would like to thank Candy for all she has done for the OSA not just in her last term on the board but on and off for the last decade. With that said Ryan Carlson who also recently ran in the recent board election has graciously accepted a position in her place. Please join me in congratulating all these new faces to the board! Our spring work weekend is set for the weekend of May 19th, hope to see many of you at the spring work weekend! There's plenty to do to get camp setup for the summer!

New Way to Pay: Zelle

By: Edgar Wolff-Klammer

1. Go to **Send Money with Zelle**®.
2. From the **Select Recipient** screen, select the “+” icon at the upper right of your screen, enter “osainfoooth@gmail.com” under **Email or mobile** and enter “Owasippe Staff Association” as the recipient’s first name, then select **Continue**.
3. Review the “First-Time Recipient” pop-up to ensure that it says osainfoooth@gmail.com and that the name begins with “Owasippe Staff Association” and select **Continue**.
4. From the **Enter Amount** screen, choose the account you want your donation to come from, enter the amount you’d like to donate, then select **Review**.
5. Review the details of your donation carefully, then select **Send**.

The OSA is not liable for any failure, through no fault of anyone, to complete your transaction in the correct amount, or for any related losses.

New OSA

Members

Anthony Wright

Norville Carter

By: Edgar Wolff-Klammer

At the OSA dinner Norville Carter joined us. He was on Camp Blackhawk "GO" staff in 1954, 1955 and 1956. He talked to some of us about camp and gave us his staff photos. They will be given to the Owasippe Museum. Mr. Carter is a member of Troop 534 "HEY" and has earned the Silver Beaver and is a Vigil OA member. Thank you for the photos.



Blackhawk 1954



Blackhawk 1955



Blackhawk 1956

Owasippe Summer Schedule

2023 Camp Schedule

Session 1 – June 18 – June 24

Session 2 – June 25 – July 1

Session 3 – July 2 – July 8

Session 4 – July 9 – July 15

Session 5 – July 16 – July 22

Session 6 – July 23 – July 29

Session 7 – July 30 – August 5

2023 Camp Directors

Reneker - Kathryn Milchewski

Wolverine - Rico Hurley

Blackhawk - Dalton DeVries

High Adventure - Nicole Valle

45th Anniversary Dinner Dance



The passing of Stephen Carl Parrish

Stephen Carl Parrish passed away at the age of 64 years old on April 9, 2023. He was born on May 8, 1958 to James and Josephine Parrish in Evergreen Park, IL. Steve attended St. Bernadette Grade School and Brother Rice High School.



Steve was an Eagle Scout and worked on staff at Owasippe Boy Scout camp as a teen and because of his love of horses and the boy scouts, he assisted in starting up the horse corral at Owasippe in 1976. He was dedicated to improving the camp for many years following and continued to appreciate the camp and the kinship of fellow scouts throughout his life. He now joins the fellowship of many recently deceased friends of scouting whom he highly respected and loved.

Memorial Visitation is on Monday, April 17th from 3 – 8 p.m. at the KERRY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE CENTER, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights. Please dress casually and if you have any Owasippe or other boy scout attire or Cubs, Siberian Husky or Taekwondo attire, please feel free to wear them in honor of his passions for them.

In lieu of flowers, the family of Steve would appreciate a donation to the Owasippe Staff Assoc. You be mail donations to OSA P.O. box 7097 Westchester, Illinois 60154 or a memorial donation in Steve's honor to the OSA to be used in his memory at camp via a secure PayPal account in the memorial section @

<https://owasippe.com/ways-to-help/store/>

Dates of Interest for Members

April

24.....Board Meeting 6:30 CT

May

19-21.....Spring Fix-it

22.....Board Meeting 6:30 CT

June

26.....Board Meeting 6:30 CT

July

24.....Board Meeting 6:30 CT

25.....Christmas in July

August

TBD.....Baseball Game

28.....Board Meeting 6:30 CT

September

15-17.....Fall Fix-It

25.....Board Meeting 6:30 CT

29 & 30.....Trade-o-ree

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