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# VIBRATIONS

## NEWSLETTER

### Spring Fix-It

*By Wally Kleinfeldt*

The Spring Fix-it weekend once again was a great success! The weather was perfect and the turnout filled all cabins Camp Reneker had. Some of the projects that were taken on include: completing a total rehab of two Staff village cabins, prepping more staff cabins for steel roofs, new LED light at different facilities around the reservation. Other projects included new curtains in all B side cabins, painting the Trading Post, and clearing dead trees from unused sites in order to have room for all the troops this summer. Lunch was provided by Jim Schlichting at his nearby farm and food truck. It was a weekend of work, laughs, and catching up with long time friends. The work done by the OSA will be seen and appreciated by the entire staff this summer! Looking forward to seeing you all at the fall Fix-it. See you around the campfire!



**The newsletter for the members of the Owaspippe Staff Association**

# Save The Dates!

## Windy City Thunderbolts Baseball Game

Saturday August 19, 2023



**Where:** Ozinga Field, 14011 S Kenton, Crestwood IL  
(1/4 mile east of Cicero and a 1/2 mile from I-294)

**What:** The Windy City Thunderbolts will be playing the Schaumburg Boomers at 6:05 pm. Before the game there will be entertainment by John "Elvis" Lyons (4:15 to 5:30 pm) and after the game there will be Fireworks.

**Who:** Registered OSA Members accompanied by families and friends

**Cost:** \$10 per person ... gets you a lower-deck infield seat to watch the game and fireworks afterwards

### **RSVP & Tickets:**

Attendance is by RSVP only by August 4th accompanied by payment by:

- Mail a check to the OSA ... P.O. Box 7097, Westchester, IL 60154
- Zelle ( use osainfobooth@gmail.com )
- PayPal payment at via the **OSA Online Store Button Below**

Tickets can be picked up on the day of the game at the OSA. All ticket purchases are final and non-refundable.

## OSA Trade-O-Ree

Friday, Sept. 29, 2023, 5pm to 9:30pm - Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023, 9am to 2pm

### **New this year: Scouting Heritage Merit Badge Workshop**

Hosted by Faith United Methodist Church. 15101 S 80th Ave, Orland Park, IL (1-mile west of Harlem Ave Rte 43). Social Hall/Gym access by wheelchair ramp or via a few stairs; Plenty of Free Parking

Contact TOR Manager Mike Mieszczak, via cell 630-818-5678 or email [master@soaringwinds.com](mailto:master@soaringwinds.com) for inquiries about table rental or to volunteer.



## FALL FIX IT WEEKEND SEPT. 15-17, 2023

This year's Fall Fix-It will be held on September 15-17. 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 have a variety of other jobs, like cooking, road cleanup, building close up, sign painting, etc. We will be meeting at Food Prep at 8 am EDT (Michigan Time) Saturday, September 16th. If you are interested in coming, please RSVP by Sept 8th with Wally Kleinfeldt at (847) 345-4242 or [Walterkleinfeldt5@gmail.com](mailto:Walterkleinfeldt5@gmail.com)

### 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.



## President's Perspective

By Kevin Harper



Thank you all for a very successful work weekend! One of our largest turnouts post virus with nearly every available cabin filled!

The OSA has also launched an ebay page! Here you will find various patches, past and present OSA shirts and sweatshirts, vintage items, neckerchiefs, mugs and so much more! Search OSA\_1978 on ebay! As of the end of June we've generated over \$800 in sales going back to the OSA and our mission. Lastly back by popular demand our post camp/summer activity will be at the Windy City Thunderbolts game on August 19th!

A very special thank you to Jim and Linda Schlichting and their crew for proving an excellent lunch at the Spring Fix-It.



Check out their website: [www.hotpotat.com](http://www.hotpotat.com)

## New Members

Michael Carpenter

Kevin Quigley

Robert Runchey

Geoff Gawne

## New Life Members

David Kubski

## LC 6 Cabin Update from Spring Fix-It



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# Galloping Grape Vine



Life member, Rich Gargas, was awarded the Silver Antelope Award at the BSA National meeting in Atlanta on June 1st. This award recognizes registered Scouters of exceptional character in their territory for their distinguished service to youth. Rich is currently serving as the NST-9 (Indiana, Ohio and Michigan) Marketing lead.



Tacoma, WA: Doug Lotter and his wife, Megan, recently visited Eric Hetland and his wife, Lindsay, where they also got to see Caitlin and Bridget Boline. Doug, Eric, and Caitlin previously served on the board and camp staff (with Bridget!) together. Last year, Eric accepted a director position with the University of Puget Sound which brought his family to Tacoma.



Annie Nyberg earned her law degree from Loyola University in May. Prior to graduation she accepted a position at the DuPage County States Attorney's office where she will start in the fall.

Andy and Emily Sirota welcomed their first child, Oscar this past February.

Paul Kerchberger graduated with a masters in nonprofit administration and management with a certificate in leadership from North Park University.

Rachel Weber and Jake Garbacz welcomed their first child, Charles this June.



Have a submission for the grapevine?  
Email it to [osa.vibrations@gmail.com](mailto:osa.vibrations@gmail.com)



It was great to have some original OSA members at the Fix-It. Bill Lotter, Scott Weber, Dan Vliet, Roy Martino, and Jim Richerson



# Sunsetting of the Steve Schaefer Scholarship

*By Karen Fitzer*

The Schaefer family has decided to bring the Steve Schaefer Scholarship to a close. Almost \$200,000 has been awarded since the fund's inception in 1990. The remaining funds will be distributed until depleted over the next few summers to college students who work on Owasippe staff. Effective immediately, the OSA will not accept any further donations to the fund.

The scholarship was started by Linda and Bill Schaefer, Sr., as a way to honor the memory of their son. Steve spent 15 summers at Owasippe beginning in 1971 at age 3 as a Gray Staff Village kid, camping with Troop 978 as a scout, and then working on staff from 1983-1986. Steve loved Owasippe and was popular with scouts and staff.

When Steve was a student at Southern Illinois University in 1989, a fire broke out in the house that he rented with friends. Steve was credited with saving his friends' lives as he went through the house, waking everyone up. Tragically, he never made it out himself and died of smoke inhalation. Steve was awarded the Golden Palms award for his heroism from the National BSA, and his Gold Palms plaque hangs in the Owasippe Museum.

The OSA and the Schaefer family thank all who have donated to the scholarship fund since 1990. Donors from 2022 and 2023 are as follows:

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