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**MARCH 14, 2026**

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# The Owasippe Staff Association

Incorporated, January 6, 1978

48th Anniversary Meeting & Banquet  
March 14, 2026

## Agenda

*(Please note that times are approximate.)*

6:00	Fellowship & Open Bar
6:30	Welcome Invocation Dinner
7:30	Call Annual Business Meeting to Order Minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting .....see pg. 7 2025 Treasurer's Report.....see pg. 9 2025 Membership Chair Report Special Recognitions.....see pg. 11 Remember Those Who are No Longer with Us.....see pg. 19 Thank Outgoing Members of the Board of Directors President's Address Introduction of the 2026 Board of Directors Call for New Business Business Meeting Adjournment
8:30	Raffle Closes
9:00	Raffle Drawings
9:15	Silent Auction Ends
9:45	Last Call
10:00	Good Night & Please Drive Safely

On behalf of the Owasippe Staff Association, we would like to welcome everyone to our 48th Annual Meeting. We thank all those who helped make this event a success, especially to everyone in attendance. Your support and dedication is the key to the success of the Owasippe Staff Association.

Thank You!  
The 2026 Annual Meeting Committee

**Thank  
You  
OSA volunteers**

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appreciated!**



**John Sterling**



## Minutes of the Owasippe Staff Association 47th Annual Meeting & Dinner

March 8, 2025

American Legion Post, Lockport, IL

Jen Kotwasinski welcomed everyone to the 47th anniversary of the OSA and thanked everyone for being present at the annual meeting. The annual meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by OSA President Jen Kotwasinski. A quorum of the board was present to conduct business.

The minutes of the 2024 annual meeting were presented and reviewed, and a motion to accept them was made by Kevin Harper, seconded by Carl Young, and approved by acclamation. OSA Treasurer Edgar Wolff-Klammer presented the annual financial report for 2024. He highlighted \$414,000 in assets and steered members to the full financial report in the ad book program. Edgar thanked the many donors throughout the year. He highlighted the revival of the OSA as sponsors and facilitators of the CIT training program at camp starting this summer. While there are funds to re-launch the program, he requested those who have been through the CIT program or played any part in it previously to donate towards supporting the restart. He thanked all donors - both financial and in services or materials - for their generosity. A motion was made to accept the report by Karl Young, and it was seconded by Anthony Marzano and then carried by acclamation.

Edgar then delivered the membership report, showing 301 members overall, of which 249 are life members. Edgar gave a Life Member plaque to Michael Rinard, who was present to accept it. Edgar then announced the OSA Member of the Year, outgoing board member and past president Kevin Harper. Edgar recalled knowing Kevin when he was a camp staff member and Kevin's habit of quietly doing hard work without seeking recognition or appreciation. Kevin would lead crews at OSA Fix-It weekends, served six years on the OSA board, including four as president. He established the OSA eBay store, raising over \$11,000 selling items donated to the OSA. Kevin graciously accepted the award to the applause of those present.

Board Member Kevin Oster then expanded on the restarting of the CIT Training program. He thanked current OSA Reservation Director Dalton DeVries, who was also present, for welcoming back the program. Kevin announced trainers, including Joe Sener, Chauncey Niziol, himself, Pat Troy, Max Zalenka, and Christina Pronger. There are already 30 CITs signed up to work at camp this summer, and more funding and support would be welcomed. OSA Vice President Chris Sanchez asked everyone to recognize those members, family, and friends who passed away this year with a moment of silence.

Jen took the microphone to introduce Dan Kleinfeldt, the election chairperson. Dan thanked the outgoing board members for stepping up to manage the organization and giving back to the camp. Applause and thanks were given to Mike Brus, Kevin Harper, and Ryan Carlson. He also thanked the candidates of this year's election. Board seats were duly elected to Jason Roepke, Mike Dorich, and Jacob Klein. Dan then announced the officer positions: Jen Kotwasinski as president, Chris Sanchez as vice president, Edgar Wolff-Klammer as treasurer, and Pat Troy as secretary.

Jen made a call for new business, at which time three items were brought: Javier Montano read an unsigned letter from some under-21 members requesting the annual meeting be open to them, Dalton welcomed OSA members to return to summer camp as volunteer commissioners among other positions, and Chris reminded attendees of the spring Fix-It date. Jen noted that raffles and silent auctions would remain open until 9:00. Jen closed the meeting portion of the evening at 8:18 p.m. with a motion by Ron Derby and seconded by Kurt Wolff-Klammer.

Respectfully Submitted by Susan Derby, OSA Life Member

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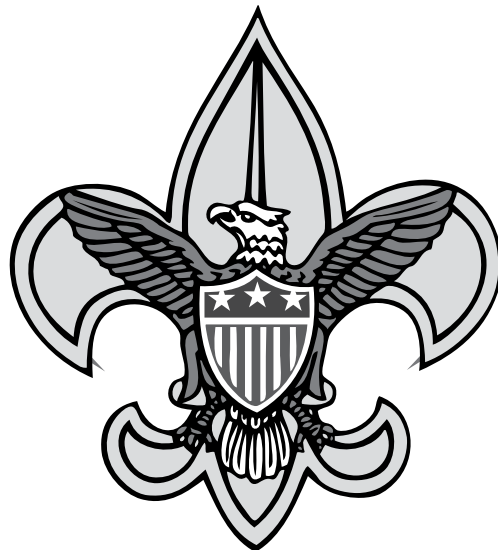
**Owasippe Staff Association**  
**Statement of Financial Position as of 12/31/25**

*Presented by Edgar Wolff-Klammer, OSA Treasurer*

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
<b>Assets</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Chase Checking	19,954.95
Chase Savings	35,023.25
Petty Cash	0.00
Raymond James Investment Account	4,685.97
Raymond James Investment Account Freedom Fund	1,399.11
<b>Total for Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$61,063.28</b>
Other Current Assets	
Mutual Funds	
Raymond James	
C.D. Bank of America Mat 5/19/26	74,007.40
C.D. Wells Fargo Bank Mat 8/21/26	73,064.97
Certificate of deposit Raymond James Bank Mat 2/7/26	71,115.59
Certificate of Deposit Raymond James Bank Mat. 8/8/2026	71,134.01
Freedom Fund	67,481.03
Income Fund of America Class A	43,999.48
Thornburg Investment Income Builder Fund Class C	19,826.43
Transamerica Asset Allocation Moderate Port Class A	19,424.74
<b>Total for Raymond James</b>	<b>\$440,053.65</b>
<b>Total for Mutual Funds</b>	<b>\$440,053.65</b>
Net Unrealized Gains on Investment	-32,601.46
Undeposited Funds	0.00
<b>Total for Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$407,452.19</b>
<b>Total for Current Assets</b>	<b>\$468,515.47</b>
<b>Total for Assets</b>	<b>\$468,515.47</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>	
Liabilities	
<b>Total for Liabilities</b>	
Equity	
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	
CIT Staff Development Fund	2,906.46
Fund	0.00
Trail Maintenance Fund	10,689.44
<b>Total for Net Assets With Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>\$13,595.90</b>
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	
Contingency Reserve	2,000.00
General Fund	152,252.40
Membership Mandatory Reserve	53,570.00
Memorial Fund	22,963.01
Pearl Silberman Endowment	50,000.00
<b>Total for Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>\$280,785.41</b>
Opening Balance Equity	0.00
Retained Earnings	157,368.33
Net Income	16,765.83
<b>Total for Equity</b>	<b>\$468,515.47</b>
<b>Total for Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$468,515.47</b>

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**John Sterling**

# Special Recognitions

The OSA Board would like to thank all members who have participated in our organization during the past year. Every person who helped make 2025 a successful year by attending an event, donating time or money, offering advice, or lending a hand in any way. In particular, we would like to thank the following people for their additional service:

Spouses & family of the OSA Board members for graciously giving their spouses the support and time needed to serve on the board and for lending help with many functions.

The following OSA Board Members for all the sacrifices they make to keep the OSA going strong:  
Jennifer Kotwasinski, Chris Sanchez, Edgar Wolff-Klammer, Pat Troy, Paul Kerchberger, Kevin Oster, Jacob Ross, Mike Dorich and Jason Roepke.

Ron & Susan Derby: for producing the ad book and for maintaining the website.

Susan Derby: for taking the Annual Meeting Minutes.

Jason Roepke: for producing the newsletter.

Mike Dorich & Jacob Ross: for planning the Annual Meeting.

Dan Kleinfeldt: serving as the Elections Chair.

Chris Sanchez: for organizing and running the Fix-It weekends.

Jim and Linda Schlichting: for hosting and providing lunch for the Fix-It weekends.

Jacob Ross: for being Membership Chair.

Jennifer Kotwasinski: for being Raffle Site Chair.

Kevin Harper for maintaining and operating the OSA Ebay Store.

Kevin Oster, Blaise Lukasiwicz, Chauncey Niziol, Joe Sener, Pat Troy, Max Zelanka, Christina Pronger: for leading the 2025 CIT Program.

Mike Brus, Ron Derby, Jennifer Kotwasinski, Ted Rotzoll, Susie Smyth, Edgar Wolff-Klammer, Kurt Wolff-Klammer, Pat Troy, Michelle Lerma, Pat Kleinfeldt and PTAC: for generously donating to this year's raffle.

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All those who donated camp and scout memorabilia to the OSA.

All those who have sent in photos from OSA events.

And again to all our active members who attend events, pay dues, purchase apparel, participate in fundraisers, donate labor and money, and answer the call...

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2012-13 Edgar Wolff-Klammer  
2014 Candy Merritt  
2015-17 Kurt Wolff-Klammer  
2018 Kyle Nystrom  
2019 Scott Dorencz  
2020-23 Kevin Harper  
2024-25 Jennifer Kotwasinski

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The **Owasippe Staff Association** is organized to provide a continuing interest in and support for the staff, properties, programs, and mission of the Owasippe Scout Reservation in keeping with the policies of the Boy Scouts of America.

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- 1) Preserve and promote the bonds of friendship forged through Owasippe;
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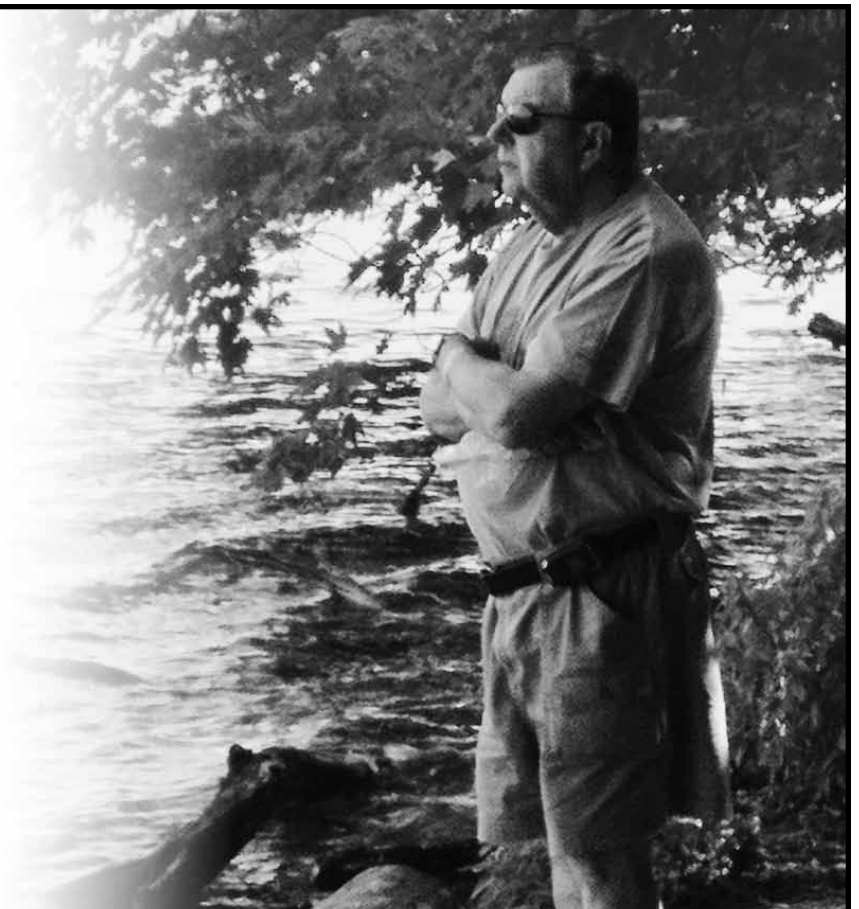
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## 2025 OSA - Wolves Game (January)



## 2025 OSA Annual Meeting (March)



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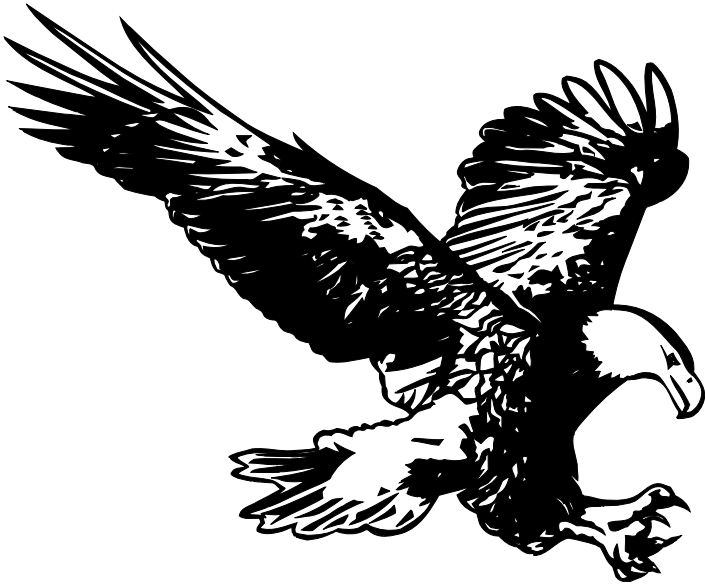
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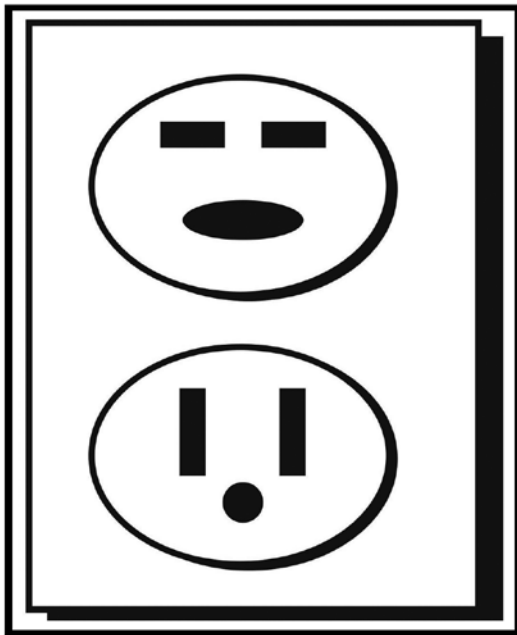
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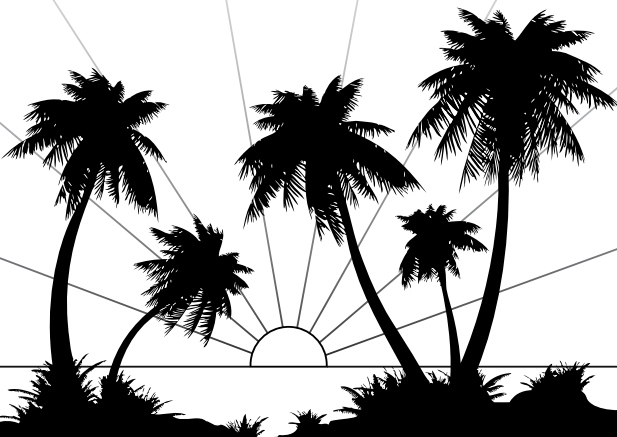
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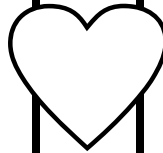
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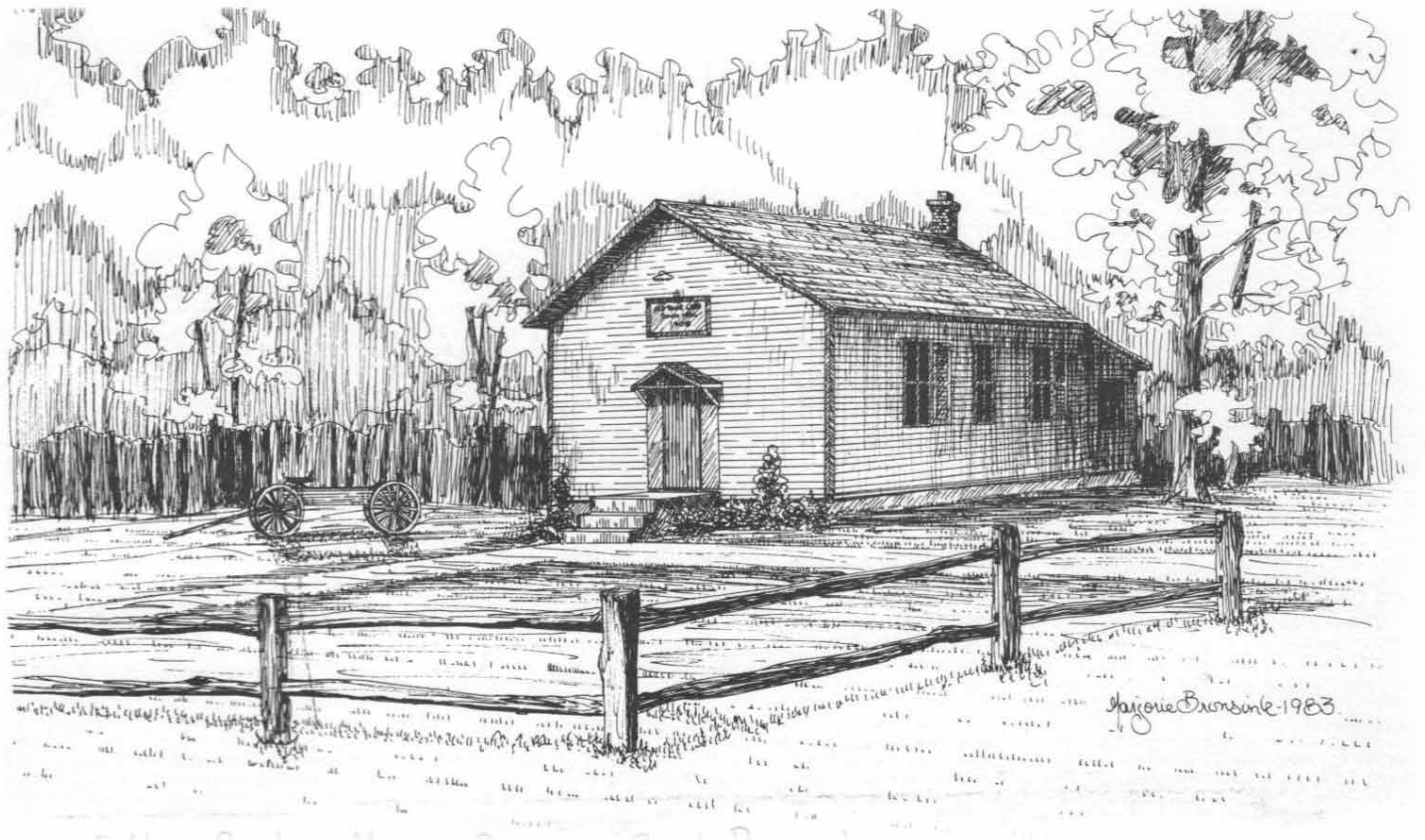
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