



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

Vibrations

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BSA National steps in to Reorganize CAC

by Susan Derby - OSA Member

The National Council of the BSA has stepped in and negotiated a resolution between the Scouter 11 and the Chicago Area Council. This solution requires the following main points. Please see www.chicagobsa.org for the full release and more information.

- All members of the current executive committee must step down.
- A new interim executive committee will be formed consisting of 7 members of bordering councils and 2 representatives from each the former CAC (Mike Hughes and George Walper) and the Scouter 11 (Jim Adamitis and Glenn Emig).
- This new board has six months to form a new nominations committee in time for CAC election in January 2007 as well as reviewing the CAC bylaws to prevent future disputes.
- 6 individuals must step down from CAC board - 3 from each side of the dispute. These individuals are Dennis Chookazian, Lew Greenblatt and Brian Kasal from the incumbent leadership, and Joe Sener, Rita Egan and Larry Strickling from the Scouter 11.
- All litigation and appeals in this matter be dismissed.

It's too early to know just what the effects of this will be on the sale of Owasippe, the Learning for Life program, and future governance in the CAC. The interim board is planning open meetings with CAC members in August to collect input and information about the major issues that contributed to the lawsuit and the general disapproval with the outgoing council leadership.

It is important to note that the order to drop litigation does not include the council's lawsuits against the Blue Lake Township over the rezoning of Owasippe. Those cases (they have filed in two separate courts) are still pending, and a hearing is set for early 2007.

During the summer, a few of the new Interim Executive Committee members did travel to Owasippe for a tour. One of

those visitors was new Interim Council President John Jadel. Also the council has announced that the annual meeting will be held January 27th (location and time to be announced) and has named a nominating committee. The following individuals have been named as members of the Nominating Committee: Jim Adamitis, Calvin Bellamy, Glenn Emig, Brian Harris, Michael Hughes, John Jadel, Richard Jones, J. David Pepper, Mike Skarr, Randy Tavierne, and George Walper, Jr.

If you are a member of the CAC, you can nominate someone to serve on the Board of Directors by either submitting a form on the CAC website (www.chicagobsa.org) or mailed to the council office at 1218 W. Adams, Chicago, IL 60607. Names must be submitted by December 28th.

Special CAC Leaders Meeting Planned

(As seen on www.chicagobsa.org)



The Executive Committee of the Chicago Area Council will hold a listening session on Thursday, September 7, 2006 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at The Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 350 N. Orleans Street, Chicago, IL 60654.

The purpose of this gathering is to allow council members to offer suggestions regarding operations of the council. All Chartered Organization Representatives and Members-at-Large are especially encouraged to attend and share possible solutions for issues of concern.

In order to hear a wide variety of opinions, speakers will be limited to a few minutes each.

For the latest official info on the Save Owasippe Campaign, visit: www.owasippe.com or www.ooec.org



President's Perspective by: Ron Derby - President

Anyone who has walked around Camp for the last few years has to have asked themselves at one point or another, "Camp is getting so rundown, are we making any difference at all?" I know I've asked myself that many times. We work so hard and sometimes the fruits of our labor are hard to see on the surface.



Well, the answer to that question is YES, we do make a difference. As I've mentioned before, not every project can be as grand as a COPE course but every project we work on is one less project that the understaffed and underfunded maintenance crew has to worry about.

It doesn't stop with just helping the maintenance staff cover more territory. We use the funds we raise through gift cards, concession sales and general donations to make some pretty far-reaching and long-lasting impacts up at Owasippe.

For instance, as you may know, the OSA sponsors and provides trainers for the Owasippe Staff Development program. We all know there can be no Owasippe without a quality staff. At this year's closing banquet I saw four CIT graduates named as Staff Members of the Year at their respective camps. This is bonafide, tangible proof that OSA dollars and sweat equity are paying dividends.

Starting last fall all the way through this summer, we helped get the sailing base back on its feet. Years of normal wear-and-tear, combined with little or no funding, had resulted in a rag-tag fleet of barely serviceable boats that were largely outnumbered by a pile of boats on shore that could not be used at all. Thanks to donations made in memory of Jim Adamitis Sr., the OSA was able to completely refurbish the entire sailboat fleet as well acquiring four additional used boats. We more than doubled the amount of sailing that could be enjoyed by Owasippe campers this summer.

There are so many other projects that fly under the radar. Things like stopping the Ad Center chimney from leaking or restoring hot water to the Reneker staff row kybo. Things like giving the Reneker playgrounds a facelift or burying a power cable in Tent City. How about repairing and painting the floating dock at Blackhawk. We took down unsafe trees and we made repairs to the dining hall staircase. We even cleaned up litter on 3 miles of Blue Lake Township roads!

Our crews consist of roofers, plumbers, carpenters, painters, electricians, auto mechanics, kitchen staff and of course, general laborers. Most of the work I just told you about happened last spring, and I know I'm probably forgetting half the stuff we worked on. I guess that's the beauty of it. A lot of our work goes unnoticed because it's the kind of stuff that only gets noticed when it's in disrepair.

The point of this column is not to brag about our accomplishments. Rather, it is intended to remind you that we are making a difference. We are one of a few organizations that bravely stands in the way of letting Owasippe crumble. We train new staff, we make occasional major improvements, we make donations and we make countless small to medium repairs that keep Owasippe going. We work hard because Owasippe is worth it! Thanks for all that you do. -- RD

Membership Corner

presented by: Hans Anderson - Membership Chair

New Members

Thomas Seymour
Jay Sullivan Jr.
Martin Lubawy
Thomas Sniegowski
Mai Merritt

Welcome to the OSA family!

New Life Member

Greg Lange

2006 Owasippe Staff Members of the Year

Camp Blackhawk	Will Smith Frank Turner (under 18)
High Adventure	Sean Haneberg Ryan Estelle (under 18)
Camp Reneker	Laura LeVan
Camp Wolverine	Nick Johnson Kurt Kinslow (under 18)
C.I.T.	Andy Hoskins

Congratulations on a job well done!

2006 "Silver Squirrel" Award Winner

Chris Sanchez

Visit the OSA online at:

www.owasippe.com

Got shirt?



Be cool like Andy.
Bring a little extra cash
with you to our next
event and get yourself
some OSA gear!

NOW ON CLEARANCE!

Shopping Card Challenge

by: Tricia Monahan - Fundraising Chair

The May shopping/gift card order was successful. The orders raised almost \$150. The OSA used this money towards purchasing \$100 Lowe's Home Improvement gift cards for each of the camps to use during the summer. These cards were welcomed by camp directors to use at their discretion. We are hoping to increase the number of orders this month. Last May, each order raised about \$25. If 40 people order gift cards, we may be able to raise \$1,000 in a month!

The next shopping/gift card order needs to be postmarked by Friday, September 8th. You can pick up your cards (free of charge) at the upcoming Fall Fix-it on September 16th. The cards can also be shipped directly to your home using Priority Mail with delivery confirmation. The cost of mailing gift cards is \$4.05. If you have any questions, please e-mail Tricia Monahan at triciamonahan@gmail.com or call her at (708) 403-4506. Fill out the green order form and send it in today!

Concert Concessions Pull in the Funds

by: Phil Groben - Fundraising Volunteer

A huge thanks to everyone who has been volunteering at the First Midwest Bank Amphitheater (formerly the Tweeter Center) selling concessions. The OSA earns a portion of all sales made at our assigned booths, and this is by far our biggest fundraiser of the year. Just a few hours of your time can help bring in thousands of dollars. If you haven't been a part of concert concessions yet, you can still help out this summer, or keep it in mind for next summer. If half of our members worked just one concert, we could triple our income and do some bigger projects at camp.

This concert season is more than half over, and so far our volunteers are doing a stellar job. Aramark management has told us that the OSA is considered to be one of the better groups to work with due to our excellent work ethic and pleasant attitudes. This is some great feedback that we love to hear, so thanks to each of the volunteers for going above and beyond what is required.

If you are interested in joining the team for the remainder of this season, or starting a fresh season with us in 2007 please

email co-organizers Phil and Tricia at osafundraising@gmail.com so you will be put you on the mailing list.

We don't have any totals in yet for the season, but we will include a full breakdown of concerts next issue.

Current list of concert volunteers:

Jim Adamitis	Scott Dorencz	Andy Lukaszewicz
Mary Adamitis	Phil Groben	Pat Monahan
Chrissy Benedetto	Steve Henclewski	Tricia Monahan
Kurt Bihlmayer	Annemarie Huston	Michelle O'Connor
Mike Campbell	Phil Kaufman	Suzu Smyth
Gary Dorencz	Adam Keane	Monique Tripp

Editor's note: With Tricia Monahan away at camp this summer, the OSA needed someone to coordinate the concert fundraiser. Phil Groben stepped up and has done an excellent job. A hearty "thanks" goes to all who volunteered this summer but none of it would have been possible without Phil's hard work and dedication. Thank you Phil.

Looking for a cause? Please support these fine OSA programs...

- Save Owasippe Fund
- Steve Schaefer Scholarship Fund
- Sailing Base Fund
- Staff Development (CIT) Fund



Make checks payable to the OSA and be sure to earmark them for the fund you'd like to support or make a suggestion of your own.

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

CITs Learn the Ropes

by: Susan Derby

This year's class of counselors-in-training (now first-year staffers) enjoyed a successful "shakedown weekend" and staff week before joining the full staff for the summer. In just six short days total, the 14- and 15-year olds learn everything from Merit Badge skills to what a Mayor of the Row is (plus laundry, chain of command, teamwork, teaching skills, handling trouble Scouts and Leaders and lots lots more).

This year was a little different in that we had quite a batch of legacy CITs. Some had grandfathers who were on staff (Peraino), parents on staff (Rychtanek, Sullivan, Sener) or older siblings on staff (Hizel, McGrath). Their family relationships gave them a great base of knowledge, and they were able to help out the entire team when needed. Of course, this legacy business made some of the training staff feel old.

Staff week was packed with nightly campfires, canoeing,

COPE activities, lots of hiking and more. A big thanks to all the staffs at camp for working us into your schedules and showing all the first-year staffers the ropes all summer. Another "thank you" goes to Mary Beth Niziol for her planning and paperwork that made the week run so smoothly. And yet another thanks to Frank Chlebek for his off-season fundraising that helped supply the tools for such a great week.

The Staff Development Team included Dan Troy, Chauncey & Mary Beth Niziol, Joe Sener, Kevin Oster, Pat Romcoe, Frank Chlebek and Ron & Susan Derby. The Owasippe Staff Association has been hosting and sponsoring this program for the last 25 years. Those wishing to donate toward the program may send contributions to the OSA, P.O. Box 7097, Westchester IL 60154.

Crawling in a New Neighborhood

By Bill Van Berschot - OSA Board Member

The OSA Pub Crawl was an excellent opportunity to mix and mingle with new and old friends alike. This year's Pub Crawl was on June 10th on Lincoln Avenue in the heart of Lincoln Park. Approximately 45 crawlers turned out for drink specials, great bar food at John Barleycorn (the mini corndogs were excellent), and of course the camaraderie of good friends. It was the perfect way to kick off the summer.

The OSA descended upon five local pubs with fun door prizes such as movie tickets and restaurant gift certificates won by lucky members like Candy Merritt in front of each pub. Throughout the evening many savvy OSA members won OSAbucks for wearing cool Owasippe attire like Andy Lukasiewicz or by answering Owasippe/OSA trivia questions like "who won a trivia question at the 2006 OSA Pub Crawl?"

Those seated in window seats at Halligan's were able to watch the World Naked Bike Ride bike parade wheel down Lincoln Avenue. Yes, there were actually naked bike riders – talk about feeling overdressed... Here's their website if you want to learn more: www.worldnakedbikeride.org/chicago

The big winner of the night was John (Jo Jo) Harrington, who came all the way from Colorado by way of Washington

D.C. to win the split-the-pot raffle. John generously donated his winnings right back to the OSA for the Steve Schaefer fund. Thanks so much, John!

The 2006 OSA Pub Crawl was a load of fun and we look forward to seeing many more new and old faces at the 2007 Crawl. Suggestions for next years crawl are now being taken! Let us know what you'd like to see and we'll do our best to make it happen.



See more Pub Crawl pics on page 7

Spring Fix-it Review & Fall Fix-it Preview

By Susan Derby - OSA Board Member

This spring we had a huge turnout for the fix-it. Thanks to everyone for coming up and giving your weekend to help get the camp ready for its big 95th birthday bash. We had a lot of jobs going on across camp, and Tim Toerber did a great job organizing his first fix-it.

One crew brought all the remaining sailboats to Moxie Marine for repair. Another crew worked on the Reneker staff row, repairing cabins damaged by porcupines, painting cabins and installing a hot water heater to replace the rusted out one that hasn't worked in three years. A crew cleaned the Wolverine pool and prepared it for a prime and paint job by the Order of the Arrow the following weekend. Guy Gogliotti has officially used up the stock of shingles we had, re-roofing a majority of the Reneker cabins during the past series of fix-its. Another crew worked all day spreading wood chips at the ranch and COPE. And we cleaned up our three adopted miles of roadway.

Joe Klefeker led a crew in removing some diseased and dangerous trees in Blackhawk. Tragically, when he went back out to finish the job on his own, some sort of accident happened and Joe was killed. We are very sorry to report this loss to the Scouting and Owasippe family. See the full obituary for Joe on page 8. The OSA is planning a memorial for Joe on the Ad Center grounds this fall. Joe will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

We invite everyone out to the upcoming fall fix-it weekend. The major project will be painting Reneker cabins, so bring your painting clothes. There will be many other projects going on across

camp, so bring your tools and some friends, and come enjoy a weekend in the woods.

Please let Tim Toerber know how many people are in your group and reserve a cabin for the weekend of September 15-17. See opposite page for Tim's contact information.

Please note: due to liability precautions, any Scout Troop planning to be at Owasippe during an OSA fix-it MUST register directly with the Chicago Area Council. This is required for the Troop to be covered by BSA insurance during travel and while at camp.



See more Spring Fix-it pics on page 6

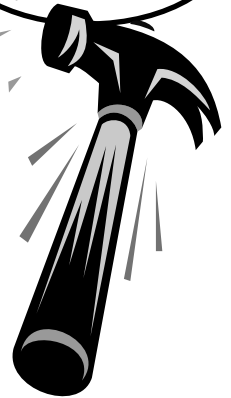
Upcoming Events

the 2006



Fall Fix-it

All persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult chaperone.



Our primary goal will be to help get camp ready to close for the season. Other camp-wide projects will include roofing, carpentry, painting, general repairs, storm clean-up and more. Don't forget to bring a trunkload of tools for various projects... especially painting supplies!

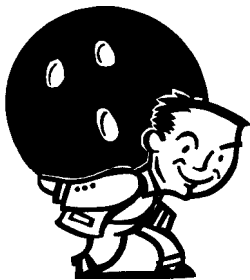
Sept. 15-17

Please RSVP to Tim Toerber
by e-mail at timothytoerberiii@hotmail.com or by phone at 312-545-6320

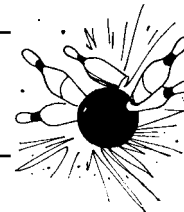


Candlelight Bowl

**Saturday, October 28th
from 8:00 p.m. til ?**



Rolling Lanes
6301 Joliet Road, Countryside IL 60525
www.rollinglanes.com



Please RSVP to Candy Merritt
by e-mail at candymerritt@yahoo.com or by phone at 708-354-9837

**PLEASE
NOTE**

The cost is \$16.00 per person which covers dinner, 3 games and shoe rental! There will also be a cash bar for your enjoyment.

Must be 18 or older to attend. No one under 21 will be served alcohol. Responsible drinking and designated drivers are encouraged.

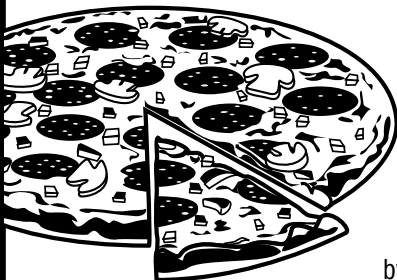


Owasipalooza (OSA Pizza Night)

**Friday, November 24th
from 5:00-11:00 p.m.**

At the European Chalet (lower level),
5445 South Harlem Ave., Chicago, IL 60638
(54th & Harlem Ave. Just off I-55)
www.EuroChal.com

Please RSVP to Ron Kulak
by e-mail at owasiron@juno.com or by phone at 708-535-7748



**PLEASE
NOTE**

There will be an \$8 charge at the door, which covers pizza and promotional expenses. There will also be a cash bar for your enjoyment.

Must be 18 or older to attend. No one under 21 will be served alcohol. Responsible drinking and designated drivers are encouraged.

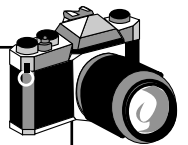
OSA Spring Fix-it (May 19-21)

Photos courtesy of Dan Kleinfeldt & Kevin Harper





You can visit www.owasippe.com to see most of these pics (and many more) in color.



from Owasippe



Metal Detectives!

Photo taken at Reneker by Denine Anderson



Ahoy!

Photo by Susan Derby

See You at the End of the Trail



Joe Klefeker

It is with deepest sympathies and a heavy heart that we report the death of Joe Klefeker. He was 73 years old. Joe passed away while working at a site in Blackhawk removing a diseased tree for the safety of the site. He had been volunteering for a few days at the camp, coinciding with the OSA spring fix-it weekend. He and Tony Krier headed up a crew that took down 2 large trees at Blackhawk that day. It appears Joe went back out to finish more work on his own.

Joe was an amazing man, and this is a great loss to the OSA and to Owasispe. He had more than 50 years of experience lumberjacking, and he always volunteered his time to improving the camp that he loved so dearly. Joe had been volunteering at Owasispe for more than two decades. But his service went way beyond Owasispe. Joe was a U.S. Veteran in the Marines, little league coach, and active volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. He recently returned from a trip to New Orleans with Habitat for Humanity to rebuild housing there for Hurricane Katrina victims. The family is asking that any memorials be made to the Lafayette, IN, chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Joe's wife, Marie, passed in October 2004. Joe was father to four sons and grandfather to five. The OSA is planning a memorial tree planting to commemorate Joe's service to Scouting and Owasispe.

Jim Marshall

Jim passed away on April 1st at his home in Schaumburg. He was 73. Jim is best known for his maps of Owasispe that he researched and created. He was always willing to donate some copies for OSA events and loved talking with others about the trails and natural formations at Owasispe.

Jim was a civil engineer and was key in Illinois' adding of Moraine Hills, Silver Springs and Volo Bog state parks. He served with the Army from 1955 to 1957 and was active in the OSA, Sierra Club, Chicago Area Orienteering Club, Chicago Literary Club, and the Adventurers Club of Chicago. Jim will be missed, but his maps will always give us direction.

Jay Russel

Jay passed away in April after a battle with Muscular Dystrophy. He had been an active Scout, first attending Owasispe as a child at Family Camp in 1966 and later as a Scout at Wolverine. Jay was an Eagle Scout and a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. After serving in the Army, Jay became Committee Chair, then Assistant Scoutmaster, and finally a Committee Member. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Russel family, and especially Jay's sister, Helen Gesell, and her family.

Joseph Sedlacek

We are saddened to report the passing of Joe Sedlacek, former Owasispe Staffman and South Shore District Executive. He passed



away on May 9th. His daughter, Denise, worked at Reneker, and son, Dean, at Ad Center as well. We are keeping the Sedlacek family in our thoughts and prayers.

Jim Sweeney

Jim passed away suddenly in mid-April. He had been dealing with some medical issues that ultimately resulted in his passing. Jim is the brother of Elaine Pagels and they were very close. We are so sorry to hear the news. Please remember Jim and his family in your prayers.

Jim Vlach

Jim, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 306, passed away on July 24th from complications caused by a pulmonary embolism shortly after returning home from camp this summer. Jim was a dedicated Scouter, serving on Carlen staff as well as at Wolverine as commissioner. He was 63 years old and has served Scouting as a volunteer leader for 30 years that involved a number of positions in the unit and district including Scoutmaster of Troop 306. He was a recipient of the District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver Award, and Vigil Honor of the Order of the Arrow. Jim supported efforts to Save Owasispe and had camped there with his unit for many years. His son, Tom, also had served on staff and was a Staff Apprentice (CIT) in the late '80s. Jim was a father and grandfather. We ask that you please keep Jim in your prayers, and we extend our sympathies to his family and to his Scouts. He will be missed dearly by those who knew him.

News & Notes

Smooth Sailing for the Sailing Base

Thanks to a generous donation from the Adamitis family and matching funds from the OSA's project fund, we have completely rehabbed 9 of the 11 sailboats and added 4 more boats to the Owasippe fleet. Much of the work was done in the off-season with all existing boats brought in to Moxie Marine in Whitehall for repair and painting. After reviewing all the boats, 2 were deemed un-repairable but will be used onshore for instructional purposes. The remaining 9 were outfitted bow to stern and were back in the water in time for first period. During the summer, 4 butterfly sailboats were purchased or donated for a total of \$700. We got a pair from Grand Rapids, one from Spring Lake and another from Whitehall.



Altogether, we spent almost \$5,000 getting the neglected sailboats back to working order. Because of the repairs and acquisitions, the staff was able to put more Scouts and campers through the sailing base and give them more sailing time on the lake. We also have an OSA member who has pledged two more boats for the sailing base. That would bring next summer's fleet to a possible 15 boats!

Thanks to the Adamitis family for the initial donation to the sailing base and for sparking this entire project. Thanks to Ron Kulak for working as the project manager. Also, thanks to our volunteers for making signs, transporting boats and keeping your ears out for possible butterfly and sunfish sailboats. We have done all of this in a single year thanks to everyone pulling together.

You Get to Nominate MOTY

We had a great suggestion after the last Dinner Dance, and now it's your turn to act on it. The OSA Board loves to discuss naming the Member of the Year because there are so many worthy candidates for the title. But we want to make

sure everyone is being considered, so we are asking for nominations for the Member of the Year recognition. This is your chance to tell us who you think has gone above the call of action through the entire year.

Write the name of your nominee as well as a few paragraphs explaining why you think that person should be honored with the award. You may not nominate a spouse or another member of your family, and we do ask that you not nominate a past recipient of the award or a sitting Board member. The nominees should be active, current members who work toward the goals of the OSA of helping the camp beyond the council's means and providing camaraderie with other OSA members. We will notify you if your nominee is ultimately selected for the MOTY award.

Jot down your nominee and paragraphs explaining why and send them in to the P.O. box (address on the back of this newsletter) or to president@owasippe.com. Nominations are due by January 1st, and the OSA Member of the Year will be recognized at the Dinner Dance on March 3rd.

BSA Names New National President

The Boy Scouts of America has a new National President, William F. Cronk. Cronk was elected to a two-year term of the position in late May. In this role, he will direct the National Executive Board, which guides the National Council of the BSA. Cronk has been a long-time supporter of the Scouting movement has served the BSA in various roles, including district chairman and area president, and on the BSA's Finance and Investment Committee.



Cronk recently retired as president of Dryer's Ice Cream after he and a friend bought the company in 1977. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration and is active in reforming California's K-12 public school system. He is a Silver Buffalo Award recipient and is father to three Eagle Scouts.

Double JJ Resort Adds Indoor Water Park

The Double JJ Resort and Ranch in Rothbury, just a few miles north of Owasippe, is adding an indoor water park to its list of family-friendly activities. The 60,000-square-foot water park is expected to be open in November. It includes giant water slides, a lazy river, indoor/outdoor hot tubs, wave pool, children's activities and even some fun activities available on dry land.



Also part of the plan is a conference center and a second condo-hotel facility. In all, the improvements will cost an estimated \$40 million.

The new facilities are in addition to the horseback riding, summer family camp, golf, and outdoor sport facilities already in place at the resort. Double JJ Resort is open to the public year round. Check them out at: www.doublejj.com

Galloping Grapevine



Tony Krier ~ Chicago, IL

Tony underwent angioplasty surgery in the spring after an echo cardiogram showed some blockage and artery issues. The rest of his arteries checked out ok, and the possibility of emergency surgery has been dismissed. Tony will need a valve replacement surgery at some point, but the successful angioplasty allowed him to be at the OSA spring fix-it as well as a whole summer of camp. Keep giving 'em hell, Tony. We're glad you're doing so well.

Phil Kaufman ~ Homewood, IL

Phil had to give up working at Owasippe this summer so he could start intern work with a civil engineering firm in the city. He is expecting to graduate after the fall semester with a civil and environmental engineering degree. He says this about his internship: "Not only did they offer me a job for the summer, but they accepted their top 100 summer interns to go to an additional project site for a week in Orlando, FL. So I get to meet other college interns from around the country, and it is described as the most intense, yet most beneficial training week of the summer." Phil is hoping the same company will offer him a job upon graduation. Best of luck at all the new opportunity, Phil!

George Johnson ~ Dolton, IL

We are pleased and proud to announce that George was awarded Scouting's prestigious Silver Beaver Award for Calumet Council in April. George is a past OSA president and is active at our events. Aside from being a longtime Scoutmaster with a unit in Dolton, George has run camporees, served on his district committee and various council committees, and has been a key member of the National Jamboree Staff in charge of troop movements and other logistical activities for the last four sessions at Fort AP Hill, VA. Congratulations on the recognition of your endless service!

Randy Dupuis ~ Northbrook, IL

Ran has been diagnosed with mantle cell non-Hodgkins lymphoma, which doctors are saying is curable. Extensive chemo treatment will be going on over the next few months at a hospital in Evanston. We are told that he doesn't feel ill, just tired, so he is not in pain. Treatments started in May, so we are hoping to hear some good news on his recovery very soon. Our thoughts and best wishes are with Randy and Lenore as he fights the lymphoma.

Jim "Benny" Benninger ~ Chicago, IL

In mid-May, Benny had a stroke and spent some time in Cook County Hospital recovering. As of early July, he was out of the hospital but was still undergoing recovery therapy to learn to walk and talk again. We're sure he would love to hear messages or receive cards and letters from friends at this time. Benny was the scruffy shooting sports director at Blackhawk in recent summers and was a favorite of campers. We keep him in our thoughts as he continues his recovery.

Chrissy Benedetto & Andy Lukasiewicz ~ Berwyn, IL

Andy and Chrissy have bought and moved into their new home. This is the first home for each of them, and they were happy to have so many family and friends help with the process. Oddly enough, they say the house belonged to the grandmother of Paul Herdzina, who has since moved in with her daughter. Talk about a small world! May the new digs bring you much happiness and joy. Congratulations.

Sue & Isaac Thotz ~ Chicago, IL

Sue (nee Lutz) and Isaac and their daughter, Nitsa, welcomed a new addition to their family. A baby boy (Cyric Nikko Thotz) was born on July 12 and weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces. Mom and baby are doing very well. Proud Grandpa Jerry Lutz would be happy to show you photos of the whole family. Congratulations to the Thotz, Lutz and Thomas families on this new bundle of joy.

Ned & Erin Swanson ~ Honolulu, HI

Congratulations to Ned and Erin who welcomed their first child, Greta Mary Swanson. Greta was born on June 9 and was 6 pounds, 15 ounces and had a full head of dark hair. It has been a busy year for the Swansons with their relocation to Hawaii and now the new baby. We wish the best to the whole family!

Gordie Stiefel ~ Western Springs, IL

OSA Life Member Gordie Stiefel was inaugurated as a National Vice President for the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. In this new role, he now has oversight responsibility for three national committees: Religious Emblems, Religious Activities and Membership. OSA Life Member Chris Bury was the keynote speaker at the biennial meeting announcing Gordie in his new position. Congratulations to Gordie for this great new role.

Diane Rasmussen ~ Braidwood, IL

Diane has been busy and took some time to catch us up on all that she has been up to. She got married last October and has happily been enjoying married life. They have purchased 20 acres in the Black Hills of South Dakota to build their retirement home. It sounds beautiful, surrounded by national forest on three sides and overlooking Spearfish Canyon. Congratulations on the marriage, the new home, and the land out West. So much exciting news – thanks for keep us updated.

Therese & Aaron Gach ~ Rockford, MI

A big congratulations to Therese (nee Nizio) for her wedding to Aaron Gach on May 13. The ceremony and bride were both absolutely beautiful, and the reception was dotted with big name Owasippe staff and former staff. The couple is living just outside Grand Rapids and is happily enjoying getting settled into married life. Our best to Therese and Aaron!

Ron & Susan Derby ~ Whitehall, MI

The Derbys have officially moved to Michigan just a mile from Owasippe itself. Ron is continuing to work on building his graphic design business, and Susan's company is letting her work from home on a trial basis. They are happy to be amongst the woods and animals and to be so close to camp. They even adopted 2 miles of Holton Whitehall Road... look for the signs the next time you're at camp. Ron will continue to serve out his term as president of the OSA. And you'll still see them at many OSA events and functions.

End of the Trail (see page 8)



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Name: _____

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September

- 4.....Labor Day
- 8.....Gift Card/Shopping Card Order Deadline
- 13.....OSA Board Meeting
- 15-17OSA Fall Fix-it

October

- 9.....Columbus Day
- 11.....OSA Board Meeting
- 15.....Vibrations Deadline
- 28.....OSA Candlelight Bowl
- 31.....Halloween

November

- 8.....OSA Board Meeting
- 11.....Veteran's Day
- 23.....Thanksgiving
- 24.....Owasipalooza (OSA Pizza Night)
- 25.....Owasippe Staff Interviews #1

December

- 13.....OSA Board Meeting
- 25.....Christmas





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You can pick up your order (free of charge) at the upcoming OSA Fall Fix-it on September 16th.

Please note: If you choose to have your cards shipped to you, we will send them via Priority Mail with delivery confirmation.

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Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Amount ordered: \$ _____

Shipping \$4.05 (if applicable): \$ _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

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Vendor	% to OSA	Card Price	Qty.	Total \$
Grocery Stores				
Dominicks	4%	\$25		
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$10		
Cub Foods	2%	\$20		
Ultra/Strack & Van Til	2%	\$20		
Sara Lee Outlets	13%	\$10		
Fannie May	24%	\$20		
CVS Pharmacy	2%	\$10		
Restaurants				
Applebees	8%	\$10		
Baskin Robins	9%	\$2		
Bennigans	13%	\$25		
Boston Market	8%	\$10		
Buca Di Beppo	8%	\$25		
Buona Beef	8%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Caribou Coffee	8%	\$10		
Chilis***	12%	\$25		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$10		
Dave and Buster	14%	\$25		
Domino's Pizza	3%	\$5		
Edwardo's Pizza	9%	\$10		
Egg Harbor Café	4%	\$15		
Gino's East	9%	\$10		
Giordano's Pizza	9%	\$10		
Great American Bagel	8%	\$5		
Honey Baked Ham	9%	\$20		
Houlihans***	8%	\$10		
Joe's Crabshack***	9%	\$20		
Kentucky Fried Chicken	9%	\$5		
Lettuce Entertain You***	13%	\$25		
Max & Ermas	13%	\$25		
Mrs. Fields Cookies	18%	\$5		
Olive Garden	8%	\$25		
Outback Steakhouse	5%	\$25		
Panera Bread	8%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	8%	\$10		
Red Lobster	8%	\$25		
Starbucks	5%	\$10		
Sweet Tomatoes	8%	\$10		
TGIFridays	8%	\$25		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
Retail				
Amazon.com	5%	\$25		
American Eagle Outfitters	9%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10		
Bath & Body Works	14%	\$10		

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Retail Cont.				
Bed Bath & Beyond	6%	\$25		
Best Buy	2%	\$25		
Borders Books	8%	\$10		
Claire's	7%	\$10		
Crate and Barrel	5%	\$20		
Dick's Sporting Goods	8%	\$20		
Eddie Bauer	8%	\$25		
Express/Express for Men	13%	\$20		
Footlocker	9%	\$25		
Gap	9%	\$25		
Hair Cuttery	8%	\$10		
Home Depot	2%	\$25		
JCPenney	5%	\$25		
Joann Fabric	5%	\$20		
Kmart	2%	\$25		
Lands End	8%	\$25		
Linens & Things	8%	\$25		
Lowes Home Improvement	2%	\$25		
Menards	3%	\$25		
Office Max	4%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$25		
Payless Shoe Source	10%	\$10		
Pier One	5%	\$20		
Sears	3%	\$25		
Sharper Image	13%	\$25		
Shoe Carnival	4%	\$25		
Sports Authority	8%	\$10		
TJ Maxx	6%	\$25		
Toys R Us	3%	\$20		
Ulta Cosmetics	4%	\$10		
William Sonoma	8%	\$25		
Service Master***	9%	\$25		
Gas, Oil Change or Car Wash				
Shell	2%	\$25		
Speedway Gas	4%	\$25		
Jiffy Lube	13%	\$30		
Video Rental				
Blockbuster Video	7%	\$10		
Blockbuster Night	17%	\$12		
Movie Theaters				
AMC Theaters***	13%	\$25		
Hotels				
Best Western	13%	\$25		
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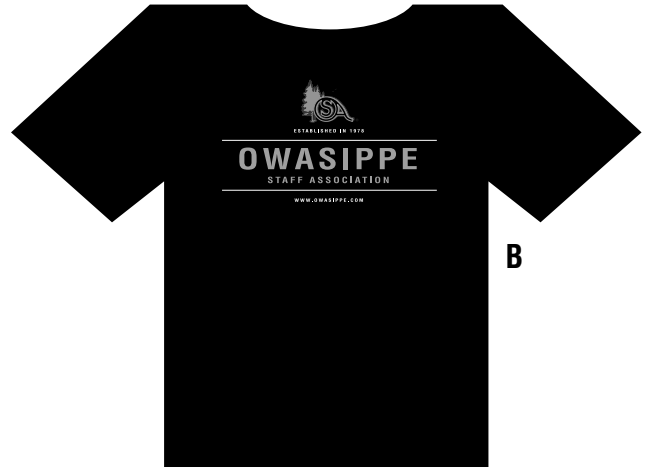
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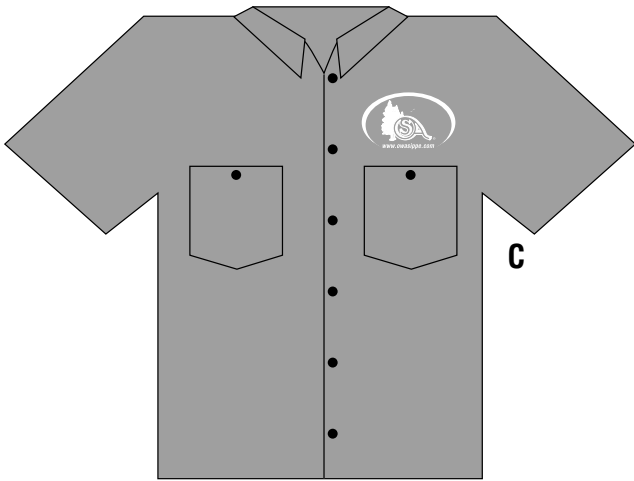
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Item	Size(s)	Color(s)	Qty.	Price	Subtotal
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<input type="checkbox"/> B) OSA T-shirt				x \$8	
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<input type="checkbox"/> D) 95th Anniv. Patch	n/a	n/a		x \$5	
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