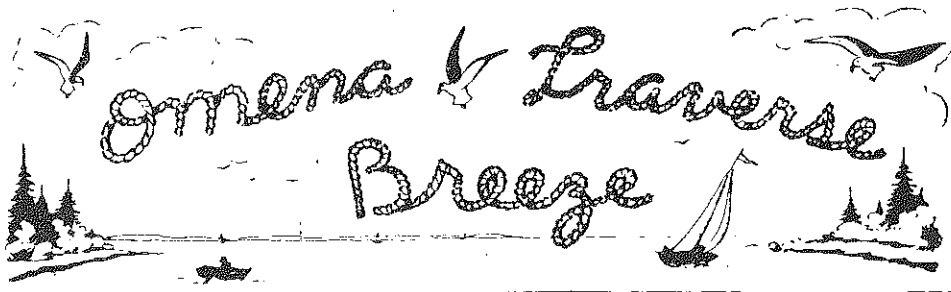


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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

"AHOY"

(That's sailor talk for "Hi There")

Pat and I are sitting here in our bedroom on Firelane 7 watching and listening to the waves crashing on our beach. Our beach is an ever changing scene. One week we have 15 feet of pure sand and the next week when the wind changes direction, the sand is all gone and the stones are exposed again. The waves are swirling around the footings of the sun deck. One huge rock near our deck just appears and disappears but thank goodness for the protection it affords the deck. We have moved the sun deck back once and we are anxious over the survival of it and challenged by the very thought of its imminent danger.

The beauty of seasons awes us, each one holds its own excitement. Now with the leaves off, horizons extend like a wide angle lens and the solitude invites reflection, introspection, quietness and a chance to regroup. Christmas we hope will bring the snow for our holiday family skiing. After an afternoon of skiing it is so pleasant to gather around the wood stove and check the weather from inside out! Brian, our youngest son, has already skied around the Point after a snowfall a week or so ago.

Pat and I have been talking about what we would like for the Club this coming summer. We both feel we

would like to use the Club and to see it used more often. In exploring ways to do this we came up with the following idea.

As much as we like to go to cocktail parties and to give them, we find giving them expensive and very time consuming. Why not open up the Club every Saturday at cocktail time for a couple hours of socializing, B.Y.O.B. All members, house guests and friends, would be invited. No programs, maybe quiet music, come as you are, possibly game time or just socializing on the porch. The Club is a great meeting place and we think it would be a fun place to meet with you all for an hour or two, 4 or 5 times during the summer season.

Pat and I thought we would like to do this and hope you will all want to join us. Please express yourself to me

or to any of the Board members regarding this idea or one of your ideas about how we can use the Club more often.

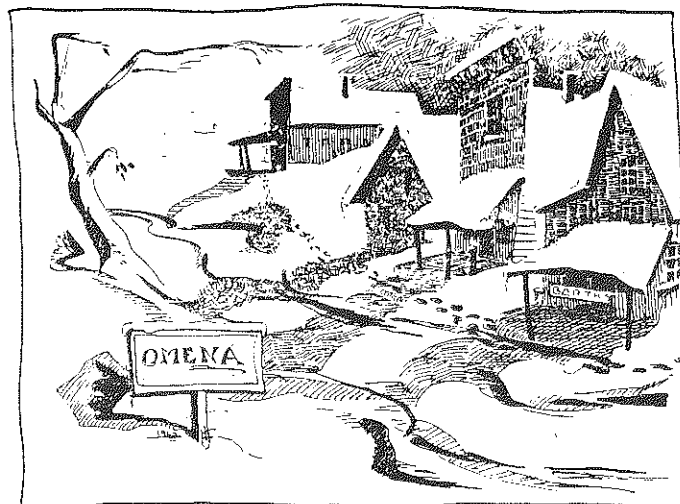
I was reading one of the older issues of the "Breeze" (1961) this weekend, and thought how lucky we all are to have our very own Yacht Club in Omena. Pat and I feel very fortunate to be members, with all of you, of the Omena Traverse Yacht Club.

May the coming season bring you a very Merry Christmas and a New Year full of JOY AND HOPE!

"CAST OFF"

(That's Sailor Talk for "Goodbye for Now")

Bob Bailey, Commodore



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John Ray

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SCHEDULE OF FEES:

Permanent Membership:

Family Initiation Fee (includes
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\$360.00

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(as voted by the Board in 1981)

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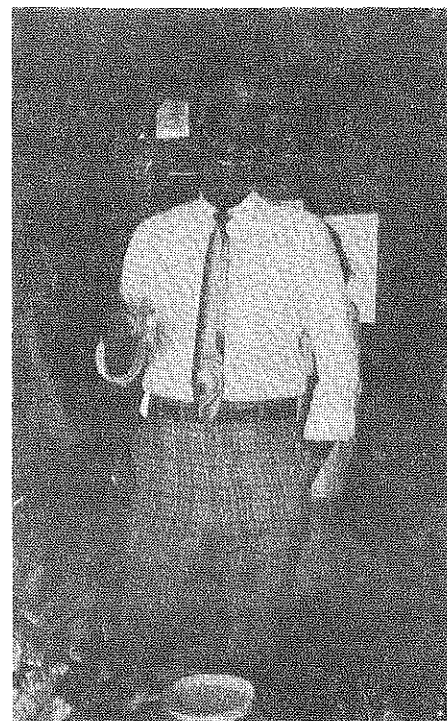
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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Some supplementary notes from
Chairman, John Ray

PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP

1. For permanent membership, two (2) letters of recommendation must be received from current members in different family units.
2. For permanent membership, the prospective applicant must be known to at least five (5) of the nine (9) current Board members.
3. A family membership shall include a husband and wife and their children under the age of 14.
4. All married-adults must take out a family membership
5. A single-adult membership is available to unmarried persons eighteen (18) years of age and over.
6. Unmarried children of members between the ages of 14 and 23 inclusive must become junior members in order to use the facilities of the Club. No initiation fee is required for junior membership. A junior member may, after the age of eighteen, elect to become an adult member and to pay adult membership dues. A junior member shall not be entitled to vote on Club business.

GUEST MEMBERSHIP

1. One letter of recommendation is required for a guest membership.
2. After two (2) years of guest membership, a permanent membership must be taken out.

The conditions of membership in the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club are subject to annual review and modification by the Board of Directors of the Club.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT***"WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS"***

The Club was fortunate to have a number of people join us in membership last summer. A brief sketch of each of them follows:

Harold and Elizabeth Bowman:

The Bowmans have recently taken up permanent residence on Omena Point. Harold is with a securities firm in Traverse City. They have three grown children, a son and two daughters.

David and Mary Jo Brumbaugh:

David and Mary Jo were married this past summer and have two daughters by previous marriages. Mary Jo is the former Mary Jo Woolford and her family has been coming to Omena for the past 30 summers. The Brumbaugh's permanent home is in Cincinnati.

Bob and Connie Martineau:

The Martineaus recently built a home on Omena Point. They hail from Lebanon, Ohio and have a son and two daughters, all in their mid-twenties. Bob is with the University of Cincinnati Law School and recently completed a term as Dean of the college.

Pamela Townsend:

Pamela is the daughter of Harold and Genevra Grossman, permanent residents of Omena Point. She has two daughters, ages 19 and 10, and a son, age 14.

David and Susan Fisher:

David and Susan's application for membership was initiated in 1985 and finalized in 1986. They live in Sebastian, Florida and have a son and daughter.

In addition to the foregoing permanent memberships, the Club accepted two guest memberships during the past year. They were Marilyn Flett of Cincinnati, Ohio and Ole and Joan Kiersey and family of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Both Marilyn and the Kierseys have been coming to Omena for many years, Ole having been born and raised in the area.

Finally, it is with great pleasure that we announce the honorary membership awarded to Earl and Blanche Moore by the Club this past summer. Earl and Blanche, who are now in their mid-nineties, have been summer residents of Omena for about 65 years. Earl was formerly head of the Music Department at the University of Michigan. They now reside in La Jolla, California and, due to ill health, have been unable to come to Omena for the past several summers.

The Club welcomes these people into our membership and hopes that they will enjoy many pleasant and productive years in the Omena community.

John Ray, Chairman

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ON BOARD

With this issue, we are inaugurating a new section. Bob Bailey suggested that our current board members would be able to provide us with some interesting observations about the Club, themselves, and whatever else comes to mind! Great idea so here we go...

GREETINGS FROM:

BARBARA HARRIS,
Vice Commodore

I have been a member of OTYC for nine years. My husband, John, served as your Commodore in 1983-84. We have 3 children--Paul-22 years old, Tim and Cindy-18 years old. They have all taken part in the youth program during their early years. I served as chairperson of the youth committee for at least 2-3 years. During the past nine years, I have participated in and have helped organize and have worked with almost every activity at OTYC. They have been very enjoyable years! As a member of the board, I plan to continue being active, promote all activities and help to make our Club better than ever. My goals for OTYC are to see us remain as a viable and active club, stay on sound financial ground and most important of all, preserve the traditions and heritage of OTYC.

MARGY LYON,
Rear Commodore

Serving on the OTYC Board of Directors as Rear Commodore for the past three years has been a pleasure. Many repairs and improvements to the Club House have been made. After many years on the Social Committee and Wednesday Potluck Committee and serving as chairman now and then, it was wonderful to finally realize last summer a larger and more efficient kitchen with a new refrigerator, shelf space, warming trays, and a window to pass food through.

I am pleased that I can continue to serve on the Board of Directors for the next three years and thank you all for your continued support and efforts which make OTYC the viable club it is.

Now as winter approaches, my time is taken up mostly with trying to teach 40 third, fourth and fifth graders to read in the Cincinnati Public Schools.

My second activity is serving on the Board of the Cincinnati College Club where I am in charge of the program. I wish everyone a very happy holiday season.

MARY HELEN RAY,
Secretary

Our family spends as much time as possible on Fire Lane 8. John and I have been lucky to raise our three young people as Omena enthusiasts. They've thoroughly enjoyed and benefited from the low-key youth program at OTYC. It's a welcome change from what their suburban buddies in Wilmette experience during the summers. John and I feel fortunate that our young people have had good summer work experiences in the Omena area.

Our commodore asked for an OTYC anecdote from board members. My parents purchased our cottage the year I was born so I've been lucky to enjoy Omena for half a century now--whew! At the tender age of 12 in 1948 Rat Renz and I were present when we cleaned and cleared out the OTYC building of Mr. Carmichael's boats and storage items. The building lacked running water. We spent weeks with paint brushes in our hands while being guided by Mary Foltz and Humphrey Jackson. The first commodore, 18 year old Gus Rogers, had the teenagers so enthusiastic about this community organization that the parents finally got on the band wagon and also got

caught up with young Gus Rogers' infectious enthusiasm for the founding of a yacht club. It was said that Gus reminded Mr. Carmichael of his recently deceased son, so Mr. Carmichael was persuaded to be helpful in providing the building for a nominal cost.

BILL SANDT,
Treasurer

Although I was elected treasurer, you should all understand that the real expertise resides with my accountant spouse, Nancy. We hope to follow in D.J.'s footsteps and keep the OTYC financially afloat. The Club owes D.J. a great debt for her devoted efforts in achieving that goal. In addition, we would like to computerize the records so that we can do away with all the stacks of paper.

Nancy and I hail from Midland and thus are only three hours away from Omena which allows us to come up for our Omena "fix" all year round. Our children, Eric, Paul, and Leslie are either still in college or out earning a living on their own. The fact that we have been able to financially survive about eighteen years of college should be of some comfort to the members. Although scattered throughout the U.S., they all have caught the Omena fever and have to return at least once a year.

Although we love Omena summers with the wind in the sails, clear cool water underneath and a warm sun from above, the peacefulness of an Omena winter day with a blanket of snow as you glide through the empty orchards and forests on your skis is a close second to pure heaven.

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YOUTH CRAFT PROGRAM REPORT

This year and last, I headed up the youth craft group. A summary of our activities and suggestions for further classes follows:

We only had four children this year, so I only had three days of classes.

Day one: We collected drift wood, stones, feathers, etc. from the beach, inserted them in glass jars and painted the lids and pictures on the glass.

Day two: We collected wild flowers then came back and painted a few. Then we found them in a wildflower book and labeled them.

Day three: I collected vines from the shore and formed into wreaths. We then painted wooden ducks and attached with ribbons.

Next year I suggest the afternoons would be better because older interested children may participate.

We really need more volunteers (helpers and directors). I never know when or how long I'll be up here during the summer.

Purchased items from our left-over monies are located in the upper storage room of the yacht club.

It's been lots of fun. Thanks to all!

Sincerely,

Alice Gelakoski



MARK SPITZ-NAHEL AND LINDA RAY--HARD WORK PAYS OFF
ON AWARD'S NIGHT

TENNIS REPORT

The summer of 1986 marked the end of my days as OTYC tennis instructor, as other endeavors have forced my retirement at age 22. I will always be grateful for my opportunity to serve as tennis instructor, and as well for the chance to get to know all of the wonderful people associated with the OTYC.

Highlights of 1986 included those usual annual favorites of a canoeing adventure and exploring the Sleeping Bear Dunes. A day of watersliding also proved a success this year and a few of us are still dethawing from tubing down the Boardman River.

Four tennis awards were presented this summer:

Player showing most potential
(female) - Heidi Lengyel
(male) - Alexander Anderson

Best overall player
(female) - Linda Ray
(male) - Mark Spitz-Nagel

1986 proved to be Mark Spitz-Nagel's year, as he won the top award in both the tennis and sailing programs. Congratulations to Mark, and as well to the other three winners. For those who didn't win an award this year, don't get discouraged; do your best, practice, and next year might be your year.

Finally, I'd like to offer my thanks to the adults who participated in the

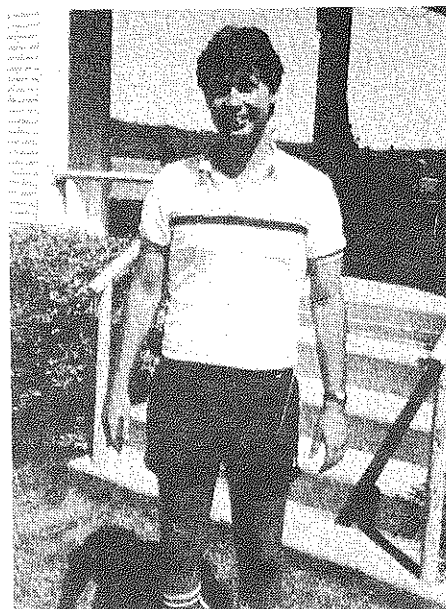
tennis program, including the Friday round robin event. Such enthusiasm is further evidence that tennis is indeed for all ages.

**Bill Renz (Jr.),
Tennis Instructor 1984-86**

APPEAL FOR J.T. WING

Would you like to help J.T. Wing become a permanent member of OTYC? This handcrafted model of a Great Lakes Schooner would love to be on display in the Clubhouse. Cost was \$1,000. Pledges received so far total \$600. Donations would be greatly appreciated! Checks, made payable to OTYC, may be sent to the Treasurer, Bill Sandt. Thank you!

John P. Harris



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Just a few days ago I was blowing through 200 mph Boston in my OMENA, MICHIGAN sweatshirt with a new-found friend at my side. He glanced at my customarily rumpled garb and innocently asked, "What in the world is OMEN MICHIGAN!?"

Presuming those white letters on washed out blue to indicate some dark world--or perhaps ethereal facet that keeps a different breed of people in the heartland, my friend was disappointed to hear that OMEN is firstly a "where"--and that only a pinpoint of people are, at any given time, versed enough to know or reveal just "what" it is.

I told my friend that OMEN is geographically a place smaller than a sneeze: but I trust he is searching every Rand McNally in greater Boston for the diminutive place God chose to leave unchartable. Discouraged and bedraggled from his time spent in vain, my friend will undoubtedly phone soon: "Can you believe it?" He will cry--"I find a speck of a place where the land runs out called OMENA, but OMEN has escaped the cartographer!"

My friend will then forget about OMEN, about Michigan, and certainly about the heartland. But my fondest summer memories have been awakened again by him, by Mary Tonneberger, and by the trusty BREEZE.

As sailing instructor '86 I would be technically accurate saying that Omena Bay refused to breathe for us--so much as a lazy sigh--the first week of classes. I would be no less correct reporting that the moody lady's depths cut our "race series" short (at a time when to beat or be beaten meant everything) with two days of formidable mid-August air coming from somewhere much deeper than her lungs.

When she wasn't testing her temper or holding her breath like a mischievous summer child, the Bay provided plenty of fine sailing for myself and my small flock of algonauts.

---And that they were. Linda Ray and Mark Spitz-Nagel sailed in advanced form that kept Mark whistling to his sail and Linda swimming after her boat. At summer's end the two proved they could drop battle arms and sail as a team and come home with no tiller!

Beginner and Intermediate sailors were no less courageous. Freddy Moore was kept going by the fact that Odysseus too stood in irons every once in a while. Erin Love, who in early July swore she would never take a sailing lesson "because you get too wet" was fluent in every technique of purposefully capsizing ones sunfish by August. Jenny Townsend looked at each morning's flag--limp or tearing itself from the rivets--and asked, "Kathleen, is it windy today?" She learned that one flag meant yes, the other meant no, and that she could handle any flag, flying or not. Especially with brother Jeff in the cockpit. Meg Umbarger, who spends her spare time teaching fish to swim and birds to fly, earned the nickname "Shmo" before we even hit the water. Shouts of "What was that!?" were often heard from the shore as Meg went by in a wet blur. Like another member of her family, Meg is in a class by herself.

There were those who made up my day in and day out fleet for most of six weeks. Memories are no less poignant of those sailors who shot through a few days of lessons like a star and then were gone.

The race series '86 can easily be put in a (tiny) nutshell: You need three boats for a race. Wind of a

recognizable sort is helpful. Squalls with bullets are not . . . When herds of Omena yachtsies were prepared to face the elements the elements said go back to your game of rummy. When not a sailor was to be seen, the sky above and the blue below teased with perfection--and laughed at us.

And so our series went with Mark Spitz-Nagel taking away Spartan Flag Company's new fangled white first place pennant.

Kevin Ray, who had to either step down or go pro, finally learned about the color red with his second place pennant.

And Rat Renz, who so naturally turns spirit into speed, took home the blue--third place?

Before we knew it ephemeral summer was spent, with shutters closing to punctuate the resonant woods and the promises of summers to come.

Here in Boston--on a clear starry night--after letting someone believe in an OMEN MICHIGAN, I know that there is one indeed . . . without a twin celestial or earthly.

All best to everyone, and thanks especially to Rat, Bill, and Billy.

Kathleen Solon
Sailing Instructress



KATHLEEN ON THE BEACH!

MINUTES OF THE OTYC ANNUAL MEETING

JULY 19, 1986

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Bill Renz at 10:05 a.m. at the OTYC. The following members were present:

Bill Renz	Bob Harper
John Harris	Nancy Sandt
D.J. St. John	Jane Saxton
Margaret Lyon	Mary Woolford
Barb Harris	Mary A. Smith
Marjorie Renz	Betty Gregory
Carolyn Renz	James Gregory
Elizabeth Keye	Kathy Bosco
Vernon Keye	Joan Roth
Genevra Grossman	John E. Roth, Jr
Lynn Spitz-Nagel	John Ray
Frank Gaffney	M.H. Ray
Harold Grossman	
Dee DiLoreto	

Mary Smith moved and Mary Lyon seconded that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as printed in the BREEZE.

The Treasurer submitted her report and pointed out that insurance was up 130% with taxes up somewhat. Carolyn Renz moved and Mary Smith seconded that the Treasurer's report be filed for audit. Motion passed (Treasurer's report attached).

OLD BUSINESS:

Commodore Renz described the building improvements and kitchen renovation. The building has been strengthened.

Committee reports were called for.

Social Committee

"We are working from Kathy Bosco's recommendation from last year."

1. Job descriptions for the paid helpers--these were discussed with Frances and Keith and are posted.
2. We have a job description for the monthly chairperson for potluck, and these are in the monthly chairperson's hand.

3. We have a job description for the potluck hostesses, and I have copies of these to be distributed.

Special Events

Mary Smith, reported:

The Opening Dinner--the social committee met on July 2 at my house and arranged the decorations, etc. We all met that Saturday morning and did the work. Thanks for their talents, the Clubhouse looked great. There were 140 people at the dinner.

The Square Dance will be Saturday, July 26. Debbie Love and Martine Moore agreed to chair it, but would like one more person to work with them on plans. Don Day, the same caller as last year, will be with us. Like last year, the charge will be \$5.00. We all need to be at the Clubhouse next Saturday to help decorate and make it a gala event.

The Commodore's Reception is Saturday, August 9. Kathy Bosco is chairing this event.

Pot-Lucks: Mary Helen Ray is the July chairperson; Suzie Mulligan will handle August. Hostesses: We need to fill the August slots--in particular, a chairperson is needed for August 27 and assistants are needed for August 13, 20 and 27. Entertainment after pot-lucks has been arranged by Jonnie Hodgson and Vicki Sova.

House and Grounds

Bob Harper reported:

The usual closing of the Clubhouse was accomplished in the September/October period with the help of the Committee members and Richard Colling, caretaker. In addition, the tennis court was cleared of what appeared to be several years accumulation of leaves.

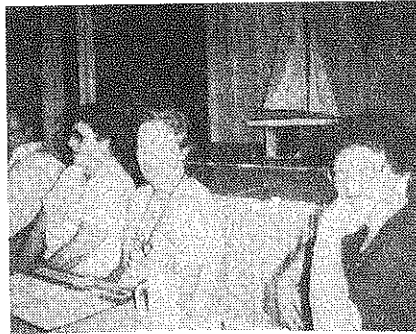
Work commenced on the kitchen remodelling project in early winter and continued to completion in May. Your committee inspected the work-in-progress frequently. During this period, the builder also inspected and tightened the structural bolts and rods in the entire interior, replacing washers and nuts as necessary. This was done on the advice of an engineer who had inspected the building in 1985.

The two ceiling panels in the lobby were replaced which had been gnawed through by an unwelcome resident.

One of the old kitchen cabinets was moved to the ladies' room for storage of toilet tissue, soap and paper towels. The old kitchen sink cabinet was sanded and painted to serve as storage and as the coffee-serving cupboard in the dining room. Two fire extinguishers were discovered missing and had to be replaced at a cost of nearly \$125.00.

The entire interior of the Clubhouse was cleaned and all windows washed two weeks prior to opening. The lawn has been mowed and hedges trimmed and will be kept in that condition for the season. A new OTYC sign has been placed on the post of the entry gate.

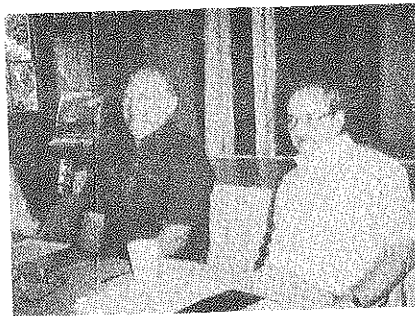
There was severe high-water and winter ice damage to the south end of the dock. Southerly storms littered the beach, the dock, and launching ramp and part of the lawn with a thick layer of stones. The crib under the south part of the dock was filled with one and one-half loads of quarried rock and the wooden support beams and planks were repaired or replaced. The beach and launching ramp were cleared of stones and a load of beach sand was spread.



Your Board has the last laugh!



SERIOUS BUSINESS



Then, there was another southerly storm with high winds and waves--so we have the stones back on the beach and the launching ramp.

The membership should be aware that with continued high, and possible higher water levels, it may be impossible to maintain a beach and further damage to the harbor may be anticipated.

The Chairman wishes to acknowledge the assistance of the Committee members, particularly the valued and skillful help of Harold Grossman and Phil DiLoreto.

Waterfront Committee

Bob Bailey was out of town.

Youth Program

Seven to ten participants have been in the program, with a number of adults also taking lessons.

Breeze

Frank Gaffney and Mary Tonneberger were commended for the fine job they've done on the Breeze. They and D.J. St. John do their best in keeping addresses current.

Membership Committee

Mary Woolford, committee member, read John Ray's report, which is as follows:

The following membership applications are being processed this summer:

Pamela E. Townsend
Harold and Elizabeth Bowman
Robert and Constance Martineau
David and Mary Jo Brumbaugh
Charles and Lauris Woolford

Guest membership applications were received from the following:

Hugh and Joan Kiersey (and daughters Kathy and Kim as juniors)
Marilyn Flett

Founders' Fund

John Roth read the following report:

"Founders' Fund Treasurer's Report"

As of June 30, 1986, your Founders' Fund had passed the \$5,000 mark, eleven years after its beginning. The breakdown of assets is as follows:

Savings Account	
Old Kent Bank,	
Suttons Bay:	\$1,390.92
Certificate of Deposit	
Old Kent Bank,	
Suttons Bay:	\$1,735.42
Midwest Income	
Government Cash Fund	\$1,953.53
Total	\$5,079.87

It is interesting to note the first entry in our record is dated August 12, 1975, an initial donation of \$100 from Clemwell Lay, a long time summer resident and a strong supporter of the idea of building a fund to assure continuation of the heritage we enjoy here in Omena, centered around OTYC. Clemwell was prevented from returning for the last few years due to health problems and passed away last winter.

It is also interesting to note where these funds originated,

Gifts and Memorials	29%
Profits from Club functions	26%
Interest earned	45%

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You should be aware that no donations have been received since 1983, and the last income from a Club function was 1984. Therefore, all growth the past two years has been interest approximating \$325 per year.

It does seem that we have forgotten the giving of memorials, which can keep this fund growing. It may someday be needed.

Jane Saxton moved and Mary Woolford seconded it that those people who were due refunds for unserved food at the Opening Dinner have the money deposited in the Founder's Fund as a donation.

Nominating Committee

A slate for the period September 1986 through September 1989 was presented. Those nominated were Bill Sandt, Waldo Abbot and Margy Lyon. Frank Gaffney moved they be accepted and Mary Woolford seconded the motion. The outgoing officers were commended: D.J. St. John, Margy Lyon and John Harris.

NEW BUSINESS:

Harold Grossman strongly suggested that the Waterfront Committee review the present policy for slip rentals at the Club and come up with suggestions by the end of the summer. It was pointed out that more people own boats and they would like a rotation system for slip usage.

It was announced that Blanche and Earl V. Moore were given honorary membership by the Board. They have been informed by letter and an honorary certificate.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Mary Helen Ray
Secretary

OMENA MEMORIES REPEATED

MISS KIERSEY, MR. RENZ, WED IN HISTORIC CHURCH



longtime summer residents and OTYC members.

Participating in the wedding were "cousins"--Andy Renz as best man for his brother, Tim Smith as groomsman, and Cynthia R. First as reader, from the Renz side. Kim Kiersey was maid of honor for her sister, and her cousin Cassie Artgetsinger, an attendant. Laura Renz and John Emerson were also attendants.

The Kiersey-Renz wedding on August 16 at the Omena Presbyterian Church was a "second generation" summer wedding and truly a family affair. Kathleen Kiersey, daughter of Joan and Hugh Kiersey, and William Renz, ("Billy" to many), son of Carolin and William Renz, were married in an evening ceremony. Thirty years ago, the groom's parents were married in the same church. A reception followed at the Yacht Club where Bill Renz, Sr. was the current Commodore. His father, Andy Renz, served as Commodore years before.

The families have summered together for many years. Joan and Ole were married in Northport after a summer romance blossomed, while Kathy and Bill have grown up over the years in the Leelanau area. Dr. Andy and Mrs. Renz have been



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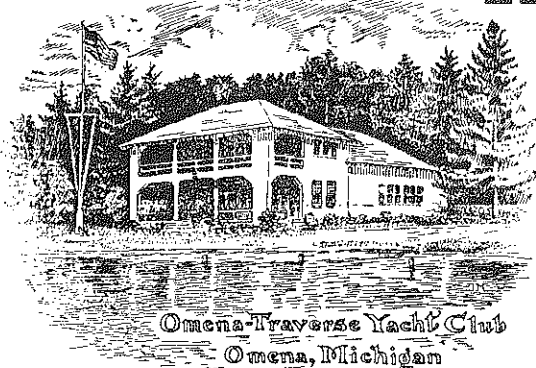
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BEGINNINGS



The Omena Pavilion

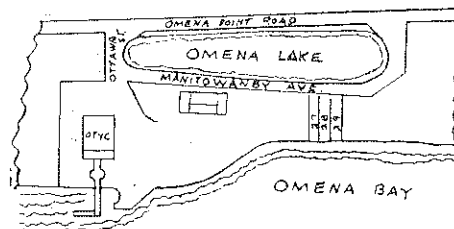
There is some uncertainty about the building of the Omena Pavilion, but several people say that it opened in 1908, as a social and recreation center built for the Omena community by an early Omena Point Association. Others believe that Omena's Anderson family built it. We do know that Louis Anderson owned it by 1911 and that his brothers, Frank and George, helped at times with its operation.

For Anderson it was a business venture, and for the people who went there it spelled a lot of happy times.

It was a place for amateur theater shows: Mary Foltz recalled that her first visit to the Pavilion was in 1910 for such a show.

Others remembered carnival-like parties with booths and concession stands. Throughout the years it was the local spot for dancing: orchestras provided music for the Friday and Saturday night parties.

Hector Carmichael, who later bought this property, sold it in 1950 to the Yacht Club for \$2,000.



OMENA LAKE

Reprinted from Breeze, 1963

OMENA LAKE

In 1962 Jessie Carmichael gave OTYC Directors an unexpected and pleasant surprise when she announced that she would like to make a gift to the Club of Omena Lake and three lots connecting the lake with Omena Bay.

This substantial gift is one more of the many acts of great generosity toward the Club by Jessie and Hector Carmichael, without which OTYC would never have arrived at its present fine club house and surrounding property. From the beginning of OTYC the Carmichaels were very interested in it and have contributed immeasurably to its growth and development.

Many members may not be aware of Omena Lake. Some probably have thought of it as the lake back of the Presbyterian Church on the Ingalls Bay road. That lake is officially known as Mougey's Lake, although it has been improperly named Omena Lake on some fanciful decorative maps.

Omena Lake about one quarter mile long, has its northern end and a few feet south of the entrance road to OTYC. It lies between the Omena Point road to the East and the low bluff to the West on which many of the cottages facing Omena Bay are located. The growth of reeds and bushes around the edges of the lake

in recent years has made it look like a swamp.

The three lots, Nos. 27, 28, and 29, are about two thirds of the way down the lake and extend from the lake to the bay. They are located at a point where there is a low opening through the bluff so that the level of the lots is only a little higher than the normal level of the lake. Presumably, this was at one time a connecting channel to Omena Bay, and the purpose behind the gift of these particular lots was to provide a place for a possible future channel that could be built most easily.

LETTER FROM HORACE WHEELER--Reprinted from Breeze, May, 1961

[At the turn of the century] Soon after the steamship dock was built . . . Later the Omena Association was formed. It was this group which built the Club House or pavilion as it was called in those days. Versey Legg was its last president when the property including the resort dock was sold to Louis Anderson.

The OTYC Clubhouse was owned by Louis Anderson then who ran it as a private club. All cottage owners paid yearly membership dues and no outsiders were allowed. Dances and parties were held there. After a change in young people, many leaving, it was run as a public dance hall and it began to lose its prestige. This was the era of prohibition and drink and bootleggers closed it down.

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REMEMBERANCE OF DAY'S PAST

With this issue, your editors are starting a new feature called "Rememberance of Day's Past." We have a few back issues, but if you have any and would like to share them with us send them to Mary or myself. If we have more we can print more.

--Frank

COLLEGE CHATTER

By Mary Helen Ayars

(Reprinted from Breeze, 1954)

Initiation into the "Rah Rah" spirit of campus life finds recent **Kollege Kids** a little bewildered and starry-eyed. Rat likes DePauw a "real" lot;-- She was nominated for dorm president but missed it by a very small margin.

Linda Johanning was down to Denison with the hockey team recently, but unfortunately I wasn't able to get in touch with her.

Margy Lyon has pledge Chi Omega at Northwestern.

Sue Barker has driver over from Ohio Wesleyan a couple of times. She has joined the sailing club at Wesleyan.

I joined the sailing club here and they almost turned handsprings when they found out that I had sailed Penguins. They immediately signed me up for sailing in a regatta about three weeks ago, but after that I heard nothing more about it. I have pledged Kappa Alpha Theta and am also dorm president.

I was surprised to run into a girl from Grosse Pointe here. She was in Mr. Jackson's typing class last summer and had typed some of the telegram invitations to the Electric Party. Small World!!

Received a letter from Holly Renz the other day, and from all places, Havana, Cuba. She seemed to be having a great time.

Heard by the grape vine that Jim Jackson was chosen to be photographed as a typical "frosh" at Michigan State and had his pictures in the Michigan State News on a spread page the first week at East Lansing. He is in Naval R. O. T. C. with complete uniform and all. Jim has also joined a small dance orchestra and rehearses once a week. Playing chess and working on radio broadcasting and recordings are among Jim's hobbies at the moment.

Margy Lyon is planning to fly home for Thanksgiving. She wrote that her Dad and Mother visited her the first of October when Dr. Lyon attended a medical convention in Chi. Margy also told of having dinner with the Ayars.

School is really great. I never realized how much fun it could be. We really work during the week and on the week-ends we have a continuous ball! I suppose we'll all settle down once the first set of grades come out. It sure is hard though.

Sabra Saxton is in her fourth year of nurses training. It is Bob Saxton's fourth year in Western Reserve Medical School, and he is now trying to decide where to have his internship.

Pat Wickemeyer pledged Sigma Nu at Depauw University.

Pete Wickemeyer is a Senior at Purdue, is a Phi Kappa Psi and was just pledged to Pi Tau Sigma, National Mechanical Engineering honorary. Pete received the only "Distinguished Military Student Award" in the Ordinance Department and was selected one of the six Cadet Lt. Colonels. This summer he received the medal for the Outstanding Cadet at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Peter expects to go directly into the service when he graduates in June and is looking forward to getting "Foreign Duty".

Bill Renz was home for Thanksgiving, and Rat Smith spent Saturday and Sunday in Cincinnati.

During the week-end of November 13 about 150 hockey players were in Earlham College for the Irish Ladies Hockey Union. Linda and Mona Johanning were on the Earlham College Coed Hockey Team. Earlham was undefeated in intercollegiate play, having won all games except one tie. Linda was selected to play on the Great Lakes II team for the second year. Mona plays left wing on the Earlham team, and although the Irish Touring Team had exceptional athletes and great ability, she outran and evaded three of their defensive players and got the ball in the "Striking Circle".

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THE WHO IN YOU

Theta Burke,
Suttons Bay, 1978

Those lines were written by a lady, who lives in Suttons Bay, and the book--"and we have touched" was published in 1978. At this time of the year and at this time in our lives it might do us all good to reflect on what they mean to each of you. I know what they mean to me but I'll share that at another time.

A little bit of complaining to start off with. Checking my last mailing list I find that there are close to 100 families on that list and about 10% of you replied to the last mailing. Surely most of you are not suffering from writer's cramp or just plain nosiness. I know many of you see each other and communicate through other means in the off-summer months, but if a lot of you are like me, I like to know what's happening to you and how you are handling it. Sharing with each other is the name of the game--if you want to. Our next issue will be in May so start making notes. Now, onward and upward. Longfellow wrote that in a poem, I think.

The biggest event for the summer, in my opinion, was the marriage of Kathleen Joanne KIERSEY to William Edward RENZ. Rat and Bill, in addition to being the groom's parents spent some time for themselves

after the wedding. Omena in October for their 30th wedding anniversary, Atlanta in November at the Paint show doing things that they wanted and liked to do. In October they had lots of company, Rays, Kierseys, Tonnebergers and Mary Woolford (she's everywhere, like a slogan for an old paint product--"We Cover the Earth," but more about her later). To all of you there in October I envy you, but as I write this the weather report says that 11" of snow has already fallen in Traverse City. Snow mobiles, here we come.

Now to the wondrous WOOLFORD woman (W.W.W.). The new members of her family are a son-in-law, David BRUMBAUGH by name, a granddaughter named Alysia, age 8 1/2 (no diapers to change, no toilet training). How lucky Alysia is to get a grandmother named Mary whose love and energy know no bounds. And a younger and newer one named Shelby Ann Woolford arrived on the 21st of August. That family is like a contagious disease. It just spreads--happiness and love. Doris and I know, we spent the Saturday evening after Thanksgiving with Mary and two of her old friends at dinner in Cincinnati, just enjoying one another. I should write a book, who knows, Mary might. She talked of writing something else, and as one who enjoys the written word, I encouraged her to do so.

Now to another of the Cincy bunch, Marjorie and Andy RENZ. November 4th is the date, Ingalls Bay is the place. The two of them enjoying the beautiful colors at that time of the year. The only thing that bothers, they write, is the high water. By the time they get the BREEZE, they'll be in Naples, Florida, after a family gathering at Thanksgiving.

Peg MORSE writes of family too. Jane SAXTON took a China Seas cruise. (Another place I hope to go to.) Shanghai is one place she plans to visit. Peg has been to Orlando to visit son Tom, and the Pattersons, which she says is always fun, and then on to Texas with the rest of the Saxtons. What's that old saying about traveling broadening the mind. It is nice though to just sit back and enjoy living, whatever you do.

The KEYES, Vernon and Elizabeth, are in their winter home in LaGrange Park, IL. They must be part Eskimo. I always thought you went to warmer places as you grow older. I know I'm ready. They do say hello to all, and will be back in Omena in the Spring, Summer, and Fall so Winter in Illinois is really not too long.



LEONA AND HAROLD ON THE
DANUBE!

Leona MILROY writes from the desert in Desert Hot Springs, CA. All the grandchildren made it to Michigan this summer to visit and then Leona and her brother on to Boston for a wedding and history lesson. Lots of both in Boston; and then on a Blue(?) Danube cruise, but I guess the water is whatever color you want it to be. The ship was Russian, as was the Vodka, so Leona writes.

Next are the MULLIGAN'S, Suzie and Stu. Suzie uses the same stationery I do, yellow legal tablets--large, inexpensive and available. As I write this a lot of things have already taken place so excuse the past tense. A lot of contributors made the deadline and I didn't. Editorial privilege I guess. They're in an apartment awaiting completion of a new home in Crystal Lake. They spent Thanksgiving in Leelanau County at the Red Lion. Their cottage has no winter plumbing or heat, whichever is more important. Scott has returned to the mid-west. As Suzy says (a good title for a newspaper column), he may be lured back or to other warmer climes. Rob is in Traverse City spending time with Dan and Coleen. Their common interests are music, flying and fishing (ice of course.) Suzy and Stu are going to the Yucatan in January for a few weeks and may cross paths with the Moores and the Abbotts. It's a big place but it is a small world.

Word from Lillian TAYLOR . . . Enclosed is the report of my retirement celebration, which may be of interest to some of the older members of OTYC.

Having been Assistant Editor and (through Taylor Printing Company) the Publisher of the BREEZE for twenty-two years, I appreciate the time, effort, frustrations and satisfactions of producing those twice-a-year mailings. I want to tell you that I think you're doing a fine job with the paper.

Now I just read it and enjoy!

Retirement Benefits . . . A delightful vacation trip this autumn celebrated the retirement of Lillian Taylor, after fifty-four years of working in the business of the Taylor Printing Company in Traverse City.

She was joined by her brother, Norman Magdanz, from New Jersey, for an Amtrak trip to San Francisco. Enroute they were delayed for four

hours during the night in Iowa while maintenance crews checked tracks and road-beds endangered by a cloud burst which left eleven inches of water in that area.

In the high elevations of the Lake Tahoe region the train went through a blizzard, but all of the various kinds of beautiful scenery were enjoyed from the close-up viewpoint.

In San Francisco they were joined by Lillian's daughter, Anne Cain, and they all spent several days in Yosemite National Park and at Carmel. Returning to San Francisco the celebration tour continued to Seattle via Amtrak. From there by Ferry Boat to Victoria and a trip through the famous Butchart Gardens. Then back to Seattle and flight home.

"So far" says Lillian, "I like retirement!"

Bill and Kathy RENZ have settled into after wedding bliss. With a little help from their "friends," Ole and Joan, Rat and Bill, they moved into a new apartment in Columbus, have had visitors and enjoyed weekends with family. Bill is "gearing" up for his second year of dental school at Ohio State and Kathy continues to make a living and enjoy it!

Waldo and Ping ABBOTT are joining Gina and Vincent MOORE on a car trip through the Yucatan Peninsula in January. Third time round for them on this excursion together--they should be locating Omena South for all of us. Perhaps Stu Mulligan can provide charter service!

The Sydney GRIFFETHS write that things are much the same for them as before. Property in Omena they have cared for may be of some interest to the Woods Association.

From our "star" advertising rep, Chris MISANGYI . . . After "Forty-Day Flood" the sun did rise again and a rather pleasant Indian Summer lifted our spirits and hearts. Omena

is glowing in golds although most of the leaves were taken by wind and rain. Soon tiny snowflakes will cover it all and peace will prevail.

My family from Hawaii and Novi will come to Omena for Christmas, and that will be a happy time. I might spend 3-4 weeks in Hawaii this winter, but I really have my mind set on a visit of relatives and friends in Europe this coming Spring--if all goes well.

Last, but not least is the news about your co-editors. The Gaffneys will have another grand-child in May--number 3. Son Chris and daughter-in-law Amy have informed all grandparents. Chris will graduate from Notre-Dame in August, a physics Ph.D. and then hopes to teach at the college level. Any of you out there who know of any openings, send letters and information. Son Doug and daughter-in-law Linda now live in Crofton, MD, where Doug works for the A. C. Neilson Co. and Linda, so far is watching Stephanie, grand-child #2. Oldest son Bill still lives in Dayton, working for MCI and helping to raise #1 grandson (old Charlie Chan movie dialogue) Geoff. And there we are, all of us trudging that path to happy destiny, taking whatever it gives us and enjoying it to the utmost.

TONNEBERGER's are winding up 1986 with fireworks. Delicious weekends in Omena with Michigan and Omena friends. Much rain but happy "spirits." Karen and Roger are still off in Hong Kong and hope to be in Omena in August with us. Scott is a senior at Johns Hopkins examining foreign locations (e.g.--Brazil) to start his career and was in New York City for Statue of Liberty celebration this summer after his return from Italy. Spring BREEZE will give "his version" of the lighting ceremony!

Wonderful Holidays to You All!

Frank and Mary

IN MEMORIAM

HELEN CLARK REED

Helen Clark Reed of Omena and Decatur, GA, died July 18 at Leelanau Memorial Hospital. She was born April 12, 1896 in Stella, NE, and graduated from the University of Kansas. She and her husband, the late Robert H. Reed, resided for over 60 years in Swarthmore, PA, and for several years in the Netherlands.

Helen was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity, Trinity Episcopal Church and the Players Club of Swarthmore, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Northport and the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club.

She is survived by a daughter, Helen Gregory of Decatur, GA; a foster son, James S. Price of Newark, DE; a sister, Hazel Clark Taylor of Omena; nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Robert C. Reed of Swarthmore.

IRMA BEWYER LAMING

A memorial service was held in Kansas City, MO, for Mrs. Irma Bewyer Laming of Palm Desert, CA, an Omena summer resident since 1955 who died in CA at age 84.

Mrs. Laming is survived by her husband, Whitsed; two daughters, Mrs. Irma Willis of Bethesda, MD, and Mrs. Nancy Smith of Des Moines, IA; a sister, Ferne Dungan of Kansas City; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

EDITORS' NOTES

The past year has been very rewarding for your Editors. Many have written to offer suggestions and compliments about the BREEZE. Particularly enjoyable was working with the Renz family--one and all--as they continue to support the Club and contribute so many energies to its success. The summer was "capped" off by a beautiful wedding and a retiring Commodore--thanks for everything!

Chris Misangyi has done a masterful job as your advertising manager. She has contacted many new businesses and renewed contact with our traditional advertisers. Let's support all of them and thank them for advertising in the BREEZE.

Your Editors received a "surprise" package this fall from Humphrey

Jackson, one-time OTYC Commodore and BREEZE Editor. He forwarded past copies of the BREEZE from his home in Florida. Your Editors have added them to the archives and drawn upon some interesting vignettes for this issue in the column "Beginnings." Many thanks to Commodore Jackson!

Hats off to Rat Renz and her prowess at photography. Next year, your editors may figure out how to work an automatic feed camera. Thanks again to the Renz' support team.

December is upon us--hope that all of you have a wonderful and peaceful holiday season.

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