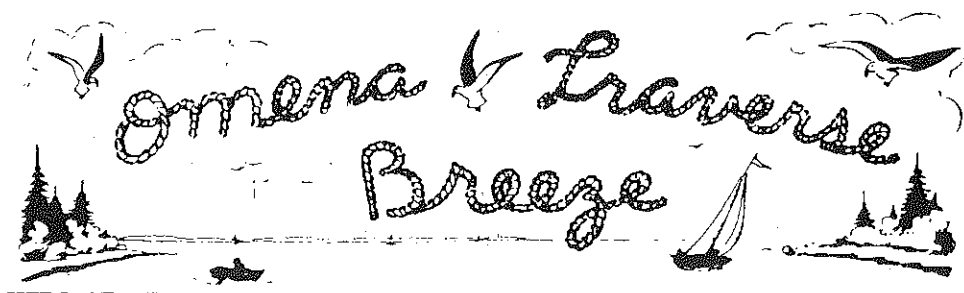


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## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

### MY CLUB, YOUR CLUB, OUR CLUB

"AHOY"

(That's Sailor Talk for "Hi There")

One of my first duties as Commodore: I realigned some responsibilities and delegated the duties. The next thing that happened: I received a phone call requesting an immediate meeting. The agenda for this meeting was one of information dissemination or clarification of job description. I was told in a very firm way that club officers and members accomplish tasks by volunteering and not by delegating!

This brings me to My Club, Your Club, Our Club. My recollection of the Revolutionary and Civil War History is that we had many companies of men called volunteers. These men received no letter from the government, no lotteries were held, yet they walked away from their farms and jobs volunteering their lives because of responsibility they felt very deeply about. My Club, Your Club, Our Club needs volunteers. I have searched the Club records for a list of people that have volunteered their services for club activities when needed. Guess what? I found no list! We need no volunteers offering their lives but what we do need are volunteers offering their time, expertise, creativity, services in return for comraderie, fun and the good health of the Club. What I would like you to do this summer is contact myself or anyone of the officers, shake our hand and say, "What can I do for the Good Health of My Club, Your Club, Our Club". By George, I would like to leave a list of volunteers for the next slate of club officers!

All of the chairpeople are working feverishly toward a summer of fun at OTYC. Their reports are included in this issue. As of this date, we do not have a sailing/tennis instructor, according to Bob Love, chairperson of Sailing/Tennis Committee (this is one case where delegation worked--Bob is our son-in-law!) If you know of anyone, please contact Bob Love.

Everything at the Club weathered our mild winter in ship-shape condition and the good news is that lake levels have receded--just a bit.

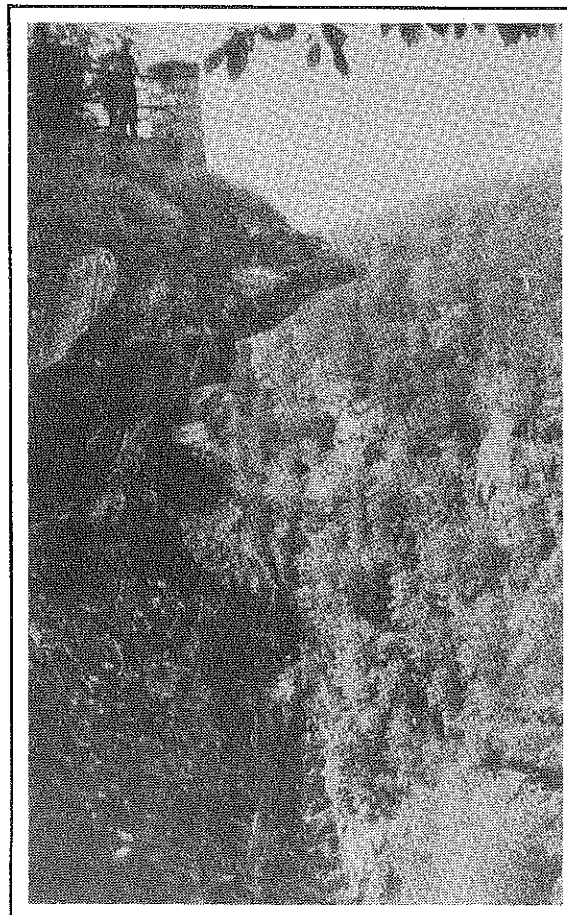
Conclusion: My Club, Your Club, Our Club can only be what we make it. We have the most beautiful location in all of Michigan, the most unique Club House in the USA, and the most beautiful Membership in all the world. Let us make this summer season the best ever!

GO OTYC!!!

"Cast Off"

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

Bob Bailey, Commodore



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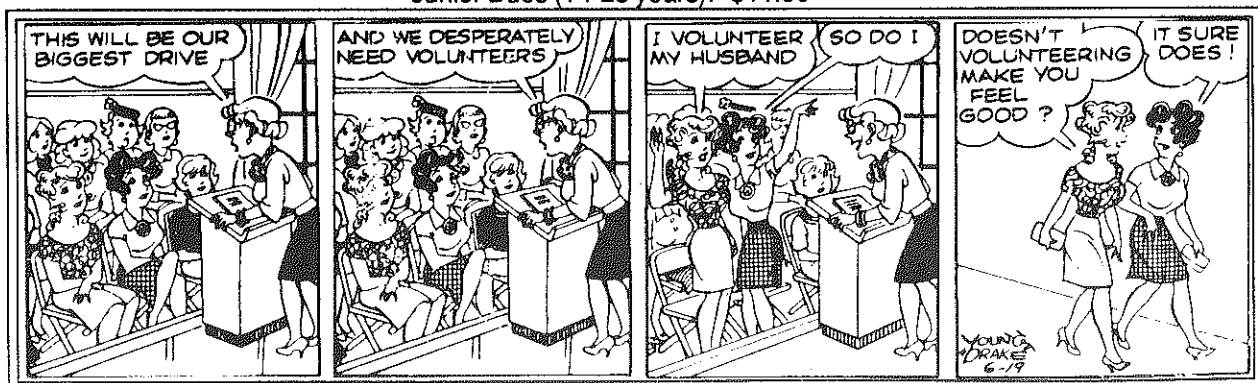
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Some supplementary notes from  
Chairman, John Ray

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 (18), 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

"SPLASH"

Check O.T.Y.C. Social Calendar for "Happy Hour" Dates. Include O.T.Y.C. Happy Hour in your Dinner Plans for the summer. Bring family, friends, relatives and children to O.T.Y.C. Happy Hour for a few hours of Unstructured Socializing. Informal: come as you are, or if you prefer, Come as you were?

Proposed 1987 O.T.Y.C. Calendar \*JULY CHAIRMAN--

JULY	4 SAT	Opening Dinner	Nancy Weiss & Connie Martineau
JULY	6 MON	Youth Program Begins	
JULY	8 WEDS	Potluck	BINGO
JULY	11 SAT	Happy Hour	5-7:00 PM (BYOB)
JULY	15 WEDS	Potluck	NATURE CONSERVATION
JULY	18 SAT 18	ANNUAL MTG Happy Hour	10:00 AM 5-7:00 PM (BYOB)
JULY	22 WEDS	Potluck	
JULY	25 SAT	Square Dance	Betsy Ehrhardt, Betty Gregory & Nancy Sandt
JULY	29 WEDS	Potluck	APPRECIATION NIGHT

AUGUST CHAIRMAN - -

AUG	1 SAT	FOLLOW-UP ANNUAL MEETING	10:00 AM
	1	Happy Hour	5-7:00 PM (BYOB)
AUG	5 WEDS	Potluck	Evening on Omena Bay
AUG	8 SAT	COMMODORE'S RECEPTION & FOUNDER'S FUND DINNER	Carolyn Renz & Committee
AUG	12 WEDS	YOUTH DINNER (fund raiser)	Lynn Spitz-Nagel & Debbie Love
AUG	15 SAT	Happy Hour	5-7:00 PM (BYOB)
AUG	19 WEDS	Potluck	Hobbies--share yours with group
AUG	22 SAT	Happy Hour	5-7:00 PM (BYOB)
AUG	26 WEDS	Potluck	Social Hour
AUG	29 SAT	Happy Hour	5-7:00 PM (BYOB)
SEPT	2 WEDS	Potluck	
SEPT	5 SAT	Happy Hour	5-7:00 PM (BYOB)

\* SUBJECT TO CHANGE/IF SO, NEW CALENDAR WILL BE POSTED

## NOTES, COMMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE OMENA COMMUNITY

*"The pains of life and love  
should not be denied  
or cast aside.*

*Accept the wounds of your soul  
and let the scars become reminders  
to your understanding  
of the hurts of others."*

**" Loving who you are where you are"  
--Theta Burke**

And so once again we start anew. Another summer of joy and wonder in all of our lives. So let us begin.

Those Schwarze's are doing just that. Beginning. Carla was ordained in the ministry on Sunday, the tenth of May. The ordination took place at Bushell Congregational Church in Detroit, Michigan. We can now experience waterfront services any day of the week. Congratulations, Carla.

The Grossmans, Harold and Gennie, are leaving Omena--Vacationing. How can anyone leave Omena? They will be absent at the opening dinner. The Orient and family beckon. The twelfth is Grosse Pointe, to babysit a grand-daughter, 18 months old, for a week, and then on to the Far East. They may need a rest at home after a week with an 18 month old. Physical training and patience is what is really needed. Good luck.

Marjorie Renz writes that they have had to stay in Cincinnati as trips have not been possible, but most importantly she writes, "we never give up hoping." Don't ever give up that. As a movie line says: "It's the stuff that dreams are made of."

Leona Milroy writes of another birthday. Four score and six. I didn't tell anybody how old you are Leona. That will be your secret. She shared the occasion with another celebrant

and 120 others at the Chicago Inn. She and her brother are going North to Alaska on June 15th and Northport by July 1st. A note of sadness, her sister, Gertrude Lee, passed away during the Christmas holidays. Condolences from us all. Leona also writes she tried to get me by phone. You'll have to get in line to achieve that. Even though I am retired, I'm tough to reach. I just don't stay home. Before 8:30 a.m. or after midnight is the best time for any of you to call. Those times are Eastern Standard.

Mary and Lanny Pratt, now have a home, not an apartment. The transplanted West Virginians are now Michiganders (a term heard many years ago). In case you would want to write or call, the following information will help:

Lanny and Mary Pratt  
317 Round Top Hill Road  
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A May opening at the cottage is on their present plans, after unpacking 876,000 boxes. Have fun.

A short note from Vernon and Elizabeth Keye. Winter in LaGrange Park, IL --brrrrr--cold--saw some old friends and family, and a weekend at Beloit College. Omena arrival is mid-May.

Another move in the Melville family. Sue and Dave's new home is at 40 Jewett Drive, Wyoming, OH 45215. No Omena arrival date.

The Gorhams write from Kerrville, that their travels have taken them from Texas to Michigan. They have also acquired a lot on Lover's Lane on Stoney Point and their new summer home should be occupied by mid-May and will be occupied thru October. Good to have Ruth and Fred back in Omena.

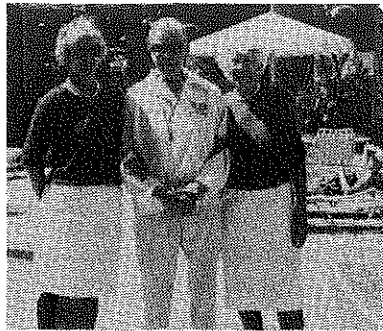
Suzie Mulligan, as usual has lots of things going on. She and Stu went to Yucatan for their annual visit and ran into Waldo and Ping Abbot. They all searched the ruins and found no more than was already there. Stu's pilot status allowed them to make the Phoenix run on a weekly basis. So like the old saying about blood being thicker than water, the Jones, Austin, and Marion had a weekly visitor, and he partook of meals, too. United goes everywhere. Of the Jones, Helen is coming to Omena by Memorial Day, and Austin and Marion sometime in June. Hold off on the O.M.Y.A.S.J. sailing race until August, if you can. Mary and I want the front end of the horse. Scott is now working for Motorola (New Enterprises Division) at some place called Schaumberge. (You'll have to tell me later Suzie where that is. I can't find it in my atlas.) The new home is still a building, so it's apartment living until the fall. I remarked about Suzie's stationery in the last Breeze, she has switched--to 8 1/2" x 11" lined tablet paper. Does a plain brown wrapper follow?

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From Rotten Row/651 Two Notch, Aiken, SC (my personal choice for the most fascinating street name I've ever encountered) comes a note from Bob Newland. I will repeat in its entirety.

Item: Dr. Robert F. Newland and Magdalena Armeaner Gillespie were married December 20, 1986 in Vienna, Austria. Among those attending were: Ann, John, and Thomas Newland of Aiken, South Carolina and Omena, William Kulick of Gulfport, Miss. and Omena and Robert and Betty Basler Griggs of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

That's a long way to go for fresh baked streudel. Congratulations and best wishes to all.

Our advertising representative, Chris Misangyi, traveled to our 50th state to visit her family and she had lunch with past Commodore Crampton Finn and his wife Marion. Crampton is ninety and still very active despite failing eyesight. Reading is prohibitive but gets his knowledge and enjoyment from tapes. A lesson to all of us. If just one thing fails, find a substitute and carry on.

At Spring Break, John Ray writes, that they spent 2 weeks in the Carolinas (mainly South Charleston and Kiawah Island). They will be arriving July 1, in Omena.

The entourage, Gaffney/Tonneberger, et. al. will arrive August 1. See you all then.

Frank

From  
**BUS 9 TO PARADISE.**  
**A LOVING VOYAGE**  
By Leo Buscaglia

"Creating and living our personal paradise is not always easy. In a society that is often suspicious of happy, caring and loving individuals, one runs the risk of being dismissed as ridiculous, naive or, as once happened to me, even irrelevant. But what does that matter? It simply suggests that we will have to develop the courage and strength to stand before the critics and cynics and say 'I don't agree with you. Life IS wonderful, joy IS our birthright, and love IS what it's all about,' and continue to live life with a passion."

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- Frank

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## Seasonal Rise of Lake Michigan Water Level Expected

By Don McNew (Reprinted from Traverse City Record-Eagle)

For the first time in 17 months, the level of Lake Michigan failed to set a new all-time record. In February the lake level dropped to about two inches below last February's record level, according to figures from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The record levels in the past two years have been averaging about 30 to 40 inches above an 86 year average. As a result, property owners along the Great Lakes have been plagued by erosion and flooding.

Shoreline damage is expected to continue as the Great Lakes will soon begin their seasonal rise. Latest Corps of Engineer forecasts call for monthly levels on Lake Michigan to be close to last year's record high levels throughout the spring and summer.

Earlier Corps of Engineer forecasts were calling for new records on Lake Michigan, with levels several inches above last year. However, this winter has seen precipitation significantly below normal and predicted water levels have been lowered.

Scientists claim that the unprecedented high lake levels in recent years are the result of above normal precipitation in the Great Lakes basin, combined with lower than normal evaporation rates due to cooler temperatures.

For 13 of the past 15 years, precipitation has been above the century's average of 31.9 inches per year.

When it comes to combating the effects of the high water, the opinions of scientists, governmental officials, and environmental groups are divided. Some believe that the situation could be alleviated by increasing the outflow of water at

various points. Unfortunately, there is not a magical plug that can be pulled to significantly reduce levels.

One such water diversion plan supported by U.S. Congressman Guy Vander Jagt is to triple the outflow of water from Lake Michigan into the Chicago River. Experts say that doing so would lower the lake approximately one inch in nine months.

Critics of the plan, like the Western Michigan Environmental Action Council and the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, say that amount is insignificant and more importantly, the increased diversion sets a dangerous precedent. The environmental groups are worried that once the water is diverted, it may be difficult to turn off the flow if the lakes return to lower levels in the future.

The concern is that other states may become dependent upon Great Lakes water for irrigating crops or for domestic use. The Supreme Court has ruled in cases involving western rivers that once down-stream communities begin receiving water they have a legal right to it.

Vander Jagt has taken the position that the Chicago diversion is feasible and the proposal should at least be looked at. Proponents of the plan claim that the use of the water for economic development will be prohibited.

Other officials, including Governor James Blanchard, would like to keep the control of any diversion within the Great Lakes basin. They propose limiting the amount of water flowing into the Great Lakes, specifically into Lake Superior from hydroelectric projects in Canada, and increasing outflow out of the St. Lawrence River. Such measures, however, would only

decrease levels by an inch or so in a year.

The International St. Lawrence River Board of Control has increased the outflow of the river in recent months, even to a record amount in January. However, the water diversion is a tricky business. Too much outflow would cause flooding downstream, particularly near densely populated Montreal.

Meanwhile, many property owners threatened by erosion and flooding are piling rocks and building walls or breakwaters to combat the onslaught. However, the long-term value of such shoreline structures is being doubted by a growing number of scientists.

Guy A. Meadows is a University of Michigan engineering professor who has been using computer models to predict rates of shoreline erosion. He believes that erosion control devices, in the long run, can cause more erosion than they prevent. He would like to see the Great Lake states prohibit such structures, like North Carolina, Florida, Texas, and other coastal states have done.

Meadows explained that geologically speaking the Great Lakes are relatively young. "They still have rugged steep sides and deep basins, and the natural process of erosion is working to smooth that out," he said.

"We're trying to make people realize if they want to live on the coastline, they have to live with these rates (of erosion). They have to be a substantial distance back from the lakes," he added.

While the experts debate the rise and fall of the lake levels, many property owners with threatened homes are left in a quandary. Some will build protective devices, others will relocate their homes, and some will nervously wait, hoping that lake levels will recede. It's a strategic battle and it appears, at least for the time being, that the forces of nature have the upper hand.

## House and Grounds Committee

Robert Harper, Chairperson

Bob Bailey	Ann Harper
Phil DiLoreto	Vernon Keye
Dee DiLoreto	Elizabeth Keye
Harold	Jack Stephenson
Grossman	
Gennie Grossman	

## House and Grounds Report April, 1987

An early spring inspection of the clubhouse and grounds revealed little or no damage during the relatively mild winter months, so we are spared any unusual costs to repair winter's ravages.

The Spring projects include the usual cleaning of the clubhouse and grounds, cleaning the beach and launching ramp of stones and debris and activating the water system. A major project this spring will be the painting of the south side of the building including repair and reglazing of the windows and additionally, painting the floors of both the upper and lower porches. This work has been contracted for and should be finished prior to Club opening.

We have lost the services of Dick Colling as caretaker but have been fortunate to hire Walt Wien to replace Dick. We're sure Walt will do an excellent job.

I wish to acknowledge and thank the committee members, particularly Harold Grossman and Phil DiLoreto, for their cheerful help throughout the year.

**Bob Harper,**  
Chairperson

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## WATERFRONT COMMITTEE

John P. Harris, Chairperson

Waldo Abbot	William Renz
Robert Harper	Frederick Schwarze
Vincent Moore	Robert Bailey, Cmdr.

The main goal of our committee is to arrive at a number of recommendations pertaining to boat slip rentals at O.T.Y.C. These recommendations will then be submitted to the O.T.Y.C. Board of Directors for their consideration, and if approved, their implementation.

The recommendations of the Waterfront Committee will be based on:

1. Answers from questionnaires sent to all O.T.Y.C. members
2. Input from Waterfront Committee members
3. Common sense and cost factors

It is apparent that no matter what the committee's recommendations are and no matter what the Board of Directors decides, there will still be some boat owners and/or members who will be unhappy. HOWEVER, there is only so much that can be done with the space and money available.

A vote of thanks goes to those members who have made a pledge towards the purchase of the model Great Lakes schooner, the "J.T. WING".

So far, we have pledges totalling \$600. Cost was \$1,000. We do need more help!!

Those persons who have pledged and others willing to help, would you please send your check, made out to O.T.Y.C. (memo--J.T. WING) to Mr. William Sandt, treasurer of the Omena Traverse Yacht Club.

Please help the J.T. WING become a permanent part of our Club.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mary Helen Ray, Bill Renz and Bob Bailey have agreed to "reenlist" for another three-year term on the O.T.Y.C. Board. Hence, I am nominating them for this esteemed honor. The term of service would be effective this coming September 15, the date of expiration of their current terms of office.

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# REMEMBRANCE OF DAY'S PAST

FROM THE BREEZE, DECEMBER, 1955

## VENETIAN NIGHT

The combination of Stunt Night with Venetian Night provided a real evening's entertainment and seemed to work out quite nicely.

As usual, there was much secrecy regarding the entries for Venetian Night. On the surface, one would have not guessed that actually a lot of planning and work are being put on the preparation of the entries.

The weather kept everyone guessing again, as quite a stiff breeze seemed to come up during the afternoon. However, preparations went right on and everyone hoped that by dusk the water would be more calm.

As the evening came on more and more activity seemed to precede the climax of getting the boats assembled and fastened to the towing boats. Bill Renz worked feverishly to assist the final assembly of the entries. After darkness arrived, the spectators were treated to the sight of a variety of boats decorated cleverly as usual.

The Club's electrical improvements have resulted in better viewing for the spectators. Many stood on the dock, but many more were seated on the verandas and all could see and enjoy the boats very nicely.

The Renz cruiser was decorated to represent the U.S. Battleship MISSOURI and towed the Jackson Penguin which was decorated as an INDIAN TEEPEE. Dave Jackson and Eddy Lyon attired as "Redskins" held red flares to light up the decorations. The Lyon Penguin carried a giant TOTEM POLE and was manned by Margy and Betsy Lyon in Indian costume. The Ayars Penguin carried a model of the CLUB HOUSE lighted very nicely. The Smith Penguin carried a large PENGUIN symbol of the racing participated in our Penguin fleet.

Hattie and Dale Underwood rigged up a TRAMP STEAMER which carried

everything but the kitchen sink and was awarded a tie for first along with the Renz MISSOURI.

Out of the darkness came a floating island complete with INDIAN TEEPEE and Lestra Saxton smoking a peace pipe beside a fire in front of it, towed by Norm Johanning. Lestra tied for second place with the DeVore's entry which represented the UNITED NATIONS, carrying the Statue of Liberty, Uncle Sam and natives of member nations aboard.

Third place was tied by Mary Helen Ayars "CLUB HOUSE" and Rat Smith's "PENGUIN".

Everyone wondered who the MERMAID on the Rule entry was. We didn't find out until long after Venetian Night.

The boats were cleverly decorated and much praise was heard from spectators. The fun of participating in a Club event whether as a spectator or one of the entries is what makes the O.T.Y.C. a success.

## STUNT NIGHT

After the third Venetian Night in the Club's history, the rest of the evening was celebrated by stunts postponed from the week before. First to perform was Eben Barker, who gave several recitations in dialect. The next performance was given by Harlette and Dale Underwood, who played duets on recorders, a flute type instrument of medieval times, which is having a revival in the East. Gwen and Melvin Pike gave a charming exhibition of some of the popular dances now in vogue on the dance floor. Their smooth dancing proved without doubt that having been selected as regional champions in the Saginaw area, they earned the right to represent this group at the State dancing competition.

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