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OTYC

Commodore's Message

"AHOY"

Another summer season has faded into a beautiful sunset over Omena Bay! Awaiting the new sunrise of the Summer Season of 1988 brings anticipation, planning and the challenge of meeting the memberships' New Year needs.

The two highlights of this summer past, were the installation of the ceiling fans and the final pledging of sufficient monies to purchase the "J.T. Wing". I would like to take this opportunity to say a personal "Thank you" to all you beautiful members who made this happen for the benefit of all the OTYC membership. Hopefully by the opening dinner next summer (1988), the "J.T. Wing" will have its' permanent berth for all to view.

Next summer brings great celebration plans for the 40th anniversary of the OTYC. The Bill Renzs and the John Rays have been burning the midnight oil in anticipation, planning and organizing next years' festivities. The message heard was that they were still accepting thoughts and ideas for the celebration but you all must hurry before things get cast in stone! The cut off date is when the last idea is received in Cincinnati and Wilmette!

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GO OTYC!

"CAST OFF"

Bob Bailey, Commodore

THE J.T. WING

OWNER: J.T. Wing and Co., Detroit, MI

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DATE: 1919

DIMENSIONS: 152 feet long by 33 feet 5 inches wide
by 14 feet draft.

The person for whom this schooner was named was Jefferson Thurber Wing-born in Monroe, MI on June 4th, 1860. He graduated from the Michigan Military Academy, and moved to Detroit in 1881. In 1886, he established the J.T. Wing Company, a firm which engaged in the supply of castings, bearing materials and various industrial and ship chandlery items and hardware. The schooner was used to transport these supplies to various ports throughout the Great Lakes. Mr. Wing died in Detroit on December 1, 1932.

The J.T. Wing was a three masted schooner, also known as a tern. It sailed the Great Lakes from 1919 until 1938, when it was deeded to the Detroit area Sea Scouts, as a training ship. However, this arrangement did not work out, and the J.T. Wing was moved to Marine City, Michigan, where it lay idle until 1942. At this time, it was towed back to Detroit and buried on land at Belle Isle where it was used as a marine museum. It was finally burned down to make room for the present Dossin Great Lakes Museum, which was built in 1960.

This model of the J.T. Wing was constructed from a set of blueprints obtained from the Smithsonian Museum, by Edward Clements of Saginaw, Michigan.

The purchase of the model schooner, to be displayed at our Club, was made possible by the kind generosity of the following OTYC members:

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together this fall and these are some
of the things that popped into our
minds when reminiscing about
early Yacht Club years...

- Lightning races
- White Elephant Parties, Lestra
Saxton's baliwick
- Mary Louise Basler's Chili
Suppers
- The Annual Card Party, run by
Kitty Smith
- Penguomena Fleet
- Door-to-door fund raising for
plumbing, tennis courts, etc.
- Painting parties
- Mary Foltz
- The driveway going in FRONT of
the Club
- Omena Point and Ingalls Bay
families getting together
- Gus Smarey

What do YOU remember? Your
memories should jog a bit and vice-
versa. Also, what would YOU like to
see the Yacht Club do to celebrate
these 40 years?

If enough of us search our memo-
ries and desks for pictures and
musings, we might be able to put
together a special 40th
anniversary, *Breeze*, to be avail-
able this coming summer.

Do send us your thoughts, pic-
tures, memories and ideas or sug-
gestions. We look forward to hear-
ing from you!

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NOTES AND COMMENTS

ABBOT, WALDO AND PING — The Abbot clan stuck it out in Omena for three weeks into September but finally had to pack up for home as they were taking off for Spain the next week.

GAFFNEY-TONNEBERGER Et. Al. — Mary and Ron spent Thanksgiving in Dayton and New York. Scott now lives there. They were in Hong Kong over Christmas. Karen and Roger live there. Frank and Doris along with Bill and Geoff (grandson), Betty and Katie (they were with us last summer), Doug and Linda, Stephanie and Leah (new addition) spent both holidays in Kettering. We live here. Chris, Amy and Gabe (new addition) spent the holidays in Chico, CA. Chris is now an Assistant Professor of Physics at the College there. More later.

GELAKOSKIS — Our family has been pretty busy lately. Brian and Andrea are back into their school work and extra-curricular activities. Bob recently had a parathyroid operation which turned out fine. He is recently actively pursuing good airplane investments. I am busy with various religious related activities, especially concerning children. I am active in our school's P.T.A., and I'm taking two classes. We often fondly think back on our summer in Omena and look forward to Summer 1988.

GRIFFITHS, SYDNEY — Dorothy died September 6 following a 9 month illness. Our eldest boy Bob was transferred to San Francisco as General Motors closed the Pontiac Office in Charlotte, N. Carolina. Jim is still in Florida and Beverly came back from California to help with Dorothy's care. This time of the year it is so beautiful with the color of the leaves. Hope to be up north next summer.

KEYE, ELIZABETH AND VERNON — After a busy, happy

summer in Omena, my husband and I were ready to return to our winter home in LaGrange Park in October—for us it takes more than warm weather in the winter time! We need quality people and activities. We enjoy Chicago, symphony, concerts, theatre and family members. We enjoy walking to good shopping areas and fine restaurants. We enjoy participating in special activities in this retirement community. Vernon and I are chairmen of the Cottage Residents Christmas Party to be held at the LaGrange Country Club in December. It's a happy life for us.

KIERSEY, JOAN AND OLE — Just under the wire—or maybe not quite?? In any case, the fall has evaporated and now "the season" is gaining momentum, especially for those of us in the world of retail!

We did journey to Omena twice during the fall: once to spend a weekend with Kathy and Bill, who were enjoying a week's R&R before Bill's fall term began (at OSU's Dental School), and then for the Columbus Day weekend, where we joined with Rays, Tonnebergers and Mary Woolford for a last sojourn to the Happy Hour.

Kathy and Bill surprised us with a Kalamazoo overnight visit this weekend (they love to drive!) and will return to spend all of Christmas week here. They see Libby Ehrhardt often in Columbus—she is currently attending grad school at OSU.

Kim studies on at WMU (graduation is within the year!) and also waitresses five nights a week at our Sheraton's Brown Derby.

Ole is surviving his middle school's new curriculum direction and "my" store is awaiting the holiday crunch. Merry Holidays!

MISANGYI, CHRIS — This was a great year, especially weatherwise. After a mild Winter we enjoyed an early warm Spring, a "beachy"

Summer, and a colorful Fall—plus an interrupted (by a slight chill) Indian Summer. The water level is way down and one can walk the shores everywhere.

Our families will meet for a reunion in Florida early December where I can then join my grandchildren in fun at Disney World.

RAY, MARY HELEN AND JOHN — Currently, Kevin is working at the Edens Plaza Bank in Wilmette. Michael is busy being a sophomore at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. Linda is starting to think of college as she sings, dances and flutes through junior year. I'm employed at a travel agency, part time and we are making use of the travel bus. to visit Rome and Florence after Christmas.

We've had a couple nice fall weekends in Omena.

RENZ, RAT AND BILL — Bill and I drove to Texas this fall for a meeting in Dallas. The drive was especially fun for me because I was able to see all the changing states on the way out. Got to do a little sight-seeing in the three days we were there, viewing the city from Reunion Tower, going thru the Belo Mansion, listening to Dixieland at the new/old West End District. And yes, we saw South Fork, too but missed Nieman Marcus.

Following the Dallas portion, we drove to Houston where Bill's cousin and spouse showed us all around the area, including NASA and Galveston Bay. We also saw a lot of Texas cousins and one Omenaité—Stuart Saxton Gulsbey and her husband Bill. A really neat trip for us both, even though technically a business trip.

A couple of weeks later we could be found in Illinois where we saw not only the Rays, but also Fran and Rod Leverentz and the Spitz-Nagel family. We even got to hear Mark play with the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra, a marvelously talented

group. A tentative trip planned for after the holidays; we are now looking forward to 13 for Thanksgiving, whole family home for New Year's.

RENZ, ANDY AND MARJORIE —I have nothing of interest to write and no places except to go to Winston Salem, NC in January to visit my sister on her 90th birthday.

RENZ, BILL AND KATHY —Autumn's return to routine has brought increased class and patient loads for Bill, now a junior at OSU Dental School. We both enjoyed a 10-day respite in Omena in late September, however, with its color-dappled leaves, crisp blue sunshine, and apple-laden breezes. Our adventures included a traverse to S. Manitou Island, despite 8-10-foot waves on Lake Michigan! Kathy's parents (Joan and Ole Kisersey) shared the final weekend with us. In addition to her full-time employ, Kathy continues volunteer work with Amnesty International and a local animal shelter.

SILVERMAN, CAROL —I have not much to report except to say how much we enjoyed being in Omena in August—how much too short the visit was—how we hated to leave and how we look forward to next August! We did enjoy our stay this year as short as it was. Our son Aaron came to visit with his fiancée Molly Maguire, from California. Our family is so spread out in this world it is a real treat to get together with any one of them. We continue to enjoy our sojourn in England and would be very happy to hear from anyone from OTYC. Our phone is (0277)354-587. We are just outside of London. This is Eden's last year of high school at the American School in London and she is busily applying to schools in the U.S. for next year in between a very busy school schedule and attendance at the Royal Academy of Music as well. Gary continues to travel frequently to the continent and I am enjoying my walks with "Tank" through the countryside and entertaining a steady stream of friends and relatives. We all send our love to our OTYC friends and look forward to seeing them next summer (August).

Hopefully a week or two longer than last.

SMITH, TOM AND MARY —As I write to you, most of the leaves are off the trees here in Omena and we are enjoying the thrill of seeing it all happen and knowing we do not have to say good-bye to this spectacular sight. We have now become year round residents of Omena and are operating the orchard. This is a backward way of retiring.

In September '86, Tom retired from Federated Department Stores and we celebrated in the Spring with an Amtrack tour of the U.S. and arrived here in May. When we realized we needed to get actively involved in the orchard to accomplish the goals we had for it and for the industry, we said we would stay here thru the Fall. Then we recognized that wasn't sensible and said we had to stay here all the time. I am not ready to say forever but I think Tom would. Anyway, we are loosening the strings to Cincinnati by leasing our home there and, ugh, making another move—one that I had said would be in a box—well, it'll be a truck. Couldn't move to a more beautiful spot though. It is like taking a constant plane trip as we watch the sky from our "cherry room". I have a hard time believing all this.

So if any of you make winter trips to Omena, please call us and come up and enjoy winter on the orchard. Our address is: P.O. Box 198, Omena, MI 49674, and phone: 616-386-7328.

TAYLOR, LILLIAN —Spent several days in Washington, D.C. in late September, where she attended the wedding of her grandson, Jonathan Cain to Michele Bartoli. Jonathan is a former Jr. member of OTYC and had raced his FJ Jr. sailboat in scheduled competition with the several boats of

that class once owned by OTYC members.

The wedding took place in Alexandria, Va., at the historic Old Town Presbyterian Meeting House and was followed by the reception on a cruise ship during a three hour cruise on the Potomac. The couple spent their two week honeymoon in England and Wales. Both bride and groom are attorneys, practicing in Washington and are residing in Alexandria.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Graveside services were held for Dorothy E. Griffiths of Bloomfield, a summer resident of Omena and Northport. She was 69.

She was a member of the family which had operated the former Clovers' Hotel at Omena.

A physiotherapist, she supervised the physiotherapy department at Ford Hospital in Detroit. She was a 1940 graduate of the University of Michigan and a 1941 graduate of Harvard University.

Mrs. Griffiths is survived by her husband, Sydney; a daughter, Beverly, of Bloomfield Hills; two sons, James of Winter Park, Fla., and Robert of San Francisco; a sister, Barbara Schneidewind of Omena; and three grandchildren.

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WATERFRONT POLICY

As approved by the Board of Directors, July, 1987.

1. Once a Club member, in good standing, has rented a boat slip, he or she may continue to rent said slip providing—membership dues and slip rental fees are both paid, to the Treasurer, by April 1st, for the upcoming season.
2. If dues and slip rental fees are not paid, in full, by April 1st, the slip shall be declared vacated and available for rental.
3. Vacated slips shall be awarded to the most senior eligible adult member applicant requesting use of the available slip.
4. Seniority for renting available slips shall be based on the following point system: one point for each year of continuous adult membership plus 1/2 point for each year of continuous youth membership—providing there has been no lapse of dues being paid in either case.
5. Boats, in rental slips at OTYC must be registered in the name of the applicant. The owner must certify that he/she is carrying public liability and property damage insurance on his/her boat, and that it shall be in force during the time that the boat is on Club premises.
6. Each slip renter must certify the Omena Traverse Yacht Club as an additional named insured on said liability insurance policy.
7. The above rules will also include members who lease vacant slips during the boating season.
8. 1987 season slip rental fees will be increased by 15%. It was understood that the Waterfront Committee would make future recommendations concerning fees, in future seasons, after investigating fees and percentage of increases at local marinas in the area.
9. The tying of Martineau's boat to the breakwall will be in effect for the 1987 season only—for \$125.00. He will be required to abide by the rules stated above regarding insurance credentials. (None of the slip rental, seniority policies apply to this "once only" breakwall area rental).
10. Future breakwall rentals must be requested and permitted annually with waterfront policy (1987) governing where applicable.
11. The OTYC Committee boat will remain moored in the shallowest boat slip for the 1987 season. In future years, if need arises, other places, along the shore, will be investigated for its mooring.
*** The Board agreed that the ease and safety of entering and leaving said boat from the dock and catwalk area was more important than the additional rental fee that the 5th slip might bring in.
12. All boats must be tied properly with good, new lines. The Waterfront Chairperson and the Commodore shall be instructed to check the safety of breakwall moorings and make appropriate recommendations to the owner of boat in that slip.
13. Whenever the launching ramp is used the approving OTYC member, in good standing, must be present during the activity.
14. Rules of safety on the dock, etc. are included in the Statement of Policy for the Omena Traverse Yacht Club.

Members are invited to keep their small boats pulled up on the sand at the Sunfish Cove, at no charge. There is no charge for launching or hauling out boats. Rental fees are charged for dock space; reservations to be made through the Waterfront Committee.

The Yacht Club boat is not to be operated by or boarded by anyone who is not specifically authorized to do so.

Boating: All persons participating in Club-sanctioned boating activities are required to wear Coast Guard approved life vests.

All sailors and other boat operators should be familiar with and adhere to the Rules of Boating Safety and the laws of the State of Michigan.

Tennis: The Tennis Court is maintained by OTYC members for the exclusive use of members and their bona-fide guests (when playing with the host member).

Players should wear appropriate attire and observe the standard rules of tennis etiquette.

Demand for court time varies from month to month and year to year; therefore players should consult the Tennis Board at the foot of the stairs for current policy regarding reservation of court time.

Youth and Adult Activities Program: The Club sponsors a program of instruction and other activities for young people and adults. Children under the age of eight years are welcome to participate only if accompanied by a parent.

Parents of young people (ages 8 through 17) participating in Club activities are expected to assist with transportation and chaperonage when necessary.

Playground: This area is maintained for the exclusive enjoyment of our children under the age of 12. Older children should not be on the playground unless acting in the capacity of baby-sitter.

Private Parties: Members desiring to hold private parties or other events on Club property may do so only with the approval of the Board of Directors and upon such terms as the Board may deem appropriate.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

As approved by the Board of Directors on July 18, 1981

Each member of the OTYC shares equally in the ownership of and responsibility for the Club and its facilities. Our mutual comfort, enjoyment, and safety require observance of the following policies regarding use of the Club.

General: The Club does not have full time hired maintenance help—therefore it is necessary for each one of us to clean up after ourselves. This includes beverage cans, cigaret butts, and all other litter, whether inside the clubhouse, at the tennis court, or around the yard and beach.

Dogs and other pets are not allowed on OTYC property, unless confined to the inside of a car.

Any child under the age of 8 years must be accompanied by a parent or authorized baby-sitter over the age of 12 when on Club property or participating in Club activities.

Consumption of alcoholic beverages on Club property is limited to persons of legal drinking age attending Club sponsored events. (Until recently, the By-Laws of OTYC strictly prohibited all use of alcohol on Club property. Our current By-Laws state that the Board of Directors may approve such use on an annual basis only.)

Potlucks: The member is to bring a main dish, salad, or vegetable dish in ample quantity to serve the number of persons in the member's party PLUS EIGHT OTHERS.

Appropriate attire for adults and children attending potlucks is "neat-but-casual". Shoes and shirts are required.

Members and guests are welcome at all potlucks, and are requested to sign-up on the sheet provided as early as possible, so that the Entertainment Committee can plan accordingly. In order to help defray the cost of coffee, dessert, and hired help the Committee may from time to time charge a nominal fee as it deems necessary.

Happy Hour (the hour preceding supper) is a B.Y.O.B. affair. Ice and mixes will be available at the bar, as well as refreshments for children.

Waterfront: All swimming is to be done from the "south beach"—not in the Sunfish Cove or Dock areas. OTYC does not provide supervision for swimmers.

Boats and boating equipment are private property and are not to be borrowed or boarded without owner permission. Running and/or rough-housing on the Club dock are prohibited in the interest of safety.

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OTYC ANNUAL MEETING—JULY 18, 1987

The annual meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. The following members were in attendance:

Bob Harper
John Roth
Bob Love
Spitz and Lynn Spitz-Nagel
Mary Woolford
Mary Louise Vail
Jane Saxton
John and Mary Helen Ray
Genevra and Harold Grossman
Bill and Nancy Sandt
Lillian Taylor
Harold and Mary Lou Root
John and Barb Harris

Bob and Pat Bailey
Kathy Bosco
Austin and Marion Jones
Mary Smith
Andy and Marjorie Renz
Carolyn Renz
Margo Lyon
Betsy and Drew Ehrhardt
Jim and Betty Gregory

Proxies: Liz Ettinger
Stu Mulligan
Suzie Mulligan

The minutes of the 1986 Annual Meeting were accepted as printed in the *Breeze*.

Bill Sandt gave the Treasurer's Report and passed around a written statement, as filed with the Secretary's Minutes. It was moved and seconded by Mary Smith and Bob Martineau to accept the report. Motion carried.

Old Business

The dock policy was reported by the Waterfront Committee (see July 11 Board Meeting Minutes).

Five hundred dollars have been pledged towards the purchase of the J.T. Wing model boat.

Committees

Social: (submitted by Mary Smith, Chairperson)

"The 1986 season opened with a meeting of the Social Committee at Mary Smith's house to plan the program for the year. The Social Chairman is responsible for the dinner affairs but the programs following the dinner are the responsibility of a different chairman.

The following is a summary of the activities of the season.

1. A write-up of the duties of the pot-luck hostesses and help was prepared and is available for distribution. This includes the weekly chairman, the monthly chairman and the paid clean-up help.
2. It was decided the catered dinners should carry an extra one dollar fee to cover decorations and incidentals.
3. The Opening Dinner was catered by the Beech Tree and 139 people attended. Mary Smith was the chairman for the dinner.
4. There were nine potluck dinners during the season. The use of monthly chairmen to order supplies and pay the help greatly reduces the work of the social chairman and spreads the responsibilities among more people. Therefore, we will continue this procedure.
5. The Commodore's Reception and Founders' Fund dinner was chaired by Kathy Bosco and about 114 people attended. The canapes were provided by the social committee members and the dinner was catered by the Beech Tree.
6. The Square Dance was chaired by Debbie Love and Martine Moore with Don Day as the caller. Sixty-seven enthusiastic people attended.
7. The 1987 season began with a 4th of July chicken dinner arranged by Connie Martineau and Mary Smith. One hundred fifteen members attended.
8. The July social committee meeting was held at Mary Smith's to plan the July events. This year there will be an August social committee meeting at Pat Bailey's.

There is not a financial report included because the funds are turned over to the treasurer as well as expenses at the Country Store."

House and Grounds: (submitted by Bob Harper, Chairperson)

"The activities of the Committee since the 1986 Annual Meeting include the following:

- The autumn closing of the Clubhouse included shut-off and draining of the water system.
- Repair of the tennis net which was handled by the generous help of Jack Sarvis.
- Overhaul of the water pump during the winter, made necessary because of worm bearings.
- With the cooperation of the Commodore and the Board, a new caretaker was hired for the 1987 season. He is Walter Wien, and is well qualified.
- The caretaker replaced a lower sash on a second floor window.
- The entire south side of the Clubhouse, the floors of both upper and lower porches and the railings of the first floor porch have been painted. This included new glazing on most of the south-side windows and replacement of cracked and broken panes.
- The beach and launching ramp were cleared of stones, brush and driftwood. Two and one-half truck loads of debris were hauled away.
- The caretaker and his wife, Janis, cleaned the entire interior and porches and arranged the furniture for Club opening. In addition, the hedges were trimmed, the lawn mowed, and the driveway sides sprayed to kill poison ivy. The lawn and hedges were fertilized.
- Toilets in both rest-rooms have been repaired.
- An exterminator has been scheduled to treat the exterior of the building and surrounding ground for spiders and ants. Weather permitting, this will be done in the morning of July 23rd.
- An estimate of cost for the installation of two overhead fans has been received for consideration by the Board.

The Chairman wishes to acknowledge and thank the Committee members for their help and cooperation.

Youth Activities: (submitted by Bob Love, Chairperson, Kevin Ray and Mark Spitz-Nagel)

There has been a total of 10 children in the program (8 each week).

Gross receipts: Week 1: \$135, Week 2: \$140

Wednesday activities: Week 1: Sand Dunes—11 people; Week 2: Put-Put Golf—15 people. Each trip has involved a few younger (under the minimum age) people.

Future activities: July 22: Youth chili dinner, August 5: Mackinac Island (this involves the entire Club—a preliminary sign-up will be passed around next Wednesday). Possible future activities: Waterslide, campout (specific tennis and sailing reports follow.)

Tennis: (Mark Spitz-Nagel)

"The current OTYC Tennis Program has been rolling quite successfully; the amount of people involved in lessons has remained the same since last summer at this point in the program. There has been a loss of a few people this year but also a significant gain. Right now the program includes 3 Beginners, 4 Intermediates, 1 Advanced, 1 Adult.

The Round Robins seem to have slightly lost some of the popularity I believe they have had in the past; the turnouts included 2 people last week and only 1 this week. I don't know if this is due to a dearth of enthusiasm or time. Regardless, I'm wondering if some small tournaments within the Club might be a better alternative.

At any rate, the program is certainly looking up this summer. I'm counting on the rest of the summer being as great as it has so far."

Sailing: (Kevin Ray)

"Races: we have had three days of possible races. Since only one boat was available each time (we need a minimum of three), there have been no races.

It is assumed that there will be races in weeks to come as more people who have raced in the past will be here.

Classes: There has been a total of seven people in the classes (five each week).

Only beginner and intermediate classes have been held. An advanced class is available at 11:00 and an adult class at 12:00."

Waterfront Committee Report: (submitted by John Harris, Chr.)

"At the end of last summer, the Waterfront Committee sent out questionnaires to all OTYC members concerning the issue of boat slip rentals, etc. Thirty-two responses were received in answer to this questionnaire. Seven people

requested season rentals, one response said "maybe" and one response was for a "partial" rental. The votes were tallied and comments summarized. A questionnaire (based on the member's votes and comments) was sent to all Waterfront Committee members. Again votes were tallied and all comments noted.

At the first OTYC Board meeting of 1987, Board members were presented with copies of the questionnaires, tally of votes and comments received. This allowed time for review and consideration of the results. A special Board meeting was held on Saturday, July 11, 1987, at which time the various aspects of slip rentals, comments from members etc. were discussed and analyzed.

Presently, all slips are rented for the 1987 season, including the breakwall "slip", which will be rented annually as approved by the Board. Fees will be increased by 15% for the 1987 season. The possibility of finding an area for boat trailer storage will be studied. A statement of policy, concerning the rental of slips, will be formulated from decisions made by the Board."

John Harris requested that the entire policy be printed in the *Breeze*.

Membership Report: (submitted by John Ray, Chr.)

"New members: Samuel and Mary Cone (recommended by Mary Smith and Jonnie Hodgson).

Guest members: Ole and Joan Kiersey and Kim (daughter-Jr.).

Total membership units: 110"

At OTYC functions, it was requested that people applying for membership be introduced as such and not as prospective members, thereby not assuming that they will automatically be members.

Nominating Report: (submitted by John Ray, Chr.)

"Each of the Board members whose terms expire on 9/15/87 have agreed to serve for another term (to 9/15/90). They are Mary Helen Ray, William Renz and Robert Bailey."

Special Activities: (submitted by Jonnie Hodgson, Chr.)

"The Special Activities Committee has planned the following activities that have taken place or will take place after pot lucks on Wednesday during July and August.

- July 8-Bingo
- July 15-Night on Omena Bay (cancelled due to weather)
- July 22-Youth Dinner-Night on Omena Bay (weather permitting)
- July 29-Signs of the Zodiac-Speaker, Ken Wylie
- August 5-Herb Garden speaker
- August 12-Surprise
- August 19, 26-to be announced"



Breeze: The editors were not present, but their hard work and efforts were acknowledged and appreciated.

Founder's Fund: (submitted by John Roth, Chr.)

The balance in the Fund as of 12/31/86 was \$5,529.26. No donations have been received for the last two years. Caroline Renz was selected as a new Director along with John Roth. The reasons for establishing the Fund were described by John Roth and Austin Jones.

New Business:

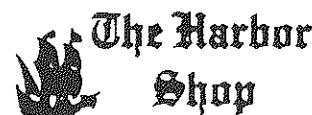
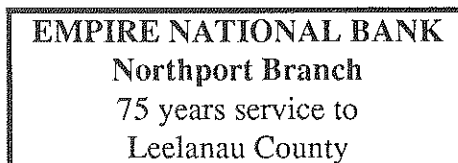
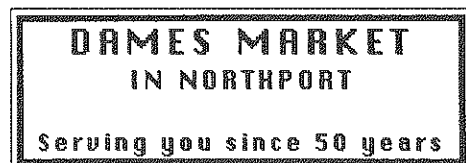
The 40th year celebration committee will be headed by Rat and Bill Renz, Mary Helen and John Ray for the year 1988

Kathy Bosco and Connie Martineau are researching the purchase and installation of ceiling fans. Kathy requested screens to be placed in the snack bar windows.

It was moved and seconded by Jonnie Hodgson and John Harris that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee for 1987-90.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Helen Ray, Secretary



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OUT OF THE PAST

From Vol. III, No. 1
December, 1950

Oct. 24—The bay has a wide collar of red, russet and yellow with spines of green.

Oct. 28—Indian Summer at its best. The bay has a fringe frayed with subdued mauve, purple and a few spots of gold to remind you of its former glory. Summer cottages seem quite lonely and forlorn. They can be seen in much sharper outline now that the leaves are falling and everything is covered with a leafy carpet.

The hunting season is in full swing now (small game). We have heard shots all day that sounded too near for comfort. We are glad that so many Ingall's Bayers gave us permission to post their land. Omena Bay had probably 25 boats with fishermen today, but not much catch.

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The Frank Andersons had a wonderful trip through Canada in September. The Horace Wheelers have acquired a new Mercury and christened it with a trip to Ann Arbor to see Nancy Jo who is attending the University. One of Nancy Jo's pictures which has been traveling in a nationwide exhibition has received widespread recognition and praise. Her Omena Paintbox and teaching venture have been featured in the college paper—pictures were taken last summer for a spread in the Detroit Times. Mrs. Thearl Smith and daughter Joan Van Pelt just returned from an antique buying trip to Pennsylvania to replenish Overlook stock. "Si" Faute sent his mother a perfectly beautiful dinner set of Japanese bone china from Japan where he is now stationed. Mr. Carmichael returned last week from a trip to Florida on his boat MIGNON which he leaves in Florida for the winter. The Halbert Whites were the last Pointers to leave. Received a card from them at Tucson Arizona yesterday.

WHAT'S YOUR HOBBY?

"Boats and Boating"—*Paul G. Hill*
 "Travel, Study, Music"—*Halbert and Harriette White*
 "Spending the Summer on Ingalls Bay"—*Dave DeVore*
 "Football Games, Dates and Classes"—*Alice Ayars*
 "Drama, Athletics, School"—*Mary Helen Ayars*
 "Are you kidding?"—*Gus Rogers III*
 "Travel"—*Hazel Clark Taylor*
 "Antiques and animals"—*Kitty Calvert Smith*
 "Echowood"—*Humphrey C. Jackson*
 "Nurses Aid and Teaching Sunday School"—*Caroline Gleason*
 "Sailing"—*Jack G. Hill*
 "Photography and Old Cars"—*Stewart Ayars*

Members are asked to patronize merchants who have been kind enough to advertise in the Breeze. Let them know you are a member of the O.T.Y.C.

• NEWS BULLETIN •

We are indeed deeply indebted to Humphrey Jackson who has managed and edited this publication.

I wish for each and every one of you a very generous share of the best of all that is good.

I look forward in happy anticipation to seeing you early in the next vacation season.

Annual Meeting August 10, 1950

In order that the entire membership of the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club, those who have joined recently, as well as those who were members at the beginning, may know what has been done and how accomplished, we submit the following brief summary:

The Club was organized early in July 1948, through the initiative

and tireless effort of Gus Rogers, assisted by a few interested helpers.

Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Michigan Corporation and Securities Commission August 9, 1948, and a Charter was issued in the name of the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club, Incorporated.

At the time the Club was formed, a two year lease on the Club's present property was secured from Mr. H.M. Carmichael at an annual rental of \$1.00. The lease carried an option to purchase the property any time within the period of the lease for the sum of \$2,000.00.

Revenue of the Club for 1948 amounted to \$745.82, derived from dues, initiation fees, proceeds from special benefit parties, Snack Bar, and some fall contributions. For cleaning up the grounds, putting the building in usable condition, improving the road-ways, together with some minor repairs and improvements, we spent in 1948, \$441.99, leaving a balance of \$303.83. This was made possible largely by our member, Frank Kalchik, who gave generously of his time and use of equipment without charge.

Early in the vacation season of 1949, a campaign was started to raise funds for the purchase of this property. The result of the fund raising campaign was as follows: 14 members contributed \$100.00 each; 6 members, \$50.00 each; 4 members, \$25.00 each; 3 members, \$10.00 each; also, one \$15.00 and one \$5.00 subscription from non-members.

At the annual meeting in 1949, Mr. Carmichael very generously reduced the purchase price \$100.00. With this reduction, and the funds secured by our campaign, together with a small amount from our general fund, the purchase of the property was consummated. A deed to the property was delivered at this meeting to your property officers.

Extended coverage Insurance in the amount of \$7,500.00 is carried

on your property. We are, also, protected with Liability Insurance.

At this same meeting, a lease for 5 years was secured from Mr. Carmichael on the two lots adjoining our property, at an annual rental of \$1.00. A portion of these two lots has been converted into a very necessary parking lot. Space is also available for a tennis court, which will be constructed in the near future. Materials and cost of construction of a tennis court have already been generously donated by Mr. Fred Schaefer.

Also during 1949, our new dock was constructed, and shore improvements made under the able supervision of member, Paul Hill, who also contributed a lot of manual labor to give us very creditable yachting facilities. Paul has also been tireless in his efforts in managing our racing events, which have been most successful and afforded great pleasure to the participants as well as to the spectators.

Expenditures during 1949, including the purchase of the property, amounted to \$3,142.90, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$153.51.

We closed the 1949 season with a membership of 62.

At the first meeting of your directors in 1950, it was decided to proceed with the very necessary improvement of installing restrooms. These rest-rooms, as you know, are now completed. Your Board of Directors proceeded with this improvement largely on faith, that is faith in our members. We felt that the members, realizing the desirability of this improvement, would readily supply the funds necessary to cover the cost. Our solicitors, to date, have contacted a limited number of members and report contributions amounting to \$340.00. All the bills for this improvement are not yet in, however, we know contributions thus far are considerably short of the total cost. Your directors, never-the-less, still have faith.

At this first meeting in 1950, a lease for two years was secured from Mr. Carmichael on his boat slip, at an annual rent of \$1.00. This added facility is available to members and guests alike.

The next major improvements we plan to make are the painting of the Club House building, and overhauling the lighting system. We hope we can proceed with these necessary improvements at an early date.

The renewed interest that is manifest these past weeks, both in yachting and social activities, convince us that in a very short time we shall have a Yacht Club and a Community Social Center of which we all can be justly proud.

A report such as this would be incomplete if attention were not invited to the very special services rendered by some of our members.

Mary Foltz, for instance, has rendered so many different services it is impossible to enumerate them all. As Secretary of the Board, and Chairman of the House and Grounds Committee, she has given unstintingly of her time, skill and effort. She designed the restrooms, decorated the lounge, painted the Snack Bar, did carpentry work, supplied great quantities of material from her own stock, and paid for a lot of other things with her own funds.

Then there is Mrs. George Smith, Chairman of our Social Committee, who has given us many pleasant times here at the Club House. The proof of an able Chairman is the support and cooperation received from the membership; these Mrs. Smith has had in large measure, especially from Mrs. Kitty Smith, Mrs. Lestra Saxon, The Newman Sisters, Mrs. Griffin, and others. Mrs. Smith always has the Club House clean and in order for all social functions, and order restored after the party is over.

Again, there is Carolin Smith and Mary Helen Ayars. How could the Club function without these two efficient and willing workers? They are always ready to perform any

service asked of them. They are our very dependable solicitors, ticket sellers and errand runners.

To all who have contributed financially, with manual labor, with advice, or in any other way, your directors and members are deeply grateful.

*Respectfully submitted,
David G. DeVore
for the Board of Directors*

OMENA TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1950 to October 31, 1950

INCOME

Dues and Initiation Fees	\$535.00
Special Benefit Parties	326.28
Contributions	516.41
Snack bar (net)	28.42
Club Paper Subscriptions	54.00
	1460.11
Balance 12-31-49	155.51
	1615.62

EXPENSES

Lake Michigan	
Yachting Assn.	\$15.00
Dock and Buoys	64.89
Printing	29.66
Electricity	10.18
Bldg. Repairs & Expenses	37.74
Improvements (water supply, rest rooms)	1011.73
Insurance	87.80
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Balance 10-31-50	358.62
	1615.62

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FOUNDER'S FUND

TO: MEMBERS OF OTYC

At our August OTYC Board meeting, as a new director, I was asked to look into the status of our Founder's Fund as a possible source of monies for future OTYC major improvements.

You will be pleased to learn that we have one of the most astute financiers of all times by the name of JOHN ROTH who, as Manager of Fund, has invested all the volunteer contributions and we have now a tidy bank sum of \$5529.26 as of December 31st, 1986; John was elected to a three year term as one of the Trustees back in 1975 when the Fund was founded along with Dan Bradley and Leona Melroy. He has continued his official duties since that date with no opposition and just recently asked Mrs. William Renz (Rat) to be a co-signer of all bank accounts in the event of emergency.

The income from this Fund may be used at the discretion of the Board of Directors of OTYC for major improvements to the clubhouse, waterfront, tennis facilities or to all three together. The principal of the Fund remains intact indefinitely.

As you know, we are always in the need of such capital improvements as a new roof, porch, dock, tennis courts and this income will certainly help us to keep down any possible assessments.

I, for one, am making a volunteered contribution to this Fund today. I believe that it is the best way I know how to keep OTYC a solvent and happy Club. PLEASE, won't you join me too!

Waldo Abbot

P.S. What follows is a reprint of a sheet that answers all the questions about the Fund. It was written back in 1975 and appeared in the December issue of the Breeze in 1975.

THE OTYC FOUNDERS FUND

OMENA, MI 49674

November 18, 1975

This Fund has been established in honor of those who participated in the founding of our Club.

Purpose: To create an Endowment Fund to assure stability to the Club's long-range planning, and to allow donors to specify the uses to which their gifts shall be used.

Organization: The Directors of the Club shall direct the policy of the Fund, but delegate the management of the Monies to a Committee of Trustees, consisting of the Commodore and Treasurer of the Club, plus three members of the Club, not Board Members, appointed by the Directors.

The duties of the Trustees shall be to manage the Principle of the Fund, to annually transfer the Interest Income of the Fund to the Directors, and to conduct an annual solicitation for gifts.

The Initial Trustees and their terms of office are: Dan T. Bradley, President '75-'76; John E. Roth, Secretary and Treasurer '75-'78; Leona Milroy, Member '75-'77; Austin Jones, Commodore '75-'76; Vernon Keye, Treasurer '75-'76.

Allocation of Gifts: Donors shall designate that their gifts be applied to one of the following accounts: 1) Clubhouse Capital and Improvements, 2) Sailing and Waterfront-Capital and Improvements, 3) Tennis Facilities-Capital and Improvements, 4) Donor leaves allocation to the Club Directors.

All funds to be held as Capital, indefinitely, UNLESS the donor gives permission in writing that the gift may be removed from the Capital of the Fund, by the Directors, at their option, and expended for the accounts specified by the Donor.

All gifts should be made out to "OTYC FOUNDERS FUND" and mailed to: John Roth, Treasurer, 3534 Deep Woods Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45208 and should specify the account to which you wish the gift applied, and the Withdrawal Option if desired, as indicated above.

This Fund should appeal to the Members as: a) Building a solid Endowment Base for the future of the Club, and b) Allowing Donors to designate their gifts for the specific areas of Club activity which they feel are most important.

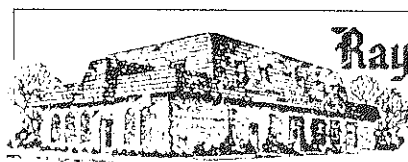
It will also enable the Directors to plan improvement programs in line with the membership's wishes, and thereby eliminate many of the problems we have had in the past.

I urge all members to seriously consider making a gift to this Fund, to build up our financial structure and to indicate the areas of improvement they feel most desirable.

A very welcome Initial Gift of \$100 has been made by Miss Clemewell Lay, and several memorials have also been received.

With the exception of the Initial Gift, the amounts of individual gifts will NOT be published.

Sincerely, Dan T. Bradley, President



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