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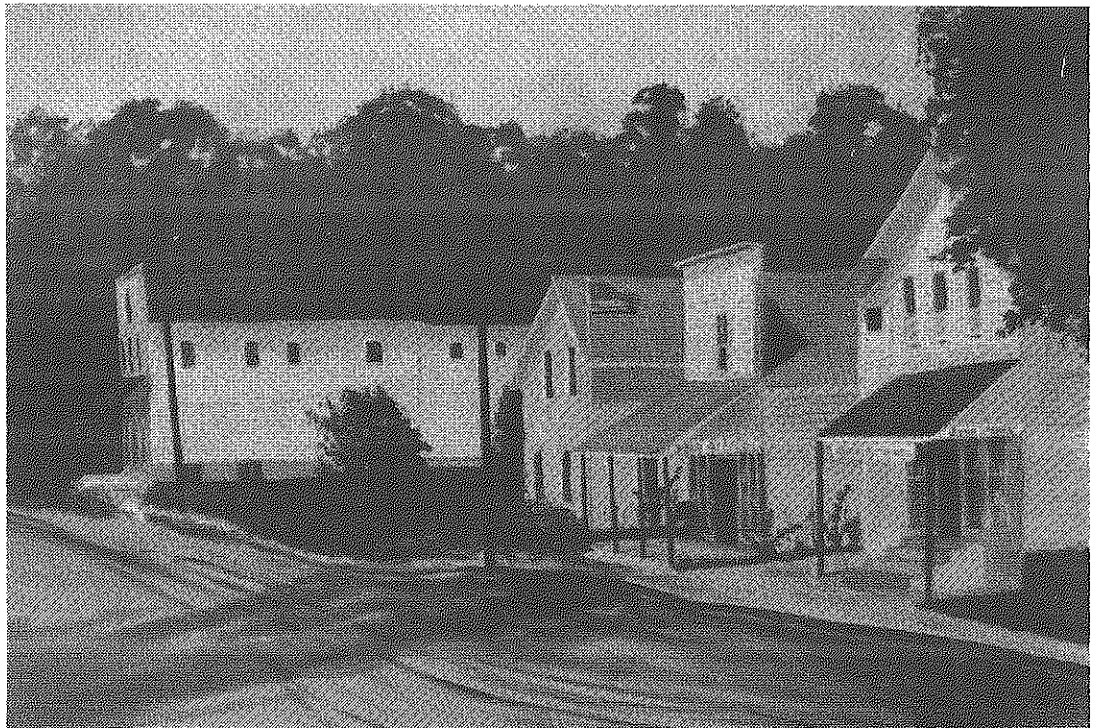
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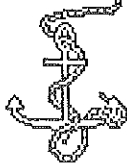
MEMORIES  
OF  
OMENA



Marty Bills

*"Village of Omena"*

# Commodore's Message



## Get One in Ninety-One

One of my major intentions as Commodore is to increase our membership. Based on my observations of the level of activity surrounding our club, I believe that with concentrated efforts we can and should increase our size.

If each member brought one family to one Wednesday potluck next summer, we could get results! Many of our neighbors have never been asked to consider membership.

When was the last time you made a call on a family to interest them in our club? More Later.

**Let's Get One In '91!**

## In Praise of OTYC

At OTYC, our institutional character is best defined by the fact that we are brought together by a common interest in a unique and very beautiful geographical area of Michigan. The essential focus of our club's programs is to enhance a tradition of good times and good learning. All of us are involved in the continuity of the fine tradition of our wonderful organization.

My sincere thanks and compliments to everyone who helped make the summer of 1990 a summer of happiness and success.

## Next Year

One of the realities of life is that no sooner is a project completed than planning and preparations must start on the next. Such is the case with our own summer program. In fact, we have already made plans for much of the 1991 calendar.

Our boat ramp is being used by non-members. Due to this, the ramp will be chained and locked starting June 1991. The combination to the boat ramp lock is 990. Please take note. The combination is also posted on the front door of the yacht club. Our facilities are for the use of members and guests only.

## Thank you

I am extraordinarily pleased and proud of the opportunity that I have been given to serve you. I look forward to 1991, and the excitement that it will bring.

My thanks to all of you. I hope all of you have a happy and fun holiday season.

All Best Wishes,  
Bob Gelakoski  
Commodore



## The Omena-Traverse Yacht Club Breeze

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## Notes & Comments from All Over

*"I have the simplest of  
tastes . . . I am always  
satisfied with the best."  
Oscar Wilde*

The photos on the cover are just that. Photos of pictures that **Marty Bills** has painted. I only wish we could reproduce them in full color, because that's the only way anyone can really enjoy them. I met Marty this past summer (for the first time), and a more delightful person than her I can't imagine - so much into who she is. I could relate to that. She also sent a note thanking many of you who thought of her while she was undergoing surgery and getting on that road to full recovery. Thoughts are fine, but cards and words express love and caring much better.

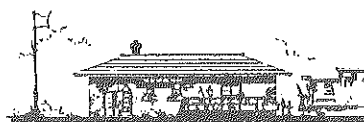
A nice letter from **Crammy and Marion Finn** expresses delight at being at a Wednesday Pot luck this summer and seeing all of their "young" friends. There's an old quote from whom I don't remember that goes, "Youth is such a wonderful thing. It's too bad it has to be wasted on the young." Marion had a pacemaker added and from the sounds of their upcoming travels, keeping pace with the both of them will be quite a job - St. Louis for Thanksgiving and England for Christmas. With a visit from Crammy Jr. having already taken place in October, they qualify for the Pace Car at the Indy 500! Maybe they're going to drive it next May. Good luck to all. And all this from Maumee, Ohio.

Had a brief note from another Ohioan, **Connie Martineau**, who is just down the road from us in Lebanon. She sent pictures of dock repair which I will publish in the next issue of the Breeze. With all of the reports in this issue, space just not available. Sorry Connie.

**Sara Harris** sends a note and announcement that reads as follows: Sara and Doug Harris had a daughter, Emily Amanda on August 6, 1990. Emily has a brother, Nicholas, 3. Emily is **Fred Schwarze's** 7th grandchild. If Fred makes Methuselah's age, there will be thousands of grandchildren. How large is that lap, Fred?

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## NOTES & COMMENTS, cont.

A note from another Schwarze family member, the **Storey** cousins from Grand Rapids (I know someone there who is not related to the Schwarzes but to me, and they are growing too). But back to the Schwarze cousins. **Liz** is at Grand Valley State University as a visiting professor. **John** has been traveling around the country to stay gainfully employed at Monarch Hydraulics. Molly and Cam are attending Aquinas College's pre-school and child-development. They are doing this part-time. With all of the other Schwarzes doing other things, just keeping up is a full-time job.

Renz Update:

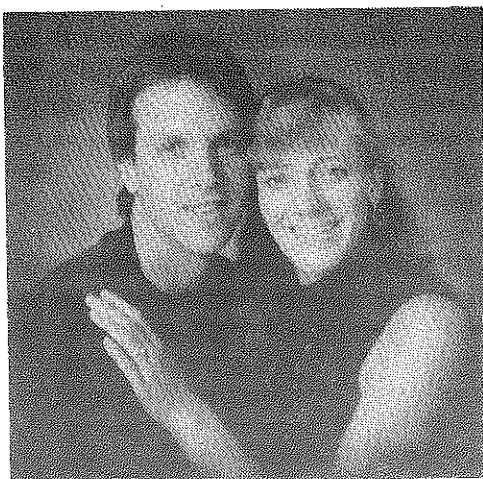
Dear Frank,

We are pleased to write that Bill has recently accepted a position as associate with a dental practice in Lebanon, Ohio. As we still reside in Landen, Ohio, Bill's drive will be the more appropriate given the current oil price situation. Kathy continues to commute to Columbus, Ohio, where she is employed as Director of Research and Development for a large medical review firm.

Our autumn promises to be one full of outdoor activity, travel, and Cincinnati recreation. Our agenda include several trips to Omena to join **Ole and Joan Klersey** and friends, Kathy's fifth year college reunion (already!), and business travel with Kathy's company. The latter provided us with a week's stay in Boulder, Colorado in August--a perfect anniversary gift in its timing.

We hope that all is well with you and all our friends who share in the spirit of Omena.

Sincerely,  
**Bill and Kathy Renz**



*Just Married!*

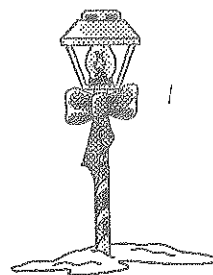
From **Linda Cherne**, a wedding announcement (no, she and Al are not divorcing or committing bigamy). Curtis Alan Cherne and Amy Louise Chaffin were married August 18, 1990 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Following a Mexican honeymoon (I believe they are just like any other), they should be residing at 15 Ocean Dr., Greenland, New Hampshire, 03840.

**Steve and Craig Cherne** were in the wedding party and **Mary Woolford** was an out of town guest. She does get around.

## EDITORS CORNER

After Omena, Doris and I spent some time in Kettering and on the 6th of October we left for 21 days in Ireland and England. Space does not permit me to print, in full, the journal I kept, but we toured with 45 others on a bus. I know some of you out there have experienced a bus tour, but 21 days, 8 hours a day, can be a bit much at times, but the visual rewards are beyond mere words. When I realized, many times, that our country is 214 years old, and then to see remnants of Hadrian's Wall (circa 300 A.D.) and churches in Ireland (circa 700), and cathedrals in England (circa 1100), it tells me we have a long way to go and makes me wonder how history will judge us and what will be here to see later. It's all beyond my comprehension. I'm just glad I'm here today and able to share this with all of you.

Frank



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## FRIENDS REMEMBERED

Friendships in Omena are very special associations. There is a unique bond that transcends all age groupings. It's very different from the experience of suburban neighborhoods where bonds develop along the age and interest of our children and our volunteer and work experiences. Some of our closest "summer friends" are either twenty years our junior or our senior. We know each other as neighbors with a common love of the area or a mutual interest in a certain hobby or recreational pursuit. I'll never forget when our son Kevin was learning a short list of the "greats" in his college music fraternity and with great glee and pride he discovered that our own **Earl V. Moore** was a dear, friendly neighbor who took the extra time to visit with all ages, and genuinely took an interest in the people around him.

Omena has many "greats" around us. With a mixture of sadness and pride I'm trying to envision what our community will be like without the dear friends we have lost this last year. We in the Omena community should feel honored to have shared laughter and common activities with these people, and they have left their neighbors and friends with many happy memories of their caring qualities.

The obvious accomplishments of these people have been mentioned in other articles, but I'd like to share a few thoughts on how they have touched our lives in the Omena area.

**Dr. Andy Renz** always seemed to have ample time to inquire about the interests and well-being of others. Even though you were not a direct patient of his, you knew from his genuine concern that he really cared about you and your particular concern. He adored Omena so much, that when he was scheduled to return to Cincinnati on a particular day, he was known to be a super procrastinator so that he could put off departure time as long as possible. Dr. Andy has left a marvelous sharing legacy to the Yacht Club and friends.

It will be hard to imagine a musical event or style show without **Leona Milroy's** sparkle and lilt. Right through her final illness she kept her sociable sparkle and love of fun, friends and life. Her cute brown eyes will always twinkle in our memories. She has left a legacy of gracious children and grandchildren.

**Lillian Taylor** was a sweet, humble, appreciative lady who wondered why the Yacht Club members were making a fuss over her. Anyone who worked on the Breeze can genuinely appreciate all the unsolicited jobs she did to make the publication move along without a ripple. We took her eye for detail for granted and didn't realize all she did, until we had to find a substitute for her. Her family was devoted in their encouragement of boating, even though they had to travel much further from Suttons Bay than the rest of us to attend events.

She loved her friends, family and her surroundings on Stoney Point. You've left a rich legacy, Lillian.

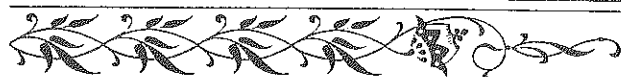
The sincere quiet strength of **Ruth Smiley** will be missed. Her family were among the real original Smiley-Bradley pioneers in the Omena area. Because distances were greater in previous summers, Omena Point dwellers and Ingalls Bay vacationers didn't know each other until 1948 when the Yacht Club came into being. The Smiley-Bradley compound was half-way in between but didn't have electricity or phones for a long time. Ruth lent a pleasant support to the community.

The untimely loss of **Dee DiLoreto** will be felt by all of us. Her pleasant, hospitable support of the regular year-rounders was always steadfast. When asked, she always shared responsibilities that needed to be done.

The greater Omena community is a great deal richer in memories, love and friendship, due to the pursuits and efforts of these five people. Thoughts of them bring warm recollections to those who had the honor of knowing them.

Peace be with their memories.

**Mary Helen Ray** 





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**IN MEMORIAM**

**Lillian M. Taylor**

Lillian M. Taylor of Suttons Bay, a retired partner and office manager of a Traverse City commercial printing firm died Nov. 4 at her home. She was 91.

She had lived in Suttons Bay since 1947.

Mrs. Taylor, a charter member and former director of the Traverse City Zonta Club, was active in the Taylor Printing Co. from 1932 until retiring in 1986. She was also a member of the Suttons Bay Congregational Church and the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club.

She was born at Cleveland on March 24, 1899, a daughter of the Rev. Frederick and Mina vonHoffman Magdanz. She was married at Fremont in 1918 to Ben L. Taylor, who died in 1979.

Mrs. Taylor is survived by a son, Ben I. of Suttons Bay; a daughter, Ann T. Cain of San Francisco; four grand children and four great-grandchildren.

**Mrs. Leona B. Milroy**

Leona B. Milroy of Northport, died September 24 at Leelanau Memorial Hospital. She was 89.

Mrs. Milroy was a member of St. Gertrude's, the Northport Women's Club, Omena-Traverse Yacht Club, Friendly Garden Club and the Leland Country Club. She was a former officer of the Alliance Francaise in Chicago.

A graduate of the University of Illinois, she was born at Beaversville, Ill., on April 11, 1901, a daughter of Sylvanus and Dulcina Nouri Boudreau. She was married in 1928 to William J. Milroy, who died in 1982.

She is survived by a son, Emery B. of Redlands, California; a daughter, Marilee Milroy of Rochester; a brother, Harold J. Boudreau of Bloomfield, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Remembrances of Leona's Yacht Club activities will be published in the spring "Breeze".

**Ruth Smiley**

Ruth Smiley, age 87, passed away on September 1 in Alexandria, Virginia, where she had been in a nursing home for the past two years.

Ruth and husband Jim, who began spending summers in Omena in 1903, were married at the Northport Chapel nearly sixty years ago. They made the round-trip from New York to Omena nearly every summer, staying at the Bradley-Fordham-Smiley cottage on Omena Point. Ruth and Jim, and their children, Charlotte and Jim, were long time members of OTYC and looked forward every year to seeing their good friends at the pot-luck suppers.

Ruth is survived by her son Jim, daughter Charlotte Read and grandson Nathan Read, all of Alexandria, Virginia.

A memorial service was held for Ruth at their home church in Crestwood, New York on September 29.

*Respectfully  
Yours*

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## IN MEMORIAM

### Dr. Andrew Renz

Dr. Andrew Renz of Cincinnati and Omena, died August 2 at the age of 89.

A native of Greenville, Ohio, Dr. Renz had been a summer resident of Omena since 1939. He was a charter member and former two-term commodore of the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club.

He was graduated from Wittenburg College in 1923 and attended the Harvard School of Medicine before graduating from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in 1926. He was a medical doctor in Cincinnati from 1926 until retiring in 1982.

A commander in the Naval Reserve during World War II, Dr. Renz saw service in the South Pacific.

He was born at Greenville on April 22, 1901. On May 5, 1926, married Marjorie Putt, who survives.

Dr. Renz is also survived by a daughter, Holly R. Smith of Ann Arbor and Omena; a son, William A. of Cincinnati and Omena; six grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

She was born on August 6, 1919, a daughter of Michael and Agatha Federowicz Lysczyk. She was graduated from Western Michigan University and was a science teacher before her marriage on July 8, 1948, in Bessemer to Dr. Panfilo C. DiLoreto, who survives.

She is also survived by two sons, Dr. Robert R. of Grosse Pointe Farms and Dr. Thomas A. of Utica; two brothers, Antoine Lysczyk of Bessemer and Joseph Lynn of Stephenson; two sisters, Ann Lysczyk of Bessemer and Amelia Lightle of Swansboro, North Carolina, and three grandchildren.



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### Mrs. Albina (Dee) DiLoreto

Mrs. Albina (Dee) DiLoreto of Omena, died August 11 at Leelanau Memorial Hospital, five days after her 71st birthday.

Mrs. DiLoreto, a native of Bessemer, moved to Omena in 1974 from Grosse Pointe Farms. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Peshawbestown, the Omena Women's Club, the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club and the Font Bonne Society of St. John's Hospital in Detroit.

## MEMBERSHIP/ NOMINATING COMMITTEES REPORT

The following membership activity took place during the past year:

**New Regular members:** Barbara and Jay Grosmark, Port Washington, New York; Melissa and Larry Chenault, Dallas, Texas.

**1990 Guest Members:** Charlotte and Alan Read, Nathan Read (Jr.), Alexandria, Virginia; Marty and Greg Bills, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; Marilyn and Homer Scott, Winston Salem, North Carolina.

**Resignations:** Chris Misangyi, Mary and Lanier Pratt, Ward Pratt (Jr.).

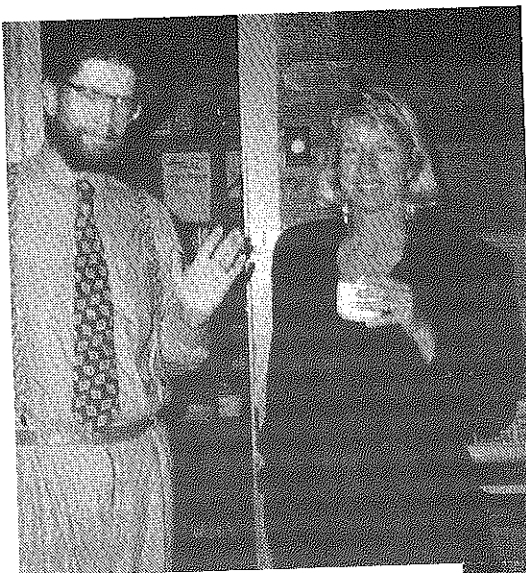
**Deaths:** John Kemble, Francis Lyon, Eloise Bradley, Hazel Taylor, Andrew Renz, Dee DiLoreto, Leona Milroy, Lillian Taylor.

We were pleased to bestow honorary membership in OTYC upon **Grace Mack**, the ninth person so honored in the history of the Club.

The nominating Report can be found in the 1990 Annual Report, published elsewhere in this issue.

My tenure as your Membership/ Nominating Committee Chairperson ended on September 15, 1990. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you in these capacities for the past 6 years. The successor committee is chaired by Barbara Harris.

Respectfully submitted,  
John H. Ray



**K. Stocking, Author of Letters From Leelanau, & Accompanyist join OTYC Members at a Wednesday Potluck.**

**The Commodore's Table**



## "Wedding Bells Are Breaking Up That Old Gang Of Mine!"



### BOSCO-KOSANOVICH WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kosanovich are making their home in Chicago following their marriage August 4 and a wedding trip to Ecuador.

The bride, the former Kathryn E. Bosco is the daughter of Michael A. and Kathryn G. Bosco of Phoenix and Omena. Mr. Kosanovich is the son of Bronco and Margarita Kosanovich of Annapolis, Maryland.

The new Mrs. Kosanovich, a Sweet Briar College graduate, is an assistant vice-president in Citibank's private banking group. Mr. Kosanovich, a graduate of Northwestern University, is general manager of a Chicago restaurant.

### And a Wedding for . . .

Chester Anthony Hallett and Nancy Helen Weiss.



## OMENA-TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 1990

The Annual Meeting of the OTYC was called to order at the Club at 10:12 AM. The minutes of the 1989 Annual Meeting were approved as presented in the Breeze. The attendance report was circulated by the Secretary. Those in attendance were:

Betsy Ehrhardt	Vincent Moore	Tom Smith	Proxies:
Mary Helen Ray	Barb Harris	John Ray	Carl Schwarze
John Roth	Marilyn Flett	Marion Jones	Priscilla Schwarze
Nancy Sandt	John Storey	Jonnie Hodgson	Sara Harris
Alice Gelakoski	Liz Storey	Mary Woolford	Doug Harris
Mary Louise Sarvis	Kathy Bosco		Mark Bosco
Jack Sarvis	Mary Lou Root		Amanda Bosco
Linda Cherne	Harold Root		Mary Cone
Jane Saxton	Margaret Lyon		Sam Cone
Gina Moore	Waldo Abbot		Austin Jones
Mary Louise Vail	Ping Abbot		Suzanne Mulligan
Caroline Oberndorf	Fred Schwarze		Stu Mulligan
Joan Kiersey	Bill Sandt		Bob Martineau
Ole Kiersey	Mary Smith		Connie Martineau

The treasurer presented the enclosed report and summarized activities. Dues have been raised by 10% and our major expense has been dock maintenance and repair. Both the Opening Dinner and July 4 Bar-B-Q made money, as Club members did the work.

Commodore Gelakoski described the state of the Club as elaborated upon by the following committee reports:

### Waterfront Committee (given by Fred Schwarze for Bob Martineau):

1. Last winter over 80 tons of stone was placed on either side of the concrete and under the wood dock. This was successful in preventing further erosion under the concrete dock and filling of the boat slips. Last Saturday, a work crew of 18 Club members placed additional stones under the wood dock. Within the next month, additional large stones will be placed along the south side of the concrete dock. All of these steps should ensure the preservation of the dock for many years in the future and reduce the need for dredging.
2. The rental rates of the boat slips were raised and equalized.
3. An additional slip was made available for rental by moving the Committee Boat to along the breakwall.
4. Use of the ramp by persons who are not members of the Club (strangers, and friends and relatives of Club members) continues to be a problem. Perhaps we should impose a \$15 charge on non-members who use the ramp.
5. Branches that extended over the area in front of the boat ramp have been trimmed to permit masts on sailboats to be raised before the boat is put in the water.

Robert Martineau, Chairperson

In addition to the report, a concern about our liability for the fishermen using the dock was expressed.

## OMENA-TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

(Continued)

### House and Grounds

I'd like to mention some of the new items, some of the repairs accomplished, and also some of the needs.

#### New Items

1. Carroll's Cleaning Service. They did a great job, all will agree. As we discussed last year, they will come also in early August for a "spruce up."
2. Richard Colling - he is handling the mowing, trimming, etc. outside.
3. Swing-set seats - all new, all popular, its seems.
4. Eagle's Nest - much credit goes to Bob Gelakoski and Stu Mulligan who spent a long construction day with me. We thank Connie for her cookie breaks and Susie for her good lunch.
5. Potted flowers - done for us by North Country Gardens. Bob and Dale are keeping them watered.
6. Baby-changing table - now ready for business in the ladies' rest room. I extended the exsting dressing table.
7. Anchor clock in bar - Joan said to say that it is an "Ole creation."

#### Repairs

1. I painted the basketball backboard.
2. The window near the coffee pot was cracked and is now replaced.
3. I contacted Walt Wein last August, who agreed to come in to do several small repair jobs. However, he never showed up! We'll work further on this.

#### Needs

1. Flags - several need replacing.
2. Shades for the west windows. The ladies' Social Committee mentioned this.
3. I need to know the exact dates of the first 1991 function (4th of July, right?) and also the day that the Committee will decorate, because Carroll's Service has a full schedule!

#### Missing

The engraved plates on the Moore's donated picnic tables.

#### Notes

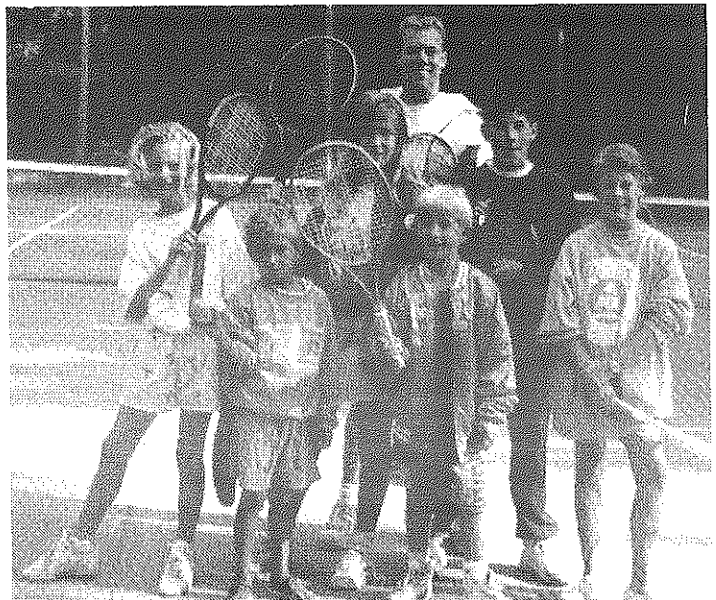
1. Walt Kalchik continues his garbage pick-up weekly.
2. John Bunek continues to handle the turning on and off of the water system.
3. Special thanks to Stu Mulligan for checking the Club all through the winter.

Ole Kiersey, Chairperson

### Youth Program

I've been very pleased concerning how well our 1990 season has begun for our youth. Dale Smotz seems to be an excellent teacher and the children like him very much. In all, we have had six children so far (July 14) and have taken in \$140. Adult tennis begins Monday, June 16. On Wednesday, July 11, the children went on a tubing trip down the Boardman River. There are more fun and beneficial events in the making. In all, it looks like we will have a very good summer for the youth.

Alice Gelakoski, Chairperson



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## OMENA-TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

(Continued)

### Membership

The following families have been approved for guest membership: Greg and Marty Bills, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Honorary membership has been bestowed upon: Lillian Taylor, Grace Mack.  
They are 8th and 9th persons so honored since the founding of the Club in 1948.

Resignation: Chris Misangyi

Deaths: John Kemble, Frances Lyon, Eloise Bradley, Hazel Taylor

Several membership applications have been given out during the past year to prospective members.

John Ray , Chairperson

### Founders Fund

Beginning balance as of 1/1/89:	\$7,352.53
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Balance sheet as of 12/31/89:

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	\$7,884.15



John Roth, Treasurer

**Dynamic Duo!**

### Social Committee (given by Mary Smith for Connie Martineau)

The 1990 season opened with dinner on Saturday, June 30, catered by an OTYC committee of Mary Louise Sarvis, Mary Cone, and Connie Martineau.

On Wednesday, July 4, we held a brats and hamburger cookout with Fred Schwarze, Bob Martineau, Tom Buehler and Mike Bosco cooking. Each event was attended by about 70 people.

As decided last year, we will provide one catered Wednesday dinner in July and one in August. On July 25 there will be a chicken and ribs BBQ. The square dance planned to follow has been canceled due to lack of interest (ed. note-it was subsequently held). In August, we are planning another fish boil.

The Commodore's Dinner has been moved to Saturday, August 11, with Betty Gregory Chairperson.

The Social Committee met July 9 at Martineau's. We will meet in August at Barb Harris'.

There will be a private tour of the lighthouse at Northport on Tuesday, July 17. Meet at OTYC at 10 a.m. to carpool.

Connie Martineau, Chairperson

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## Opening Dinner

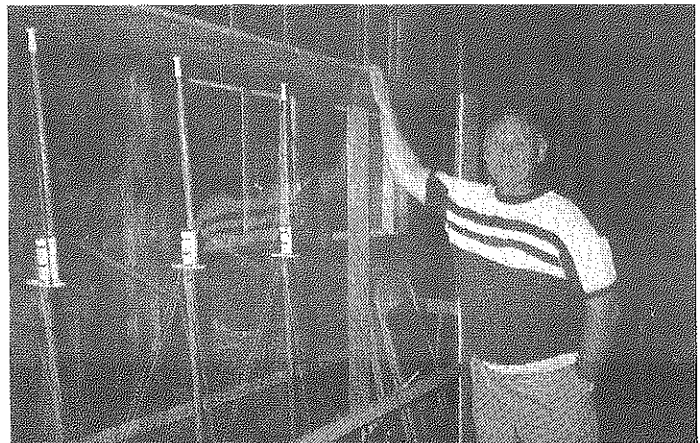
Receipts:	\$ 369.50
	72.75
	130.00
Total:	\$ 572.25

Expenses:		
Sarvis - flowers (cash):	\$ 48.00	
Cone - vegetables, applesauce:	67.00	
Sarvis - rolls, desserts, flowers:	107.20	
Martineau - meat, etc.:	143.14	
Total:	365.34	\$ 206.91

Flatware:	(148.88)
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4th BAR-B-Q:		
Receipts:	\$ 327.00	
Expenses:	156.17	170.83
Total:		\$ 228.86

The J.T. Wing model was discussed. Estimates for preserving and displaying it are being investigated. Donations for the preservation are being solicited.



Ole and The J.T. Wing

## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Report was read by John Ray. The slate presented was: Betsy Ehrhardt, Carolin Renz, Kevin Ray.

Nominations from the floor were made for the following people: Vin Moore (nominated by Mary Louise Vail, seconded by Linda Cherne); Marilyn Flett (nominated by Jane Saxton, seconded by Kathy Bosco); John Storey (nominated by Jonnie Hodgson, seconded by Mary Woolford).

The above slate, nominated from the floor, was voted in by a written ballot.

There being no new business, a motion to adjourn was entertained by Caroline Oberndorf and seconded by Marilyn Flett.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Mary Helen Ray, Secretary