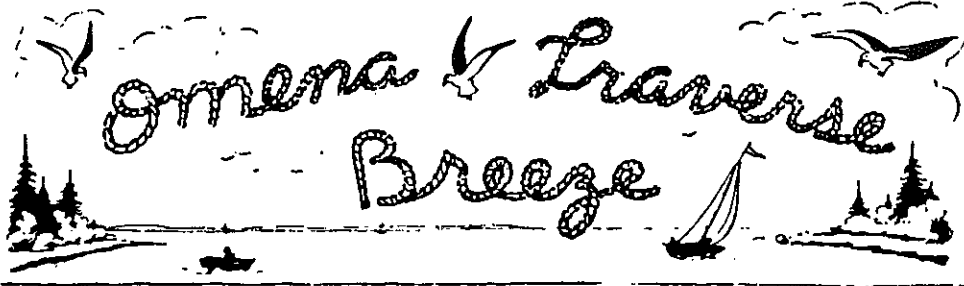


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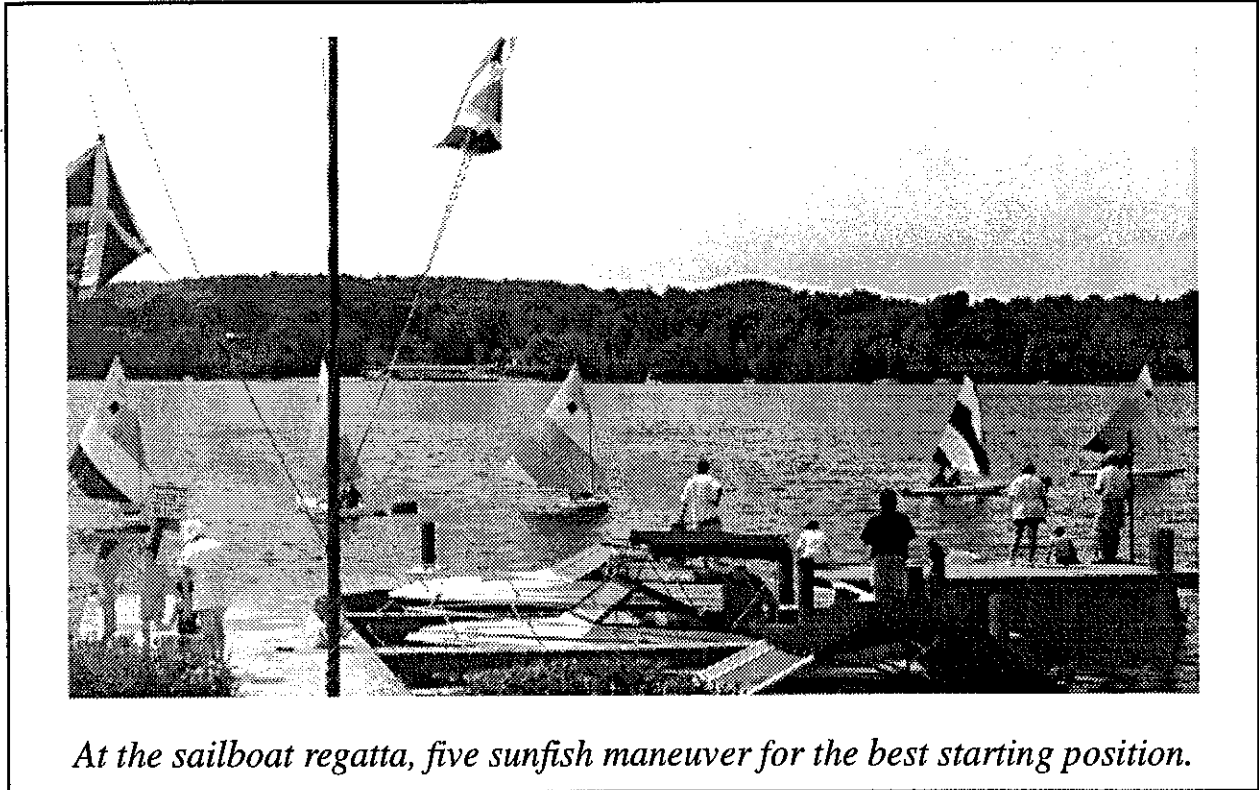
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At the sailboat regatta, five sunfish maneuver for the best starting position.

John and Paul Harris and crew trim the sails at the start of the large sailboat race, in which they were victorious.



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The Commodore's Message

October 1996

Dear Friends,

As I take over as commodore I want to thank, on behalf of the Board, Jay Grossmark and all the officers, chairmen, and volunteers who have made this such a successful year. We appreciate the part each person has played, from being Commodore, serving at a pot-luck, driving a group of kids to an outing, editing the Breeze, or helping on one of the numerous committees. Two chairmen particularly have our special thanks for having done a great job. After 10 years of serving as our dedicated House and Grounds chairman, Ole Kiersey is stepping down, as is Marcia Buehler who has been our innovative Social chairman. Our thanks.

Following the annual meeting in July, Jay met with Kal Excavating to schedule the dock repair for late fall or early winter, and appointed Tom Buehler to oversee that project. That should be completed before the summer season.

As the hectic summer wore down I was struck by the congenial spirit of the group at the end of the season events. There was more time to linger at the last pot-luck and the now annual Labor Day picnic. That drew a large group, some coming by boat in the beautiful warm evening and all lingering until the bugs descended with the darkness. This year the apple-picking party and the final cocktail party on October 12 had a glorious, warm sunny day. Many summer members returned that weekend and enjoyed Mary and Tom Smith's hospitality, with loaded apple trees, (ladders provided) and cider and donuts in the packing house. Nana and Dick Kennedy helped with the cocktail party later at the clubhouse. Nana will be taking over my job as chairman of the extended season events, assisted by Charlotte Read. Nana is planning a winter cross-country ski event, weather permitting, so watch for that and other activities.

It is in this spirit that I follow Jay at the helm of the Club. I appreciate the ongoing chairmen and the people who have indicated their willingness to help next season.

Bill and I have returned to Illinois and are fitting back into our lives here. We look forward with you to next summer at the Club, and hope each of you has a wonderful holiday season and a happy and productive winter.

Happy Holidays,
Carolyn Marbach



Carolyn Marbach is ready to take on the job of OTYC Commodore.

News From Our Friends

ALICE and BOB GELAKOSKI were saddened by the death of Bob's son and Alice's stepson, Mark.

Mark R. Gelakoski, 38, died October 3, 1996. Born in Aurora, Illinois, he lived in southern California for many years. He attended the Chrystal Cathedral Church in Garden Grove, CA. Funeral services were held October 11, 1996.

Mark loved Omena and spent many summers with his family there. He often talked about how beautiful this area was. He loved to sail and play tennis.



CHARLOTTE READ writes, "As I sit writing this, we are listening to news of snow in Omena - the Reads look forward to getting back sometime in the winter to enjoy the white stuff. Charlotte has been busy this fall with reporting on her two week mission trip in July to Kenya - written reports/ talks and slide shows for many Presbyterian churches. Alan and Charlotte returned to Omena for a wonderful October week of fall colors, sharing it with a friend from Annapolis. Nathan is working for the Aluminum Association in Washington, and is getting ready to take the LSATs for law school next fall. He's trying to talk us into a ski

trip to Italy this winter. Happy holidays to all!"



The fall has been busy for MARY HELEN and JOHN RAY with three travel ventures. "Our Austria, Germany, Czech and Hungary trip was filled with music presentations, but the mountains hid in the rain, fog and sleet (the coldest on record in 50 years). We were lucky to be wearing seat belts and be in a big car, as Helmut hit us head on from our side of the road and Heinz finished off the experience by rear ending us. Now John has lots of correspondence in German to keep his desk mounded high! We were lucky to be minimally hurt.

Twelve days to enjoy the fall in Omena provided refreshment upon our return.

In October we spent six days on the Columbia/Snake Rivers in Oregon, following the path of Lewis and Clark. We were accompanied by several naturalists and we loved the boating experience.

As we settle in for winter in Wilmette, we will await the arrival of Karis and Kevin's first baby - pretty eventful!"



MARY WOOLFORD writes, "Blessings of the Season to you one and all. My dear friend, Ruth

Dunker, from Cincinnati, came with me to close the cottage in early October. It was too early for full color, but as always lovely to be in Omena. The Rays were in residence and Michael too for a couple of days, which was fun.

My only other trip was to Chicago for three days to see the Art and Architecture. In three days we "did" The Museum of Contemporary Art, Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio, the Degas Exhibition, Sara Lee Private Corporate Collection, Terra Museum of American Art and Cuneo Museum and Gardens in the suburb of Vernon Hills. Don't ask me to take a test.

Mary Helen and John came into the city and wine and dined me with a lovely evening of nostalgia. Once a year Bob and I went to Chicago for a professional meeting. We always

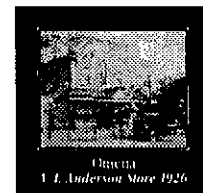
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stayed at The Drake and ate at least once in The Cape Cod Room. Thanks to them, it was an evening of joy.

I don't have any real firm winter plans. The granddaughters are well. Meg is at U.C. in elementary education. Katie is at Ohio U. in forensic chemistry. She pledged Delta Zeta. Shelby is in fifth grade and growing."



In September, eight members of the OTYC, (LARRY & JOEY BENSLEY, JACK & JOANN BISHOP, BILL & JUDY KNORP AND BOB & CONNIE MARTINEAU) cruised the Greek Islands.

The group chartered an Atlantic fifty-five foot sailboat (*ATHENA*) along with an extremely competent captain.... Nick. Before departing from a small port located in the Athens region of Greece, the OTYC burgee was raised and proudly displayed during the entire adventure. The group visited the islands of Kea, Syros, Paros, Serifos, Hydra and Poros.

Each afternoon, the boat arrived at a small village and backed into an already crowded dock. These docking experiences were some of the highlights of the trip and for "two bits" I am sure any of the sailors will fill you in on more of the hilarious details.

The people on the small islands were very warm and friendly. The food in the little Tavernas was delicious and inexpensive, and the atmosphere was festive. The popular dinner choice was slouvaki. They saw many beautiful sights from *Athena* during the trip but none more beautiful than the spectacular sunset seen from Bensleys' Cathead

RAT RENZ writes that, "The family went all out to celebrate my birthday this year, with a "rat" theme. The day started with a card from Bill with 60 rat stamps in it. The party itself featured a huge rat cake (by Servatii's) with curly "fur" all over it in various hues of gray frosting, black beady eyes and mouth and a long black tail, all made of



JoAnn and Jack Bishop, Bill and Judy Knorp, in back, with Larry Bensley, Connie and Bob Martineau, and Joey Bensley cruise the Greek Islands aboard a fifty-five foot sailboat.

Point Cottage, Leelanau County, at their post trip party.

P. S yes, they are still friends after spending a week together on a sailboat!

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marzipan. After the initial shock of accepting this order, I think the bakery actually got a kick out of making it. The big gift was a surprise 5-day visit from Cynn timer, compliments of her two brothers. Much fun!

In October we celebrated our 40th anniversary. Thanks to our daughter-in-law, watching for a window of opportunity with the airlines, all children and families were here to celebrate. Besides a "memory book" the kids had put together, we also had matching t-shirts with "Mercedes-Renz, 1956-1996" emblazoned on them. The family and a few friends celebrated with a dinner party at Forest View Gardens, a restaurant where the table help are all aspiring opera singers. Bavarian food is the main menu. Debby Disch even taught me how to do the Marcarena at the party. All in all it was a super weekend.

A week later Bill and I took off for Bavaria where we visited Munich, Salzburg and Vienna. It has been quite a fall for the Renz!"



CONNIE MARTINEAU writes that, "Bob and I have given up on Omena winters and have purchased a condo in Venice, Florida. We intend to spend from November to April in Florida returning for two weeks for Christmas and New Years. Give us a call if you are in our area of Florida in the winter."



HOLLY SMITH writes, "Life is good! Spring brought an abundance of grandchildren. I have enjoyed watching them grow and change

over the summer. I took advantage of having all the children and grandchildren in Omena during August and celebrated a marriage — mine. I was married to Conway Smith in the Omena Church on August 20th. This year has brought much joy to the Smiths."



JOAN KIERSEY writes, "We came home to Kalamazoo Sept. 24th for two weeks and then journeyed back north. Since we learned our furnace is not fixable, the Rays were kind enough to let us stay at their guest cottage on Firelane 5. I never wanted to leave. It had been 27 summers since Ole and I had stayed on Omena Point. It was very cold and the closing chores as tiresome as ever, but fun to have dinner at Mary Woolford's on her last night there, do a bit of Christmas shopping, go to the Happy Hour one last time with the Rays, Mulligans, and Wheelers, to do an all-day, all-evening color tour - 180 miles with M.H. and John and finally to gather at OTYC for the fall cocktail party. Craig Smith, a long time absentee, stopped by for awhile. He and I graduated from Evanston High School together.

In November, Ole and I and Bill and Rat Renz will sneak into town to surprise M.H. Ray on her "biggie" birthday and will enjoy staying with Linda and Mike McKenzie in my old Evanston neighborhood.

Ole and I have decided to sell our house in Kalamazoo in the spring, and have a larger one up north. Needless to say we are busy sorting, throwing out and piling high a stack for the garage sale Kim and Jim have offered to engineer for us. We must

work fast as we certainly don't want to miss our three months on the beach in Gulf Shores, Alabama."



MARGY LYON took time out from her responsibilities at The Cincinnati Woman's Club and the Hamilton County Retired Teachers Association to visit her niece, Peggy, and husband, Jon, in Kansas City, MO in early October. Betsy and Drew Ehrhardt were there too. The weather was beautiful and everyone had a great time visiting, catching up on news and sightseeing.

Margy also, was pleased to share in the festivities of Rat and Bill Renz 40th anniversary party in October. Looking back for pictures and stories and reading the "memory book" brought back many happy memories of Omena summers and playmates.



BOB and MARTY EHRHARDT are busy with work, church and of course, Ida and Eva! They are awaiting the arrival of a baby boy in February.

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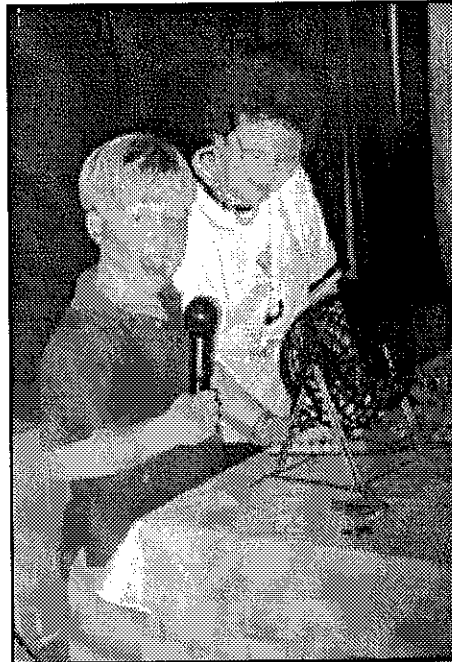
Report by Margy Lyon

The OTYC social season began on Saturday, June 29th with the traditional open house at the Club. This was a great time to greet friends we hadn't seen since last summer and to share hors d'oeuvres.

The annual opening dinner on July 4th was chaired by Mary Tonneberger with decorations by Ann Schwarze. The Club looked festive with blue and white checkered table cloths and red, white and blue balloons. Each family brought its own main dish and the Club provided salads, rolls and desserts. Marsha Buehler arranged the seating so that all of us (155) had a place to sit.

The first potluck was held July 10th with Betsy Ehrhardt and Margy Lyon serving as hostesses. Carol Silverman contributed a lovely flower arrangement, using flowers from her own garden, for the serving table. The flowers were then auctioned off in a silent auction. Barb Harris and Jonnie Hodgson, with their young helpers, called 5

Bingo games. The winners were: Judy Craven and Andrea Gelakoski tied, Susan Siemer (daughter of



George Tate uses the microphone to help Barb Harris call Bingo numbers.

Jeanne Hines), John Ray, Nicole Owens and Sarah Chenault who won the grand prize. The winners of the August 7th Bingo were: Jeanne Hines, Mike McKenzie, Chelsea Mason, Amy Fisher and Grace Proctor.

The potluck on July 17th was hosted by Marcia Biskupski and Kathy Turner. Mallie and Ed Marshall were there with Graydon and Sherri DeCamp, authors of "The

Connoisseur Up North, A Food Lovers Guide to Northern Michigan". People had a good time meeting them and getting their books signed.

Barry Cole of the Met Theater, Traverse City, spoke to us on July 24th about the purchase and transformation of the old State Theater into a live performance center. It must be a community project, not controlled by any specific group, for it to be a success. It is now governed by a group of seven. Their main goal now is to raise funds to support it. It will be available for use by many groups during the day such as schools, conferences etc. He hopes they can make it a successful project.

After potluck on July 31st, Frank Westie, Ph.D., professor emeritus and adjunct professor at Arizona State University, spoke about his book "Ash Wednesday, '45." This novel has been called by many writers "the best Air-War novel ever."

On August 14th the OTYC youth were honored by their instructors and the adult sailing and tennis awards were given. (see separate articles).

Dr. Richard Schilling, a retired surgeon medical "missionary" to Africa, spoke on August 21st. He spoke and showed slides of his medical work in Honduras and Mexico. He designed and equipped these medical centers.

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The OTYC Social Season



Retiring Commodore, Jay Grosmark, receives the Commodore's flag from former Commodores Vin Moore and Kathy Bosco

We give Jonnie Hodgson a special thank you for bringing all these good programs to OTYC.

There were two special events this year. On Friday, August 9th there was a Family Night for children and adults. The featured speaker was the author of "Burk Wilder's Small Fry Fishing Guide". It was an entertaining evening and ice cream treats were served.

On Saturday, August 10th, OTYC honored its Commodores at the Commodore's Reception. The Chairmen were Marcia Biskupski and Charlotte Read, decorations were done by Bill and Lynne Mason, flowers by Kathy Bosco, and John Ray played the

keyboard. Champaign punch and hors d'oeuvres were served, the past Commodores introduced, and retiring Commodore, Jay Grosmark, was presented with the Commodore burgee. Marsha Buehler was chairman of the beef tenderloin dinner that followed.

The season ended with the Labor Day picnic. Many are looking forward to the events of the extended season. It was a great season! See you all next summer!

The Tennis Tournament

Report by Jack Bishop

Another great tennis year at OTYC was topped by a very competitive mixed doubles tournament for the Hodgson Trophy. In the finals, the team of Mary Tonneberger and Joe Varley defeated Judy Knorp and Jack Bishop, 6 -4, 6 - 3.

This was our largest tournament ever, with a total of twenty-two people participating. This new high level of participation was marked by the emergence of several new and competitive women, promising ever more exciting tennis at OTYC in the years to come.

The players this year were:

Women: Sarah Chenault, Nancy Cooper, Barbara Grossmark, Jonnie Hodgson, Annette Husted, Judy Knorp, Janet McNeil, Charlotte Read, Jane Saxton, Cindy Handley and Mary Tonneberger. Men: Michael Biscupski, Jack Bishop, Randy Cooper, Gil Deibel, Drew Ehrhardt, Bob Gelakoski, George Husted, John Ray, Bill Sandt, Dennis Turner and Joe Varley.

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THE SAILING REGATTA

Report by Dennis Turner

On August 4, OTYC held its annual sailing regatta. On August 3rd, the weather forecast was perfect - sunny day, warm temperatures and 10-20 knots of wind out of the South. The Weather Bureau got two out of three right. It was sunny and warm, but the wind was fluky at best and mostly out of the Northwest. The seven skippers who signed up for the big boat race agreed to postpone the start for an hour to see if the wind would rouse itself. It did.

All the boats got away smoothly despite some skippers having to dodge sunfish finishing their first race. At the first mark, Stony Point buoy, halfway through the race, the wind died and salty language began. There are rumors that all kinds of incantations and bizarre rituals were tried, but Zephyrus was not appeased. Eventually, two boats managed to drift their way across the finish line, the first was sailed by Paul and John Harris, the second by Bill and Nancy Sandt. The rest of the fleet motored home for cocktails and dinner. Although the race was won by the Harris boat, the tenacity medal, if there was one, should go to the Sandts who patiently waited over a half hour for a breeze to carry them the last two hundred yards.

The sunfish fleet managed to get in two races before the calm settled in. The race was exciting for spectators on the dock because they could see all the action, boats jockeying for the inside position at the marks and trying to take an opponents wind on the downwind leg. A few of the sailors had the added excitement of being buzzed by jet skiers. The Saxton clan spiced up their rivalry by tossing water balloons at each other. The winning sunfish was crewed by Caroline Turner and Allison Biskupski. Second place went

to Mark and Mike Bosco. Chelsea Mason and Katherine Bucholtz took third.

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OTYC MUSICIANS

Please bring your musical instruments to Omena when you return in the summer of 1997. I would like to organize a musical evening with OTYC musicians performing for our members - no admission charge. Call me in the summer if you would be willing to participate.

Connie Martineau
Special Events
Chairman

Membership Committee

Reported by Barb Harris, Chairman

New Regular Members - 1996

1. William and Mary Loveless
2. Stuart Saxton Gulsby
3. Dudley and Suzy Saxton Smith
4. Jack and Bercie Frohman
5. Joel and Mary Fisher
- Andrew and Patrick - Junior members

Guest Members - 1996

1. Geoffrey and Betsy Parker
2. Dr. Thomas and Betty Sardelis
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4. Sandy and Janet Tate Walker
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Summer Youth Program 1996

Report by Cate Varley

Last summer's Youth Program was conducted from July 8 to August 14. Tennis instructor, Jason Petty, and Sailing instructor, Robin Vilter, returned for the second summer, to the delight of our veteran campers. Although weather - cold, windy and sometimes wet - spoiled some mornings for sailing, the children had fun, and some non-members who tried us out will return to the program next summer.

Thursday field trips had some of the worst weather, with canoeing the Platte - always a favorite - canceled at the canoe livery due to thunderstorms. The other favorites, waterslide and golf at Pirate's Cove, and rump-bumping the Boardman River, went

well. We tried a new trip - hiking a couple of miles through the beautiful trails at Leelanau State Park, to the wonderful beaches of Cathead Bay. Water was cold in early July, but there were lots of Petoskey stones to gather and plenty of sand to excavate.

Two Thursdays were spent in "fun days" at OTYC with watersports, games, hot dogs and ice cream. We recommend that next year's program include tennis and sailing for all five days, with only one or two field trips, and a fun day.

Many thanks to the following; the Turners, the Biskupskis, and the Masons, for organizing field trips and fun days; the Marbachs, for accompanying the children to Pirate's Cove; the Chenaults for the loan of their Suburban for a field trip; Jay Grossmark for organization and support. Especially, we thank the members for supporting this activity, so treasured by the children.



The successful youth program ends with a gathering of: John Varley, Chelsea Mason, Jason Petty (tennis instructor), Suzanne Mason, Caroline Turner, Alison Biskupski, Robin Vilter (sailing instructor).

IN MEMORY JOHN W. MELVILLE

John W. Melville, our dear friend and honorary member of the OTYC, died last summer of natural causes at the age of 87. John's intellect, great sense of humor and educational background prepared him well for his contributions to his family and society.

Born in Vienna, Austria, John came to Cincinnati with his family in 1922. His birth name was Jan Wladyslaw which he changed in 1932 to John Melville, adopting his mother's maiden name.

John was a graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Engineering and a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. After obtaining a degree from the U.C. College of Law, he joined the firm of Allen and Allen. He was responsible for patents. In 1950 John became a senior partner of Allen and Allen law firm and the name changed to Melville, Strasser, Foster and Hoffman. This law firm merged with Frost and Jacobs, and John became the council of the patent section.

John's community interest was in education and he served on the Board of Education of Wyoming, Ohio. He was an avid sailor and when he came to Omena he sailed an Ensign.

John is survived by his wife, Jane, of 62 years, and his wonderful family, Mary Pratt, Charley, David (Duff), John, ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

We will miss him.

By Mary Woolford

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**OMENA TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 20, 1996**

The annual meeting of the Omena Traverse Yacht Club was called to order at 10:05 A.M. by Commodore Jay Grosmark. There were 46 members present with 14 members represented by proxy.

Board Members Present:

Commodore Jay Grosmark, Sam Cone, Joan Kiersey, Caroline Marbach, Vin Moore, Ed Oberndorf, Dennis Turner, John Storey, Kathy Bosco

Members Present:

Marsha Buehler	Barbara Harris	Margaret Lyon	Bill Marbach	Mary Smith
Mary Woolford	Mary Helen Ray	Ginna Moore	Mary Cone	Guenther Mueller
Austin Jones	Ellie Stephenson	Barbara Grosmark	Tom Buehler	Mike Biskupski
Marcia Biskupski	Ole Kiersey	Carolyn Renz	Caroline Oberndorf	John Ray
Betsy Ehrhardt	Pat Kulick	R.J. Johnson	Marion Jones	Jack Stephenson
Lynn F. Spitz-Nagel	Lynn Spitz-Nagel	Ping Abbot	Waldo Abbot	Mary Jo Brumbaugh
Judy Knorp	Suzie Mulligan	Jonnie Hodgson	Stu Mulligan	Liz Storey
Bill Knorp	Bob Bailey			

Proxies:

Linda McKenzie	R.D. Tonnenberger	Trish Bosco	Elizabeth Renz	Michael McKenzie
Nana Kennedy	Matt Bosco	William A. Renz	Bob Lewis	Trudy Lewis
Mark Bosco	Mary Tonnenberger	William E. Renz	Amanda Bosco	

At the suggestion of Mary Woolford the Omena Traverse 1996 Annual Meeting opened with a 12 second moment of silence in memory of John Melville.

Commodore Jay Grosmark began with brief comments regarding the current state of the club. The quality of the youth program has steadily increased to become better than ever. Participation has increased for 1996. A profit for the 1995 calendar year was recorded. Membership has increased due in large part to advertising in the Breeze and increased youth participation.

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Kathy Bosco and seconded by Bob Bailey to accept the 1995 annual meeting minutes as published in the December 1995 Breeze. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Sam Cone presented the Treasurers Report for the period January 1, 1996 - June 2, 1996. Detailed graphics were included in the report, Treasurer Cone noted the increase in slip fees, which was reported as +49%.

Breeze Report:

Co-Editor Betsy Ehrhardt presented the annual report concerning the publication of the club newspaper *The Breeze*. Issues were published in December 1995 and May 1996. The editors thank Trudy Lewis for her contribution of wild flower pictures, a highlight of the May *Breeze*. All of those who sent pictures and news were thanked.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Waterfront Committee Report:

Bob Johnson, Chairman

All the slips have been rented this year. Quotes have been received for the repair of the concrete pier.

Buildings and Grounds Committee Report:

Ole Kiersey, Chairman

The building was closed last season and opened in 1996 by Carroll's Service. John Bunek checked and connected the water and turned on the electrical service. Walt Kalchick, Garbologist, began service in June. Tom Compton, Yardologist, will mow and trim the lawn and hedges. The plants on the front porch have been purchased from Plant Masters south of Suttons Bay. A fire escape ladder was purchased in August 1995 and is now in place near the upstairs window.

Youth Committee Report:

Cate Varley, Chairman

Attendance this summer is as high as it has ever been. There is a need for two additional Sunfish sailboats to take advantage of the higher attendance and provide a level of instruction in keeping with the high traditions of OTYC. Caroline Oberndorf volunteered their boat for use by the club in the youth program. It was brought to the attention of the membership and Board of Directors that the club consider additional supervisory personnel for a large youth program.

Social Committee Report:

Marsha Buehler, Chairman

This year the Social Committee was divided into two parts, Potluck and Special Events. Judy Knorp and Joey Bensley are this years Potluck Chairmen and Jonnie Hodgson is once again arranging the programs. There have been two potlucks to date, both well attended, the most recent with 140 guests.

Special Events this year included a Labor Day picnic at OTYC, October apple picking at Smith's, a February cross-country ski event and party following at Tonnebergers, a Memorial Day cocktail party, opening cocktail party and the 4th of July dinner which served 139. There has been a ladies coffee and there will possibly be another in August. The Commodore's reception and catered dinner will be held August 10. There will also be a casual party celebrating Labor Day.

Most of these Special Events are very informal with the only publicity by notice in the box on the OTYC sign and word of mouth.

New table cloths were purchased, partially funded by the remainder of the white elephant proceeds. The bulk of the proceeds purchased a tape and CD player which is available for any OTYC function.

Membership Committee Report:

Barbara Harris, Chairman

Family Units - 111

Regular Adult Members - 194 (Includes Honorary and Lifetime Members)

Dues paying Adult Members - 182

Honorary Members - 9 including spouses

Lifetime Members - 3 including spouses

Junior Members - 15

Guest members - 14

Official Resignations - Bob and Vera Harper & Kevin Ray, Karis Ray

New regular memberships - 1996

William and Mary Loveless

Dudley and Suzy Saxton Smith

Stuart Saxton Gulsby

Jack and Bercie Frohman

New regular members presented to the Board of Directors on 20 July 1996.

Joel and Mary Fisher

New guest members presented to the Board of Directors on 20 July 1996

George and Annette Husted

Guest Membership - 1996

Geoffrey and Betsy Parker, Alex (Jr.)

Charles and Kay Silkworth

Sara Moore and Dick Allen

Roger and Kathy Moore

Randy and Nancy Roth Cooper

Dr. Thomas and Betty Sardelis

Sandy and Janet Tate Walker

Deaths

Lifetime member, Grace Flett (May 1996)

Lifetime member, John Melville (July 1996)

Founders Fund Report:

Gil Deibel, Chairman

Proposed Founders Fund Rules. The purpose is to modify and change the rules established 20 years ago. John Roth notified the Board of Directors in 1990 that the fund had not accomplished what it had been set up to do. It has been suggested that a Founder's Fund Committee be established consisting of the Commodore, the Treasurer and an OTYC member. This committee will determine if there is an imperative financial need or emergency and take action if necessary. The Fund does not specify how the principal or interest can be spent.

NEW BUSINESS

Dues:

There was general discussion concerning the need to raise the annual dues to \$100.00 per adult member. Several members voiced their support in addition to offering alternatives to raising dues. A motion was made and seconded to raise annual dues to \$100.00. The motion carried.

Pier Repair

Tom Buehler explained in detail the problems we are facing concerning the continued erosion and repair of the concrete pier. A handout dated 17 July 1996 was furnished to help illustrate the current state of repair. The quotation lists a net cost of \$13,000.00 to repair the first 40' and \$20,000.00 to repair the entire 66' concrete section. A motion was made and seconded to repair the entire 66' section. A special one time assessment of \$70.00/member was discussed to help finance the cost of repair. A motion was made and seconded to assess each adult member a one time fee of \$70.00 for the 1996 season. Motion carried.

Amendment to the articles of Incorporation

Gil Deibel explained the proposed amendment to the articles of incorporation which will be voted on at next years annual meeting.

Nominating Committee Recommendations:

Chairman Tom Buehler reported on the recommendations of the Nominating Committee to the members. The Committee has recommended the following individuals for three year terms on the O.T.Y.C. Board of Directors:

Kathy Bosco, Ellie Stephenson, and Gil Deibel.

Motion made by Tom Buehler and seconded by John Ray to approve the Committee's Recommendation. Motion carried.

Motion made by Barbara Grosmark and seconded by Bob Bailey to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted, - John W. Storey, Secretary

OMENA TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT 1/1/96 - 12/31/96 - SAMUEL CONE, TREASURER

BALANCE ON HAND—January 1, 1996 - October 26, 1996

Checking Account		7,826.18	
Founders Fund accounts available*		7,332.47	
Building Preservation Fund*	(895.00)		
Accounts Payable (State of Michigan and IRS)	(114.06)		
			14,149.59

RECEIPTS

DUES & FEES	Adult Membership Dues	11,984.50		
	Youth Membership Dues	270.00		
	Guest Memberships	823.00		
	Initiation Fees	1,050.00	14,127.50	
BREEZE	Ads	185.00		
	Subscriptions	1,100.00	1,285.00	
ACTIVITIES	Special Parties/Dinners	1,078.00		
	Potlucks	1,355.37		
	Dock Fees	2,600.00		
	Sailing/Tennis Classes/Fees	2,298.50	7,331.87	
MISC.	Check Book Interest	224.99		
	Club Rental	950.00		
	Founders Fund interest	259.70		
	Sweatshirt, pennant, etc. sales	594.00	2,028.69	24,773.06
				38,922.65

EXPENSES

BREEZE			1,687.32	
ACTIVITIES	Potlucks	1,058.91		
	Special Parties/Dinners	972.91		
	Tennis/Sailing	2,740.00		
	Dues - Lake Michigan Yachting Association	125.00	4,896.82	
MAINT	Electricity	308.61		
	House/Grounds Maintenance	1,826.36		
	Insurance	(415.00)		
	Real Estate Taxes	3,954.97		
	Telephone	301.73		
	Waterfront	114.00	6,090.67	
ADMIN.	Bank Charges	91.59		
	Clerical	742.50		
	Miscellaneous	245.67	1,079.76	
MISC.	Bottom lease and bond for dock (2 years)	365.00		
	Commodores' and other gifts	19.80		
	Insurance - W.C.	931.00		
	Sweatshirt and pennant purchases	182.80		
	Federal and State Taxes / Licence	393.97	1,892.57	15,647.14
				23,275.51

BALANCE ON HAND - October 26, 1996

Checking Account	29,146.42	
Less reserves*	(13,380.00)	
Accounts Payable (Michigan tax)	(83.08)	
Founders Fund*	7,592.17	23,275.51

*DETAILS FOR RESERVES & FOUNDERS FUND

Reserves:			Founders Fund:		
			beginning	interest	ending
Funds collected and reserved in checking account					
Building Preservation Fund	\$1,840.00	CD#35912	3,576.47	138.21	3,714.68
Dock Reserve	3,380.00	CD#93872	3,756.00	121.49	3,877.49
Dock Repair Fund	8,160.00		7,332.47	259.70	7,592.17
	13,380.00				

TREASURER'S REMINDER

For those members who have not paid their 1996 Dock Repair Fund assessment which was due on 11/1/96, please pay as soon as possible. Thank you, Sam Cone, treasurer.