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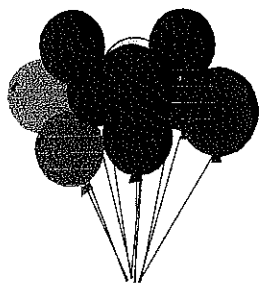
By telling the name of a certain song on the radio this winter, Pat Verdery (Kulick) was lucky enough to win three lessons at Arthur Murray's."

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FUNNIEST EXPERIENCES:

"Hit a cow in Alabama...sorry for the cow. Had to get a new door for the Cadillac." - Waldo Abbot

Our Golden Jubilee



O.T.Y.C.
1948 - 1998



from the Leelanau Yacht Club News,
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October, 1947

...Naturally, we told them of our newborn efforts to establish a club and they all volunteered advice. In general, the results can be summed up in the following points.

- (1) Work hard and don't discourage too easily.
- (2) Build slowly and firmly; don't build ahead of your capabilities and needs.
- (3) Keep interest up by having plenty of activities.

It is the editor's opinion that by following the above mentioned points and by keeping them in mind constantly, the club cannot and will not fail. - A.J.R.

from the Breeze December, 1972

On Friday, August 18, twenty-one kids set out on a Walkathon from OTYC to Nick's Dairy Freeze in Northport...Armed with sturdy shoes and a few can-
teens, all participants made it to Nick's, including
Craig Cherne, age 7...The others to make it (one-
way) to the the Dairy Freeze were Steve and Curt
Cherne, Stuart and Susie Saxton, Emily Speer, Kevin
Ray and Janet Stephenson.. The remaining ten made
it back home again, a total of thirteen miles: Matt
Bishop, Luke Robinson, Burr Buell, Cynnne and
Andy Renz, Susan Reed, J. Buell, Lisa Speer, Manie
Smith and Billie Renz, the youngest to make the
round trip. The money, a total of over \$180 will help
in making the new dock a reality.

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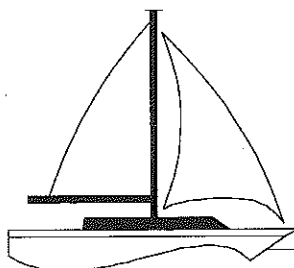
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A Message from the Commodore

Dear Friends,

As you are already aware by the mailings you have received this spring, AOTYC is up and running early. Fifty years as a club is a great reason to celebrate. And celebrate we will, thanks to our energetic Jane Saxton, who has headed up the planning for our 50th Anniversary.

Beginning last summer with several enthusiastic meetings and continuing this spring, many people have been helping in the preparations. Rather than list all of the various chairmen and their committees here, they'll be posted on the bulletin boards. In fact, watch the bulletin boards for notices of all our events. (And be sure to make reservations for the July 4 and 18 events now.)

One of the things I will mention here is the printed history which one group has spent many hours preparing. Our history is basically contained in the old copies of the Breeze which we are fortunate to have back to its beginnings. These have been diligently browsed through over the winter and I am sure you will find the result interesting. Watch for the sale of the book this summer.

In the nostalgic vein, let me remind you that we hope to have some picture and memorabilia displays. Bring your old pictures, anything you have that might be of interest, to lend us. We also are in need of any old OTYC records you might find in your attics. We still have not found the early minutes for the club. We now have a safe, well-organized place to store our records on the premises.

But the Anniversary is not to be just nostalgia. Celebration is the emphasis! We want everyone, young and old (both in length of membership and age!) to enjoy the anniversary. The July 18 event is especially for families. We want the children to enjoy the celebration, also. Watch for all the season events.

Just a word about the Breeze this year. Thanks to Suzie Mulligan, our new editor, the Breeze is now computerized. The excellent quality of the publication has happily continued. We thank her and her helpers for the very fine job.

Other social committees have been at work, with off season events and summer plans. You have the Nominating Committee report. The Youth Committee has been searching for instructors for the Youth Program. Inadvertently we omitted from last fall's Breeze the following chairmen: Barb Harris, Membership; Jack Bishop, Tennis; Dennis Turner, Sailing.

We're ready for the summer! Our first summer event is the Commodore's Kick-off Cocktail Party on Saturday, June 27, at 6:00 p.m. Come bring your libations and an hors d'oeuvres to share, and greet your friends. Mary Tonneberger is again in charge of the July 4 Opening Dinner. Reservation information is elsewhere in the Breeze. We look forward to seeing you there!

Carolyn

from the Breeze - April, 1950

THE COMMODORE'S CORNER

Every year about this time, I think it's a good thing to stop for a moment and review our progress to date. Two years ago the first issue of the Leelanau Yacht Club News was published. It was a mimeographed tabloid devoted largely to an account of how two eager young members of our infant organization bailed their way across the lower reaches of Lake Michigan in a howling gale. At the time the club existed in name only and our main claim to fame was a lot of enthusiasm and plans....

That first summer we held some races, incorporated, secured a lease on the clubhouse and slowly the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club began to take a concrete form. Last summer our Lightning fleet increased and so did the interest in the club by ALL of the members. Instead of being the labor of love of a few, it became an interest and activity of everyone connected with it. Committees began to function with more and more success. A good waterfront program took shape with the building of the new dock. The club paid for its building and now we are planning to improve our newly acquired real estate...

But what of the future? Can and will we continue to improve and expand? The answer is a firm and definite yes. All of us have much to gain in the club. Whether sailing in the races or serving at a potluck banquet the club offers an opportunity for fellowship and relaxation that no other type of organization can accomplish with so relatively little effort. The future is as bright as we wish to make it and by continuing to pull together we can make our club second to none.

Respectfully submitted - Your Commodore

AN EDITORIAL

Late last summer, after I had agreed to edit the Breeze, Bill Knorp suggested that perhaps I might include an amusing editorial. It's my contention that the editor has plenty to do without having to wax creative and witty as well. While perusing past issues, however, I came across the following letter from long ago Breeze editor, Sabra Jones, to Commodore A.J. (Gus) Rogers...So I have purloined it and offer it here as my first, and probably last, "editorial." - S.M.

January 6, 1950

Dear Gus:

As you told Bob in your letter of November 29, we all have a cross to bear. Well, it seems that I've inherited the "cross," namely editing the Breeze, and I'm writing to you for a little information on the hows and what-fors of the job. Please let me know all the information as soon as you can, or I won't be able to guarantee anything.

First of all, just exactly what am I supposed to do with this little epistle? Write three-quarters of it, edit it, and have it published all by myself? As far as articles go, we have your contributions and one poem from Helen Ayers. That's it.

Next, what in the screaming hell do I do about having it printed? Am I supposed to set it up prior to printing or does the printer do that? As you no doubt realize by now, I know about as much of the stuff I need to know as an Australian aborigine. So, please, if you expect to have an issue of the Breeze out before the general exodus to Omena begins, tell me what to do right quick.

Best of everything to you and Esther.

Sincerely,
Sabra

AN EMBARRASSING SAILING EXPERIENCE

This happened last summer. I was sailing by myself and, after a few hours of beautiful sailing, I came back to my mooring, attached the mooring line to the boat and took down the sail. Glancing to the side, I noticed that I was in very shallow water. I had attached the sailboat to the dinghy! The sailboat, dinghy and I were drifting to shore. In a panic I jumped overboard into two foot deep water to hold the boat(s). I succeeded in doing this but found that I couldn't climb back on. I pictured myself spending the night in this position. With extra adrenaline coursing through my system, I lowered the outboard motor, climbed onto the boat via the motor, started the motor and came back to the mooring. - Jay Grosmark

A VERY SPECIAL AD! *from the Breeze - April, 1949*

The following ad appeared in the 2nd issue of the Breeze. Northern Lumber Co. has placed an ad in every Breeze thereafter. Thank you, Northern Lumber for your loyalty!



News From Our Friends

Writing for **John and Mary Helen Ray**, MH says, "**John, Michael** and I spent some time in Costa Rica after Christmas. We had a variety of experiences, each of them memorable. My high point was the exact reflection of the jungle vegetation in the waters of the Rain Forest. John's and Michael's high point was swinging from jungle tree platforms to five stations of various heights. Our moderate low point was three days without water, but smeared with bug repellent and sunscreen as we hiked and climbed for our excursions. We glanced at our dinner plates and only fleetingly wondered how they had been cleaned after the previous meal...without water! A more traditional experience was shared in Sanibel during March. We were delighted to share visits with Ed and Judy Coughlan, **Caroline and Ed Oberndorf, Rat and Bill Renz, Libby and Mike Mustaine, Jo-Ann and Jack Bishop, Judy and Bruce Balas, Delsey and Glen White, Janet McNeil and Annette and George Husted**. To round out the spring, we joined another couple in renting a 36 ft. houseboat on Lake Powell, Utah, for five days. John claims it was the best holiday we'd ever experienced. I wholeheartedly agree! The rock formations were breathtaking, and we were early enough in the season not to have traffic on the lake. The solitude and grandeur will remain with us always. After chairing my 40th college reunion in May, we all will be delighted to catch our breath for several months in Omena."

The Mulligans returned from five weeks in Florida in early February, just in time to enjoy the rest of Omena's semi-tropical winter. Suzie took a quick trip to California for a visit with mother Helen and sister Sylvia. **Suzie & Stu** spent the last half of April in and around Oaxaca, Mexico, seeing new sights and learning about the Zapotec culture. An excellent trip, with an emphasis on improving our language skills. ¡Ven pronto a Omena!

Jo-Ann and Jack Bishop write from "an over the water bungalow on Bora Bora - sensational! Just wanted to report on a group of our friends coming to be known as Omena South. The **Martineaus** are in Venice, the **Bishops** in Ft. Myers, as well as the **Husteds**; the **Balases** on Captiva Island, **Janet McNeil** in Naples, and the **Whites** on Marco Island. This illustrious group met at our place March 10 for a reunion and had a marvelous time. A few weeks later, the **Rays & Renzes** swelled our ranks. We feel like we never left home! We return to Omena late in May after a walking tour of Provence. See you then."

The news from **Bill and Tish Renz**: "We took a nice trip to Hawaii in February. Bill attended a dental meeting at the Hyatt on Kauai and then we joined Tish's parents and sister on Oahu for a week visiting her aunt and uncle. This was Bill's first venture to the 50th state. We have enjoyed using the Delta Escape Plan available to frequent flyers living in Delta hub cities. We enjoyed an anniversary weekend in Colorado Springs in January (not to ski), and a getaway to see the historic sites of Philadelphia in April for another weekend. We also hope to use it in the next couple of months to see siblings in Boston and Washington, DC. Tish has been devoting some of her volunteer time over the last couple of years to a new Junior League of Cincinnati cookbook that will be published in May. With the book, "I'll Cook When Pigs Fly," ready for sale, Tish will be busy getting it into the stores in her position of wholesale accounts chairman. We look forward to a week in Omena the last week of June, and we will see everyone at OTYC on the 4th of July."

Linda Ray McKenzie writes, "I graduated from graduate school in December with my Master of Arts in Teaching and have just started teaching computers (K-5) full time in the district I had been subbing in. It is not my

ideal teaching position, so I am still pounding the pavement for a "regular" classroom. I would prefer teaching 3rd grade, but would be happy anywhere between 1st and 5th. **Mike** continues to work full time as a manager in consulting for Ernst and Young and goes to U. of Chicago in their MBA program at night. He has one more year to go until graduation. We hope to be in Omena several weekends during the summer - hopefully for a full week, as well. Hope you've all had a happy winter!"

Tonnebergers and Edgeleys convened in San Diego for spring break and fought El Nino: "...temperatures in the 30s, 8 inches of snow in Los Angeles. Highway 1 washed out in Big Sur, but it was good fun and we saw whales mating off San Diego! We are all off to Ft. Lauderdale on May 25 to celebrate Ron's father's 95th birthday; he is a wonder - walks a mile each day and spends an hour in the pool. Good German genes. Scott, in his new position with Copernicus Consulting, is based in Miami and is in South America every third week; American Airlines has him on a pedestal!"

Dennis and Kathy Turner's e-mail report tells us "We are counting the days until our return to Omena, and **Caroline** has been planning Youth Group sailing activities for a month." They will be going to Birmingham, England the week after Easter for Dennis' daughter Sonya's wedding. She is marrying Frank Thielmann, a German man she met initially as a visiting student at the University of Dayton. The Turners look forward to seeing all of you soon. Their note is followed by this delightful observation: "Smooth sailing is nice, but sometimes you just have to dance the maelstrom."

*For to be on water is a comfort
to the soul of man.
Carlton Mitchell*

News From Our Friends

Charlotte Read writes; "Alan and I leave for England and Scotland April 30 to May 14. I gave Alan a surprise birthday party, with some good friends coming from Boston and his big son from Chicago. It was a true surprise and lots of fun. Spring is making us think of Omena...can't wait! It'll be sometime in June."

Jay and Barbara Grosmark report that "In many ways it was an exciting winter, though we are looking forward to a relaxing summer in Omena with friends and family. We managed to take three ski trips this winter: to Steamboat Springs, Vail and Sun Valley. While on our way to Steamboat Springs we got caught in a major blizzard on 10,000 ft. high Rabbit Ears Pass. There were three feet of snow in 24 hours. We had to get towed out and spent the night sleeping on wrestling mats at the local high school in Kremmling, CO. The townspeople provided us with snacks and blankets. We were impressed with their generosity. We see our 16 month old granddaughter every week or two. It's a different kind of fun. Both our son and daughter bought houses this year. Steven and his family live in Nanuet, NY, while Carol lives in Traverse City. We are preparing for a major family reunion in Omena late in June. We expect about 75 people. Omena, here we come!"

And from **Bob Gelakoski**: "The children and I are looking forward to coming back to Omena for the summer. I will be back on July 8th. **Andrea** is now a senior in high school. She will be going to the University of Florida this fall. **Andrea** plans to enter the pre-med program at the university. I am now looking for a computer for her to take to college. I remember when all you needed was a typewriter. **Brian** will be a junior in high school this fall. He is becoming an excellent guitar player and plays in a band. He also does a lot of surfing here in Florida. I am planning to go to France in late May. I will be tak-

ing an eight day bicycle trip in Provence, which is in the sunny southern part of France. The bike trip begins in Avignon and includes seven other cities. We will be riding 20 to 30 miles a day. My vacation will end in Paris, where I hope to see all the sights, including the Louvre museum. All best wishes!"

Harold and Gennie Grossman write that they are both "...well and enjoying life at Sherwood Oaks, a retirement community only 25 miles from Pittsburgh. Pam lives in New Castle only 30 miles north, and Jennifer is a senior at the U. of Pittsburgh. She spent four months traveling around the world on the Semester at Sea Program last year. Jeff is being married in May in Chicago, and Julie is working in Ann Arbor. Those are the children who spent their summers with us in Omena, and they have many fond memories of the Yacht Club. We are planning a trip to Michigan to see the Shultys (Marcia) and DuBachs (Suzie), and hope to spend a weekend in July at Omena. Have a wonderful summer. Hello to all our friends in Omena."

The main event of the winter for **Bercie and Jack Frohman** was a February trip to Israel. "It was a wonderful trip. We stayed in Jerusalem, Eilat, Tiberius and Tel Aviv, with many stops at biblical sites in between. Our "tour group" consisted of Jack, Bercie and an Israeli guide we met originally in 1972. It was an excellent opportunity to see who and what we wished - and at our own pace."

December in Durham, NC, was "magical, warm and far too speedy!" for **Ole and Joan Kiersey**. "Kim/Jim and Kathy/Landon lead busy, happy lives there, and it was fun to share it all...so much so that we plan to be there for both Nov. and Dec. next time! Our Jan., Feb., and March at Perdido Key, FL, (just down the beach from Gulf Shores) was wonderful as well. Bert

and Betty Wheeler were in the next building, and during January the **Mulligans & Hadleys** in the building next to that. Mardi Gras, the Olympics, the Basketball Tournament (March Madness), Christmas (and other) shopping, restaurant gatherings with the winter friends, 3-D puzzles, good books and just 'hanging out' managed to eat all those weeks with amazing speed. On April 1st we headed north again - not too enthusiastically, actually. As I write this, our house in Kalamazoo will be on the market in just a few days, so the 'joy' begins. A timeline would be nice, but of course there is none! Somehow we'll be 'up north' - probably for Memorial Day, maybe back and forth both before and after that. Who knows? When all is accomplished, we hope you'll be down to view our little cedar split log abode. It will be prettier, roomier and worth all the chaos, we trust!"

Rat **Renz** writes, "We're going to Williamsburg! Do you get those commercials up there? **Bill** and I are spending a long Mother's Day weekend there. We hope to see Monticello on the way down since it's right along the way. **Margy Lyon** and I have seen quite a bit of each other this past winter, as we worked on the OTYC history. We are both in awe of authors who crank out books right and left. In March **Bill** and I went to Florida for a week where we visited some Cincinnati friends and spent a few days with the **Rays** on Sanibel. Had our usual good time there, and to our amazement, ran into **Bruce and Judy Balas** every single day! Of course it is a small island, but even so, I think we saw more of them on Sanibel than we do all summer at Omena. Sorry, no tall tales of sailing, no births, deaths or weddings to report. We'll be up for Memorial Day."



The following poem was written by an OTYC Junior Member about his father's personnel officer (also a family friend) in Mauritania. Thank you, John.

IN THE DESERT

You can see the crazy look
In his eyes, when he leaves
The office, without
Saying goodnight.

You can only guess
Where he goes.

Sometimes he goes to the desert
To clear his mind.
I do not think he even knows
Where he is going.

Just wandering.
He will get there,
Eventually.
Just moving.

He has nomadic blood.
It is only natural
That he leaves.

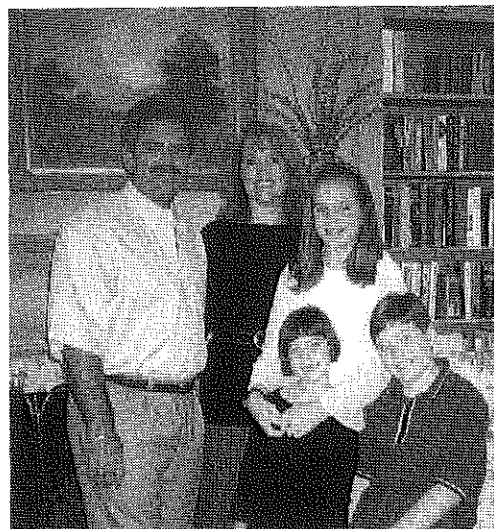
When he comes back
And you ask him
Where he has been,
He will tell you
He was "In the desert."

- John Varley



from the Breeze - December, 1974

Mary and Tom Smith are well established in their new house and have plenty of room for all the kids and even visiting brothers...Les Disch is still in school and Debbie is now the Data Processing Manager with Cincinnati Bell....Clark Saxton is in his senior year at Orme School near Flagstaff, Arizona, and Suzy is attending Vanguard School in Waco...If some of you thought that you saw Kathy Bosco on TV all shiny clean with Dove Soap, you were right. She did some commercials for them to be used on the national networks..



Meet New Members: Stuart Gulsby and Lee Williams

I have missed only two Omena summers in my life. My children, **Haden, Clark, and Caroline**, are the 6th generation to summer in Omena - from both the Morse and Saxton families.

Houston, TX, has been my home for 15 years. Last summer I married **Lee Williams**, a native Houstonian, who works in the maritime insurance business.

Lee came to Omena for the first time last year. When someone asked him how he liked it he said, "After a week of playing golf every day, eating to my heart's content, sleeping late every morning, swimming in crystal blue water, and napping in the hammock under the trees in the dappled sunlight, Jane (Saxton) had the nerve to ask me to change a light bulb!" Lee passed the Omena Test for all brides and grooms and can't wait to come again this summer.

I have been a caterer the last several years and this year started a new career in real estate. Keeping up with my three children in their different schools keeps me in a perpetual hurry.

Haden, at 13, is a bona fide teenager and enjoying middle school. She's busy practicing for her part in her school's Spring Musical and managing the track team.

Clark, 10, has a new "flat top" haircut just in time for Little League baseball. His basketball team went to the championships, and he was on the Houston TV news and in the paper recently when his school went on a Chinese field trip and learned (among other things) to eat with chopsticks.

Caroline, 6, is in kindergarten at the neighborhood school one block away from our new house. We get to walk every day, which we enjoy even when it is raining.

Our whole family is already making plans and looking forward to our annual road trip to Omena this summer. See you then! - Fondly, Stuart

SAILING WITH BILL KNORP

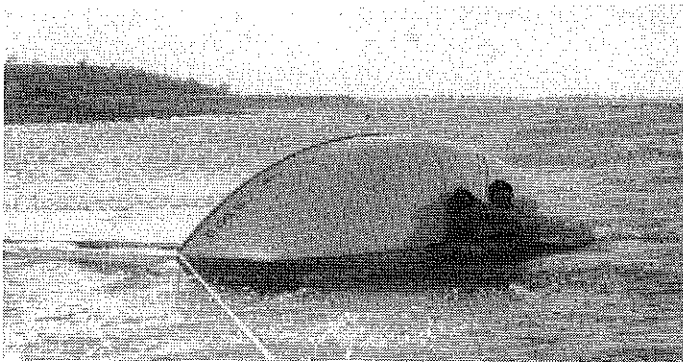
In 1975 we purchased an 18 foot Thistle sailboat...a round bottom hull which is completely open like a canoe. It is a boat which tips in the slightest breeze, "rocks and rolls" when the winds kick up and turns over when you least expect it.

The following Spring, Judy and I invited a very timid couple, Sandy and Wendel Carlson, to go sailing on Folsom Lake. Normally the lake is very placid. However, on the day we selected, the winds were brisk and the water very cold. I noticed we were having trouble "coming about" but, because the boat was new to me, I did not realize that we had a mechanical problem.

The inevitable happened...we went over...and then discovered that our centerboard had broken off, leaving a six inch stub at the bottom of the hull. After turning over several times, we realized the boat could not be sailed in this condition.

Finally, the sheriff's rescue boat arrived. Judy and Sandy got on and were given blankets to keep warm. Wendel and I had to remain in the cold water and hold on to the 'stub' to balance the boat as it was towed to the boat launch.

Perhaps this experience gave birth to the Auburn expression...
"To sail with Bill is to swim with Bill!!!" ▼



*And the gathering together of the waters
He called seas, and God saw
that it was good. - Genesis*



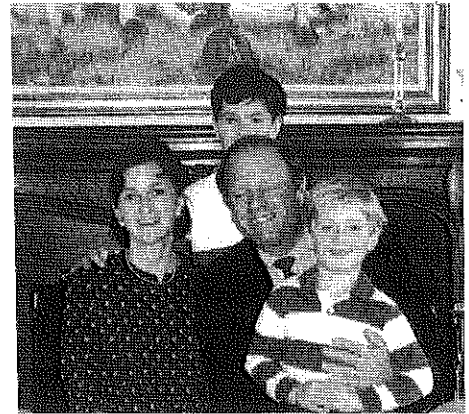
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Meet New Members: Geoffrey and Betsy Parker



Betsy has been coming to Ingalls Bay since at least 1960 with her family, Skeet and Pete and Laurie Durbrow. She has missed only one summer in Omena in that time: and between lessons and as a place to gather, she has spent quite a bit of time at the Yacht Club. At home she is an active volunteer in a number of projects at school and in Kansas City. Gardening is another favorite activity.

Geoff fell in love with Omena despite his having been brought up outside of Boston and on the ocean in Gloucester, MA. He has sailed all his life, so the challenges of Lake Michigan are very interesting to him. He also plays tennis and paddle tennis. Most of his time is taken up with his responsibilities in the investment banking business, which has taken the family from New York and New Jersey to Kansas City.

Alex, now 17, got his first glimpse of Omena at the age of 4 weeks. He is an avid soccer goalkeeper, ice hockey and baseball player and showing promise on the golf course. He's a strong crew member on any sailboat, as well.

Woody, age 12, begins to concentrate on his time in Michigan in February. He keeps busy at home with soccer, hockey, baseball, and now golf; but he loves sailing and all the activities that are special in Omena. He has participated in the Youth Program at OTYC for several years and has enjoyed the lessons and the friends he has made.

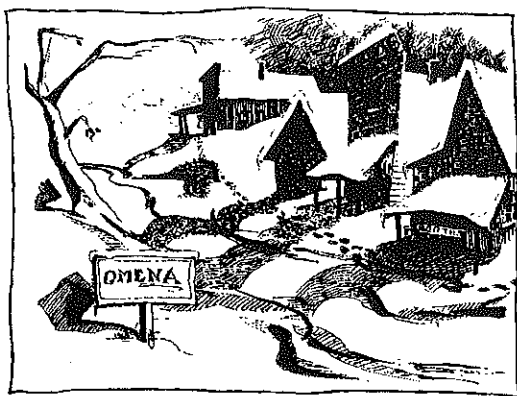
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This pen & ink drawing by former commodore Humphrey Jackson is from an original watercolor by Nancy Jo Wheeler Kohlberg. It appeared on the cover of the Dec., 1965, Breeze.

LEARNING IS FUN AT SHADY TRAILS - Joe Varley

Shady Trails Camp will offer a Day Camp Program in environmental science and recreation for Summer 1998. The science-based program will feature adventures to Kehl Lake, the dunes and beaches of Leelanau State Park, G.T. Lighthouse, a cherry farm, a float on the Cedar River, all leading to amazing explorations in the new Shady Trails Science Center!

Kids going into grades 5 to 9 are eligible for the two-week sessions: Mon. - Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Session I, July 13-24, includes a day on the Inland Seas Science Ship and a campfire/BBQ/family night at camp one evening. Session II, July 24-August 7, includes an overnight stay in the cabins, with meals and campfire fun.

The professional staff/camper ration is 1:4 because kids learn best in small groups. Fees are \$130 per week, including homemade lunches, snacks and trips. Staff includes favorites such as Don Gorski, from the Science Ship; Evy Sussman, for crafts, and other teachers, as well as great college students and recent grads.

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Thanks to Mary Helen Ray for this item about a cherished friend and long-time member of OTYC. In the December Breeze we noted, with sadness, his death.

NORMAN JOHANNING:

Norm Johanning originally visited Omena with his wife and two young daughters, Linda and Mona. They were regular guests of Lestra Saxton from Richmond, Indiana. In the 1950's, when Norm was in his 50's, they purchased the "Log Cabin" at the base of Fire Lane 6, near Lestra Saxton's home on the same Omena lane. (*ed. note: This was the original part of the cottage recently purchased by the Varleys from Kaisers.*)

The Johanning family were early members of OTYC. Norm was always an enthusiastic supporter of the sailing program. He shared his knowledge of the art of sailing, plus the physical maintenance of boats, with all. He had an excellent opportunity to assist stranded sailors whose boats malfunctioned, because of the location of his cottage. Many a time his kind smile would flash as he mended a centerboard or rudder of the young or middle-aged sailor who had run aground on his shallow point of land. Good-natured, with quiet kindly patience, he got out his tools and went to work on the boat. He and his motor boat were always ready to assist as a Committee Boat, buoy setter or retriever of becalmed sailors or marooned motor boaters.

Norm loved the water and continued his interest in OTYC in his later years, although health and his relocation to Northport didn't bring him to OTYC as often. His athletic and water-front interests have continued via his two daughters and son-in-law, Mona Liska of Traverse City and Linda and Al Cherne of Northport.

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FACING THE POPULATION PRESSURE IN LEELANAU COUNTY - Mary Louise Sarvis

All of us are concerned about the continuing population growth in Leelanau County and the damage it will do aesthetically and environmentally to this beautiful area. Property values have skyrocketed. Now, with waterfront property made scarce or beyond reach financially, the demand is increasingly for "view" property - our farmlands.

Farmers who find it increasingly difficult to make an acceptable living often feel they have no choice but to sell their land. A process called Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) can provide one means of making it possible economically for farmers to continue to live on their farms.

This summer a group I belong to, the County Issues Discussion Group, in cooperation with the Leelanau Conservancy, will present a video which describes the county and explains PDR. We will also be handing out a beautiful map/brochure of the county. We would be delighted to present the video and maps at a summer gathering at OTYC.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA - JULY 17, 10:00 A.M.

- A. Opening remarks - Commodore Carolyn Marbach
- B. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting - Ellie Stephenson
- C. Treasurer's Report - Sam Cone
- D. Breeze Report - Suzie Mulligan
- E. Committee Reports:

1. Waterfront - ~~Bob Johnson~~ Tom Buehler
2. House & Grounds - Mike Biskupski
3. Youth - ~~Bill Mason~~ Amanda Bascio
4. Social - ~~Mary Cone~~ Connie Martineau
5. Membership - Barb Harris Judy Sharp - Mary Louless
6. Building Preservation - Dan Schleaf
7. Tennis - Jack Bishop
8. Sailing - Dennis Turner
9. Historian - Bill Marbach
10. 50th Anniversary - Jane Saxton

F. Old Business

- G. New Business - Vote on Proposed By-laws
- H. Election of New Directors

1. Nominating Committee Report - Bill Graf
2. Other nominations

2. Vote for Directors

I. Adjournment

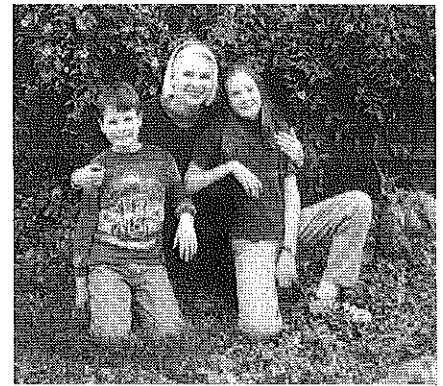
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Meet New Member: Suzy Saxton Smith



As a fifth generation Omena summer beachgoer on both Omena Point and Ingalls Bay, I look forward to "coming home" every summer.

We have been in Austin, Texas, for almost 14 years, not far from the Saxton home base of Waco, Texas. After 13 years of working as a legal assistant, I left to care for my children at home. In the meantime, I started cooking for a living under the name "SOS Catering" and won first prize in the dessert category of a local cooking contest with my caramel brownie cheesecake.

With the kids in school, I'm once again working in the legal community on a contract basis, but keeping "SOS Catering" on the side. Betty, 11, is a fifth grader with high hopes for middle school next year. She plays on the kickball team, sings in the school and church choirs, plays the piano and has aspirations to learn to play the trumpet. Crawford, 7, is a first grader and is playing basketball and machine-pitch Little League baseball. He is an avid Star Wars fan.

We are all ready to finish the spring semester, do a few summer activities and head for the cottage.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

William R. Graf, Chairman

The following OTYC members have been selected by the 1997-98 OTYC Nominating Committee for presentation to the membership for possible election to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting in August. At that time nominations from the floor may be made according to protocol if desired.

1. Marsha Buehler 2. Robert Johnson 3. Mary Tonneberger

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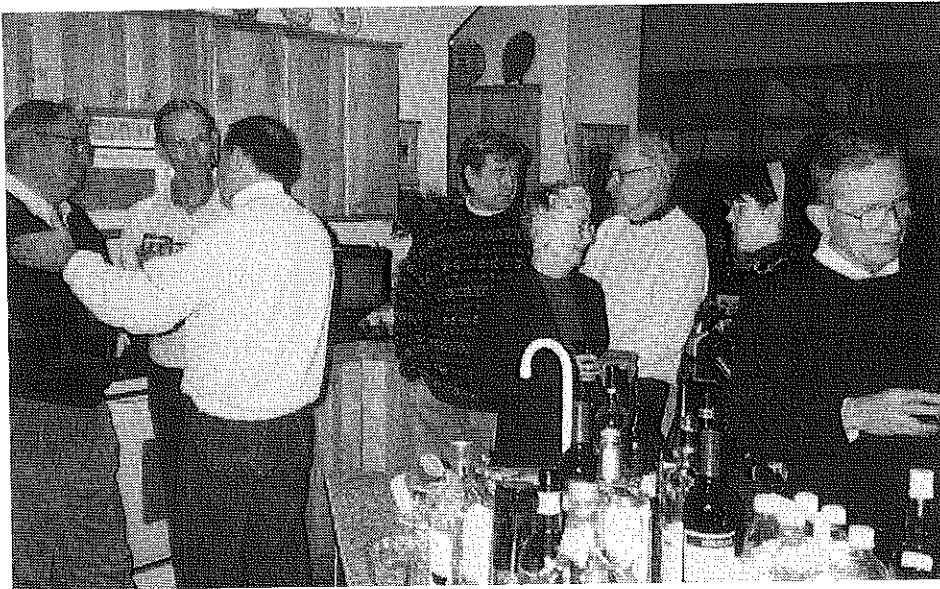
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AFTER-SKI PARTY IN FEBRUARY - There was just barely enough sticky snow for skiing, but a goodtime was had by a couple of dozen members and guests. Over forty people gathered afterward to enjoy a fine cocktail buffet and the Kennedy's hospitality. L. to R.: Bill Fuertges, Gil Deibel, Loren Bensley, Joe Varley, Marg Balleu, Jack Sarvis, Patty Kennedy, John Ray. ▼

They both have homes on Omena Point Road. They ▲ were both born Judy L. Carrington. Their fathers were both from Texas. Their fathers names were G. Warren Carrington and Warren D. Carrington. Remember that you read it first in the Breeze!



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1998 SOCIAL CALENDAR

Social Coordinator, Mary Cone; Potluck Chairmen, Joey Bensley and Judy Knorp; Summer Special Events, Connie Martineau; Off Season Events, Nana Kennedy; Opening Dinner, Mary Tonneberger; Program Chairman, Jonnie Hodgson

Sunday, May 24 - Memorial Weekend Cocktail Party
5:00-7:00 p.m.; BYOB, appetizers to share

Saturday, June 27 - Kick-Off Cocktail Party @ OTYC
6:00 p.m., hosts Bill & Carolyn Marbach

Saturday, July 4 - Opening Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, July 13 - Boating Trip to Elk Rapids for all
boaters (power & sail). Call Connie for details.

Saturday, July 18 - OTYC Annual Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 18 - 50th Anniv. Dinner Dance, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 8 - Commodore's Reception

Sunday, September 6 - Labor Day Family Picnic



*"There never was a very great man yet
who spent all of his life inland."
Herman Melville*

Meet New Members: Charlie and Kay Silkworth



Kay and Charlie Silkworth were both born and raised in the Ann Arbor area. They were married at the "Little Church Around the Corner" in New York in February, 1959, and have raised a family of four boys and a girl, with nine grandchildren for a bonus. For twenty years they lived in the small farm community of Manchester, MI, of which fifteen years were spent on a farm. Charlie owned and operated a John Deere lawn and garden equipment business in Napoleon, MI, along with a tire business.

Both Kay and Charlie began coming to the area in 1958 while Charlie was a swimming instructor for the Red Cross throughout Leelanau county. While at college in Big Rapids, they brought their family to Leelanau at every opportunity and since then have owned several homes in the county. Kay is a semi-professional artisan and spends many quiet hours sewing, quilting and making dolls. She has also been known to make a piece of stained glass or two. Charlie enjoys being on the water and traveling if he can get Kay to get in the car and go. They have owned property in Omena since 1985 and have made this their home since 1991.

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BALANCE ON HAND - January 1, 1997

Checking Account		26,929.85	
Founders Fund		8,190.14	
Building Preservation Fund	(15,390.00)		
Accounts Payable (Michigan tax)	(83.08)	<u>(15,473.08)</u>	
		19,646.91	

RECEIPTS**DUES & FEES**

Adult Membership Dues	14,247.50	
Youth Membership Dues	330.00	
Guest Memberships	675.00	
Initiation Fees	<u>1,500.00</u>	16,752.50

BREEZE

Ads	300.00	
Subscriptions	<u>1,220.00</u>	1,520.00

ACTIVITIES

Special Parties/Dinners	1,193.00	
Potlucks	1,200.40	
Slip fees	2,600.00	
Youth Activities	<u>2,466.32</u>	7,459.72

MISCELLANEOUS

From Building Preserv. Fund	19,540.00	
Check Book Interest	513.31	
Club Rental	1,550.00	
Founders Fund Interest	498.21	
Sweatshirt, pennant, etc. sales	<u>405.00</u>	<u>22,506.52</u>
		<u>48,238.74</u>
		67,885.65

EXPENSES**BREEZE**

		2,004.87
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ACTIVITIES

Potlucks	613.43	
Special Parties/Dinners	1,374.55	
Youth Activity instructors	2,650.00	
Youth Activities	427.26	
Dues - Lk. Mich. Yachting Assoc.	<u>125.00</u>	5,190.24

MAINTENANCE

Electricity	353.53	
House/Grounds Maintenance	3,627.11	
Insurance	3,820.00	
Real Estate Taxes	4,042.94	
Telephone	334.56	
Waterfront	<u>19,540.00</u>	31,718.14

ADMINISTRATION

Bank charges	117.87	
Clerical	1,312.33	
Miscellaneous	<u>785.88</u>	2,216.08

MISCELLANEOUS

Bottom lease & bond for dock	200.00	
Commodore's & other gifts	82.68	
Workmen's Comp. Insurance	677.00	
Sweatshirt, etc. purchases	0.00	
Fed. and State Taxes/License	<u>532.28</u>	<u>1,491.96</u>
		<u>42,621.29</u>
		25,264.36

BALANCE ON HAND - December 31, 1997

Checking Account	19,742.11	
Less reserves	(3,065.66)	
Accounts Payable (Mich. Tax)	(86.93)	
Founders Fund	8,688.35	
100 year celebration	<u>(13.51)</u>	25,264.36

from the first Breeze - April 1949

FINANCIAL REPORT
March 15, 1949

Receipts:

36 Fully Paid Memberships	540.00
1 Partially Paid Membership	10.00
Donation	6.00
Party Benefits	119.10
Snack Bar Receipts	21.80
Money for Lightning Class Association	14.00
Subscriptions for Club paper	13.50
	<u>724.40</u>

Accounts Receivable:

Delinquent Dues	35.00
Delinquent Subscriptions	
Paper	42.00
Snack Bar Receipts	43.27
	<u>20.27</u>
	<u>844.67</u>

Disbursements:

Materials, Bahle Store	10.34
Dance	18.00
Anderson's Store	16.74
Rogers Parsons Marine Service	22.66
Gus Rogers (Filing Fees, License, etc.)	20.00
Lightning Class Fees	14.00
Union Office Supply Co.	1.44
Northern Lumber Co	56.46
Labor	25.00
Snack Bar	27.00
Payment on Lease	2.00
Marion Yoder Service	60.00
Insurance	189.25
	<u>468.89</u>

Surplus

	375.78
	<u>844.67</u>

RESERVES**Building Preservation Fund**

As of 1/1/97	15,390.00	
Reserved from dues paid	6,943.00	
Interest on CD	272.66	
Less Dock Repair	<u>(19,540.00)</u>	3,065.66

Founders Fund CD's	beginning	interest	ending
Savings Account	326.62	13.45	340.07
CD#35912 now #7420222995	3,866.57	74.69	
CD#7420222995 matures 2/7/02		173.16	4,114.42
CD#93872 maturing 7/28/01	<u>3,996.95</u>	<u>236.91</u>	<u>4,233.86</u>
	8,190.14	498.21	8,688.35

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