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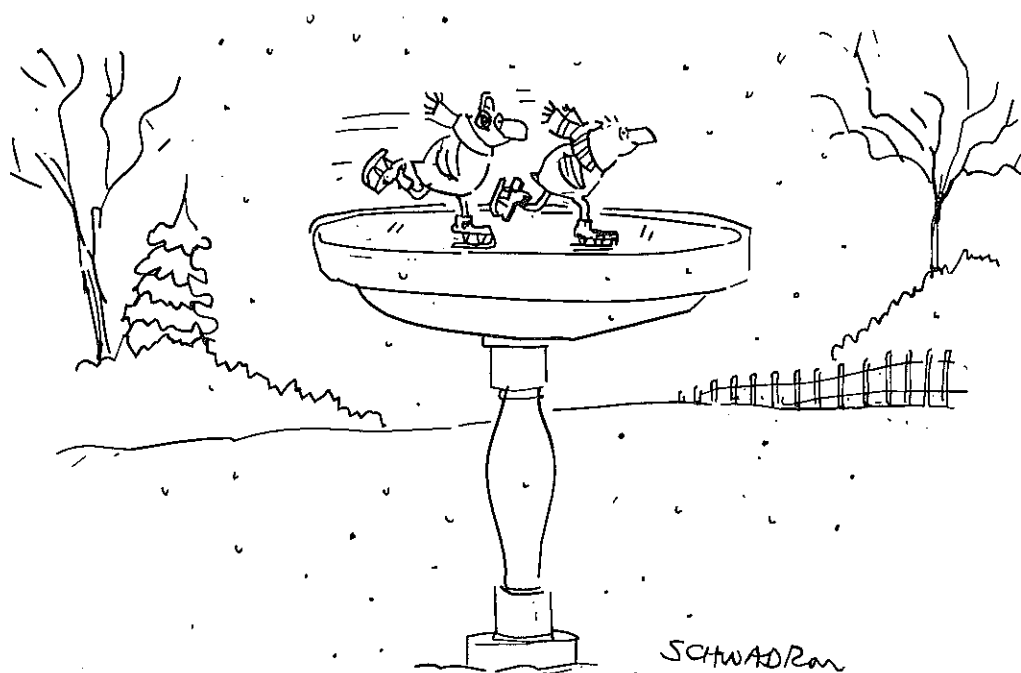
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The following is excerpted from "My Life as a Small Boy," by television and movie actor, Wally Cox (Simon & Schuster, New York, 1961). As a child, Mr. Cox lived for several years in the house at the corner of Omena Point Road and Lake Street.

"I come from many places, but the only place I like to think of myself as coming from is a northerly part of Michigan, itself a northerly state, where snow that fell in the middle of winter fell upon snow that was already there, so that the depth of it merely varied and never ended until spring showed up.

"I dare say the snow is piled very high there in the middle of winter to this very day, but it was certainly twice as high when I was a lad, because I was a great deal shorter then than I am now. We lived on a gravel side road in which the county had not much interest, but the farmer farther up the road, in fits of friendliness or necessity, would attach a V-shaped wooden plow to the front of his crawler tractor and plow a groove one car wide past our place into the village... The snow piled very high and beautiful on the sides of our road... higher than my head, so I couldn't see anything from the road proper except the snow mountain ranges on either side of it...



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"The kids in my neighborhood were all sled crazy... School let out late in that rural community, and the bus ride home took some time, so that in the middle of winter it was almost dark by the time we got to sliding, but we were happy to ride down the hill by starlight, moonlight, and whatever light leaked out of the few houses around... The town hill was a fine thing to slide down.... (continued on page 6)

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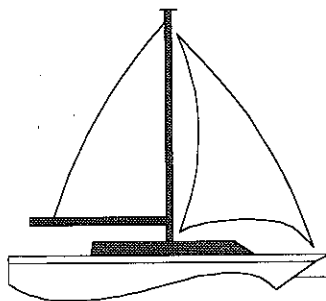
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A Message from the Commodore

*We'll begin these rites,
As we do trust they'll end in true delights.
(William Shakespeare, As You Like It)*

This has been a whirlwind Fall and, thanks to so many people, an exhilarating one. The Fall reception on the balcony of the Club was hosted by Dan (our former Commodore) and Elizabeth Schleef, and attended by many people who love Omena. The event exemplified to me where we are in 1999 and where we will be in the year 2000 - among dear friends and in familiar surroundings with many new friends, all of whom share a common bond.

We spent a rainy but beautiful interlude in the Smith/Disch orchard with the Biskupskis, who are in a transition to Omena, and the Deibels with part of their dear family who were so enthused to be here. We hope those of you who could not be here with us will find more time in the year ahead.

We are excited by the momentum initiated by Kathy Bosco, who dealt so well with the challenges of this past year. She set in motion many changes for the coming Millennium. We owe Kathy an enormous debt of gratitude for her hard work, vision, and development of a very talented group of colleagues. I have inherited a lot of new friends to help me manage your Club and we will respect your wishes on how to proceed.

Many people have volunteered to assist with activities next year, the kitchen renovation is well under way, and we have applications for new memberships. These are vital signs that we will all participate in change while also preserving the heritage we value in this Club.

To all of you, a joyous holiday season wherever you may be and a bright year ahead. Ron and I will be toasting his father (who is close to age 97) on December 31 in tandem with our son Scott who is developing an Internet company. Talk about connecting over a 100 year time span! But we will enjoy the return to Omena again in January as the snow begins to fall and we can observe all the beautiful scenes in our community.

And thanks to Dale and Joan Blount, our new friends, who will keep me linked to the 16th century courtesy of William Shakespeare who is, of course, timeless.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN FOR Y2K

Mary Tonneberger

This year there will be a Board member serving as liaison to each committee chairperson. These are shown in parentheses below.

Social: Connie Martineau (Mary Loveless)

Potlucks, Judy Smart; Special Events, Mary Loveless

Catered dinners, Liz and Dan Schleef;

Opening Dinner, Joan & Dale Blount and Delcie & Glenn White;

Off-season Events: Nana Kennedy

Nominating: Dick Kennedy (Mary Tonneberger)

Waterfront: George Husted and Alan Read (Dennis Turner)

Historian: Bill Marbach (Mary Tonneberger)

Youth: Amanda Bosco, assisted by Karen Edgley and Cindy Standley (Marsha Buehler)

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Gil Deibel is the contact from the Board for matters related to the By-laws and insurance.

ADVENTURE ON ANALARE

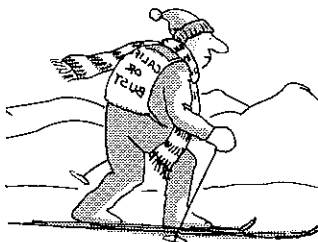
Many thanks to Bill & Judy Knorp for once again providing older participants of the Youth Sailing Program an afternoon of fun aboard their beautiful "Analare." Bill reports that "This was a fun, lively group!"

Pictured below are: (back row) Mary Loveless, Esther Johnson, Caroline Turner, Mimi Acuff, Wesley Hughes, Haden Gulsby, Alison Biskupski; (front row) Lucy Loveless, Nora Schmeidel, and Trevor Scott. ▼



CROSS-COUNTRY SKI PARTY

Pollyanna's Prognostication for Feb. 4, 5, & 6: Temperatures 22-32 degrees throughout the weekend; mostly sunny, overnight snowfalls of 2 to 3 inches each; occasional daytime flurries; winds light & variable.



MARK YOUR
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SKI PARTY
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5
2:00 P.M.
AT FIRELANE 6

Skiers and non-skiers alike are invited to gather at the Kennedys' home at 5:00 p.m. for camaraderie, food and drink.

TAKE NOTE! KITCHEN FEES NOW NEEDED!

Mary Tonneberger

As you know, we are adding to the Club's kitchen, and construction is underway. Most of you have sent in your payment of \$116 per adult member but some may have overlooked the **notices** sent to you this Fall. Please send in your fees so that we can close the books on this project in December and complete payment to the contractor. The address is OTCY, P.O. Box 103, Omena, MI 49674. Again, thanks for your support on this exciting addition.

BIRTHDAY FUND - Mary Tonneberger

In 1998, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Club with much festivity. In honor of the event, a Birthday Fund was created to provide for special purchases to enhance the Club. The committee charged with making recommendations was comprised of Carolyn Marbach, Jay Grossmark, and Ed Oberndorf. As a result of their input, the Club invested in new draperies for the stage area, a new playground set for the children, and two new benches for the front lawn.

Your Board is very appreciative of the members' generosity in allowing these improvements to be made.



EDITOR'S NOTE

The 1999 committee reports included in this Breeze were the only ones available to the editor before press time. If you would like to see a copy of one or more of the others, please contact that chairperson.

News from our friends...

Big news from **Bill and Tish Renz**, as they announce the October 5th birth of their daughter, Crystal Marjorie. Bill writes, "Yes, another Libra. The first name is a new name to the family - one her parents like very much. The middle name is a family name on both the Renz and Race sides. The numbers are as follows: 20.5 inches; 10 lb., 4 oz. She has lots of dark hair. Tish and baby are doing great."

Ole and Joan Kiersey returned to summer weather in October in Chapel Hill, NC, and Joan writes, "Our 'other life' is well underway here. Ole is volunteering each week on Kim's oncology floor at Duke and soon will begin tutoring at a nearby middle school. I am once again manning a box office at neighboring Jordan High School. The biggest accomplishment of the fall: at last finding a way (the only way!) to buy Duke basketball tickets during the students' Christmas break. I'm a totally hopeless fan - first time ever in this very long life! We'll be mostly at home here this winter but do plan to journey down to Gulf Shores for two weeks or so in late February or early March to enjoy Mardi Gras. From there we'll go to Tarpon Springs to see my sister & her husband. We do miss the Leelanau fall activities & thought of all of you on the apple-picking weekend."

Al and Linda Cherne are enjoying the winter in their winter home in Tavares, Florida. They report the July 25th birth of their first grandchild, Carl Roger Cherne. The happy parents are Amy and Curt Cherne, who live in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Jack and Mary Louise Sarvis report that they enjoyed another wonderful summer in Omena. "About November 10th, we will have lived here year-around for ten years. We built in 1983, so this was our the seventeenth year of a summer family week. For all those years all three daughters, all spouses and

most of the six grandchildren have been present. We still can't believe our good fortune in finding Omena. Winter plans: a week in early December on an island off Honduras for snorkeling; the month of March in Green Valley, birding and golfing."

By the time you read this, **Barbara and Jay Grosmark** should be celebrating the birth of their second grandchild. "The proud parents are our son, Steven, and his wife, Debbie, who live in Nanuet, NY. We just got back from an exciting trip to Israel and Jordan. We visited Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, stayed at a kibbutz on the Galilee, visited Elat, rode a horse into Petra, Jordan, and used Amman as a base for trips into the historic areas around Amman. It was our first Elderhostel trip and we were very impressed with the quality of the lecturers and the depth of the various trips. The theme was the growth of civilization with emphasis on the three major religions. We are looking forward to fifteen people attending our Thanksgiving day feast and to our daughter Carol's visit to us in New York at Christmas time. We have two ski trips planned: one to Park City, Utah and the other to Sun Valley, Idaho. Hopefully we will both be back in Omena next spring in one piece. Barbara should be in Omena in February to visit her sister and our daughter. Once again we hope to arrive at the end of May for the beginning of our summer stay in beautiful Omena. We hope everyone has a happy and healthy holiday."

The report from **George and Annette Husted**: "We have boated and arts-and-crafted with the **Reads**, played golf with the **Rays**, dined with the **Kennedys** and **Tonnebergers**. George played tennis with the Omena "Racketeers," and we attended an OTYC committee meeting at **Biskupskis** - all in the most glorious three days of fall color that we can remember. It doesn't get much better that

that! We left the North early this year to arrive in Ft. Myers, Florida, to supervise the construction of our new riverfront home at the Admiralty Yacht Club. It, too, will have guest rooms, and we hope to see our Omena clan from time to time. Our youngest son, Gordon, of Dearborn, MI, married Heather DeCarlo in October. It was great to see old friends and extended family. After their Hawaii honeymoon, the newlyweds settled into their new home in Dearborn. They, too, can often be seen playing tennis, bicycling or golfing in the Omena area, as they love our "up north" lifestyle. Our daughter, Suzette Heathcote, and husband, Dave, are expecting little Mary Beth's brother around the turn of the century - maybe even a millenium event!"

Jane Saxton is a new computer student. She says, "I do not know much yet, but it sure is fun!" In October Jane took a riverboat trip in France.

Bruce and Judy Balas took time out between trips to write. "We will be spending a few days in November with **Judy & Bill Knorp** at their lovely home in Auburn, near Sacramento - a beautiful part of California. Their house overlooks a canyon where we walked for hours last year on our visit. We explored the villages in the area, met their friends, played bridge every night, and laughed until our sides hurt. We expect to do the same this year! For the third year in a row the Balases have spent Thanksgiving in San Francisco with their three kids, Rob, Steve, and Allison, and their families and Judy's nephew, Buck, from Santa Barbara. Judy's sister, Jeanne Claborn, from Oklahoma City has also become a "regular," as well as Judy's former brother-in-law, Jim Claborn and his family. We rent a couple of apartments, explore the city, walk the Golden Gate, eat lots of Chinese food, play lots of bridge, and have a great time together. And, of course, we all contribute in doing a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

...and more news

Last year, as our "bit of Leelanau County," we had a friend FedEx us a smoked whitefish from Carlson's. This year we will have a wheel of Raclette from Leelanau Cheese. But the best part is all being together and giving thanks for having such a close, happy, and supportive family."

This note from **Karen Edgely**, I don't have any extraordinary news. Alexander (age 8) played on our area's travelling soccer team, the Wilmette Wings, and had a very good season - tops in their league. He is enjoying third grade, reading Harry Potter like everyone else, and avidly watching pro-football, his favourite sport. Claire (age 6) took her first camping trip last weekend with her daddy, **Roger**, and the Indian Princesses, using all the skills we gained camping in Michigan in the summer. She likes first grade immensely, school being perfect for girls like her (charming, happy to please and hard-working). Katherine (age 4) likes to ride her bicycle and play with her friends in the neighborhood. She looks forward to seeing her best summer friend, Maggie Magrini (**Nana & Dick Kennedy's** granddaughter) again next summer. We had a great time when Grandma and Grandpa (**Mary & Ron Tonneberger**) joined us for Halloween. They came to the school parade to see the princesses, witches, ghosts and mummies, and they helped me take the kids trick-or-treating. I will be taking Claire to Florida next weekend to visit my grandfather (now age 96) in Ft. Lauderdale.

On November 9th, Stu and Suzie Mulligan and Jack & Mary Louise Sarvis celebrated the sunny 75 degree day with a final round of golf. What a wonderful fall this has been at Omena! There were several days when the Mulligans regretted having had their sailboat hauled out in mid-October. Now they look forward to Rob & Natalia's Christmas visit, followed by a month at Perdido Key, Florida.

And from **Kathy Bosco**: "**Mike and Ray** are happy to hear that **Michael Ray** has settled here in Phoenix, and after a telephone conversation with him, I hear he loves it as much as we do. Our daughter, **Missie Bosco Kosanovich**, and a friend from Chicago were visiting us one weekend in late October, and they decided to climb a mountain near our home. On their descent, Michael Ray and friends were beginning their climb. What a surprise to Missie and Michael! And such fun to meet old friends so far from Omena! Mike & I haven't been home much since we left Omena, but when we are, we enjoy the great fall weather here. This is a haven for golfers, and we try to play frequently. Our best to everyone this coming holiday season and a special blessing for the Millenium New Year."

Rat **Renz** writes: "After welcoming Crystal into the family, **Bill** and I took a 10-day trip to Texas in mid-October. We spent three days in Houston where we visited family, got a look at the Medical Center, and toured Ima Hogg's mansion. (Yes, her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Hogg, really did name her Ima!) Besides attending the annual Paint Show in Dallas, we visited Neiman Marcus where they had a wonderful Italian exhibition, complete with Italian puppet show, a couple of Ferraris and some \$425 Italian leather shoes. Even the elevators on each floor were dressed up. Some looked like Italian hotels, some like street festivals. We got to ride Dallas' new light rail, and I got a tour of the Dallas Arboretum and a couple of Dallas' homesites. We ended our trip with dinner in Louisville where Andy & Laura entertained not only **Bill and Rat**, but also Cynn timer and Ron (just returning from a circus in Cleveland) and young **Bill**. We look forward to a big Thanksgiving at home."

The **Abbot/Anderson** family is looking forward to having **Ping and Waldo Abbot** for Thanksgiving. They will be joined by both grandchildren, Alex and Chris Anderson, who will be

home from college. while the Abbots are in town, **Vin and Gina Moore** and their daughter, Martha, will be meeting them for an informal lunch somewhere between San Diego and Los Angeles. The family will be scattered for the Christmas holidays, the boys going to Orlando, Florida. and Alabama to be with their dad. Ping and Waldo will be visiting young Waldo and Marci Abbot at their new winter place on Stratton Mountain, and **Brenda**, (poor thing!) and her handsome boyfriend will be taking off for New Orleans for the holidays. The cat has promised to take down all the Christmas decorations! Happy Holidays from Brenda, Alexander and Chris Anderson."

Proud dad and basketball fan, **Bill Mason**, tells us, "Well, Suzanne and Chelsea have had a busy fall. Chelsea's basketball team went undefeated, 9-0, for the season. She also visited Washington, D.C. for three days as part of an 8th grade class trip. Suzanne, who plays doubles for the Heritage High School varsity tennis team, qualified as a team for the state tournament. They placed 14th out of 96 schools."

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"We could sometimes get some kind gentleman to let us hitch our sleds to the bumper of an old car and be towed at some thrilling speed like fifteen or twenty miles an hour. No kidding... Once, after all but two of us kids had been delivered home, the driver of the school bus, a skillful fellow, jammed on the brakes and turned the wheel and spun the bus completely around in the road. They don't make adults like they used to...

"Winter is not all snow; some of it is ice... We small boys had to get all our skating done in a hurry between the first ice and the first snow, because when the snow came it was beyond our powers to clear enough of it away to make skating worth while...

"On the pond, the ice froze a lot thicker than it did on the bay, at least a couple of feet. The commercial fishermen would come with an ice-cutting rig and cut one-hundred-pound chunks and transport them to their icehouse....The rig worked hour after hour and, of course, gradually cut a big square hole in the middle of the ice, with very slippery sides, and we were constantly warned about getting too close to the edge. It was hard to keep away, because it was such an awesome sight - deep, dark, freezing water...

"The ice, by the time it was thick enough to cut, had quite a bit of snow on it. Brand-new glasslike ice formed on the hole the night after cutting, and the contrast with the resident ice was gorgeous. It looked infinitely more tenuous, and we wouldn't have stepped on it if it had been a foot thick. But once a small patch of ice had been cut close to shore, and the next day we could see the bottom, only two or three feet down, through the beautiful new ice.

'It's thick enough.' one of us fellows said.

'Sure.' said the other.

'You try it.'

'No, you try it.'

'What are you, scared?'

'Heck no.'

'Well, then, what are you waiting for?'

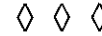
'Will you go, too?'

'Sure.'

"We both went. Down two or three feet, flounder, gasp, panic, flailing chopped ice, mud and frigid water into a lather as we scrambled ashore...

"The treatment, we were happy to discover, was dry clothes and hot cocoa and staying indoors and playing with the trains for a while.

"Even the bad parts of winter were good."



KITCHEN ADDITION PROGRESS



The Junior Assistant Groundskeeper was on site to see the kitchen project off to a fine start, but progress has been a bit slow. As the Breeze went to press, the foundation was complete, and we are assured that it will all be completed well before the Club opens next summer.

▲ Mike Biskupski wrestles with the rubble.

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SUNFISH RACING - Dennis Turner

The OTYC Sunfish race was held on July 25. The wind was strong and all the participants, and the race organizers, were relieved it was not going to be a drifter. There was a lot of excitement at the start of the race when the Sheriff was motoring among the boats checking out boat registrations and flotation equipment. One sailor had to replace a ski belt for a life jacket, so the original start was scrubbed and a new count-down begun.

Also adding to the excitement was the presence of many spectators who had attended the Club brunch but had stayed to watch the race. A couple of sailors who were at the brunch had to literally eat and sail.

The first race was won by Caroline Turner and Alison Biskupski by a large margin, but the second race was neck and neck over the entire course with the lead changing several times. Caroline and Alison managed to edge out Chris Bishop at the finish. The final results were Caroline and Alison placing first overall, with Chris Bishop in a tie for second with Karen and Alex Edgley.

August 1 also turned out to be a beautiful sailing day for the Big Boat Regatta. The course was from the OTYC dock to Stoney Point buoy and back. It turned out to be a very fast race. So fast in fact that the race organizer did not see the first boats finish because he was helping prepare the food for a dinner party he and his wife were giving that evening. Nevertheless, the organizer had it on good authority and affidavits that the top three finishers were as follows. First place to Judy and Bill Knorp in the "Analare," with Caroline Turner as helmswoman; Second place to Connie and Bob Martineau who, like last year, had a photo finish - this time with the Johnstone's boat, "Chachet."

One of the more interesting sights was the titanic struggle for fifth place between the Grosmarks' boat and the

Harris boat. "Sure" just nosed out Jay and Barbara at the finish. After the race Jay was still a little stunned by the prospect of finishing ahead of anyone.

Thanks to all who raced and for all the good sportsmanship that was displayed. The race organizer also appreciated the rather modest abuse he received this year, perhaps a result of having a Polish bodyguard.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Barbara Harris

(Updated, as of December 1, 1999.)

Total Membership Units - 122

Regular - 114 (Family - 96; Single - 13)

Lifetime - 3 (Waldo & Ping Abbot, Harold & Genevra Grossman, Jane Melville)

Honorary - 3 (Fred & Ruth Gorham, Humphrey Jackson, Harold & Mary Louise Root)

Guest - 7 (Steve & Nancy Brechin, Dr. Gregory & Layne Brown, Tim Dick & Laura Deibel, David & Carolyn Faight, James & Bonnie Scarlett, Brian & Sally Shapiro, Ronald & Shirley Woodard)

Junior Members - Stephanie Bills, Cammie Buehler, Robin & Emily Cooper, Sarah Chenault, Andrew & Patrick Fisher, Andrea & Brian Gelakoski, Andrew Knorp, Garrett Moore, Fred & Peter Moore, Caroline Turner, Anna & Maura Varley, Meg Umbarger, Katie & Shelby Woolford.

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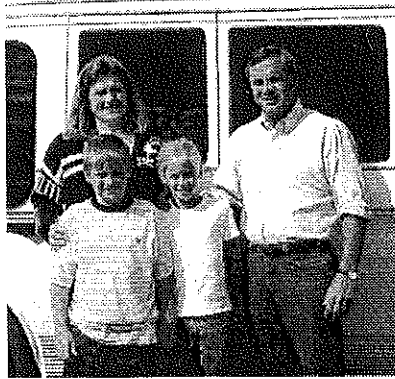
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Meet New Members Charles and Valerie Gilfeather



The Gilfeathers have spent a host of pleasant summers exploring the Leelanau Peninsula. For the last five years we have enjoyed every free weekend at our prized cottage on the bay, just south of Northport on Indian Camp Road. Whether it's water sports on a hot summer weekend or a beautiful skiing day at Sugarloaf, the Gilfeathers make the most of the many relaxing activities of the area.

Charlie is a lawyer and senior partner of Braun, Kendrick, Finkbeiner, a forty-five member firm in Saginaw. Val is a senior tax attorney with Dow Chemical. Our cottage and the Peninsula offer a welcome respite from the hectic work week and whirlwind activities of school and community.

Sean and Caitlin, age 10, are busy with sports of every kind. They love the OTYC Youth Program. Both hope to become expert sailors with the help of the excellent summer staff. They also enjoy the tennis and the multitude of activities offered at the Club. Of course the chance to meet new friends is an added bonus.

All of us look forward to meeting all of the Club's members and sharing many more enjoyable summers.

FOUNDERS' FUND - Mary Tonneberger

Many members are not familiar with the Founders' Fund which was suggested over 15 years ago by a former commodore, Austin Jones. The purpose of the fund is:

To establish and maintain an endowment fund in honor of the founders of the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club, the income of which shall be utilized principally for capital improvements and major repairs of Club facilities, as needed. Disbursement of Fund income shall be made in such a way as to preserve and improve the facilities of the Club for the enjoyment both of present members and of generations to come.

The Founders honored by the establishment of this Fund are those individuals who served as original Board members, contributed to the purchase of Club property, or in some other significant way participated in the establishment of the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club.

As we approach the year 2000, we should be very grateful to those individuals who had foresight and vision over 50 years ago. We should also know that a portion of our new kitchen addition expenses will be paid from this fund.

Over the years that this fund has been in existence, many people have contributed to it as a memorial to family members and friends, along with simply wanting to be a part of maintaining the Club's facilities in first rate condition.

If you have any questions about this fund and how you may add to it, please contact our treasurer, Ellie Stephenson, or Board member Gil Deibel.

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REMEMBERING WALT

Walt Gardner and his wife, Bea, were longtime members of OTYC. The following announcement appeared in the July 15, 1999 issue of The Leelanau Enterprise.

*Walter J. Gardner
1912-1999*

Walter J. Gardner of Omena died July 12 at Leelanau Memorial Health Center. He was 86.

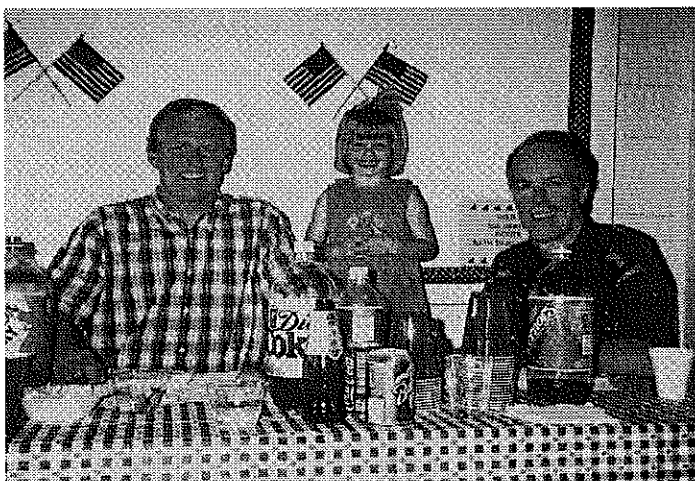
Mr. Gardner was born on August 11, 1912, in Little Falls, NY. Formerly of Farmington Hills, he had been a summer resident of Omena and Northport for almost 50 years before making Omena his permanent address. He was president of the R.L. Polk company in Detroit.

Surviving are daughters Kathryn Bosco of Phoenix, Arizona and Omena and Carolyn Calkins of Franklin, Tennessee; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Leelanau Memorial Health Center.

A SOCIAL SUMMER AT OTYC

Many thanks to Connie Martineau and her army of sub-chairmen and workers. We loved it all!

Jillian Brown lends moral support to bartenders Bill Mason and Greg Brown at a Wednesday Potluck.. ▼



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Meet New Members Joan and Dale Blount

We and our two daughters, Andrea and Kristen, are long time summer residents in Leelanau County. As a

child, Joan vacationed each summer with her family at Glen Lake. She introduced Dale to this area when they became engaged, and we both knew, even then, that we wanted to retire to this beautiful peninsula.

We met while students at Michigan State University, where Joan received her B.A. degree in elementary education and Dale a B.A. in journalism. Dale received an appointment to the Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI. and, after graduation, served a tour of duty as Executive Officer aboard the USS Nahant. Meanwhile, Joan taught in elementary school.

We were married in 1959 and lived briefly in Virginia until Dale left the Navy. We then returned to MSU where Dale completed an M.A. in English, and Joan continued teaching and began work toward a master's degree.

In 1960 we were admitted to Indiana University, where Dale completed his Ph.D. in Shakespeare, and Joan received her M.S. degree and taught high school English. She was now qualified to teach all the K-12 grades. In 1964, our first child, Andrea, was born.

After graduating from I.U., Dale taught for four years at Albion College. Joan worked as a full time mother and housewife, and Kristen was born in 1967. In 1968, we moved to Mt. Pleasant, where Dale took a job as a professor in the English Department at Central Michigan University. After both girls entered school, Joan worked part time as an instructor in CMU's English Department and began work toward certification as a librarian. She worked as a school librarian, then as a full time high school English teacher.

Be both retired in June, 1997, and moved to Omena where we completed construction of our new home. We joined OTYC in 1998 and found the beauty of the land is rivaled only by the beauty of the people we have met here. As Shakespeare stated so beautifully, "We are such stuff as dreams are made of."

HOUSE & GROUNDS REPORT

Mike Biskupski, Chairman

The Club was opened in early April. New electrical wiring and plumbing repairs were complete. This was one of the earliest openings ever. Some members, not quite confident with the Maintenance Department, questioned whether they remembered to close the Club in the fall. They were reminded that, if the water wasn't turned off, the pipes would freeze - and burst! Of course, the Maintenance Dept. has been known to cross their fingers and hold their breath, wanting a mild winter.

Our gratitude to the flower-planting members: Kathy Bosco, Marsha Buehler, Kathy and Caroline Turner, Alison and Marcia Biskupski.

The Maintenance Dept., after viewing the task of pulling weeds from around all of the bushes and shrubs, decided to form a Woodchip Committee to cover the unsightly weeds. Members of that committee were: Jack Bishop, Eric Johnson, and Bill Knorp.

The Flower Planting Auxiliary of the Woodchip Committee thought it might be better to one-by-one, on hands and knees, pull each weed, making sure to get the roots and carefully turn the soil. The Woodchip Committee wanted a dump truck with massive amounts of woodchips, wheelbarrows, heavy pitchforks, sturdy gloves - and the need not to bend over with weeny little garden tools, snipping away at weeds that could be smothered/smashed/obliterated with old-fashioned wood chips.

Jack Bishop was impressed with the number of volunteers present for the wood chip spreading. He was not aware that the Garden and Art Show was taking place at the same time and that the participants were not members of the Woodchip Committee.

Kathy Bosco announced that she had purchased a toilet paper holder for the women's bathroom, and she asked for a volunteer to install it. Dennis Turner enthusiastically raised his hand, and, Kathy called on him. Dennis said, "I will, I will! But where shall I place it?" Bill Knorp, continuing his woodchip duties, overheard Dennis's query and whispered, "Put it where they can't reach it!"

Dennis, thinking that Bill may have had some experience hanging toilet paper holders in women's bathrooms, decided to poll the ladies in attendance at the Garden/Art Show. He asked them all a brief question: "Sitting or standing" We haven't checked the

location of the holder, but if you have comments or complaints, please direct them to Dennis Turner and Bill Knorp.

Both bathrooms have been expertly painted by Tom and Cammie Buehler. Our sincere thanks are in order. It was originally considered to consult with Lynn Mason on the color scheme, but the color combinations of lavender, puce, burnt tangerine, off pink, peacock blue, and white with a tinge of lemon peel would have been cost prohibitive.

The floors were also painted to prevent acid stains on the floor of the Men's room. Alan Read was consulted. Alan has vast experience in overseeing the maintenance of military latrines...

A new toilet seat has also been installed by a committee of Tom Buehler, Mike Bosco and Jeff Bosco. I witnessed part of the activity: Mike holding the old seat, Jeff looking at his dad holding the old seat, and Tom with his head in the toilet. Tom was obviously the chairman of the committee. I asked why I wasn't asked to serve on the committee, being the only one ethnically qualified to serve on a three-man Replace-the-Toilet-Seat Committee.

On a personal note: I did not have to have our septic tank drained this summer, as we had no visit from my mother-in-law.

At the last Potluck we were surveying members as to what maintenance might be necessary in the bar area. We noticed that Annette Deibel was gesturing with enthusiasm. We thought that she was pleased with the looks of the Club until ladies on the porch, Marcia Holtz and Carol Silverman, said Annette was giving me "the finger." (Whatever that means.)

A leaf blower was purchased for the tennis court. The hot air machine should eliminate the need for time-consuming sweeping. This year the women's tennis group is short some members. The hot air generated by their full complement delayed the need for purchase of a leaf blower until this year.

There was some concern over the weight-bearing beams supporting the floor of the Club and placement of the Potluck table. It seems that all of those wet noodles and pasta and sauce are causing undue stress on the floor boards. To ease this stress, it is recommended that George Husted bring a bigger plate and that Jack Bishop bring one less cube of Jello.

Finally, a return to last year's premier committee: Both

Jay Grosmark and Dick Kennedy were a bit miffed when they saw the flags flying. I reminded them that the flag raisers were not an organized group and that their allegiance was to the Flagpole Committee that meets once every three years.

Respectfully submitted by the Junior Assistant Groundskeeper, Mike Biskupski.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 17, 1999

Commodore Bosco called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse.

Board Members Present: Kathy Bosco, Marsha Buehler, Gil Deibel, Ellie Stephenson, Mary Tonneberger, Dennis Turner.

Club Members Present: Vin Moore, Gina Moore, Amanda Bosco, Nancy Sandt, Bill Sandt, Barb Harris, Larry Bensley, Joey Bensley, Guenther Mueller, Mary Helen Ray, John Ray, John Harris, Jay Grosmark, Cindy Standley, Suzie Mulligan, Stu Mulligan, Caroline Oberndorf, Tom Buehler, Judy Smart, Mike Bosco, Carol Silverman, Gary Silverman, Bill Knorp, Judy Knorp, Margy Lyon, Jeanne Hines, Jane Saxton, Joan Blount, Dale Blount, Kathy Turner, Carolyn Marbach, Bill Marbach, Jo Ann Bishop, Jack Bishop, Charlotte Read, Mary Loveless, Joan Kiersey, Bill Loveless, Ole Kiersey, Bob Gelakoski, Austin Jones, Judy Balas, Mary Smith, Tom Smith, Martha Bills, Jay Harris.

Proxies: Annette Deibel, Jonnie Hodgson, Constance Martineau, Robert Martineau, Tami Bosco, Jeff Bosco, Matthew Bosco, Tricia Bosco, Mark Bosco, William Mason, Lynn Mason, Charles Woolford, Mary Woolford, Edward Oberndorf, William A. Renz, Carolin Renz, William E. Renz, Elizabeth Renz, Janet McNeil, Jeff Standley, John Smart, Elizabeth Ettinger, William Graf, Marilyn Graf, Clark Saxton, Stacy Saxton, Stuart Saxton, Lee Williams, Betsy Ehrhardt, Drew Ehrhardt, Eric Moore, Richard Allen, Maria Johnson, Jean Mueller, Robert Johnson, Nancy Gregory, James Gregory, Jennifer Buehler, Elizabeth Schleef, Dan Schleef, Linda Cherne, Nana Kennedy, Richard Kennedy, Ronald Tonneberger, Roger Edgley, Karen Edgley.

The Secretary reported that the presence of 100 members, either in person or by proxy, was required to amend By-laws. The Secretary further reported that 109 members and proxies were present.

A motion was made by Jack Bishop and seconded by

Bill Marbach to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the 1998 Annual Meeting, as published in the Breeze, and to accept them as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurer Ellie Stephenson presented the Treasurer's Report for the year and Tom Smith moved to accept the Report as submitted. John Ray seconded the motion.

The following Committee Reports were presented:

House and Grounds - Mike Biskupski

Social - Connie Martineau

Judy Smart, Mary Loveless, Nana Kennedy

Safety & Preservation - Larry Bensley

Membership - Barb Harris Tennis - Jack Bishop

Waterfront - Tom Buehler Sailing - Dennis Turner

Historian - Bill Marbach Youth - Amanda Bosco

Nominating - Dick Kennedy

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed changes in OTYC By-laws were presented by Marsha Buehler. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the quorum is required.

Article 1. Membership. Section B.

Adult b. Single Adult - a person age 18 or over, who does not have either a spouse (delete *who is a member*) or a child under age 14. - Amendment approved.

Article 1. Section C. Add the following sub-section: f. Limiting membership. The Board may from time to time determine the number of family units eligible for Club membership. - Motion by Bill Sandt and seconded by Jay Grosmark to table the proposed amendment. - Motion passed.

Austin Jones submitted alternative language for limiting membership.

Article IV. Officers. Section A.

Election. By August 1 the Board, consisting of the six carry-over members and the new members elected at the most recent annual meeting, shall elect from among its members a commodore, vice commodore, rear commodore, secretary, and treasurer. An officer takes office on August 15, and serves one year. An officer may serve more than one term, but a commodore may not serve more than two consecutive terms. - Amendment approved. Motion carried.

Article V. Committees. Section A.

The Board may create or discontinue a committee as it deems appropriate for the operation of the Club. Unless otherwise provided by the Board, the Club has the following committees: 1. Membership, 2. Nominating, 3. House and Grounds, 4. Waterfront, 5. Youth

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6. Social, 7. Breeze, 8. Safety & Preservation. Amendment approved.

Article V. Committees. Section B.

With approval of the Board, the commodore-elect shall appoint the chair and members of each committee. The commodore shall give notice to the members of the chairmanship of committees by posting in the club, publication in the December Breeze, or other means approved by the Board. Amendment approved.

Kitchen/storage/ handicap access addition: The Board recommended to the Membership that an addition be made to the Club building that would include expanded kitchen facilities, storage areas and improved handicap access. The cost of such addition, including an upgrade of kitchen equipment, would not exceed \$35,000. The Board further recommended that the \$35,000 be raised by taking \$9,000 from the Founder's Fund, \$3,000 from general operating revenues and a one year/one time, dues increase of \$116 per member. The Board also proposed that an additional estimate be obtained before contracting for the work. The proposal was approved; 189 in favor, 10 opposed.

Election of New Directors: Nominating Committee Chair, Jay Grosmark, presented the following slate to serve as Board Members.

Gil Deibel

Mary Loveless

Ellie Stephenson

There were no additional nominations from the floor.

The nominees were approved by acclamation.

Austin Jones thanked Commodore Bosco and the Board for their efforts made on behalf of the Club.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dennis Turner, Secretary

APPLE PICKING AT OMENA HEIGHTS

This was a memorable October with delightful weather and even-more-spectacular-than-usual fall colors. Many summer friends returned to enjoy it all. The Apple Picking Party at Mary and Tom Smith's packing house was fun and well-attended, as this has become an annual tradition that many of us look forward to each year. Many of us spent the next day canning and freezing the yearly supply of applesauce and apple butter. We are grateful for Tom and Mary's generosity. Late that afternoon we all gathered at the clubhouse for a very informal (but hearty!) cocktail buffet, hosted by Dan and Liz Schleef. The dining room was cluttered with remodeling debris and outdoor equipment stored for winter, so we all crowded into the loft. It was cozy, but comfortable, and the consensus was that the loft is an under-appreciated asset that we should use more often.

Our hostess (2nd from left) with Gil Deibel, Michael and Andrea Muladore, Annett Deibel, and (in front) Megan Muladore. ▼



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