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MARY WOOLFORD....

.....OTYC'S GRANDE DAME

It was love at first sight when **Mary** met **Bob Woolford** in the pathology lab at Ohio State University. She was a student nurse, and he was a medical student. This meeting was a big turning point in Mary's life....goodbye to those tom boy days of youth growing up in Columbus, Ohio, and hello to love and romance.

"I will never forget our first date. Bob asked me to one of the weekly dances at the Olentangy River Amusement Park where Johnny Long's band was playing. After we danced to the *One Night Stand*, Bob whispered into my ear..... 'if you are this great at dancing, I know you can do the other thing well'."

But it wasn't all that easy for Mary "to do the other thing".....first, she had to chase Bob east to Harvard University. With pride that her mission was successful, she beamed, "I was able to beat out all those Vassar girls for Bob's heart. He asked me to marry him, and our wedding was September 1, 1940."

Bob and Mary were introduced to Leelanau County in the 1940s when they were house guests at a Lake Leelanau cottage. For the next few years, they rented *The House by the Side of the Road*, on Ingalls Bay. Bob then wanted to purchase a small bungalow on the Leland Golf Course, but Mary wanted to be on the Bay, and she found a gorgeous Omena Point cottage which was for sale.

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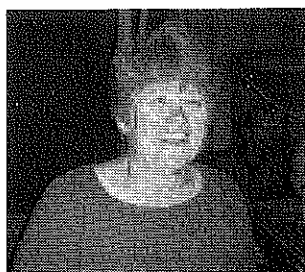
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A Message from the Commodore

As they say, *time flies when you're having fun* and I must admit that being Commodore of our Club has been a lot of fun. From the challenge of completing the kitchen addition to the welcoming of many new members, the Club is ready to launch another fine season. And of most importance has been the desire for many year-round members to keep in contact via our catered dinners. I see that many make their social and winter vacation plans so as to not miss these monthly gatherings. That is the essence of a real community. Even some of our male members have set up a weekly coffee gathering on Fridays in Suttons Bay until the Club opens in May.

We will continue to improve the Club with the landscaping plan implementation under the guidance of **Laura Deibel** and **Mike Biskupski** as a key priority. We also will tackle some interior painting and organization of storage. The use of the balcony should be expanding with our newly donated lounge furniture and some game activities for youth. Many thanks to **Anita Silverman** for donating the proposed landscaping plans as a gift to the club.

As I write here in early March, snow and ice are on the ground but you would be amazed at the number of birds starting to migrate. I saw an eagle fly by our bayside window the other day and could not believe it. And as a plug for an enchanting new book, read Kay Charters' *For the Love of Birds*. She is a resident of Omena and quite an authority on the birds of our area.

On behalf of the Board, I want to again thank many members for their contributions and efforts. There are so many ways to get involved so do not be shy. Our new social chairwoman, **Mary Helen Ray**, has listed a myriad of spring, summer, and fall activities, and I am sure that the chairpersons for these events can also use volunteers. **Jay Grosmark** has designed and activated our Club's website at www.otyc.net. He is ready to receive breaking bulletins and news. This site will supplement our Breeze, which is, of course, our permanent record of Club activities. Our thanks to **Jay** for this addition.

Also, please do not hesitate to send your suggestions to the Board. The Board meets about four times during the summer, the initial meeting being at the end of June.

Those of us passing the winter here in Omena really look forward to your return and the renewed vigor of another season. To paraphrase – "Oh to be in Omena now that spring is there!"

Come to think about it, I have really enjoyed the power and prestige of being your Commodore.....would it be possible to anoint me for another term?

GREETINGS....

....TRIVIA

....NICKNAMIA

....And so much more!!!!

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST COAST.

We thank **Suzie Mulligan** both for the outstanding editions of the Breeze which she edited and published and for all the help she has given to us. We also want to recognize and thank many of the previous Breeze editors including **Margaret Lyon, Betsy Ehrhardt, Mary Tonneberger, John and Mary Helen Ray, Rat Renz** and others who have worked countless hours to produce quality publications for OTYC continuously since 1949.

IN PURSUIT OF TRIVIA....we dedicate ourselves to the diligent research of OTYC trivia and will pose a titillating question in each issue of the Breeze. In case you do not already know it, the answer to the trivia question will be found buried somewhere in the "rag".

The trivia question for May is: **Who is the "blond bombshell" who won the first OTYC ladies' singles tennis tournament and in what year?**

NICKNAMIA.....Nicknames, their origins and their "owners" can be a very interesting and revealing topic. In this and future editions a nickname of a member and the history behind it will be featured.

"**Ace**" has an older brother who was an outstanding athlete; "**Ace**" was the star student who wished he could be a better athlete and be called "**Ace**". He tried to get his friends to call him "**Ace**" but his quest fizzled. His family honors him by shouting "**Good Luck Ace**" every time he goes out to play tennis. Last summer he was overheard saying: "It is nice to have my family's support but it would be really great to have everyone in the club call me '**Ace**' ". Your wish is granted....from now on you will be "**Ace**" _____ to us.

Who is "**Ace**"?

.....clues blowing in the Breeze.

OTYC NEWS

LANDSCAPE PLANS FOR 2001. Your "Bored" of Directors is proceeding with a landscaping project which will compliment our clubhouse and waterfront property. Chairmen **Laura Deibel** and **Michael "B" Biskupski** have expressed both their enthusiasm for the project and their appreciation to landscape architect, **Anita Silverman**, who has donated the plans as a gift to the club. **Laura** has worked closely with **Anita** in planning, choosing the types of flowers and plants, and is donating a large green mountain sugar maple tree to the club.

The scope of the project is being discussed at this time. The committee is considering various irrigation options including pumping water from the bay or using the club's existing well. A permanent maintenance program, including the formation of a gardening committee, is also being considered.

More details will be announced after "**Bozo**" **Biskupski** comes out of hibernation. However, presently it is known that the landscaping will cost approximately \$15,000 and that the "Bored" is looking at a blending of club resources, with an emphasis on honorary gifts, to pay for this project. A complete landscape proposal will be posted at the club in June and presented at the annual meeting in July.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, composed of **Jane Saxton, Jay Grosmark** and chairman **Charlotte Read**, is pleased to announce that **Debby Disch** has enthusiastically agreed to serve on your "Bored" of Directors, replacing retiring member **Bob Johnson**. In addition, both **Mary Tonneberger** and **Marsha Buehler** have agreed to stay for an additional term. The election will take place at the annual meeting in July. Many thanks, **Bob Johnson**, for your years of service on the "Bored" and for your work with the various waterfront projects.

DIRECTORY UPDATE: In order to keep the Membership Directory up to date, please send changes of your telephone number or your regular or email addresses to **Barb Harris** at omenasailor@aol.com or mail changes to 46 W. Hannum Blvd, Saginaw, MI 48602.

CATERED DINNERS "At long last we were able to have catered dinners at the Yacht Club this year. This has been something we have wanted to try, but never seemed to get around to. This dinner was served to adults only--it wasn't that we had anything against the younger group; they had their own teenage party, so the adult group had an evening all their own too. The caterers were v-e-r-y professional....." (OTYC Breeze December 1963).

The tradition has been revived! Thanks to the untiring initial efforts of **Connie Martineau** followed by those of **Marsha Buehler** and **Dan and Liz Schleef**, not only has the tradition been revived but it has become an integral part of the Club's social program. Last year the catered dinners were so popular that they outlasted the Yacht Club season and continued into the holidays and beyond.

Bill and Nancy Sandt have agreed to chair the function this year and report: "The first catered dinner will be Monday, July 9 with cocktails at 6:30 and dinner at or near 7:15. They will be held every Monday throughout the summer season and, as last year, possibly beyond. **Peggy Donaghy** will continue as our Gourmet Chef. Again we will be looking for hosts for each dinner. We intend to post a set of rules regarding reservation and payment policy so there will be no misunderstandings. The job of hosting will be a pleasure as well as a good opportunity, especially for new members, to volunteer and become acquainted with other OTYC members."

If you have any comments or suggestions or would like to volunteer as a host please send **Bill or Nancy** an e-mail at billsandt@cs.com or call 517.631-6852.

POTLUCK PROGRAMS Thanks to the efforts of **Carolyn Faught**, OTYCites can look forward to several exciting, entertaining and interesting programs at the Potlucks this summer.

Kay Charter will talk to us on July 18 about enhancing bird habitats. **Kay** and her husband began watching birds more than two decades ago. To establish a safe haven for migrating, nesting and resident birds, in 1992 they sold their home on Grand Traverse Bay and purchased forty-two acres on which over fifty species of birds have nested. **Kay** leads tours of the sanctuary to teach visitors how to improve bird habitats in their own backyards. In 1994 **Kay** began writing a column for the Record Eagle, and last November her first book, *For the Love of Birds*, was published. It is an engaging account of life on the Charter Sanctuary and promotes the incorporation of habitat friendly landscaping. Her program is one to look forward to.

The following week, July 25, **Jonnie Hodgson** is organizing a white elephant sale. This should be lots of fun—so save your white elephant items and be prepared to purchase some real treasures!!

The **Interlochen Youth** will entertain us on August 8. Many of us enjoyed last year's superb concert. Mark your calendars as this will be a very special program.

August 15 will be an **OTYC youth program**—stay tuned for more details.

Bingo, which is becoming more and more popular with all ages, will be played on the other nights. Stay and play.....who knows, maybe you will be a big winner!!!



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OLI KIERSY BEING INVESTIGATEDmay face club sanctions!

After months of investigation, it has been discovered that the "**Dead Dixielandlovers' Society**" has been operating within the OTYC for the past twenty years and that the Society's leader, **Oli Kiersey**, is being targeted and may face club sanctions.

According to a statement from the club's "Bored" of Directors..... "We have discovered that some of our members have become involved in '**The Dead Dixielandlovers' Society**', an underground group which meets several Sunday evenings each summer. Members of the society drive to Dills' Speakeasy, eat dinner, drink "suds" and listen to the Backroom Gang play Dixieland Music including tunes such as *The Blues My Naughty Sweetie Gives to Me*. As proof, this photo was found of **Oli** and one of the "ladies of the night" at Dills' last summer.

Seen at past events in addition to **Oli**, were **John** and **Mary Helen Ray**, **Jay** and **Barbara Grosmark**,

Bill and Judy Knorp, **Alan and Charlotte Read**, **Mary Woolford**, **Stu and Suzie Mulligan**, **Suzie's mother, Helen Jones**, **George and Annette Husted**, and **Joan Kiersey** who was there to keep tabs on **Oli**.



We were finally able to reach **Oli** who stated ".....we just wanted to have fun and listen to some great music. We didn't realize that Section Jzz of the bi-laws prohibits members from having a good time away from Omena. In fact, these evenings are so much fun that I am willing to risk everything by inviting more members to join us this summer. For more information, please call me at 271-3169."

STAY TUNED.....

.....your "Bored" is **HOT** on this one!!!

WOOLFORD....continued from page 1

Even though the lure of living on the golf course appealed to **Bob**, **Mary** prevailed and they purchased the **Newman Sisters'** cottage for \$12,000 in the early 1950s. For many years, she was known as "that woman who purchased the Newman house".

Bob and **Mary** have three children..... **Bob Woolford** who, at age sixteen, tragically died in an auto accident; **Chuck Woolford**, and **Mary Jo Brumbaugh**. She has three grandchildren.... **Meg**, **Shelby**, and **Katie**. **Mary** reminisced, "We enjoyed many happy times as a family coming to Omena. **Bob** really learned how to relax here. We both loved falling asleep to the sounds of the water."

Mary has many wonderful memories of her life with **Bob**; one that stands out clearly in her mind is the time **Bob** was chosen to represent the United States in the 1971 Soviet

Union-American Heart Symposium in Moscow. **Mary** accompanied him; it was a very exciting experience. Sadly, five years later, **Bob Woolford** passed away.

Throughout the many years since **Bob's** death, Omena and OTYC have remained an important part of her life. **Mary** has spent her summers at the cottage entertaining Omena friends, family and out of town guests. Noted for her fabulous collection of hats, **Mary** sports a different one at each yacht club function. She entertains her guests by choosing a hat for each to wear during their visit.

Close neighbors have also been important to **Mary**. She recalled with a smile all the 'honey dos' **John Ray** has done for her over the years and the warmth and sensitivity of **Caroline Oberndorf**.

Mary Woolford has earned and deserves the distinction of becoming an honorary member of OTYC.

When asked for her reaction to receiving this honor she said, "OTYC has meant a great deal to me. The club introduced me to sailing which was like having sugar for the first time. I enjoyed being ballast on the **Lyon's** lightning sailboat. Of course, I love the people, the Potlucks and Catered Dinners. Being granted Honorary Member Status is one of the nicest and most meaningful gifts I have ever received. I am happy that this place and all its members I love so much also love me!"

The next warm summer afternoon you are sitting on the OTYC front porch and you spot **Mary**, take time to chat with her. Your day will be richer for it.



PEGGY DONAGHY..... "put on some Eric Clapton music and just dance around the kitchen"

A wise old wag once said that an Army travels on its stomach. Well, the same thing can be said of OTYC members, and that is probably why we are all such big fans of Peggy Donaghy. You all know that friendly and dependable Peggy is a fabulous cook, but do you know the rest of her story?

As a child, Peggy was taught to make bread by an aunt from Ohio. Later, another aunt from Thailand's back country introduced her to cooking with spices. By the time she was in college she was an accomplished cook and was known to have treated thirty to forty of her lucky friends and dorm mates to sukiyaki on many Friday nights.

After graduating from Central Michigan University where she majored in interior design, Peggy has had an interesting and varied career. Her first job was with the Redmill Lumber Company in Burdickville where she worked as a kitchen designer. Later, she moved to Suttons Bay where she refinished furniture for Architectural Antiques. Subsequently, she moved down the street to work for Suttons Bay Stained Glass Company where she learned to design and make stained glass works of art.

But, before long, Peggy found her love of cooking and food surpassed that of art, and she went to work for Woodland Herb Farms in Northport. This job eventually helped launch her on her career in catering.

Those of you who know Peggy well, know she is very devoted to her family, and she juggles all of their schedules with her busy one. Her son Chris is seventeen, and he plays

soccer at Suttons Bay High School. Fourteen year old daughter Lauren helps Peggy with her catering and also attends Suttons Bay High School. Even after suffering a disabling injury a few years ago, her husband Andy still hunts and coaches soccer.

Peggy's association with OTYC began about ten years ago when Social Chairman, **Mary Cone**, asked her if she would like to work at the club's Potluck Dinners. Fortunately for the club, Peggy emphatically said "yes", and she has been close to our hearts and stomachs ever since.

The advent of the Catered Dinners has given Peggy an opportunity to showcase her culinary talents. All meats are cooked to perfection on her Webber barbecue using only maple and ash woods for fuel. The breads are homemade, the side dishes are always fresh and delicious, and the desserts are scrumptious. Peggy has always been willing to share her recipes and techniques with her many fans. The fine dining experience of the Catered Dinners was carried forward into the off season, and was brought to a new level by Peggy when she catered the New Year's Eve Gala at the Balas' home.

When asked to comment on her role at OTYC and her future, she said, "I really appreciate all the help I have received from everyone at OTYC. I enjoy working at the Potlucks and preparing the Catered Dinners, and I would also like to expand my catering business." Then she looked at the picture of the charwoman which now hangs in the kitchen and stated: "The expression on this lady's face reminds me of



Peggy and Lauren

.....dancing in the OTYC kitchen

Mary Woolford and her enthusiasm for life. I'd love to be like this lady....put on some Eric Clapton music and just dance around the kitchen."

We hope she will be dancing around the OTYC kitchen for many years to come. **For more information, call Peg's Catering271-3697.**

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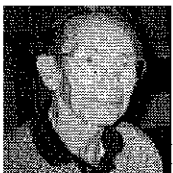
QUOTES SUMMER OF 2000



HELEN JONES, 95.... At Dills' Speakeasy, "I am as fine as frog's fur.....and that's great!"



GILLIAN BROWN, AGE 4
"Mommy, how many days until the next Potluck so I can wear my **NEW** outfit!"



GIL DEIBEL "At my age, 'Happy Hour' is a nap."



GLENN WHITE "You know what is great about retirement? I don't have to please anyone at work any more and I can do anything and not worry about failing."

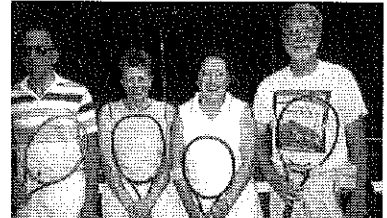
DALE BLOUNT "If I defile you by touching with my unworthy hand your sacred body, the penalty for that offense will be that my two lips, like on a pilgrimage to a holy shrine, are ready to remove that rough touch with a gentle kiss."



THE HODGSON CUP

Competing for the Hodgson Cup Mixed Doubles Tournament last summer were a record number of club members. The tournament featured some great play and the usual **Jack Bishop** "rope-a-dope" mid tournament change of partners scheme.

Champions and recipients of the **Hodgson Cup** in last year's OTYC Tennis Tournament were **Marcia Biskupski** and **Drew Ehrhardt** with runner-ups **Cindy Standley** and **Ace Turner**. The *champions* of the Losers Bracket were **Judy Knorp** and **Ace Turner....Barbara Grosmark** and **Jack Bishop** came in second.



You ask, how can **Ace Turner** be in both brackets? **Ace** was a beneficiary of the "rope-a-dope" feature of the tournament, as he replaced both **Bob Gelakoski**, who returned to Florida, and **Mike "Bozo" Biskupski**, who was injured. In fact, "**Bozo**" Biskupski was heard to say "not being able to play tennis all summer because of my injured shoulder and having to watch the incredible matches in the Hodgson Cup was really pain in the ass."

Jack Bishop, perennial chairman of the event, was last seen at Jimmy Conners' Tennis Camp frantically practicing. According to **Jack**, "I am playing the best tennis of my life; can't wait until this summer's tournament."

By the way, the "**blond bombshell**" who won the first OTYC ladies' singles tennis tournament was **Jane Saxton**. The year was 1963.

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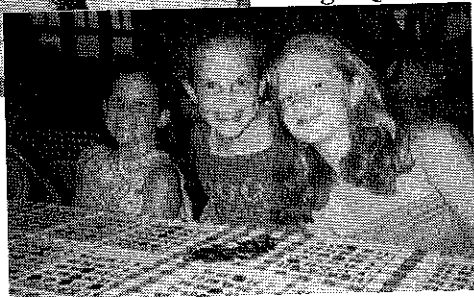
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Top Left are **Bingo Queens Judy Smart and Mary Loveless** with **Princess Alison Biskupski** enjoying another fun night of Bingo playing diagonals, four corners, around the "free" space, and cover the board all for only a "buck" a card for the entire evening. According to one of the **Bingo Queens**, "it is total chaos and intense competition with over 100

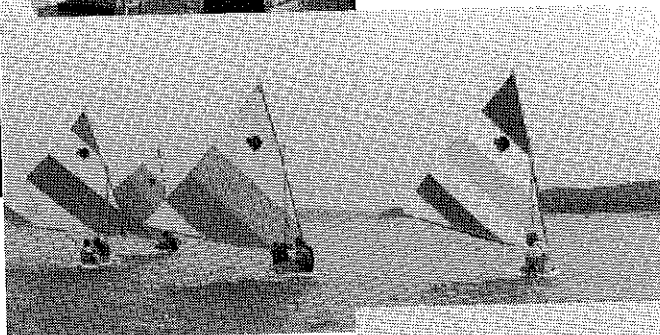


people playing. It is truly a game for kids, parents, grand parents and great grandparents. People back in Los Angeles just can't believe I was elected OTYC Bingo Queen."

Lower picture are players **Kate Loveless, Lucy Loveless, and Dede Drinan** who can't wait for the first game to start.



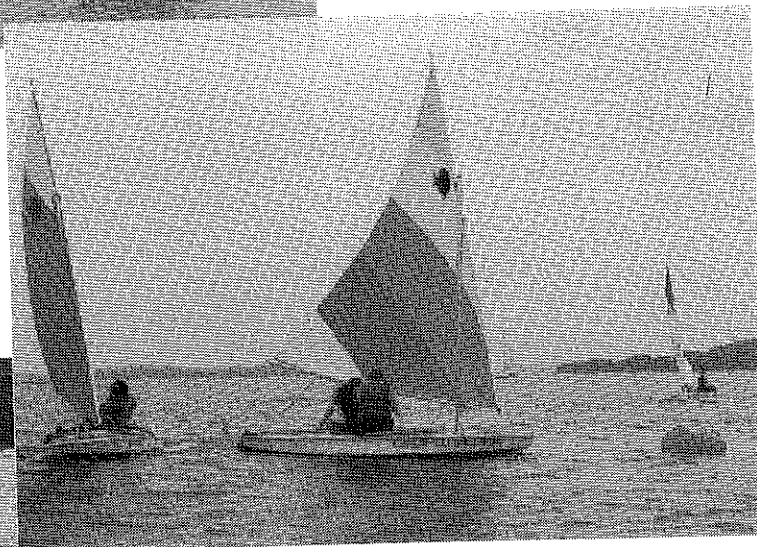
Professor Ace Turner with his students.....



Race #1

..... a clean start.

Race #2 A spectacular photo finish with **Caroline Turner and Alison Biskupski** nosing out **Mark and Abby Bosco**.



Back to race #1 **Clare and Roger Edgley**

.....Hey dad, how come I am wet!!!!!!!"

OMENA TELL TALES

Roger and **Karen Edgley** are pleased to announce the birth of their fourth child, **Tess Margaret**, on December 13th. The entire clan is looking forward to a June family reunion in Cornwall, England. **Karen's** mobility is limited because of a broken ankle she sustained jogging on the streets of Chicago in February. She also is pondering all the ramifications of **Roger's** decision to work at home full time starting in April including whether he will become child number five!

Good news to report from the **Husted's.....George** has recovered from Achilles tendon surgery and **Annette** is well after struggling through pancreatitis and a serious abdominal infection. "Thanks to all of you for sharing your thoughts, concerns and prayers with us last year." **Georgie Porgy** is winning tennis tournaments again in Florida and **Annette**, after an eighteen month's absence, is eager to return to her gorgeous Omena garden.

Buenos dias from **Suzie and Stu Mulligan**, who are soooooo excited not to be involved with the Breeze this year that they left Omena to fly to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico to spend the winter with friends who moved there from Florida a little over a year ago.

It was Valentines Day and **Tom Buehler** purchased an expensive bottle of wine and a cheap cake from Meijers to celebrate the event with **Marsha**. It is unclear if it was the joke **Tom** told or the cheap cake which they were admiring, but **Marsha** went into convulsions of laughter just after a sip of wine which she aspirated causing her lung to collapse. The good news is that she is well now.

However, **Tom** is having to consider the following options: stop telling jokes; don't buy cheap cakes; ignore Valentines Day; or keep **Marsha** barefoot and in the kitchen! It's rumored that **Tom** is favoring the latter!

Ace and Kathy Turner are spending the winter and spring in England. **Caroline** joined them in January doing volunteer work at the local archeological museum for her Oberlin Winter Term requirement. **Caroline** had fun cleaning Roman skeletons at the museum, is very happy at Oberlin and is looking forward to an internship on the Inland Seas this summer.

Because **Gil and Annette Deibel** are completely exhausted from all the Leelanau winter parties, they are escaping to Ireland along with daughter **Andrea** and her family for a much needed vacation.

From **Jack and Bercie Frohman....**"The highlight of the past year for us was our family trip to Israel where our oldest granddaughter is taking a year of college at Hebrew University. Every day was filled with fascinating visits. We walked in the Old City, entered the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, drove to Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, and climbed to the top of Masada. Feeling the awesome message at Yad Vashem, the memorial to the 6,000,000 lost in the Holocaust, the picture of all of us at the Western Wall, the ancient beauty of Tiberius, a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, the view from the Peace Park (please God, may it be so!) in the Golan Heights and so much more. We had ten marvelous days of memories."

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Big sister **Kate** is proud to announce that **Grace Madelyn Bosco** was born February 4, 2001. The newest little **Bosco** is said to resemble her good-looking daddy **Matt**, and has mom **Trish's** easy-going personality! "**Grandma and Grandpa Bosco** were her first visitors making the first 10 days a joyous celebration for our new family of four. **Gracie** looks forward to making her Omena debut this summer and meeting all her OTYC friends."

Encouraged by **Kay Harris'** and **Sandy Buell's** enthusiasm for their trips to Antarctica, **Mary Helen** and **John Ray** along with son **Michael** braved the elements and experienced an adventure of a lifetime visiting Antarctica the last two weeks of January. "It was summer at the bottom of the globe, which meant that cross-country ski attire, knee-high boots and walking sticks kept us warm in 30 degree temperatures and upright on the rough terrain. We had eleven days to observe the adorable antics and behavior of the penguins and to marvel at the gorgeous, colorful ice formations. We were most fortunate to experience a temperate crossing of the Drake Passage."

To recover from the stress of the trip, the **Rays** spent a month on Sanibel Island sharing a variety of activities with many OTYC friends including the **Renz** crew, etc., etc. and are looking forward to returning to Omena in May.

Dale and Joan Blount report they too have been bouncing from party to party in Omena all winter. In addition, **Dale** has joined the men's breakfast group that meets at 8:30 sharp each Friday morning at **Eddies** in **Suttons Bay**. The word is **Dale** and his cronies love to gab so much they are not getting home until the afternoon. But the most grateful are the ladies who feel "this is the most peaceful time of the week!!!"


In addition, the **Blounts** spent two weeks in Florida sponging off **Judy** and **Bruce Balas** and a month in Italy visiting **Sorrento**, **Montecatini** and **Rome**.

Ed and Caroline Oberndorf escaped a pretty brutal winter in Cleveland for some very "productive guzzling" with **John and Mary Helen Ray** on Sanibel Island. Reporting on the activities of their sons.... "**Rob** is traveling extensively in Thailand and Vietnam; **Mike** has been given a major promotion by Keycorp and is moving to Denver; and **Charlie** is off to Spain to gather more material for his novel." In **Ed's** own words, "As for **Caroline** and me, we are just pleased to be 'productive'."

Billy Renz writes that daughter **Crystal** has recovered quite nicely from a bout of pneumonia which she had over the Christmas holiday. She became a toddler in February by taking her first unassisted steps and she's kept her parents on the run ever since. In March **Billy, Tish** and **Crystal** visited parents **Rat & Bill** on Sanibel Island and saw **MH & John Ray** as well as **Charlotte & Alan Read**. "We are looking forward to christening another summer in Omena on Memorial Day weekend."

From the **Tonnebergers**.... "**Ron** and I continue to balance the seasons with lovely trips to Florida to visit **Ron's** 98 year old father **Carl** and our son **Scott**, the dot.com wiz. We added a new baby **Edgley, Tess Margaret**, in December who took her first international flight to Acapulco with the family in January. **Ron** and I strive to polish our golf games with excursions to Hawaii and Florida so hopefully the handicaps will be improving."

Mike and Kathy Bosco have been traveling to visit grandchildren **Grace** and **Kate** in Davis, CA and **Zack** in Chicago - all in training for their own get away trip to Sweden, France, and Germany in May; Italy and London in September.... "unfortunately, this schedule is ruining our already pathetic golf games."



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Tom and Mary Smith would like to tell the OTYC members of a wonderful experience they have had. **Tom** was very sick at Christmas time and the Omena community volunteered to help. Shortly after the first of the year, **Mary** was given a list of names and told someone would call every day to ask what was needed. Many loyal and loving Omena friends have helped **Tom** with his exercises which have produced amazing results. The social part of the visits have been equally important. "At night when we say our prayers, we give thanks for the 'angel' that came that day.....we have truly been 'Touched by Angels' and are most grateful and hope we can be of as much help to others as they have been to us."

The **Reads** spent Thanksgiving week with son **Steve** and family on a charter trawler in the Virgin Islands and a month with the "usual suspects" on Sanibel Island. **Charlotte** is off to a painting/stenciling meeting in Winston-Salem in April, **Alan** is trying to figure what to do with himself, but both are eagerly awaiting son **Nate's** graduation from University of Virginia Law School in May.

The highpoint for **Jack and JoAnn Bishop** was a Windstar cruise circumnavigating Central America starting with the Rain Forest of Costa Rica, traversing the Panama Canal, and snorkeling their way north through the Islands off the coasts of Panama, Nicaragua, Honduras, and Belize, which is the home of the world's second largest reef. **JoAnn** is pleased to report that both the spectacular reef and her new hip are in great shape.

Judy and Bruce Balas, often called "turncoats" by Omena locals, have been seen in the Sanibel, Florida area where they hosted in excess of twenty couples at the **Balas Winter Compound**. Some eyebrows have been raised by reports of excessive eating, drinking,

biking, kayaking and partying! In an exclusive interview, **Bruce stated**, "Confidentially, I think **Judy** has gone off the deep end. She recently purchased a book titled *A Witches' Guide to Cooking*, and everyone should be forewarned if they are invited to have dinner with us this summer."

YOUTH PROGRAM UPDATE.... Late breaking news, **Jenny Fenton**, a veteran with seven years experience with the Leland Yacht Club, has been hired as director of the **Youth Program**. She will be joined by **Alison Biskupski**, a sophomore at Northwestern Michigan College, as the tennis instructor, and **Myles Cornwell**, a senior at Traverse City's West High School, as the sailing instructor.

The program will start on July 2nd. New features this year include revised times of 10:00 to 1:00; a youth tennis tournament and competitive sailing races. For more information, call **Amanda Bosco** or **Marsha Buehler**.

IN MEMORIAM: **Leonard De Vore** grew up on the beaches of Ingalls Bay in the late 1920s and passed away on March 13, 2001 after a long illness.

THANKS for the tremendous support we have received on our first venture into writing the Breeze. We especially appreciated your cooperation in sending individual letters and committee reports prior to April first. **Dave Pohlod** assisted with his outstanding creative writing skills and was in charge of accuracy in factual reporting. Any questions in this regard, call **Dave** at 386-9858.

until we meet again, we remain Omenally yours.....**Bill and Judy Knorp**

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OTYC SOCIAL CALENDAR SUMMER 2001

May			
27	Sunday, 5:00-7:00 p.m.	Memorial Day Reception	Bruce and Judy Balas
July			
1	Sunday, 6:30 p.m.	Opening Dinner	Judy Smart
2	Monday, 9:00 a.m.	Youth Program Begins	Amanda Bosco
3	Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.	OTYC Ladies' Gathering	Ray's Cottage
4	Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	Potluck	
9	Monday, 6:30 p.m.	Catered Dinner	
11	Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	Potluck	Bingo
14	Saturday, 10:00 a.m.	OTYC Annual Meeting	
16	Monday, 6:30 p.m.	Catered Dinner	
18	Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	Potluck	Kay Charter
23	Monday, 6:30 p.m.	Catered Dinner	
25	Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	Potluck	White Elephant Sale
29	Sunday, Noon	Brunch	Mary Loveless
		Small Boat Sailing Race	Dennis Turner
30	Monday, 6:30 p.m.	Catered Dinner	
August			
1	Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	Potluck	Bingo
2	Thursday, 3:30 p.m.	Trip to Music House Museum	
		Optional Dinner Following	Mary Helen Ray
4	Saturday, 6:30-8:00 p.m.	Commodore's Reception	Charlotte Read/Tish Renz
5	Sunday, 1:00 p.m.	Big Boat Sailing Race	Dennis Turner
6	Monday, 6:30 p.m.	Catered Dinner	
8	Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	Potluck	Interlochen Youth
13	Monday, 6:30 p.m.	Catered Dinner	
15	Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	Potluck	Youth Program
20	Monday, 6:30 p.m.	Catered Dinner	
22	Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	Potluck	
27	Monday 6:30 p.m.	Catered Dinner	
29	Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	Potluck	
September			
2	Sunday, 5:00 p.m.	Labor Day Picnic	Dave & Judy Pohlod

Social Coordinator	Mary Helen Ray	Special Events	Mary Loveless
Catered Dinners	Bill and Nancy Sandt	Tennis Tournament	Jack Bishop
Potlucks	Kathy Turner	Golf Outings	Mark & Amanda Bosco
Potluck Programs	Carolyn Faught	Extended Season	Nana Kennedy