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OTYC YOUTH PROGRAM...
....."kicked it up a notch"
in 2001!

Hoola-Hooper Alex Feeley

Hats off to chairman **Amanda Bosco** and **Marsha Buehler**. They put together a blend of new faces, new ideas, and new energy that made the 2001 Youth Program one of the most successful in recent history. Unfortunately, **Amanda** has asked to be relieved of her responsibilities because of scheduling conflicts between athletic son **Michael's** Little League baseball schedule in Arizona and the OTYC Youth Program.

Amanda and **Marsha** would admit "that it's all about having the right people in place". They were fortunate to have a talented and dedicated staff this year. The team was led by **Jenny Fenton**. **Jenny** has a BA from the University of Michigan and a Masters of Music Education from Western Illinois – and she loves kids. **Jenny** is strongly convinced that the success of youth programs, like the one offered by the OTYC, starts with kids having fun and that means feeling comfortable with the staff and each other. So, **Jenny** made sure that each day started with a group gathering at which personal instructions were given and the staff and attendees could exchange ideas.

Good skiers believe you can't become really proficient without falling down once in a while, and **Jenny** feels you can't become a good sailor without getting wet. "I wanted everyone to feel at home on a sailboat, so from day one we made a game of capsizing. If someone can be relaxed on a boat, learning the skills to become a 'competitive sailor' or a 'beach sailor' will follow."

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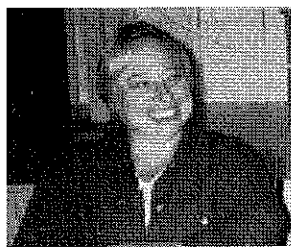
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Greetings
from
Marsha

The Autumn days in Omena are blazingly glorious. One of the true gifts of this place is that each season is the most beautiful. The present is so astonishing that it is not possible to imagine that any other time could surpass it. By the time you read this Omena will be a little village in a snow globe. As the snow swirls and the Omena Church bells ring, there is joy in the world. Those of you who have known the "Land of Delight" only in summer have much to look forward to, and I wish for you the opportunity to savor the "rest of the year" here. (I will be singing a different tune on a dismal sleety March day.) More of our OTYC friends are appearing at our extended season events, and our catered dinners have become a social nexus under the enthusiastic direction of Judy and Bruce Balas and the gracious hospitality of our many hosts and hostesses.

Thanks to the dedication and vision of our previous Commodores and the hard work of many members throughout the years, we have a Club that is in good repair and looks wonderful. We have a funding stream available for maintenance, repairs and improvements. The membership is active and growing in all age categories. It is a rare treat to have the opportunity to know and befriend three and four generations of families from all areas of our Country.

The Breeze displays the essence of the OTYC. The Club's traditions and values are revealed in its pages; news from friends, both joyful and sad; appeals for help needed, and thanks for help rendered on various Club projects; introductions; a little gossip, humor, and plans for the future. I'm certain that many of you are well aware of the editorial diligence that the Knorps apply to their task, and "Jimmy Olson" and his notepad are ubiquitous.

To all of our Youth and Junior Members, a special message. You are the heart of the OTYC and its future. It is very true that the Club will someday be what you make it. Please let me know what activities and events that you want the Club to offer to you - and be willing to help make them happen. I know that there are no specific events for the over 14 bunch- what would you like to do? You can go to www.otyc.net and e-mail me. I truly hope to hear from you.

Finally, a sincere note of wifely thanks to Tom, who for years has drawn plans, fetched, fixed, painted, mowed, hauled, installed, repaired - whatever the OTYC project required. God bless him.

Marsha "B"

KUDOS MARY TONNEBERGER! You accomplished so many things while remaining calm. You reacted to complaints without being offensive. You went beyond the call of duty by opening and closing the clubhouse each day during the season so that we could have the use of the building! You were a great leader.

Many thanks.

TRIVIA - In what year did the first "formal" youth program begin and who were the sailing instructors? Name both and you will be eligible to win the grand prize.

NICKNAMIA - "**Scrub**" was raised in Traverse City. His beloved brother, Jack, was twelve years older and played football at Traverse City Central High School. "**Scrub**", while hanging out at all the practices, was allowed to bring water and towels to the players. He did such a good job that he was promoted from practices to games. The players dubbed him "**Scrub**", a handle he wore proudly throughout high school and beyond. To this day, all his T.C.H.S classmates call him "**Scrub**".

Who is "**Scrub**"?

....clues blowing in the Breeze

2002 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Breeze	Bill-Judy Knorp
Catered Dinners	Judy-Bruce Balas
Extended Season	Nancy Sandt
Historian	Bill Marbach
House and Grounds	Tom Buehler
Landscape	Mary Tonneberger
Membership	Barb Harris
Nominating	Kathy Bosco
Opening Day	Carolyn Oberndorf
Potluck	Kathy Turner
Preservation	Scrub Bensley
Program	Carolyn Faught
Sailing	Ace Turner-Bill Emmert
Social	Mary Helen Ray
Special Events	Judy Smart
Tennis	John Smart
Waterfront	Alan Read

The Annual Meeting was held on July 14th with thirty-five members attending and twenty others providing proxies. Since there were no bi-law changes or increases in dues or assessments proposed, the meeting atmosphere was very social and reflected on the good condition of the club.

Ellie Stephenson, treasurer, reported that the club is in good financial shape, and that we are able to put aside a small reserve each year. She emphasized how important it is for each member to pay dues in January since the club has a number of financial obligations in the first three months of the year. The financial statement will be posted in the club in June.

Barb Harris, membership chairman, reports that the OTYC continues to grow. Presently, there are 245 adult members, including 5 honorary, 6 lifetime, 3 associate and 24 guest members. In addition, there are 36 junior members.

The club welcomes the following new members for 2001: **Bill and Be Fuertges, Bob and Jeanne Grabowski, Sam and Carol Knoll, David and Judy Pohlod, Jim and Bonnie Scarlett, Cathy Stephenson and Tim and Brenda White.**

The guest membership list includes: **Jim and Kathy Browning, Jim and Karen Centner, Phil and Sue Crossman, Ned Davis and Sally Chasanoff, Jeff and Mia Drinan, Pete and Skeet Durbrow, Bill and Lin Emmert, John and Amy Fischer, Bruce and Nicolette Harper, Fred and Marsha Holtz, Tom and Debra Jeffrey and Stephen and Mary Stanton.**

The following resigned this year: **Alice and Loren Carey, Bob and Connie Martineau, Roger and Kathy Moore, and Meg and Matt Wilkes.**

Mary Helen Ray, Social Chairman, reported on the 2001 social season. **Judy Smart** got the year off to a delightful beginning with the opening dinner on July 2nd. Catered dinners were under the able supervision of **Nancy and Bill Sandt**. Capable **Kathy Turner** was in charge of potluck dinners.

Special events were planned by **Mary Loveless, Carolyn Faught and Jonnie Hodgson; Tish Renz and Charlotte Read** chaired the Commodore's Reception.

Post seasonal activities included a Labor Day picnic, apple picking, ski gathering and a Memorial Day welcoming party. Active helpers have been the **Kennedys, Schleefs, Pohlods, Sarvis' and Balas'.**

Scrub Bensley, Preservation Committee Chairman, announced that the ten year plan arising from the 1998 study is well underway, and we are ahead of schedule. **Gary Silverman** has pointed out that the reason we do this is for our children as well as to preserve the club for the future.

Alan Read, Waterfront Committee, saluted "all is well".

Charlotte Read reported the following were selected by the nominating committee to serve three year terms on the Board of Directors: **Mary Tonneberger, Marsha Buehler, and Debby Disch.** At this time, the rubber stamp came down and all were unanimously elected. Everyone agrees the club will be well served by these able leaders.

Mike "B" Biskupski, Building and Grounds, expressed great thanks to **Laura Deibel** who spearheaded the landscaping project and to **Anita Silverman** who designed it pro-bono. **Laura** donated a magnificent maple tree which was planted in tribute to her parents. When seeing **Annette and Gil, "Bozo"** excitedly said "this is where the A & G memorial tree will be planted" **Annette** reminded **"Bozo"** we aren't dead yet!

He further reported: "The committee decided to do a scientific experiment regarding the septic system's real capacity. **Mary Woolford** kindly agreed, at the opening



dinner, to post herself outside the men's bathroom. She counted the entrants and timed their activity. Her reported results are as follows – during a three hour period, 36 male members entered the men's room – 21 entered and exited in good time / 45 seconds. Ten stayed longer and are advised to eat more fiber. One of these did not flush. **Mary** is referring five to our

physician members. She said that they had difficulty 'starting their stream'. Check with **Mary** for your names and where you are on the list."

On a sad note, **"Bozo"** was hoping for a slight promotion from junior assistant groundskeeper to perhaps special junior assistant groundskeeper. In a cold move, the **"Bored"** denied the request.

Marsha Buehler announced the addition of OTYC logo wear through the Lands' End Catalog. Any item in their catalog which is capable of being monogrammed may be ordered with the logo for \$11.00 or \$5.50 per item if six or more items are ordered. The OTYC Customer Number is 3549865; the logo number is 0143417K.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

THANKS to **Barb Harris** for diligently maintaining all of the membership data including e-mail addresses and to **Suzie Mulligan** for converting this data into the annual Club Directory. Any changes, especially in e-mail addresses, contact **Barb**.

Also, in the Thanks Department, we are appreciative of **Carol Silverman's** gorgeous floral arrangements which are auctioned at each potluck dinner; **Linda Cherne** for giving us the Michigan State Flag; **Vin and Gina Moore** for their generous gift to the general fund for the landscaping project; **Bob and Jeanne Grabowski** for donating the extremely popular air hockey game, and **Laura Deibel** for the stately maple tree.

ATENTION HISTORY BUFFS..... the sesquicentennial celebration of Omena will be held July 14 – 16, 2002. In honor of this, a parade through Omena is being planned. Vintage clothing will be needed. Rummage through your old trunks and bring anything you think appropriate next summer. More information to follow in the May Breeze.

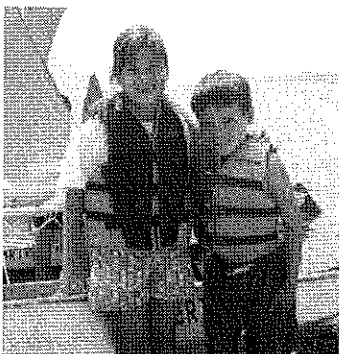
Annual Cross-Country Ski Outing
Saturday, February 16th 3:00 meet at
Firelane 6 for skiing adventure
Afterglow BYO "B" and "A"ppetizers
Deibel's Chalet

OTYC REGATTAS.....by Ace Turner

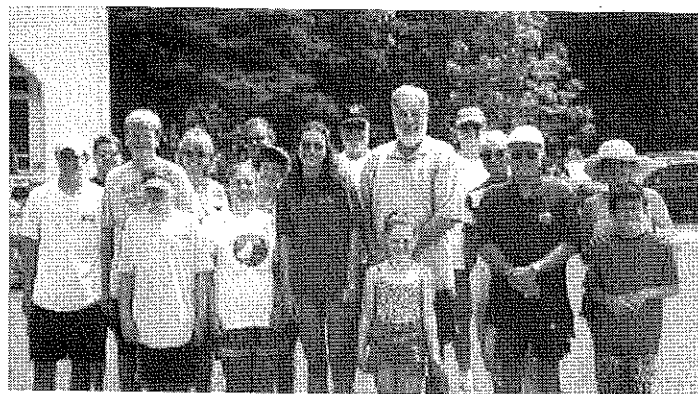
The OTYC Sunfish Regatta was held on Sunday, July 29th, beginning with a festive brunch and a gathering of many spectators and participants. By race time there were only a few measly zephyrs from the Southeast which had trouble finding their way into the cul-de-sac of Omena Bay. **Ace** was pacing the beach wondering what to do—postpone the race and expect to see a scathing editorial comment in the *Breeze*, or conduct a race in which the boats would be lucky to drift from one mark to another and expect to see an equally scathing editorial comment in the *Breeze*. Fortunately for all concerned, **Mary Woolford** came to the rescue. **Ace** explained his dilemma to her and asked that she use her influence with the Wind Gods. **Mary** apparently has an 'in', because within minutes a breeze not only came up, but it came from the North—the perfect direction for the race.

The race was on! Twelve boats were entered, more than in any previous year. The ages of skippers and crews ranged from nine to seventy-eight. When all the boats with their multi-colored sails took to the water, it was like a butterfly convention. The start of the race, however, was more like rush hour on the midtown freeway. Every boat except **George Husted's** wanted to occupy the same spot on the water. It took poor **Georgie** awhile to figure out how to maneuver his 6'8" frame under the boom of a Sunfish. But, by avoiding the crowd, **George** was able to have the start line all to himself when he finally managed to cross it.

The sentimental favorite for the race was the team of nine year old White twins, **Taylor** and **Amanda** (pictured left). The announced pick of bookie **Caroline Obendorf** was the team of **Caroline Turner** and **Alison Biskupski**. There was some question as to whether this prediction was



made before the race began or after **Caroline** and **Alison** led the pack around the windward mark, their favorite position. They were challenged around the remainder of the course by **John Ray** and **Claire**



Edgley, and by **Alex** and **Karen Edgley**, but they managed to retain their lead and crossed the finish only 30 seconds ahead of **John** and **Claire**. The second race was almost a mirror image of the first, a 30 second win by **Caroline** and **Alison** over **John** and **Claire**, with **Bill** and **Lin Emmert** taking third place.

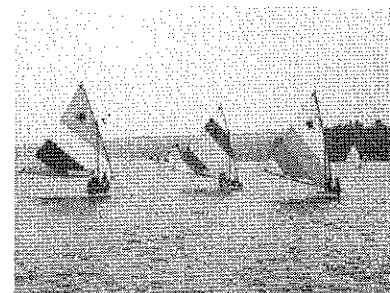
Unlike last year, there were no exciting capsizes and rescues. After the **Fishers** crossed the finish line, however, a mutiny did occur. **Mary** threw **Joel** overboard and made him swim back to shore. The **Bozos** (**Mike Biskupski** and **Bill Knorp**) in the chase boat hoped to make another dramatic rescue like they did last year, but **Joel** dashed their hopes, telling them he felt safer in the water.

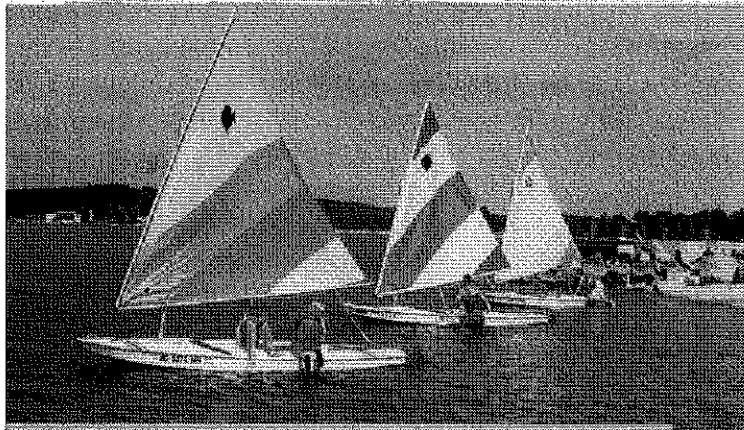


Congratulations to all the participants. Next year we hope to have even more boats decorate Omena Bay.

The OTYC Big Boat Race was held on August 5th in almost non-existent winds, but it turned out to be one of **Ace's** greatest coups. **Ace** set up the staggered starting times guaranteeing that his boat got out of Omena Bay into fresh winds first leaving all the rest of the fools to bob helplessly when **Mary "W"** turned off the winds at precisely the correct time.

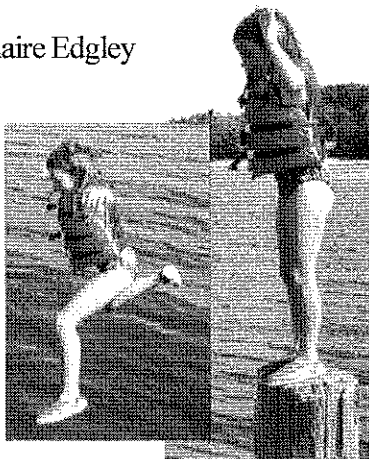
So we all toast the victors: **Skipper Caroline Turner**, ably assisted by her conniving father, **Ace**, and boat owner **Mark Spooner**.





Alison Biskupski, Esther Johnson, Jenny Fenton,
Myles Cornwell and Woody Parker

Jumpin Claire Edgley



(Youth Program.....continued from page 1)

Jenny also feels motivation contributes to the learning experience. Several types of incentives were successfully implemented last summer to keep the participants focused. For example, rubber bands were used to recognize campers' acts of merit. The rubber bands were awarded daily and totaled at the end of the week with prizes going to the top six places.

Other incentives also were successful in motivating the kids to master fundamentals of sailing. **Jenny** used paddles representing four levels of achievement to recognize performance. The paddles were named *Splash*, *Crew*, *First Mate* and *Skipper*, and to get one's name on a paddle, program participants had to demonstrate proficiency in swimming, tying knots, hand signals, body positioning on a boat, safety, rigging, etc. By the end of the final session, there were forty names inscribed on the various paddles.

Jenny was backed by a very capable staff. **Myles Cornwell**, who is a senior at Traverse City West, was the lead sailing instructor. While relatively young in years, **Myles** brought a lot of sailing experience to the program. He skippered his boat to a second place finish in the Interlake Nationals in Traverse City this summer and crewed on *Kokimo* in the Chicago to Mackinac race. He was assisted by **Woody Parker** who is a freshman at Pembroke Hill School in Kansas City, Mo. **Woody** has participated in the OTYC Youth Program for several years.

Alison Biskupski, a sophomore at Northwestern Michigan College, ran the tennis camp. **Alison** brought insights she gained through participating in the advanced tennis camp at Michigan State University. Assisting **Alison** was **Esther Johnson** a freshman at Saint Mary's High School in Lake Leelanau.

This year's tennis program featured several tournaments and a lot of moments to remember. Two of the players who really stood out in **Alison's** mind as 'center court stars of the future' were **Elliott Feeley** and **Alex Edgley**. But **Nate Schwarz** and **Braydon Dennis** may have played the most entertaining match of the year when they eked out a victory over **Michael Bosco** and **Matt Schwarze** 8-6. There was plenty of 'table talk' between two brothers, one cousin and a buddy.

This year's Youth Program offered more than just sailing and tennis. Thursday field trips were taken to the Dunes, Peterson Park, Fun Country water slides in Traverse City, Crystal River for canoeing and Leland Yacht Club where sailing and water activities were enjoyed by the youth of the club.

Car washes were held each Friday afternoon to help build team spirit. The money earned will be used to purchase new bingo supplies for next year.

The OTYC Youth Program started in the summer of 1960. Prior to this time, the only organized youth activity was the Penguomenia fleet races. Sailing Penguins were **Helen Ray, Rat Renz, Margy Lyon, Betsy Ehrhardt, Holly Smith,** and other vintage 1950 cronies.

The first year the program ran from July 4th to August 22nd. Sailing, swimming and tennis were included in the initial year. Sailing classes were taught by **Al and Linda Cherne**. There were forty participants, and nine of the campers swam across Omena Bay from the club to Pikes dock. Since the club had not completed their new court, the tennis activities were held at the Smith Orchard.

Reminiscing, **Linda Cherne** commented: "It was great to have the same children in the program from July 4th until the end of August. Swimming was stressed. I can still remember that **Debby Smith Disch** swam alone from Gull Island to the shore."

Times have changed since 1960. Today, there are fewer children who spend the entire summer in Omena. Consequently, it is a real challenge to integrate the many new faces into the program each week and still make it challenging for those who have been there in weeks before.

In addition, as the children become teenagers, they lose interest in basic sailing and tennis. **Kara Bensley, Scrub and Joey Bensley's** 13 year old granddaughter, would enjoy participating in a play put on by teenagers.

Others feel that the club should purchase several sailboats the older boys and girls could race with other teens in the Traverse City-Leelanau County area. One teenager would like to have senior lifesaving classes taught.

Amy Smart suggests, "the club should sponsor a dance just for kids and invite teens of similar ages from the Leland Yacht Club. My dad has connections....I know he can arrange to have a free youth rock & roll band play. I am really excited about this. In fact, I feel 16 and may just come back and participate if you can pull off this gig."

There is a question of whether or not the club should provide any activities for these young teens. What do you think about this issue or about the Youth Program in general? Your comments can be included on the Tennis Questionnaire and will be appreciated.

Thanks to **Amanda Bosco, Marsha Buehler**, all the parents and grandparents, OTYC volunteers, staff and participants for continuing this wonderful youth program.



Upper Photo.....

".....two brothers, one cousin and a buddy."

Matt Schwarze, Michael Bosco, Braydon Dennis, and Nate Schwarze.

How can we keep this age group involved in the Youth Program?

Welcome to six new members.....



The Browns – Greg, Layne, and Gillian; Jon and Jordan Narlock

Thirteen years ago a middle-aged bachelor visited Omena Point with the intention of finding a year round (and ultimate retirement) getaway. His childhood summers had been spent in the Traverse City area, so it was natural for him to begin his search in Northwest Michigan. He found his getaway (previous “Haus Austria” – owned by Chris Misangy) and as the next decade unfolded, he found a few additional things; a loving wife (**Layne**), two wonderful sons (**Jon** and **Jordan**), and a beautiful daughter (**Gillian**).

“The past several years have introduced our family to Omena traditions and a community of people with whom we now feel a closeness. The friendships we and our children have established are not seasonal and now extend beyond our all-too-brief summers on Omena Point.

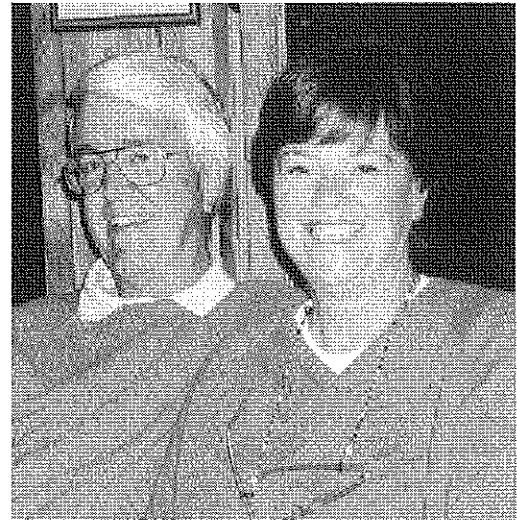
With the recent world-wide events, it seems even more important to know that the water will still be turquoise blue, the kids will still be gathering for evening beach fires, Bill and Judy Knorp will still be over for morning coffee, and our number will eventually be called at Wednesday night potluck.”



Bill and Be (Fogerty) Fuertges were born and raised

in Bradford and Princeville, farming communities in central Illinois. **Bill** graduated in Mechanical Engineering-cum laude from Notre Dame, and **Be** was a music major at Marycrest. They have four children and 10 grandchildren. **Bill** was employed by General Electric and retired from Federal Mogul, where he served as International Technical Manager. They have lived year round in Omena since 1988.

Bill is very shy. If you need an “ice breaker”, just ask how the *Fighting Irish* are doing on the gridiron this year!



Carol and **Sam Knoll** are long-time winter residents of Virginia Beach, VA, but have roots in Omena. **Carol**, whose mother is **Jeanne Hines**, has been coming to Omena and Ingalls Bay for over 45 years.

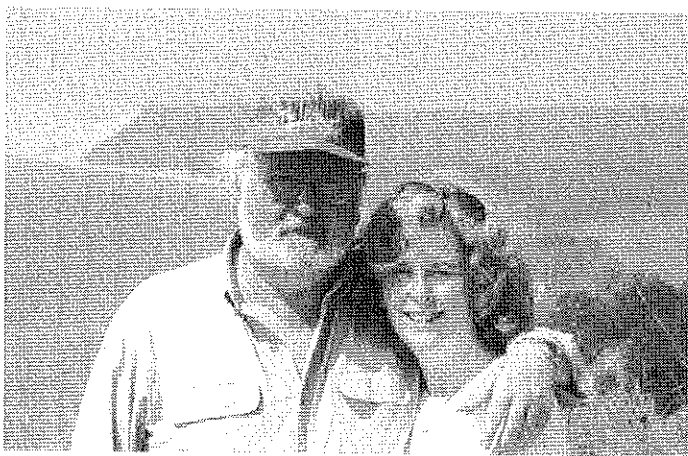
Sam, who is semi-retired, has been enjoying his visits to Ingalls Bay with Carol for almost 35 years. **Carol** and **Sam** enjoy their family and their two grandsons, funny movies, antiques and good food. **Carol** is interested in toys, needlepoint, and decorating. **Sam** enjoys sailing, reading, singing his Walnut Hills High School Hymn, and small businesses.

Sam and **Carol** built their own home on Ingalls Bay and wrote, “It was one of the most fun projects we have ever done together. We enjoy sharing our home with family and friends, and consider ourselves so fortunate to have a home in this beautiful setting. We are happy to be members of the OTYC and this special Omena community.”



Tommy and **Lisa Newland** have three children: **Janey Capers 5, Frances 3, and Jordan 2.** They reside near family in Walterboro, S.C. **Tommy** practices general ophthalmology and oculoplastics in Walterboro and Charleston. **Lisa** enjoys staying home with the children, but finds herself busy as President of the counties medical alliance, director of the house committee at Dogwood Hills Country Club, and teaching a prenatal and post partum exercise and nutrition class.

Omena has been home to the Newland family since 1933 when **Tommy's** mother, **Janey Bassler Newland** first came as a child. She was an avid sailor from an early age and worked to see OTYC get its start. **Tommy**, sister **Ann** and brother **John** inherited the *Ingallside Cottage* after **Janey's** death in 1984.



Dave and **Judy Pohlod** are dedicated 'year rounders' who elected to follow the seasons in Omena rather than go South or West when they retired from Ford

Motor Company in 1999. The **Pohlods** have two sons—an ophthalmologist in Orlando and an auto dealership finance manager in Brighton, and a baby granddaughter. They share a love of good food and wine, all types of music and the out-of-doors. They are golfers, skiers, and skeet shooters and plan to take up fly fishing. They also hope to have a boat in the water next summer.

They discovered Omena during a Leelanau re-discovery trip when they turned right on Omena Pt. Rd. and happened upon the **McNeil** property which is now their home. What they like most about OTYC: "the people, their energy and spontaneity and the way standing on the club's porch looking at the bay can transport you back in time."



Cathy **Stephenson** has been coming to Omena for 47 years. Her parents, **Ellie** and **Jack**, first rented the House by the Side of the Road and in 1959 built their cottage on Ingalls Bay. During the summers, **Cathy** partici-

pated in the OTYC Youth Program, worked at the Omena Country Store, and was a life guard at Omena Beach.

Some of **Cathy's** youth memories include swimming across Omena Bay, winning in bingo, being invited to sit at the Commodore's table, searching for tennis balls down the steep bank, and playing cards upstairs in the clubhouse. "I can still remember the slimy log which reached up and grabbed me while swimming the length of the dock. Best of all are all the friends who I have met over all the years."

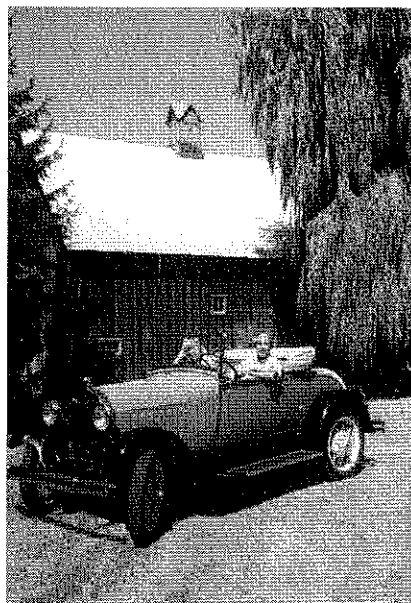
Cathy graduated from Smith College and has an MBA from the Amos Tuck School at Dartmouth College. She lives in Chicago and is employed by Jones Lang LaSalle, a global corporate real estate services company. She also works with Lathrop Academy and the YMCA helping needy women and children.

Now, she has her own cottage on Ingalls Bay four doors west of her mother's.

OMENA TELL TALES

The cupola on an historic barn south of Leland caught the attention of **Scrub** and **Joey Bensley** as they drove by. They commented how perfectly a cupola like the one they just saw would enhance the vintage 1866 barn at their Craker Road farm.

A master craftsman, **Scrub** started construction on the project in 2000.....the only stipulation from **Joey** was that all the wood had to be at least one hundred years old. Most of the material came from old barns which had been torn down, and the louvers were made from lath removed from their home during one of their remodeling projects.



Completed, **Bensley's** new cupola was seven feet tall and weighed in excess of one thousand pounds.

Because of the weight, **Gary Silverman** and **Dan Schlee** reengineered the roof structure and recommended new support rafters be installed. Antique rafter material was found in a barn

located behind the Sunset Lodge. **Scrub** tore it down board by board. Installation of the "new" rafters was a daunting project, but it was completed over the winter.

After a year of work, on June 11th, a spirited or soon to be spirited group of OTYC members came to **Scrub's** erection party. Unfortunately, he couldn't get it up because his boom wasn't long enough. **Joey** was not phased in the least noting that **Scrub** had never failed to get it up when he put his heart to it, and sure enough, on June 23rd, with the help of a longer boom, the cupola was lifted in place and now stands as a crowning jewel on their beautiful, centennial barn.

The cupola was in place just in time to welcome "Geraldine" **Scrub** and **Joey's** recently purchased

1928 Model A. The story of where they purchased their classic car is another interesting tale. For details of this or for a tour of their historic barn and classic home, call **Scrub** or **Joey** at 386-7726.

Nineteen generous blood donors came to the Clubhouse on the hottest day of summer. Following OTYC's successful blood drive in August, a letter of appreciation was received from Northwest Michigan Blood Program.

"Thank you so much for the time and effort you put into this blood drive. The staff sure enjoyed the view and atmosphere! The volunteers were wonderful. The staff has suggested maybe June and August for next year. What do you think?...Barbara Robillard, Recruiter"

Any thoughts, contact **Suzie Mulligan**.

Charlotte Read has been asked to help coordinate a quilting project for the Omena Sesquicentennial Celebration this summer. **Joey Bensley** and **Marcia Biskupski** will be some of the other quilters! Questions, suggestions or anyone who remembers the color of Solle's Bookstore roof, contact **Charlotte**.

Alan had to get his "salt water fix" so the **Reads** spent a September week on Cape Cod. It included a painting workshop in Chatham for Charlotte and a good friend's wedding in Boston. But after their fill of lobster and clam chowder, the **Reads** returned to Omena for October leaves and apples.

"In Omena we certainly feel safer and more removed from the chaos and sadness going on in Washington, but we head back to DC for November and December and plan to be back in the north woods for the New Year. It was great being with Omena friends, participating in a Monday catered dinner, and singing with the Village Voices at the opening of the Community Arts Center in Northport. We'll continue to pray for a more peaceful future."

Jay Grosmark asks if you have seen the revised OTYC club website (www.otyc.net) lately? It's the way for you to get the latest news about your friends at the OTYC and there are some new additions.

A new page was created that lists the Omena phone numbers and e-mail addresses of most members. If your e-mail address is not listed or if it needs to be corrected, send the correct information to Jay at otyc@otyc.net. The OTYC website has not been publicized to search engines so your e-mail address should be secure.

Another new web page shows pictures from the small boat/sunfish, race this summer. Look at it and let it bring back memories of the good times last summer.

Remember the web site is an easy way to send and get information about the club and its members. Please send us news about what's happening to you and your family and we will add it to the web site. Send news and pictures to Jay at otyc@otyc.net

Calling the Coast Guard, this is the vessel *Feeling Good*.... Over. "*Feeling Good*, this is the Coast Guard....over." "Coast Guard, we are in Omena Bay and just saw a boat with no one on board sail past us....over." "*Feeling Good*, it's probably that crazy professor Martineau who sails on his back; is the boat's name *Courtship*?" "No, the boat is a Hobie Cat and just ran aground and we can't see anyone in the water. We are considering going on shore but it looks very rocky.....over." "Don't do anything to put yourself in danger; monitor the situation and get back to us if we can be of service.....over and out!"

Although **Karen Edgley** did not hear this radio transmission, she did look up from bathing baby **Tess** just in time to see **Roger** and their new, spiffy Hobie Cat tip over, come back up and then sail off on a "bareboat" trip leaving **Roger** bobbing in the water.

Karen called neighbor **Melissa Chenault** for assistance. **Melissa** asked her employee to drive her skidoo to help **Roger**. Unfortunately, the plug in the skidoo was not inserted, and this rescue operation lasted about fifteen feet before it began to sink still leaving **Roger** 'bobbin'.

At the same time, **Bill Marbach** and grandson **Billy Buchholz** were cruising by in their canoe and were able to reach **Roger**, but he was too big to get into the 'tipi' canoe. Finally, **Liz** and **Lee Feeley** picked up **Roger** and took him across the bay to recover his boat which was resting

comfortably on a sugar sand beach. Even **Roger** was in perfect condition except for the blush on his cheeks.

The **Harris Family** had a very busy year in 2001. On January 4th, **Ryan Daniel** and **Sara Elizabeth Harris** were born. Their proud parents are **Paul** and **Terri Harris**. Much time was spent by **Barb** helping with the babies and big brother **Tyler**. **Paul** and **Terri** lived in Chicago at that time.

In June, **John** and **Barb** flew to San Diego to see son, **Tim**, receive his MBA from UC – Irvine. It was great to see both **Tim** and **Aimee** and their lovely new home in Carlsbad. The trip continued on to Lake Tahoe to see daughter **Cindy** and to meet her fiancé **Jeffrey**.

On June 30th, they helped **Paul** and family move into their new home in Ada, MI. What a job with two babies and three year old **Tyler**!

On July 24th, it was back to California to be with **Cindy** and **Jeff** on their wedding day. Grandma **Boes** came along and a great time was had by all. Actually, this left little "Omena" time for the summer but the trips were certainly worth it as both were for very happy occasions.

Signs that **Bill** and **Lin Emmert** have a balanced marriage are the university flags flying in front of their Omena Point cottage. **Lin**, who graduated from Michigan State, displays the Spartan Green from the first to the thirtieth day each month. **Bill** is allowed to fly the Wolverine Blue on the thirty-first and, once every four years, on February 29th!

In early June, after being away from Omena for over a year, **Annette Husted** "gently persuaded" OTYC members **Marsha** and **Alison Biskupski** and **Char Read** to keep warm by weeding flower beds around her trout pond. Their thoughtful act of kindness, following **Annette's** illness, was rewarded with lunch in the Gazebo.

Once again, OTYC members and friends rally to support each other. Where else, but in Omena, would we be so fortunate and blessed. **Annette** thanks all those who helped with her "Garden of Weed'en".

High Rollin Dick Kennedy is a charter member of the exclusive *Latrappe Creek Sailing and Ecological*

Society. This year's sailing extravaganza was held in San Francisco Bay where the flotilla of seventy sailors visited various yacht clubs including the prestigious Saint Francis Yacht Club. Joining **Dick** was first time participant **Tom Buehler** who had a fabulous time. Resourceful **Tom** took **Marsha** back to the SFYC a week later using his OTYC card as a ticket to get in the front door.

Can you remember the first time you traveled to Omena? **Jeanne Hines** remembers clearly her first trip in 1933 when she took the "Hay Fever Special" train from Cincinnati to Omena. Subsequently **Bumps** and **Jeanne** vacationed at Walloon Lake, Burt Lake, and Lake Leelanau and in 1979, fifty-four years after her first visit, they purchased a home "in the best place ever" on Ingalls Bay, Omena Point. In 1987, she moved to her present home.

Ping Abbot also vividly remembers her first trip to Omena. **Waldo** and **Ping** met on a blind date in India during World War II. After the war and a "ring and a date" from **Waldo**, **Ping** set out from West Virginia to meet the senior **Abbots** and see Omena for the first time. **Ping's** trip included a variety of trains, the last being a "milk train" which unloaded her in Traverse City at four o'clock in the morning. A call to Anderson's store in Omena caused someone to rouse **Waldo** who picked up **Ping** at the Park Place Hotel. The rest is history.....fifty-six years of wonderful Omena memories.

TATTLE TALES...Glenn White is competitively swimming in the seniors tour in Florida. **Glenn**, who swam for the University of Minnesota, is working on the 1,000 to 1,500 free and 500 breast. Watch for **Glenn's** name in the Senior Olympics. **Bruce Balas** was asked about the late August launching of his power boat. "The way I figure it, we

saved money. If we didn't launch the boat, it still cost us \$1,000 at Kalchiks. Now that the boat is in the water, it is only costing \$500 for each of our two trips!!!!" **Kathy Bosco** is taking Golf Cart Driver Training from a pro at her exclusive Arizona Golf Club. You will have to ask **Kathy** why she needs the completion certificate in order to get back into Leelanau County. And finally, **Ed Oberndorf** was overheard stating: "After reading the May 2001 *Breeze*, I think they should rename the publication the *Omena Enquirer*." (Serious consideration by the *Breeze* staff is being given to this suggestion.)

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In Memoriam

Two revered members of OTYC, **Waldo Abbot** (12/30/16 – 5/24/01) and **Tom Smith** (10/28/22 – 8/01/01), passed away since the last edition of the *Breeze*. They will be missed at OTYC gatherings—**Waldo** in his colorful, plaid trousers and pastel shirts, and **Tom** in his madras jacket, white shirts and bow ties—both with smiles on their faces and twinkles in their eyes.

Waldo first came to Omena in 1926 when his father purchased 'The Abby' on Omena Pt. As a child, he had the distinction of owning the second outboard motor boat and ran it day and night interfering with 'Omena rest'. **Waldo** graduated from The University of Michigan and had a distinguished career as regional sales manager for Chrysler and later for R. L. Polk. He loved golfing, boating and playing bridge with the **Moores**. He is survived by his wife **Ping**, daughter **Brenda** and son **Waldo IV**.

After retiring from Federated Department Stores, **Tom** moved to Omena in 1986 to manage the family cherry orchard. He graduated from Kenyon College and the University of

Cincinnati and served in the Army Air Corps in WWII. In 1944 he married **Martha Rule** who predeceased him. With **Mary**, his wife of 28 years, he received the Cherry Promotion Award from the 1997 National Cherry Festival. He is survived by **Mary**, and his children **Debby**, **Rink**, **Josephine**, **Stewart** and **Electa**, brother **Craig** and sister **Rat Renz**.

There are two interesting anecdotes about **Waldo** and **Tom**:

Waldo and **Jay Grosmark** jokingly claimed to be brothers, because **Jay's** middle name is **Waldo**. Why was **Jay** given this name? Because, **Waldo Abbot Sr.** was **Jay's** father's favorite professor at Michigan.

According to **Bob Mosher**, Smith Orchard foreman, **Tom** felt the magic date for beginning the cherry harvest was August 1. The pros and cons of this date were debated each year. **Bob** reflected, "**Tom** made his point by passing away on August 1."

Waldo and **Tom**, rest in peace, we will miss you both.