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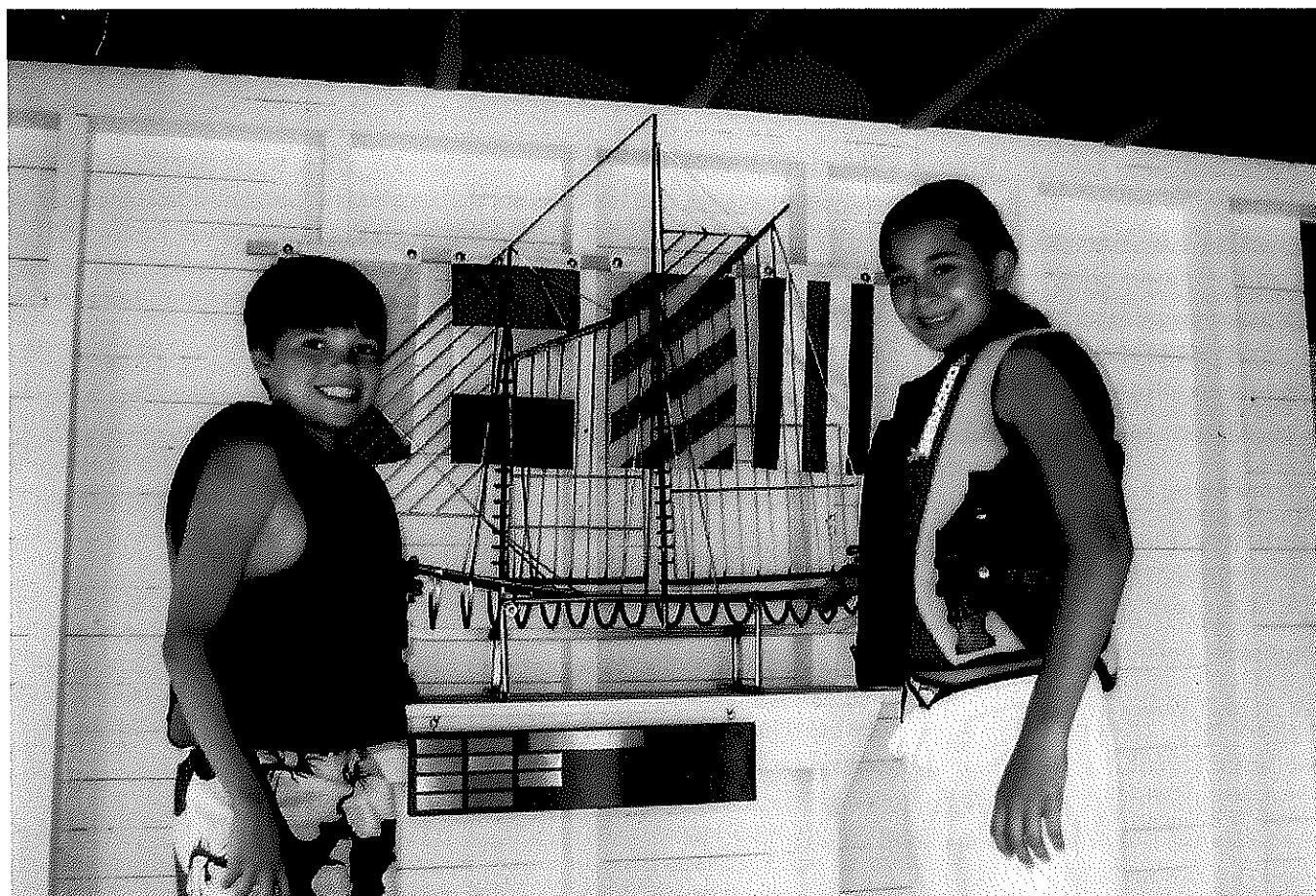
OTYC

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BOAT RACES HIGHLIGHT SUMMER SEASON



**2004 SUNFISH REGATTA CHAMPIONS SKIPPER TAYLOR WHITE
and CREW ABBEY BOSCO**

OTYC members are always on the lookout for a good time and the annual Sunfish and Big Boat Regattas are always red-circled on member calendars long before the doors to the Yacht Club open in the Spring . . . for a lot of good reasons.

Not only are the races a good source of camaraderie

and good food, but also an opportunity to see some bitter rivalries renewed and new sailing talent showcased for the first time.

SUNFISH REGATTA The annual Sunfish Regatta, held this year on Saturday, July 18th is probably one of
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The Breeze..... All the news that fits we print.



Greetings from Omena! As I write this, it is mid November. The summer that began in September continued to October, and we are now enjoying a mild November.

It was a great season at OTYC under the leadership of Social Chair, Judy Smart. After two years, Judy is

stepping down, and I thank her for a terrific job. Melissa Chenault, her successor, is already at work on the 2005 season. Tish Renz and Amanda Bosco did a great job organizing the potlucks; catered dinners flourished under the leadership of Suzie Mulligan and Maria Johnson; Dave Pohlod stepped up to the plate to organize the T and T events, and the boat races and ladies' luncheons chaired by Stu Mulligan/Brenda White, Bill Emmert/Lisa Newland, Mary Loveless and Melissa Chenault were truly 'special' events.

Bruce and Judy Balas busily chaired the Building & Grounds committee, overseeing maintenance to our septic and irrigation systems as well as repairs to the bar area. Judy is now Treasurer, but Bruce has agreed to continue as a co-chair. Thank you Balases!

The meticulous care which Tom Buehler took of our boats and waterfront is greatly appreciated, and his requests for donations of sunfish were successful in replacing several aged boats. With summer almost non-existent, this had to have been her most challenging season, but Youth Chair Marsha Buehler and her super team of instructors had a very successful program again this year. Many thanks to both Buehlers for all they do.

Larry Bensley chaired the Preservation committee for several years. After developing a ten-year plan which was instrumental in guiding improvements which have been made, the Board voted to retire this committee and to assign its responsibilities of further implementation to the appropriate standing committees. Hats off to Larry for his leadership and diligence.

After two terms each, past Commodores Marsha Buehler and Mary Tonneberger left the Board. Mary also was Treasurer for several years, and Marsha was and continues to be Youth Chair. Nominating Committee chair Sam Knoll met the challenge of filling their shoes with Tom Buehler and Bill Knorp. They have jumped in and become active and contributing members of the Board—no surprise to any of us who know them!

Another significant 'retirement' that I want to recognize is that of Barb Harris. For 15 years she was Membership Chair and has been an unsung hero—quietly and efficiently processing new member requests, guiding them through the steps, keeping records up to date and working with the Treasurer to ensure dues are billed correctly. Many thanks to you, Barb!

The primary focus of the Board over the winter will be the proposed By-law amendment relating to membership. More on this in the May Breeze in preparation for the Annual Meeting.

My best wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season.

Debby

P. S. The annual cross country ski event will be held on February 19, 2005. For more details, call or email me after December 15th.

IN PURSUIT OF TRIVIA Can you name the OTYC members who are known by their home town friends as "*The Love Dogs*" and who jointly celebrated their 50th birthdays together this summer?

NICKNAMIA her name is **Jeannette** and she is related to our Commodore **Debby Disch**. Do you know her nickname and how she got it?

As usual, clues for both pursuit of trivia and nicknamia are blowing in the Breeze.

CLUB NEWS

ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting was held on July 17th with thirty-one members attending.

FINANCIAL: **Mary Tonneberger** presented the Treasurer's report indicating the finances are okie-dokie; however, her five-year financial plan projects expenses could exceed receipts in the future. The Board has raised dues \$10.00 per adult member for next year, and initiation fees will be increased from \$500 to \$600.

MEMBERSHIP: Chairman **Barb Harris** declared there are 238 adult, 15 guest, and 3 associate members. The club welcomes **Waldo** and **Marci Abbot** and **Ron Peck** new regular members and **Andrea Gelakoski** new associate member. Guest members are **Helen Bradley** and **Hank Beardsley**, **Don** and **Betts Chisholm**, **Bill** and **Sharon Cron**, **Karen Howat**, **David** and **Kerry (Kennedy) Magrini**, **Harold** and **Kanda McKee**, **Tom Oehmke** and **Joan Brovins**, and **Joe** and **Betty Pope**.



Jim Centner, Michael "B" Biskupski, and Marcia Biskupski, and Mary Smith

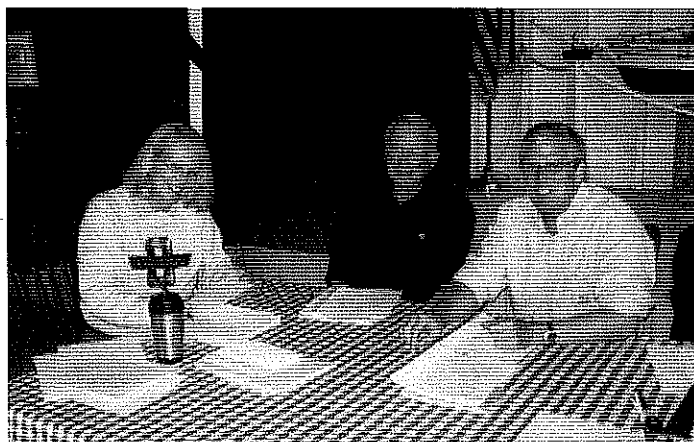
SOCIAL: **Judy Smart** reported on a full line up of summer events beginning with the Memorial Day cocktail party hosted by **Lin** and **Bill Emmert** and ending with the Labor Day Picnic organized by **Dave** and **Judy Pohlod**. In between are the opening dinner organized by the **Oberndorfs** and **Biskupskis**, eight catered dinners chaired by **Suzie Mulligan** and **Maria Johnson** and eight pot luck dinners coordinated by **Tish Renz** and **Amanda Bosco**.

The front porch and chairman **Dave Pohlod**, welcomed everyone for Tuesday and Thursday Toddy Time starting at five o'clock. **Brenda White** once again coordinated the brunch before the sunfish race and **Lisa Newland** organized the complimentary lunch in conjunction with the Big Boat Race. The **Kennedys** and **Scarletts** planned the 4th of July Picnic which featured the Whiffenpoofs, and two ladies luncheons were hosted by **Melissa Chenault** and **Mary Loveless**.

"As you can see we have a great group of volunteers who work so hard to make sure everyone has a good time at the OTYC."

YOUTH PROGRAM: **Marsha Buehler** reported that this year the program lasted for six weeks with weekly fees of \$65.00 for members/\$85.00 for non members.

The staff included directors **Chelsea Mason** and **Woody Parker**; instructors **Andy Bradford**, **Diana Drinan**, **Clark Gilsby**, and junior instructors **Billy**



"Bored" Members Mary Loveless, Millard Mack and Bill Mason



Tish
and
Rat
Renz

Buchholz, Stewart Taylor, Alex Edgely, and Jeff Bailey. "I was delighted with the staff, their performance, and their enthusiasm. There were four lifeguards, a first responder, and three very accomplished tennis players among the group."

Parent coordinators were **Karen Edgley and Kerry and David Magrini.** Their role was to organize the details of the outings and to recruit parent drivers.

"The most positive aspect is that there is a good, solid, interested group of instructors and instructor candidates who are 'coming up through the ranks'. Since our largely 'homegrown' instructors have lodging as well as an understanding of our particular program, there are distinct advantages to keeping the instructor base largely within the OTYC community."

BUILDING and GROUNDS: Judy and Bruce Balas stated our building is in excellent condition and expressed their appreciation to previous chairman **Tom Buehler** for his diligent work.

In the process of pumping the septic tank in June, the intake hose for the irrigation system was nicked by a metal probe. This teeny weenie hole allowed air in the line disabling the entire irrigation system. The air leak was located and has been fixed.

Ventilating Sun Shades were installed on the porch to make cocktails on the deck more comfortable. Some of the wood flooring on the main deck will be replaced and a heavy nautical rope fence will be installed at the waterfront on the lawn north of the wharf.

"Squirrels and chipmunks are thriving and doing very

well, thank you. These critters have numerous secret entrances as well as the ability to open the front screen door with their little noses. They eat any food left in the open. Therefore, please remove all food including chips, etc. from the building. In addition, we ask that the front door be shut when the club is not in use."

The first Saturday in June 2005 will be the annual cleaning party. Please mark your calendar....your help will be appreciated.

WATERFRONT: Tom Buehler reported that after performing a site review and extensive analysis with a professional engineering firm, it is concluded that no immediate repairs are needed at the main dock or at the launch ramp. Both are functioning well and are in good operating condition.

"Thank you to **Alan Read** for his single handed care of "Ed", the youth program power boat. She continues to purr along, like an old Timex.

There is an emerging challenge in our youth program sailing fleet. Last year the program ended the season with six boats. These will require constant attention. The club would appreciate the donation of any serviceable sunfish or sunfish parts. An alternative is to consider another type of sailing vessel, one with a jib, which would serve as a better instructional/teaching craft, such to be used in concert with the sunfish."



Marsha Buehler and Mary Tonneberger

NEW MEMBER LIMIT: The Board announced the membership is now at a "full status"; applications for any new members, except for legacies, will be placed on a waiting list.

RENTAL GUIDELINES: The club facilities will only be rented to members and relatives of members. Weddings are limited to the months of June and September. Guidelines for use of the OTYC facility for private events are available.

BYLAW PROPOSAL: Because there was not a quorum present, the proposed bylaw proposal to establish two boundaries giving preference to those living within the defined "Omena Boundary" was tabled for one year. There was a healthy discussion on the subject and there was overwhelming support for the concept. However, the consensus was the "Omena Boundary" needed to be more restrictive in size.

Therefore, in the May Breeze a "new and improved" bylaw proposal will be outlined. In the meantime, any input on this issue will be welcome.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Rat Renz suggested that the initiation fee be increased to \$2,000.

ELECTION: Sam Knoll's slate of Board members, Debby Disch, Bill Knorp, and Tom Buehler was accepted unanimously; and retiring members, Marsha Buehler and Mary Tonneberger were thanked for their outstanding service to the club over the past six years.

REFLECTIONS

Both Marsha Buehler and Mary Tonneberger went beyond the "call of duty" as Board Members. After serving as commodore for two years, Mary accepted the job as treasurer and Marsha continued to chair the youth program. We asked each to comment on the other's contributions to the OTYC.

Mary "T": "Marsha has been a pillar of progress for OTYC during her years on the Board. So many things were accomplished, from redirecting the Youth program and encouraging a 'farm system' for instructors to placing a high value on the continual upkeep of the building and grounds. She, along with Tom, have been

tireless in organizing events that bring the members together for many ways across all generations. We have been very fortunate to have had Marsha's talents in leading the club."

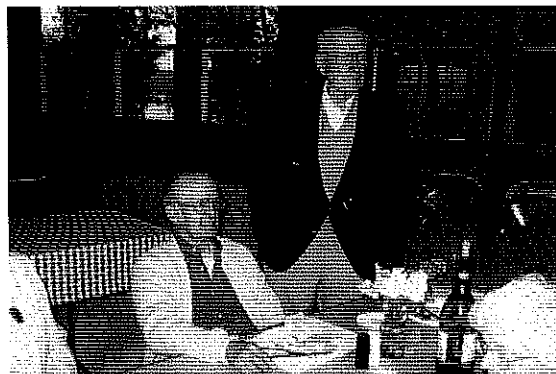
Marsha B: "Mary helped with the kitchen addition, was instrumental in getting the landscaping and irrigation designed and installed, redesigned the upstairs loft and got bathrooms renovated. She has been level headed and analytical when there was a problem or controversy to be confronted. She was an excellent, hands-on, low key commodore and a pleasure to follow. As treasurer, she has kept an eagle eye on all aspects of club finances, and has been determined to develop a long-range budget, which was accomplished this year with Debby's input."

IN APPRECIATION

THANKS to Jane Saxton and Ron and Mary Tonneberger for donating their Sunfish sailboats to the club's aging fleet. These boats are essential to our youth program!



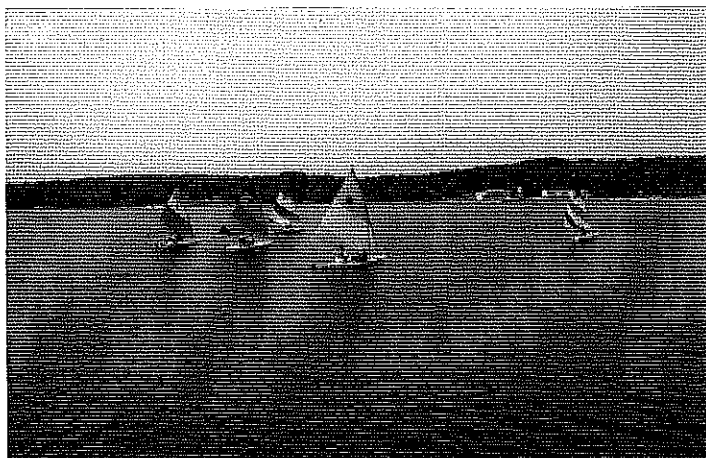
At a Catered Dinner in June, Bob Grabowski reflects on the importance of the 60th anniversary of "D Day". Commenting on their recollections were WWII vets Gil Deibel and Jack Sarvis. Col. Craig Smith looks on.



Congratulations, **Taylor** and **Abbey**. Could this be the first of a number of wins from these Arizona whiz kids?

Bill and **Lin Emmert** came in second place; **Alex** and **Claire Edgley** finished third. Kudos to all those who participated.

During the first race we were visited by a patrolling Sheriff's boat. The officers announced that two of the boats were not licensed. It looked like the officers were going to make an issue of this until Leelanau Commissioner **Mary Tonneberger** appeared on the



In the second race, skipper **Taylor White** and crew **Abbey Bosco** had a picture perfect start and never looked back.

dock. They then seemed more interested in schmoozing with **Mary** and concluded their conversation with instructions to youth program director **Woody Parker** to get all the kids involved in licensing the club boats as a learning experience. They, of course, had incorrectly assumed that all the boats in the race were owned by the OTYC. The folks with the unlicensed boats should thank

Mary "T" for dodging a potential citation and avoiding an appearance in the dreaded Leelanau Police Blotter.

The underlying theme for the **BIG BOAT RACE**, like the Sunfish Regatta, was food. The club hosted a complimentary lunch, which was prepared by **Lisa Newland**. Hot dogs, sloppy joes and salads never tasted so good.



Katherine Edgley and **Sam Faught**

Distinguished
spectators
Annette Deibel
and **Vin Moore**



The Big Boat Race was handicapped and started by "Captain" **Bill Emmert**. Participants included **Bill** and **Nancy Sandt** sailing *Omania*, a 1981 22 foot Tanzer; **George** and **Annette Husted** joined by crew **Alan** and **Gig Read** on *Summer Place*, an 8.1 meter S-2; and *Blammer*, a 22 foot Ensign skippered by **Caroline Turner** with crew **Ace** and **Kathy Turner** along with **Karla Hemmelgaran**.

Omania started first and almost immediately went off course unnecessarily rounding the buoy in front of the Wyler Estate. *Summer Place* was first around the green buoy off Stony Point; but it was wily **Caroline Turner's Blammer** which crossed the finish line at the yacht club first.

Caroline followed up her OTYC win with two second place finishes in the highly competitive Northport Bay Yacht Club races this summer. **Congratulations Caroline!**

We recommend you put the 2005 races on your calendar...they're really "must do" events.



Big Boat Race Winners Kathy and Ace Turner and Skipper **Caroline Turner**

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Future racer....

....Tess Edgley

the most eagerly awaited events at the Club. This year participants and observers ranged in age from five to ninety nine and spanned many generations. But racers weren't the only ones having a good time.

Prior to the start of this year's race, **Tim** and **Brenda White** organized an upbeat pre-race party featuring **Brenda's** nautical decorations, **Tim's** spicy Bloody-Marys and **Peggy's** tasty brunch.

The teams entered this year, as in the past, comprised of a diverse mix of age, gender and experience, included: **Bill Cron-Harriette Bridges**, **Sam Faught-Katherine Edgley**, **Charlie** and grandson **Holton Melville**, **Taylor White-Abbey Bosco**, **Bill** and **Lin Emmert**, **Alan** and **Gig Read** and **Alex** and **Claire Edgley**. **Stu** and **John Mulligan** put their differences aside for another season and agreed to act as the race committee, announcing there would be three races to determine the winner of this year's regatta.

Once again the race shaped up to be a clash of old

age and treachery versus youth and enthusiasm. In fact, at race time the handicappers were posting odds of 3 to 2 that one of the super senior teams would win the regatta.

After the first race, it looked like the handicappers were "right on" as skipper **Bill Emmert** and wife **Lin** were in first place followed closely by **Charlie Melville**.

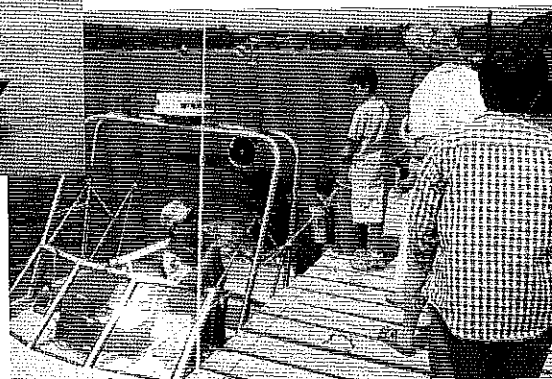
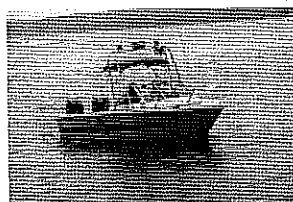


Was this to be the year when one of the "geezers" won the cup or would one of the teams of "diaper dandies" prevail once again?

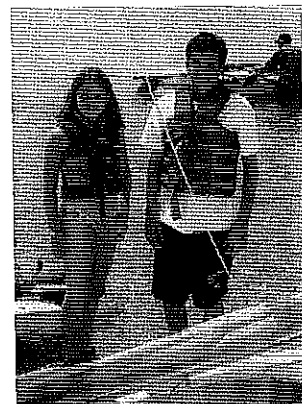
But then the second race began. Twelve year old sailing sensation skipper **Taylor White** and crew **Abbey Bosco** had a picture perfect start and never looked back, winning races two and three and the regatta trophy.



Race Chief
Stu Mulligan



The Sheriff and Mary "T"



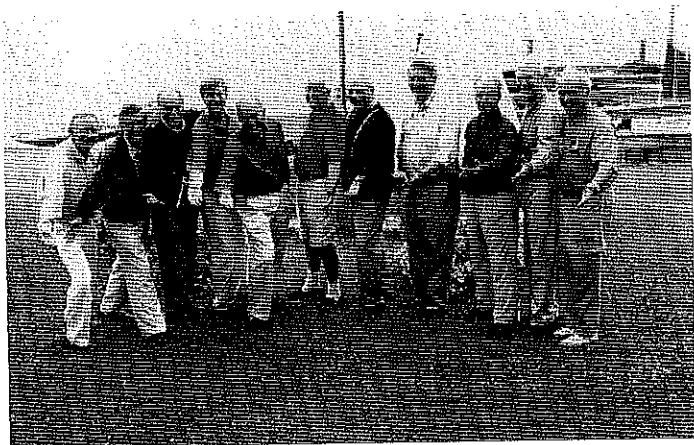
Alex and Claire
Edgley

MUSIC....the heart and

Liz Schleef and
Cathy Stephenson



The Whiffenpoofs assembling...



Class of 1962 Yale
Whiffenpoofs entertain
OTYC at both the 4th
of July picnic and 5th
of July catered dinner.

Chefs and
Meddlers

Jim Scarlett,
Dick Kennedy,
and
Don Kennedy

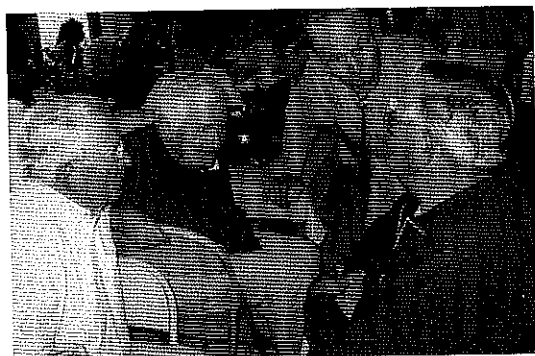
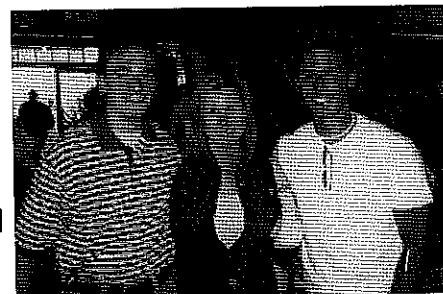


Be Fuertges
and
Nana Kennedy



"A rose between
two thorns?"

Woody Parker,
Layne Brown, and
Jon Narlock



Gil Deibel commenting on the concert or the
Harbor Bar.....listening to Gil's B.S....Dick Kennedy,
Fred Holtz, and Bill Fuertges



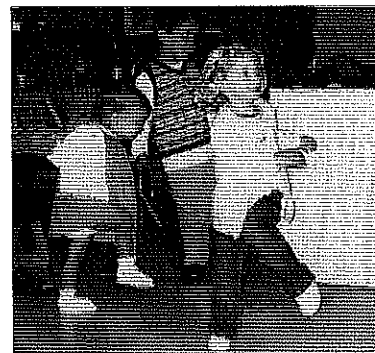
Whiffenpoof Sam Knoll....
"And the magic of his singing casts a spell"

soul of the summer!



Traverse City Celtic Band featuring
Steve Stanton

Peppy Claire Elscott
(right) - granddaughter
of Drew and
Betsy Ehrhardt is
having fun with Emily
and Jack McKenzie -
grand children of
John and Mary Helen
Ray

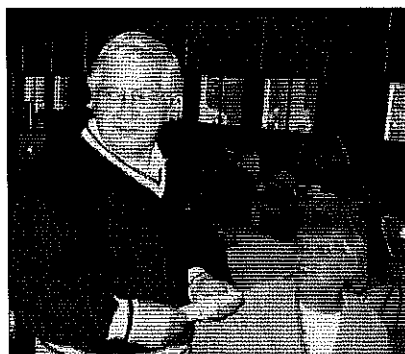


Dancing
Debby
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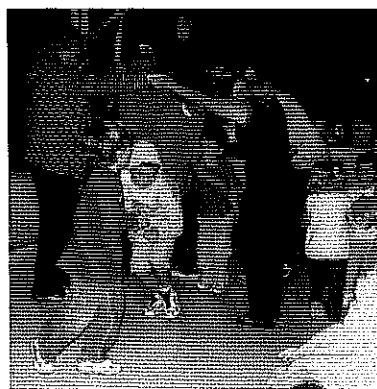
There were two foot-stomping
performances at last summer's pot
luck dinners. The Traverse City
Celtic Band which plays Irish and
Scottish music every Monday night
at the Loading Dock in Traverse
City, and Dave Greer and the Classic
Jazz Stompers who are from
Dayton, Ohio.

The joint was jumpin!

Mike and
Kathy Bosco



Serious stuff between
Mary Woolford and
Scrub Bensley!



Dancers Judy
Smart, Kelly
Scarlett, Mel-
issa Chenault
and friends.



Dave Greer and the Classic Jazz Stompers
featuring guest trombonist Drew Ehrhardt

OMENA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MOVES PUTNAM-CLOUD 'TOWER' HOUSE TO OMENA

In the fall of 2003 a small group of people were alerted to the fact that a part of Omena's history was going to be demolished. A farmhouse built in the mid 1870s by Rinaldo Putnam, sold to the Cloud family of Cincinnati in 1893 for a summer home was given to the Jesuits in 1936 for use as a summer retreat. Over the years the house, known to locals as the 'Tower House', had fallen into disrepair. The Jesuits no longer had a use for it and did not want to maintain the house. The group approached the Omena Historical Society with the idea of taking on the project of saving the structure as a future home for the Omena Historical Society. With the endorsement of the Omena Historical Society, the decision was made to move forward. The Jesuits agreed to donate the house if it was moved from its location at Villa Marquette. They also offered to contribute \$10,500 toward the cost of the move.

After several months of searching for a permanent site for the house, an agreement was finally secured with the Omena Village Preservation Association to lease a portion of their property in the village of Omena. Plans to move the house were finalized and on June 17, 2004 a large

number of people turned out on a rainy day to witness the big event. All was in place; utility companies at their stations, the media with cameras and recorders, and police on standby to escort the 'grand old lady' to her new home. But alas, trouble was brewing at the Villa.

The premier mover in the state arrived for a last check and found a major I-beam had bent. To continue the operation would have been extremely risky. Therefore, everyone was told the move was canceled and would be attempted again on June 24th.

June 24, 2004 dawned with overcast skies but no rain. Again the village was filled with spectators, utility companies, etc. and this time the crowd was treated to the exciting spectacle of flashing red lights followed by a huge truck with the house perched on top of a mammoth trailer. It was skillfully backed into a portion of land that looked like it would never accommodate the size of the structure. Much to the amazement of everyone, within a short time, the house was moved into its permanent place. Not only did it fit but also it complimented the other buildings in the village.

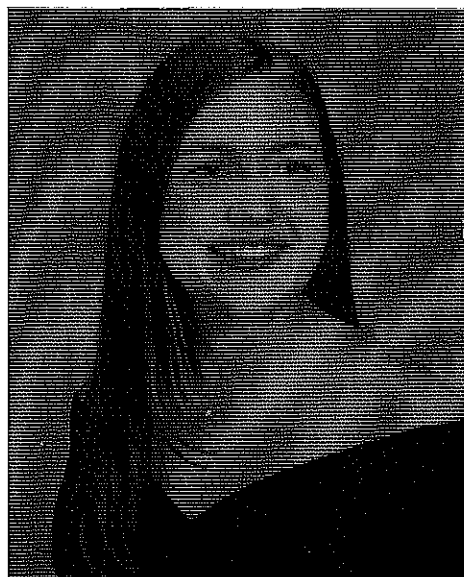
Work on restoring the house began immediately and continued throughout the summer with a foundation, new roof, exterior repairs and new coat of paint. The new home of the Omena Historical Society is now ready for winter, and next spring work on the interior will begin. The success of the project to this point is a tribute to the many people who put countless hours as well as financial contributions into saving an historic part of Omena. A comment heard continually is, "the house fits so well and it looks like it has been there forever."



Marsha Buehler, David Viskochil, Joey Bensley, the talented building mover, Sally Viskochil, and Mary Stanton

By Joey Bensley, President, Omena Historical Society

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



ANDREA GELAKOSKI

Andrea Gelakoski was, as she put it, "born into Omena." She is the daughter of **Bob Gelakoski** and **Alice Carey**, and her brother is **Brian Gelakoski**.

She was raised in Tampa, Florida and spent most of her summers visiting her family cottage on Omena Bay. She attended the University of Florida and was a member of Chi Omega sorority. In May 2002 she graduated with a degree in Business Administration and moved to Jacksonville to take a job with Merrill Lynch. It was there where she met her fiancé, **David Compton**, a Jacksonville native.

After two years in the business world she decided to make a career change to teaching. Since there is a need in Florida for teachers, she was able to easily get a job. She teaches Pre-Kindergarten for students with special needs at Alimacani Elementary School. She loves her work, and is in the process of earning her permanent teaching certificate.

She and **David** will be married on December 11, and they plan to stay in Jacksonville where she will continue her teaching and **David** will continue working for Merrill Lynch.

Andrea reflected on what Omena means to her—"I love the peacefulness that Omena brings. The friendships that I have formed over the years are very important to me. I look forward to keeping existing relationships as well as forming new friendships. My

home in Omena is the most constant home that I have known over the years and I consider Omena my home sweet home. I am eager to introduce **David** to Omena; I know that he will love it as well."

LOOKING BACK IN THE BREEZE.....

.....10, 25, and 50 years.

1994 – At one of the potluck dinners, **Kathy Bosco** reflected on her recent Medical Missionary trip to Kenya. Also, the big news in the **Ehrhardt-Lyon** family was the wedding of **Libby Ehrhardt** to **Mike Mustaine**.

1979 – Ten sunfish boats along with crews all 18 years and older raced at Midnight with the help of a moon and flashlights. All went well until a gale hit. First place **Linda Cherne**; **Mark Bosco**, second; **Austin Jones** third but he really stole the limelight (moonlight) with his pajama-like attire.

1954 – College Chatter....finding the *Kollege Kids* a little bewildered and starry-eyed....**Rat** likes DePauw.....**Margy Lyon** pledged Chi Omega and **Mary Helen** pledged Kappa Alpha Theta **Holly Renz** was having a great time in Havana, Cuba and **Margy Lyon** was planning to fly home for Thanksgiving.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

.....HELEN JONES

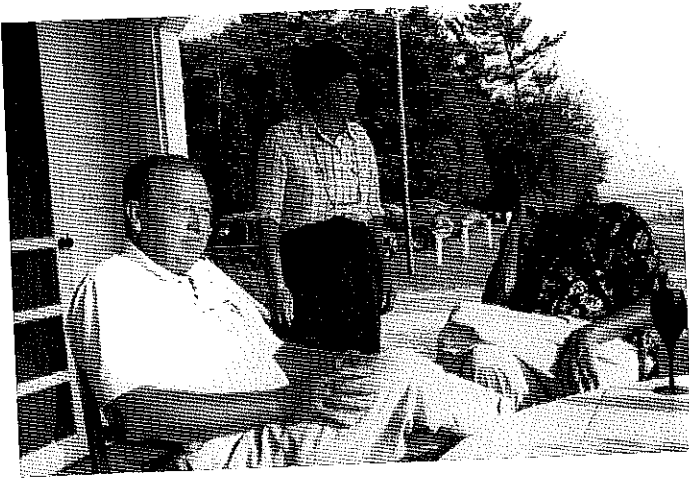


Helen with daughter Suzie Mulligan

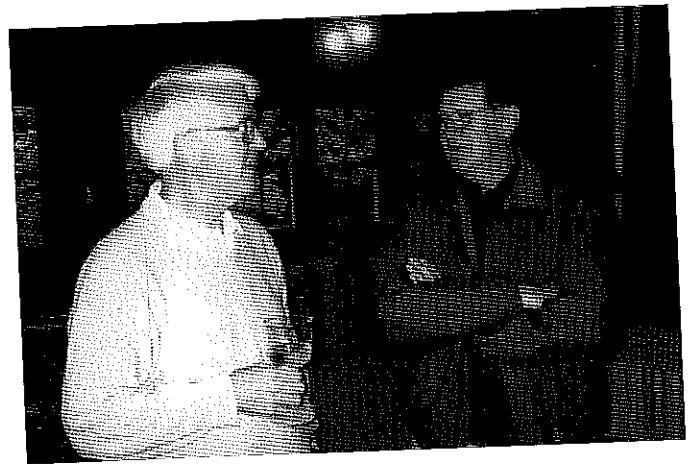
100 YEARS YOUNG

A celebration on January 24, 2005 for **Helen Jones'** 100th birthday is being planned. You can join in the party by sending a birthday card to this remarkable, sweet, 'young lady': **Helen Jones**, 1925 Kauai Court, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

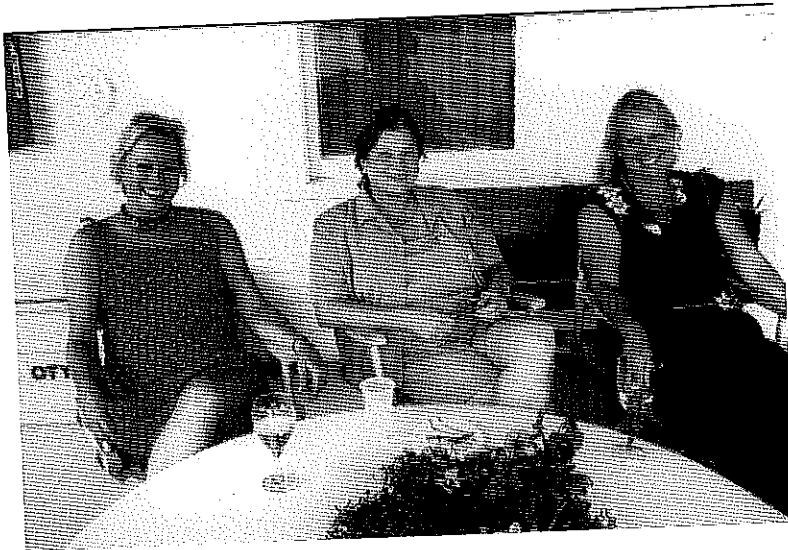
It was a fun summer
. . . . for both old and young.



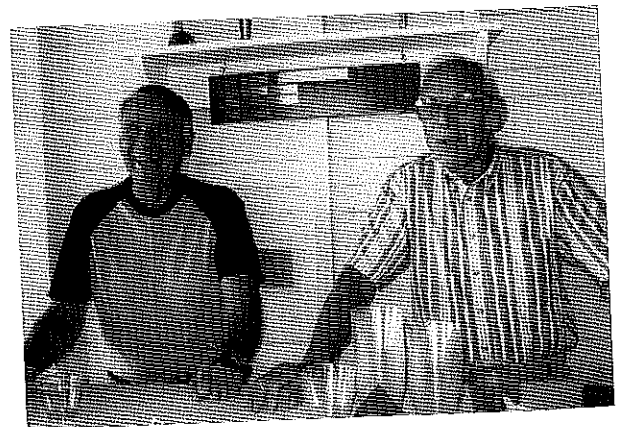
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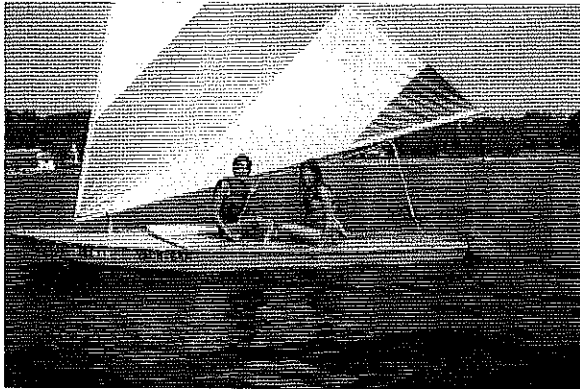
Sam Knoll and Joe Pope



Triple Trouble Judy Smart, Melissa Chenault, and Mary Loveless



Mixologists Bob Gelakoski and Guenther Mueller



My, my how quickly they grow up.....(left to right) Shep Walker, George Walker, Matt Lehr, Woody Parker, Catherine Buchholz, Diana Drinan, Liz Morrow, Jessie Zevalkink, Jon Narlock, Aric Browning, Chelsea Mason, Billy Buchholz

OMENA TELL TALES

In August, **Jack** and **Bercie Frohman** interrupted their summer stay in Omena to travel back to Cincinnati to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Legendary piano player, **Ted Des Plantes**, provided the music. Incidentally, **Ted** played with the Classic Jazz Stompers earlier in the month at the OTYC. Congratulations **Jack** and **Bercie**.

Caroline Oberndorf refused to pose for a picture because "I don't even exist." In June, **Caroline** was driving south on M-22 when a Leelanau County Sheriff's deputy began following. As she entered Suttons Bay, the two officers pulled her over. A female officer approached her – the male officer stood on the other side with his hand on his pistol. After a long delay and some checking, the officer stated: "According to our records, your car is not registered." **Caroline** showed her the Ohio registration. Fifteen minutes later, the officer said: "You can go now." **Caroline**: "Will I have any further problems with my registration?" Officer: "Don't worry, according to our records, you don't even exist!"



Caroline was so scared by all of this she forgot to ask why she was pulled over in the first place.

John and **Mary Helen Ray** "had a wonderful time in Nova Scotia and would highly recommend it. If you go, be sure to include Cape Breton Island just north of Nova Scotia in your itinerary."

The Reads: "We started the summer with a fun family celebration. Son **Nathan** was married to **Sarah Wynn** on May 30 in Sonoma County. The BR Cohn



Nate and Sarah Read
May 30, 2004

Winery, perfect weather, good friends, and family, and a glowing couple made for a happy occasion. Soon after a honeymoon in the Seychelles, **Nate** was sent to Hong Kong for 6 weeks, and, **Sarah**, went to work with AIDS patients in South Africa. We love **Sarah**, and **Gig** especially, is happy to have another woman in the family. And yes, **Sarah** is fond of Omena!"

The **Reads** have plans to meet the **Husteds** at Smith Mountain Lake, VA in early November as **George** and **Annette** head south and they hope to be in Omena for the February cross country ski party.

Mary Tonneberger, **Karen Edgley**, and **Nana Kennedy** spent a week in Paris visiting museums, expensive shops, exclusive restaurants and much moredetails of which cannot be printed. At the same time, **Ron Tonneberger** traveled to Salt Lake City to help **Roger** with the **Edgley** children. According to **Ron**, "it was an easy choice. I hate shopping and visiting museums!"

Joe and **Cate Varley** were in Leelanau County for two weeks this summer staying at a cottage on Lake Michigan and collecting many boxes of stuff son **John** had accumulated while attending Michigan State University where he graduated in May. It was great fun playing tennis with **Joe** and we are looking forward to seeing the **Varleys** next summer.

TATTLE TALES

BROKEN BONES this summer, **Alan Read** broke a toe water skiing; **Dale Blount** broke an ankle after falling from a ladder gathering items for the Omena Historical Society rummage sale; **Sam Knoll** broke a rib while getting in Anelare's dinghy; and **Bob Lewis** broke his nose from a fall off his bicycle. Fortunately, no broken hearts were reported. By the way, **Dale** was able to limp to Stratford, Canada where he led a group of Omena folks to the annual Shakespeare festival.



Congratulations to master gardener **Annette Husted** whose gorgeous yard was featured on the Northport Women's Society's garden tour last summer.

A few years ago, Michael "B" Biskupski was the only white person in "Buck White", a humorous production performed in South Chicago. Perhaps some did not think it was humorous since he needed bodyguards for protection both going to and from the theater and during the production. For more information on this very "interesting" experience, ask "Bozo" next time you see him.

In the fall, Bill and Mary Loveless (known in Memphis as the "Love Dogs") celebrated their 50th birthdays jointly at a lively party. They hired the wonderful Up North band featuring our Postmaster, Mark Frank.

Harbor Bar..... on October, 2nd, there was another auction of the Harbor Bar and adjacent 4.27 acres. The auction attracted a large audience.....mostly onlookers. In the final bidding for both parcels, David Viskochil (armed with his attorney, Tom Oehmke) bid \$607,000. This was followed by a second and final bid from Phil from Lansing of \$625,000. Both bids were rejected. The property remains in the ownership of the Kosters and the future of the site is still up in the air.

She was the youngest of seven children. Her older siblings born two years apart were girls. Five years passed before the seventh and last child was born. Everyone was sure this child would be a boy. So it was a surprise when cute Jeannette was born. But the family got the last laugh when they nicknamed her Jonnie at birth. Now you know the "rest of the story" about Jonnie Rule Hodgson.

IN MEMORIAM

JANE MELVILLE

January 23, 1912 – September 5, 2004

Jane ("Perky") Melville died September 5, 2004 after a short illness. She was 92.

Born January 23, 1912 in Elkins, West Virginia, Jane and her family moved to Wyoming, Ohio when she was an infant. She graduated from Wyoming High School in 1929 and attended the University of Cincinnati where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

For 62 years she was married to John W. Melville, a patent attorney who predeceased her. In Wyoming they raised their family of four children; Charles Hartley, David Hughes, Mary Marguerite, and John Akin who survive her. She is also survived by ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Jane was very artistic and creative and an avid knitter. She also made and decorated hollow eggs for Christmas and Easter, and had trees for both seasons. Her daughter Mary recalls eating a lot of eggs. Her eggs and her hand made sweaters are beautiful treasures her family will enjoy forever.

Charlie Melville wrote: "Mother and Dad bought the Omena cottage in the middle seventies, after searching for a summer place for more than six years. Their search took them all over northern Michigan until they finally rented the Fischer cottage, and decided this was it. The English cottage came on the market at the end of the summer, and that was it.

'Perky' particularly loved the month of September in Omena, and spent that month in the cottage as long as she was able."

Jane had been a member of OTYC for over 30 years. Son John Melville wrote to the *Breeze*: "Mother got to Heaven in time to join her late husband John in the celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary on September 8."

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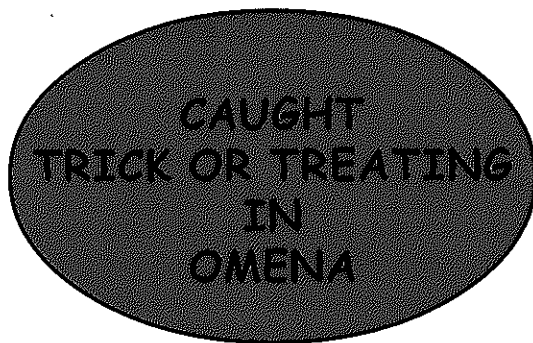
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(For names of "trick or treaters" please see page 15)