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**Bruce Balas and Tom Buehler.....  
.....celebrating the start of the 2004 season.**



**Everyone is invited to this year's party.....**

.....for details, please see page 12

**The Omena-Traverse  
Yacht Club Breeze**

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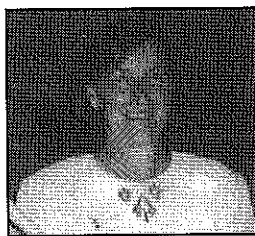
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*The Breeze..... All the news that fits we print.*



Spring at last.....

.....can summer be far behind?

It sounds like OTYC members across the country have experienced unusual weather this past winter. Omena was no exception, as we are just getting our first taste of spring as March ends. Hopefully, we will not repeat the long, cold spring of 2004, and the lake will begin to warm up for everyone's return.

We have several big changes ahead of us in the coming year that I would like to highlight. Bill and Judy Knorp are stepping down as editors of the Breeze. Bill is stepping up to Commodore—and knowing Judy, she will be stepping in right along with him. Bill and Judy deserve a huge commendation for continuing and enhancing, in their style, the tradition of the Breeze. What many of you would not know is that Bill has really worn three hats for the OTYC this past six months. In addition to the Breeze, the Club's insurance had to be changed and updated, a feat requiring great effort, perseverance and knowledge. As Vice Commodore, Bill has stepped in and taken on roles and tasks for which I am very grateful. The club will be getting a great Commodore this August! Dennis and Kathy Turner have agreed to take over the Breeze, and I know they will do a wonderful job.

After an estimated 15 years, Barb Harris has asked (or was it begged?) to be able to retire from her role as Membership Committee Chair, where she really was Membership, from records to policies to being the 'front door' of the Club for new members. We thank Barb for the wonderful job that she has done over these years in this position. True to her commitment, she will stay involved as she trains and supports Kanda McKee, who has/ agreed to take over this role.

Another long-time committee chair who has asked to transition out is Marsha Buehler as Youth Program Chair. Over the years, Marsha has strengthened the program in many ways—programming, participation, and involving and developing future instructors, to name a few. She has graciously agreed to get things in order for the season, so it's ready for new leadership to step in.

As we head into the 2005 summer season, the Board and I have a request of everyone. We need your involvement! We have many roles to be filled—from helping with various Social events to participating on Building and Grounds upkeep to coordinating or working with the Youth program that I mentioned above. It can be fun and rewarding work, and we look forward to your participation.

See you soon!

*Debby*

**IN PURSUIT OF TRIVIA** ..... Where is the *House by the Side of the Road* and what was its original purpose?

**NICKNAMIA**..... who was named after a mosquito?

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

### CLUB NEWS

Our new social chairman, **Melissa Chenault**, wrote: "Summer is just around the corner and we will have another wonderful social season. I can only hope I can live up to the excellent job **Judy Smart** did as social chairman for two years. This summer be sure and give **Judy** a big thank you when you see her for the wonderful two seasons. Every time I take on an OTYC volunteer position I am deeply appreciative of those who have gone before me."

**EARLY EVENTS** will start on the Memorial Weekend. **Nana Kennedy** and **Mary Tonneberger** will welcome you to the Memorial Cocktail party on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share.

**OPENING DINNER SATURDAY, JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>**. Kudos to new member **Brenda Mason** for chairing this event featuring **Peggy's** Rosemary Lemon Chicken. Check out the flyer and be sure to mail in your reservations before June 18<sup>th</sup>. This dinner will be limited to 160 people and if sold out will be on a "first in" basis.

**FOURTH OF JULY BARBECUE** will be hosted by **Bob** and **Trudy Lewis**. No sign ups required and the club will provide grills and set ups. Picnic between 5 and 7 o'clock. You will have plenty of time to see the fireworks in Northport.

**MUSICAL EVENTS**..... There should be three fun music nights including talented Interlochen Students, Dave Greer and his outstanding Classic Jazz Stompers plus the very popular Traverse City Celtic Band featuring Steve Stanton.

Of course there will be eight potluck dinners, five catered dinners, a ladies' luncheon, sail boat races, mixed doubles Tennis Tournament, Thursday Toddy Times, Commodores' Reception, Labor Day Picnic and much more.

**CATERED DINNERS** and **TTTT** ..... Catered Dinners this summer will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and September 19<sup>th</sup>, under the able direction of **Fred** and **Marsha Holtz**. Also this summer, it will be **Thursday** (only) Toddy Time for those who would like to sit on the OTYC deck, have a couple of toddies and watch the sun set.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Chairman **John Smart**

### 2005 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Breeze	Bill-Judy Knorp; Ace-Kathy Turner
House/Grounds	Bruce Balas + someone to be named later
Nominating	John Smart
Membership	Kanda McKee
Program	Jonnie Hodgson
Sailing	Stu Mulligan
Social	Melissa Chenault
Catered Dinners	Fred-Marsha Holtz
Extended Season	Charlotte Read; Marcia Biskupski
Potluck Dinners	Mary Loveless-Be Fuertges
Thursday Toddy Time	Bob Gelakoski
Waterfront	Tom Buehler
Youth	Marsha Buehler

along with **George Husted** and **Marcia Biskupski** have nominated the following for your Board of Directors: **Judy Balas**, **Dave Pohlod** and **Tish Renz**. The elections will be held at the annual meeting in July.

### BARB HARRIS and LARRY BENSLEY RETIRE

**BARB HARRIS** became chairman of the Membership Committee in 1990. In this capacity, she responds to all inquiries about the club and processes all applications for membership. That is just the beginning. She updates and keeps track of all changes of addresses, membership status and manages the data which is used for the club's mailing labels.

In the words of **Marsha Buehler**, "**Barb** has always been very conscientious about welcoming new members, inviting them to potlucks, sending them club information and policies. She also does a bit of gentle membership recruiting of frequent visitors, guests and family members....and she has done this for a longgggg time!"

**Ed Oberndorf** reflected: "**Barb Harris** is a most gracious, charming, caring and thoughtful lady. Without fanfare, she has built and solidified the membership fabric of both the OTYC and the Omena Historical Society. We lovingly refer to her as 'Madame Dependable' and that is an understatement."



Barb Harris  
with  
granddaughter  
Sara Harris

With regard to the Breeze, we have appreciated her responsiveness to our needs and questions. She has been a pleasure to work with.

**LARRY BENSLEY**.....In August 1997, Commodore **Carolyn Marbach** identified the need for the club to have long term planning for future facility needs. **Carolyn** created the Preservation and Safety Committee and appointed **Ole Kiersey, Gary Silverman, Larry Bensley** and chairman **Dan Schleef** as members. The intent of the plan was to collect information regarding the needs and interests of the membership so a long range plan for preservation and safety could be developed. In 2001, **Larry** was appointed chairman of this committee.

The Preservation and Safety Committee identified five categories which best represented the OTYC property and its use. These categories were waterfront, building and grounds, kitchen, playground and youth program. During the summer of 1998, focus groups met to identify present and anticipated needs over ten years. The issues were then converted into a five page questionnaire which was sent to 210 members. Fifty-four percent of the questionnaires were returned.

As a result of the survey and because of very supportive commodores, Boards of Directors and the general membership, a very large percentage of the recommended projects have been completed. The major ones include, landscaping and installation of a sprinkler system, remodeling and expanding the kitchen, adding a toilet in the ladies' room, expanding and resurfacing the tennis court, and new playground equipment. In addition, there were thirty-three other improvements made to the OTYC facilities.

Because their objectives have largely been completed, the Board of Directors decided it was time to retire the committee. Thanks to **Larry** and the people who worked on this project for the past eight years. Well done!

### THE PEN PASSES TO THE NEW BREEZE EDITORS

This is our last edition of the Breeze. **Ace** and **Kathy Turner** will take over with the December Breeze. We thank all of you who have responded to our many requests and especially to **Dave Pohlod** for his creative and clever editing of many of the articles.

Being editor of the Breeze has enabled us to visit members in their historic homes. .... **Mary Smith, Debby Disch, Jeanne Hines, Mary Woolford, and Ed and Caroline Oberndorf.**

Larry Bensley  
driving his  
1928 Model A  
*Geraldine*



Last summer, I had a chance to sit down with **Bill** and **Marilyn Graf**. **Bill** smiled when he remembered that Commodore **Bob Morse (Jane Saxton's father)** "conned" him into painting the floor of the yacht club with not one but two coats of paint in order to get a long lasting finish.

**Bill** and **Marilyn** talked about a number of items including a history lesson about the house on the "wrong side of the road" located in Ingalls Bay. This home is now owned by **Don and Betts Chisholm** and has been known for years as the *House by the Side of the Road*. The structure was built around 1915 by families who lived in Kansas City and who owned cottages on the water. The building included a kitchen and dining room and every night a dinner was prepared by a professional cook. When dinner was ready, a bell was rung and the participating families gathered for their evening meal.

Meeting with OTYC members in their cottages and having conversations such as this has been priceless!

**Ace** and **Kathy** visited us in January, and this photo was taken in front of San Francisco's prestigious St. Francis Yacht Club. You too will be afforded full privileges there if you present an OTYC card. We informed the host that if any member of the St. Francis Yacht Club visited Omena, we would allow them to buy a "set up" for two bits!

We know the **Turners** will do a terrific job and have fun doing it. We are looking forward to reading the December edition of the Breeze.



Kathy & Ace Turner and Judy & Bill Knorp  
At the St. Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco



Summer of 2004  
Ladies Luncheon



Judy Smart and Be  
Fuertges

FEATURING  
Theme Hats  
Wonderful Box Lunches  
Tasty Wine  
Hosted by Mary Loveless



Debby Disch



Chairman Mary Loveless and Tish Renz



"Queen of Hats"  
Mary Woolford



Melissa Chenault



Melissa Chenault, Mary Helen Ray, Kathy  
Bosco, and Liz Schleef



Helen Jones and  
Annette Diebel

# The Secrets of OTYC's Mona Lisa

I like messing around in kitchens and solving mysteries. So not surprisingly, recently I found myself standing in the Yacht Club kitchen admiring the colorful and spirited painting of the charwoman with her mop. I wondered where she came from and what kind of story she had to tell.

My musing was suddenly interrupted by an obvious non-appreciator of the arts .... "I hate this painting – in fact I hate it so much I moved it to the men's room!" a voice from behind me growled. Part of the mystery was solved. I now knew where the painting had spent part of its life. ...., but I needed to know more, much more.

In the process of unraveling the story, I was to discover a critically acclaimed artist with ties to Omena and the **Knorp's** family room in Auburn, California. More on that later.

I brushed the "art critic" aside and on a whim turned the painting around. On the back I found the statement "donated to the OTYC in 1980. **W. Little**, artist". Further research indicated that the painting was probably donated to the club by **Emily Nash Smith** for a fund raiser and that **W. Little** was one of her students.

More research revealed that **Emily Nash Smith** graduated from Indiana State Normal in 1916. She eventually started spending her summers at her farm on Overlook Road, Omena where she collected and sold antiques, had a tea and sandwich business and painted. **Jonnie Hodgson** fondly recalls having tea and sandwiches at the *Overlook Farm*. "We would dress to the nines. The food was served on the best china. It was wonderful."

**Jonnie** also commented that at this time Emily Nash Smith was known in Omena as **Mrs. Antique Smith** while **Helen Smith**, **Debby Disch's** grandmother, had the nickname of **Mrs. Orchard Smith**. While she may have dabbled in tea and antiques, **Emily Nash Smith** soon was to gain national recognition as an artist.

For example, she is listed in the Who's Who of American Artists and had a one-person show at the Mouffe Gallery, Paris, France in 1975. Her paintings have hung in the Spanish



Embassy, Washington DC, Ford Motor Company Headquarters, Michigan Bell Headquarters and Michigan State University. During the time she resided in Florida, **Emily** taught at the Institute of Fine Art and owned an art gallery.

A New York art critic once wrote: "She has a great gift in the use of color and her work shows immense feeling and sensitivity. Her quest for an elusive and indefinable thing appears to have come close to a stunning success."

Starting in 1952, **Emily Nash Smith** taught art classes from nine until noon at her home on Overlook Road. People of all ages ....men, women, boys and girls took her classes

One of the students was **Marty Feely (Bills)** who was a very young girl spending summers in Omena with

her grandmother, **Martha Feely**. **Marty** loved her art lessons at the *Overlook Farm* and subsequently became an accomplished artist.

It wasn't until many years after her lessons that **Marty** learned **Emily Nash Smith** had told her grandmother that she "had no talent and should quit her art lessons now!" However, **Marty** indeed proved her wrong.

Getting back to the painting hanging in the kitchen, we have not uncovered any information about its artist other than the name **W. Little**. Nor do we have any information about the subject in the picture other than it might have been **Frances Seblacek** who worked in the OTYC kitchen.

Here are a few comments from some of our members about the painting: **Rat Renz**: "That is one of my very favorite pictures!"; **Kathy Bosco**: "I love it and it is in the right place. The kitchen is where all the work takes place!" **Melissa Chenault**: "She has found joy in what she is doing."

In a prior Breeze article, **Peggy Donaghy** commented on the painting: "The expression on this lady's face reminds me of **Mary Woolford** and her enthusiasm for life. I'd love to be like her. I'd put on some **Eric Clapton** music and just dance around the kitchen."

We conclude that **W. Little** could have been one of **Emily Nash Smith's** older and better students because the painting reflects her use of colors and style.

A large painting by **Emily Nash Smith** was given to the **Knorps** by **Judy's** parents. It is of a cherry orchard in full bloom and named *A Promise of Plenty*. This painting hangs in their family room in Auburn, CA and has been a constant reminder of the beauty of Omena.

If you are interested in seeing some of **Emily Nash Smith** works which are for sale, give her grandson, **Tom Van Pelt** a call at 386-5234.

The next time you are in the kitchen, take a moment to look at the dancing lady with the wistful smile. We hope you will feel the joy and happiness exuding from this painting and not want to return it to the men's restroom. By the way, there is a prize if you can guess the name of the critic.

## FORE!

Looking for another excuse to play golf? Well we're looking for players...men, women, couples. Specific plans are in the formative stage and specifics will depend on the level of interest expressed and the input of potential participants. But there are some givens; play will begin in June on alternate Sunday afternoons and involve 9 holes of golf at Bahle's Leelanau Club followed by some chow. Depending on the make up of the participant group, we could use a scramble format, at least part of the time.

Interested.....contact Dave Pohlod 231-386 9858  
or dmpohlod@traverse.net.

## FROM MANTLE PIECE TO RACER

Captain **Gil Deibel** proclaimed that this years remote controlled sail boat races will be held on July 9 and August 13<sup>th</sup> – both races at ten o'clock.

The remote race madness started about eight years ago when **John Harris** agreed to convert **Gil's** model sailboat which was resting on his fireplace mantle into a remote controlled race boat. With **Gil's** challenge: "I can beat anyone"...the races started a year later.

There are strict rules. The first race of the season is just for practice. The results of the second race exclusively determine the winner of the *Omena Cup* ..... a 12 pack of Coors.

Last year's winner, **Stu Mulligan** said: "It was fun winning, but those bums drank all the beer five minutes after the award's ceremony and left none for me!"



## 2004 YOUTH PROGRAM

**T**he youth program this year was a raging success! We sailed through it like a breeze. The Youth Program was a smash with our "yachts of fun" instructors: **Woody Parker, Chelsea Mason, Andy Bradford, Diana Drinan, Clark Gulsby, Jeff Bailey, Billy Buchholz and Alex Edgley.**

Attendance of campers varied from three cuties to thirty wet-'n-wild campers! Tennis skills steadily improved throughout the Summer Program thanks to **Chelsea Mason (aka Chuckles), Andy Bradford (aka Elvis Pretzel), Alex Edgley (aka Al) and Billy Buchholz (aka Squishy).**

Our "tacful" sailing program was "sun-fish-ilicious" due to the expertise of sailing masters: **Woody Parker, Diana Drinan, Clark Gulsby and Jeff Bailey.**

Other activities included swimming off the dock, egg tosses, greased watermelon games, capture the flag competitions, award presentations, and our terrific Thursday outings including a visit to the



2005 Staff - Diana Drinan, Jeff Bailey, Andy Bradford, Chelsea Mason, Clark Gulsby, Woody Parker, and Harriette Bridges

sleeping Bear Dunes, tubing, and beach fun!

Youth program T-shirts are hot and still for sale. Please contact **Marsha Buehler.**

The instructors and campers had "Yachts and Yachts of fun"!! See you all next summer!

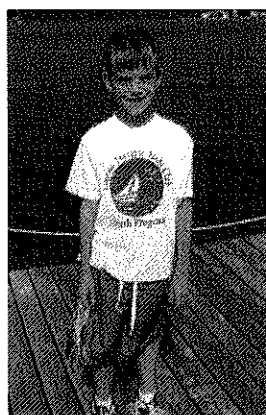
Resplashfully....Directors **Chelsea and Woody**

These watchful instructors overheard the following comments from some of the campers:



**Kyle Bailey.....** On his second day ever to sail, "I can sail a boat without an instructor. I sailed yesterday."

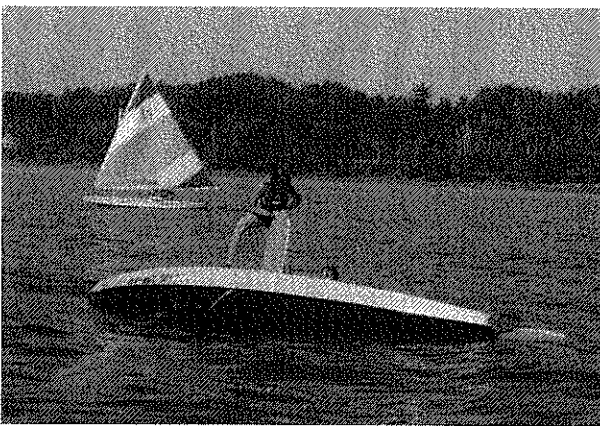
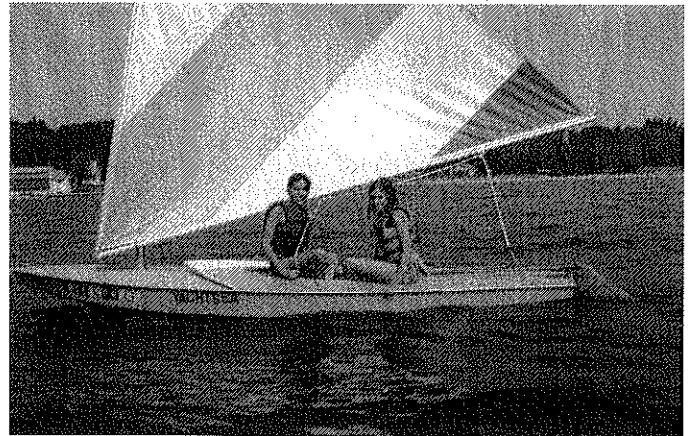
**Experienced sailor Nina Lingaur.....** After watching sister Shelby capsize, "Nope.....don't want to go sailing today!"



**David Oberndorf .....** innocently sitting on a rock when Chelsea walked by, "Honest Chelsea, we are not doing anything bad."

**John Melville,** just before sailing in a brisk wind, "goodby sailboat.... hello freaking death!"



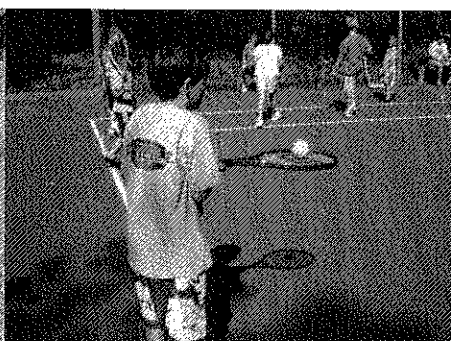


With the departure of Chelsea Mason and Woody Parker, the staff will have some new faces this year. Andy Bradford, who has been an instructor for the past two years, will be the Youth Director. Andy is a sailor, and a varsity tennis player. Clark Gulsby will be returning and will be joined by Phil and Chris Smith who have very strong credentials. From a safety standpoint, Andy, Clark, Phil and Chris are certified lifeguards. Junior instructors Alex Edgley, Shelby Lingaur, and Jeff Bailey have committed and we expect to hear from others.



The program will start on June 27<sup>th</sup> and runs through August 5<sup>th</sup>. Time: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Cost is \$70 per week for members and members' families; \$90 for non members.

To date, there has not been a Youth Coordinator named. If you have children or grandchildren who will be participating in his fine program, now is the time to volunteer.....please call Debby Disch and let her know you can help.



The following financial reports were prepared by David Faught, CPA and reviewed by club Treasurer Judy Balas.

**Omena Traverse Yacht Club  
Statement of Changes in Net Assets  
For Year Ended December 31, 2004**

**UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

Receipts

Memberships

Associate Single	\$ 180	
Family	24,720	
Guest Family	1,440	
Junior	870	
Adult Single	3,720	30,930

Programs

Youth Program	4,215	
Social	4,334	8,549

Initiation Fees

Regular	1,000	1,000
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Publications

Breeze Subscription	2,100	
Breeze Advertising	135	2,235

Facility Rental

Dock Rental	1,400	
Mooring Rental	400	
Club Rental	2,355	4,155

Interest Income

		56
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Other

		194
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Total Unrestricted Receipts		47,120
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Disbursements

Building & Grounds

Building Maintenance	4,449	
Grounds Maintenance	2,815	
Insurance	7,412	
Utilities	796	
Property Taxes	8,898	24,370

Program Expense

Youth Program	7,543	
Social	5,069	12,612

Publications

		1,725
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Administrative

		2,940
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Merchandise

		300
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		41,947
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Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets		5,173
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General Fund Net Assets at Beginning of Year		13,152
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General Fund Net Assets at End of Year	\$	18,325
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**Omena Traverse Yacht Club  
Statement of Financial Position  
For Year Ended December 31, 2004**

**ASSETS**

Checking: Fifth Third	\$ 11,291
Investment: Fifth Third CD (incl. Accrued Interest)	5,056
Accounts Receivable	<u>175</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>16,522</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 16,522</u></b>

**LIABILITIES**

Payroll Tax Liabilities	<u>\$ 63</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>63</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>63</b>

**NET ASSETS**

Building Preservation Fund	\$ (1,866)
General Fund	<u>18,325</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>16,459</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<b><u>\$ 16,522</u></b>

**OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Net Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 5,173
Adjustment to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
(Increase) Decrease in Current Assets	
Accounts Receivables	<u>\$ 739</u>
	739
Increase (Decrease) in Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	<u>\$ (1,309)</u>
	(1,309)
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	4,603

**INVESTING ACTIVITIES****FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,603
Cash and Cash Equivalents as of Beginning of Year	<u>11,744</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents as of End of Year	<b><u>\$ 16,347</u></b>

# Last year's June Work Fest.....



2004 Heroes ..... (Left to right) Mary Tonneberger, Judy Pohlod, Gig Read, Alan Read, Stu Mulligan, Judy Balas, Judy Knorp, Tom Buehler, Bruce Balas, and Dave Pohlod.

It's that time again..... time to open the Yacht Club and make it back into our summertime social center. We're looking for volunteers to have a fun filled day cutting the grass, planting flowers, preparing the tennis court, launching the dock and other healthy, physical activities, guaranteed to pull you out of your Winter doldrums.

The fun begins at 10 am and runs to 12 when we break for lunch. Lunch and drinks are provided.

If we have a good number of helpers turn out, most of the work will be done soon after lunch, so come out and give us a hand. Circle the date on your calendar right now... Saturday June 11. June 12 is rain day.

It helps if we know in advance how many people are coming. Send a confirming e-mail to [jbbalas710@earthlink.net](mailto:jbbalas710@earthlink.net).

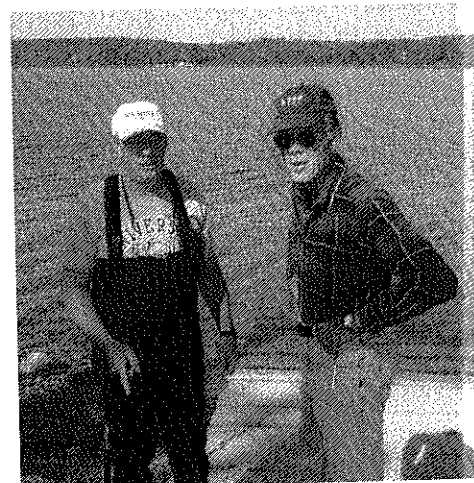
Be there or be square.....bruce.

Captain Tom Buehler

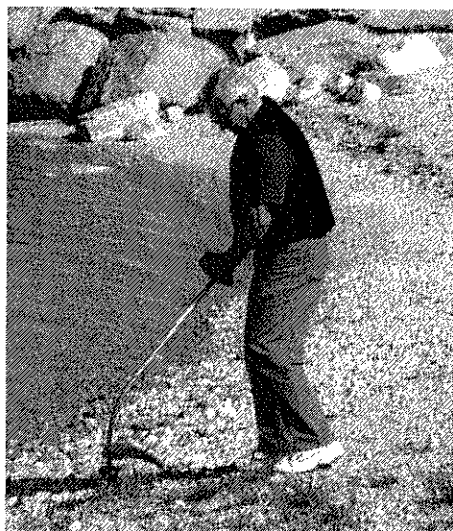
and

Admiral Alan Read

Guess who's all wet?



How many boys does it take to start an engine?



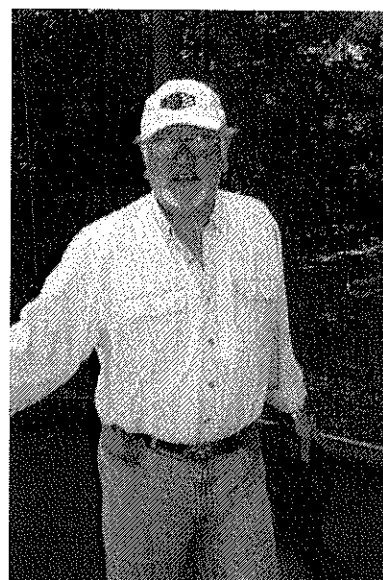
**Stu Mulligan** ..... "Hey, this is as much fun as playing golf!"



"I'm in 7th Heaven weedin them weeds." ..... **Mary Tonneberger**



**Gig Read** ..... "I'm on my knees at home most of the time but it is more fun at the club."



**Dave Pohlod**..... "This was much better than watching the Michigan-Ohio State game!!!!"



**Judy Pohlod and Judy Balas**.... "Are the flowers or the girls going to pot?"

### *THIS YEAR'S BASH*

When: June 11th

Where: OTYC Clubhouse

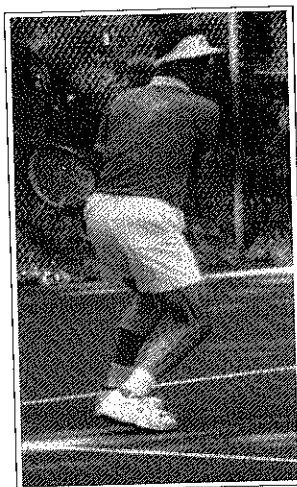
Time: 10:00

Free Lunch

Reservations call Bruce Balas

## 2004 Hodgson Cup Tennis Tournament

This year's Hodgson was under the direction of **George Husted** who continued **Jack Bishop's** rope-a-dope tradition of changing partners in the middle of the tournament.

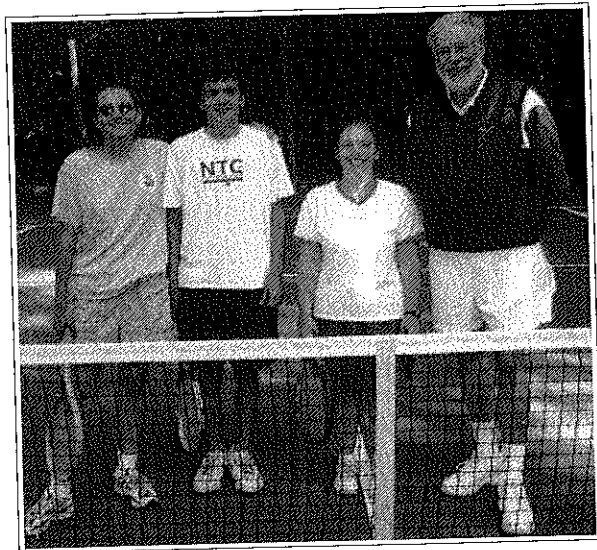


Drew Ehrhardt

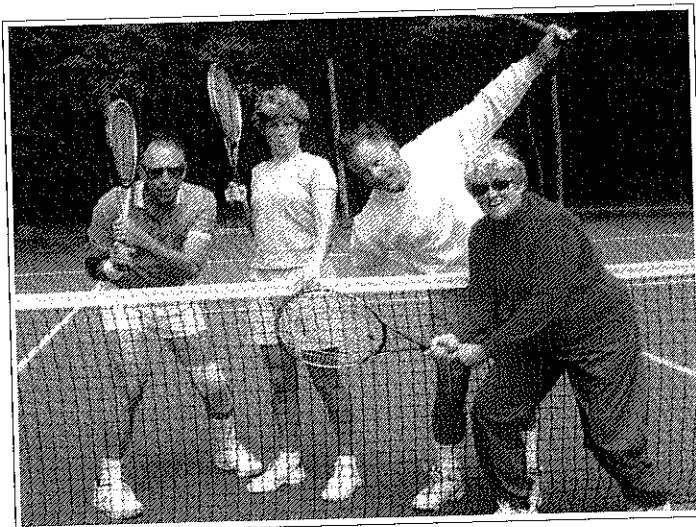
The original draw included **Ace Turner** and **Judy Knorp**; **Chris Bishop** and **Annette Husted**; **George Husted** and **Alison Biskupski**; **Drew Ehrhardt** and **Karen Edgley**; **Bill Sandt** and **Brenda Mason**; **Bill Mason** and **Cindy Standley**; **Bob Gelakoski** and **Gig Read**; **Mike Biskupski** and **Barbara Grosmark**; **Alex Edgley** and **Caroline Turner**; **Ed Oberndorf** and **Helen Bradley**; and **Bill Knorp** and **Mary Tonneberger**.

Before the tournament started, honeymooners to be **Bill** and **Brenda Mason** withdrew due to matrimonial mollification. Using **Jack Bishop's** rope-a-dope procedure, instantly **Bill Sandt** was partnered with **Cindy Standley** and the tournament began.

There were a number of close matches this year. In the winners bracket, **Drew Ehrhardt** and **Karen Edgley**



Losers Bracket ..... Caroline Turner, Alex Edgley, Alison Biskupski and George Husted



Winners Bracket .... Drew Ehrhardt, Karen Edgley, Bill Knorp, and Mary Tonneberger

beat **Bill Knorp** and **Mary Tonneberger** 6-4, 6-3.

In the losers bracket, **George Husted** and **Alison Biskupski** were victorious over **Alex Edgley** and **Caroline Turner**.

In 1995, **Jack Bishop** organized this doubles tennis tournament utilizing the **Henry Hayle Hodgson Tennis Cup** which had not been awarded for a number of years. At that time, **Jack** said: "We look forward to an expanded tournament next season, with even more participants and another close contest for the cup."



Karen Edgley

Indeed, **Jack Bishop** was involved every year thereafter and watched the tournament grow in numbers of players and spectators. Last year, **Jack** was unable to be in Omena because of medical treatments. This year he will be looking at all of the players from above with a smile on his face especially when people come and go in his tradition of rope-a-dope player exchange.

Thanks, **Jack**, for stepping up to the plate in 1995 with an idea that has been so much fun for so many OTYC members.

## OMENA TELL TALES

**Tom and Helen Maher** visited the Wright Brothers museum in Dayton. "Being an engineer and after reading 'To Conquer the Air', I had to go and see the Wright Brothers who mastered the control of powered flight. **Helen** and I had the thrill of not only seeing the original Wright flyer 3 but also visiting Huffman Prairie where the first airport is and the first 360 degree flight took place. While there, **Tom** saw the B-36 and B-29 bombers at Wright-Patterson field. (**Tom** served in units who flew these planes.) We also celebrated our 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary October 16<sup>th</sup> so this was a trip to remember.

Over the Christmas Holidays we visited Newport, R.I. to visit **Helen's** daughter and family. We attended a ball at Mrs. Astor's Beechwood cottage, toured the Vanderbilt's Breakers, and saw Berwind's Elm's with many French visitors. Lunch at the Tennis Hall of Fame at center court was a treat since **Helen's** daughter **Karen** is on the women's senior championship team there in Newport. The highlight of the trip was seeing 'Collingswood' the mansion depicted in the television Vampire series *Dark Shadows*."

**Harold and Kanda McKee**: "We were in Omena for a few very cold and snowy weeks in December and January and then back to the warmth of Kentucky (Ha!). It's been as cold and snowy here as in Michigan!!!! **Kanda** is working her two months preparing other people's taxes and **Harold** is working out at the gym every day. We are looking forward to spending many weeks this summer in Omena. Our house is completed, except for the landscaping. We can't wait to have friends and family visit. We are also looking forward to many fun events at OTYC."

**Scott Mulligan** regarding **Helen Jones** 100 birthday....

"The birthday party was a HUGE success. It was so very much fun to see her enjoying the attention of her family and friends. She is a remarkable lady! The fire department showed up in a fire truck and four or five uniformed firefighters came into the party. The fire chief was one of them, and he presented her with a special permit, allowing her to have one hundred candles lit on her birthday cake. They also brought a very large fire extinguisher with them in the interest of safety. It was a real hoot."



**Bill and Brenda Mason** wrote: "Greetings from Saginaw. For the record, the honeymoon is NOT over!! **Bill** is

King of the slopes. He is currently rated #1 (NASTAR) in Expert Division at Nubs Nob Ski Area in Harbor Springs. I am so proud of him....he's truly the skiing machine....water or snow, take your pick.

In January, we traveled to Florida to attend the Orange Bowl and watch Oklahoma (**Brenda's** alma mater) and USC duke it out for the National Championship. Needless to say, there wasn't much duking! We did enjoy strolling the sandy beaches of Ft. Lauderdale and those frozen concoctions we sipped at pool-side weren't so bad either. We are looking forward to seeing everyone this summer."



**News from Salt Lake City and Karen Edgley**.... "The skiing is great this winter. **Tess** is up to the intermediate level, cruising down all the blue runs, turning and stopping like a pro. The other three are rapidly gaining on **Roger** and me, as we try our best to keep learning new skills. We are getting a ton of new snow, as I write.

We will be going to Cancun with Mom and Dad in two weeks, and the girls are really looking forward to that. School is going well, **Alexander** is playing a lot of tennis and squash with **Roger** and enjoying both of them. The girls are doing well in piano and dance, and especially in school. **Tess** loves school, and is going every morning (allowing me to play tennis and ski)."

**First time year round Omena residents, Bob and Trudy Lewis** wrote: "We are long-time summer residents in Omena but this is our first full winter here, an experience others may be considering. Our advice is simple: DO IT, IT'S FINE!

We had wonderful snow at Christmas just right for snowshoeing and X-country skiing. The winter scenes are sometimes surprisingly pretty: the snow cones along the beach in front of Gaudettes, the spume coming up from the Grand Traverse Bay when the water is warmer than the air, and the leafless winter woods. We have pileated woodpeckers at our birdfeeders daily and a herd of 6 deer that visit us frequently.

The other benefit is the closeness of the community of winter residents, a much smaller group than in summer. The social

know people that we have "known" for years. We have potlucks in the fire station, gatherings for skiing at **Smith's** orchard, parties on election day, and, we had great fun at our first 'Midwinter Cruise to Petoskey'. If you can't fathom cruising Lake Michigan in midwinter, then you are in for a pleasant surprise. (It is really a ski trip, not a boat trip!)"

**Melissa Chenault** wrote: "This year I have been playing Maj Jongg with a wonderful group of ladies and if any of you play I am going to order a Maj Jongg set for Omena and maybe we can get together and play. Let me know if you want to play.

We all love being in Omena and all the fun it provides us. Along with wonderful friendships it has given us over the years. Please try to find a place to give of your talents so we continue having a great time every summer. I look forward to seeing each of you this coming summer."

**Hot news from Dale and Joan Blount:** "We had the **Kennedy's, Deibels, and Carol Towne** over for dinner last night and shared some "sex" before dinner. **Dale** toasted the **Deibels** for their birthdays ..... **Annette's** 80<sup>th</sup> and **Gil's** 83<sup>rd</sup> .... By telling them we had a gift that they probably didn't get for their birthdays this year....some 'sex'. Lots of laughter around the table, of course! What we had was two bottles of **Larry Mawby's** wonderful champagne, 'Sex'. We are planning a trip to Flagstaff, Grand Canyon, and Las Vegas in March."

**From Bill and Tish Renz:** "We have had a wonderful year since leaving Omena. **Crystal** spent 10 days with her grandparents, **Rat and Bill**, in October while **Tish and Bill** went to Italy with **Tish's** parents and siblings to celebrate her parent's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We had a wonderful time and **Bill** got a taste of Europe by visiting Rome, Capri, Sorrento, Amalfi Coast and Venice. **Bill and Tish** buzzed off to Arizona for a quick weekend to celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in January. March will include a much needed winter escape to Florida complete with Spring Training baseball games, a stay with **Tish's** parents in Siesta Key, a visit with **John and Mary Helen Ray**, a stay with **Bill's** parents in what's left of Sanibel and going on a 4 night dental cruise on Royal Caribbean's *Enchantment of the Seas*.... We look forward to our return to Omena later in the summer."

**Judy Smart** wrote: "We have been in L.A. since the first of the year. We packed up the car, took our dog, Teddy, and drove west. We did stop over New Years in Deer Valley and Alta for a few days of skiing.

We have been taking care of **Amy's** house for the past two

months while she films a romantic comedy in Regina, Canada. She co-stars with **Ryan Reynolds**. In addition, she was in London and Budapest for two months filming a British romantic comedy with **Stuart Townsend**. I flew to Budapest to visit her in November and had a ball! We even fit in a day and a half in Vienna, which was beautiful.

We miss you guys. **John** is working hard in developing his new T.V. station. It is going very well but lots of work. Because of this project, we will be spending the next few years here in L.A. I have to admit the weather is a little nicer in the winter in spite of all the rain we have been getting. We miss our home and friends and beautiful Omena woods a lot.

Our son, **Adam**, is doing great at CBS, and he also moonlighted, doing all the graphics for a new T. V. show **John** is presenting."

## TATTLE TALES

Curious about surface water temperature in Grand Traverse Bay? Check out Michigan State University's interesting web site: [coastwatch.msu.edu.Michigan/m21.html](http://coastwatch.msu.edu.Michigan/m21.html).

Overheard at a party last summer, **Laura Deibel** said: "Stupidity beats being a genius because stupidity has NO limits."

**Bob and Jeanne Grabowski** were seen both in the Bahamas on a fishing trip and in Paris where they were tasting many fine French wines. **Jane Saxton** recently was caught hob knobbing with the rich and famous in Dallas Opera House while attending an outstanding performance of *Madam Butterfly*.

At birth, her name was **Florine May Applegate**. Because she was so small, someone commented that **Florine-May** resembled a mosquito, and from that moment on the little girl was nicknamed "**Skeet**". And now you know the rest of the story about **Skeet Durbrow**.

From close friends and traveling companions we have the following to report: "The **Biskupskis** are in the middle of a kitchen renovation in Chicago. I talked to them the other day and '**Bozo**' and **Marcia** are throwing barbs at each other. The dishes may be next!!!!"

**Caroline Marbach** fell December 31, 2004 and broke her hip. The word is that she is well on the road to a complete recovery.

**Paula and Bill McMenamy** were having 18 for dinner last summer. The only problem ..... the power went off three

hours before the guests arrived. We are pleased to report the resourceful **McMenamys** retrieved buckets of water from Ingalls Bay and commandeered **Sam Knoll's** portable barbecue - the dinner party came off without a hitch.

### NEWS FROM THE YOUNGER SET

**Heather Grabowski** just returned from Australia where she has been studying since July at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. She went back packing in the Fiji Islands, mountain climbing in the Fiords of New Zealand, scuba diving in the great Barrier Reef and hiked through the Outback. She is finishing up her third year at Michigan State where she has a dual major in Supply Chain Management/Marketing.

**Chelsea Mason:** "I am a first year student at Albion College, and I absolutely love it! I am in the Pre-Med/Pre-Dent Institute and Honors Institute. First semester I was on the Dean's list, and I hope that trend continues. I plan to apply to dental school my junior year, which is exciting!

This fall, I traveled in France with my French Culture class for one week. I lived with a host family and visited all of the tourist destinations. It was an amazing experience. During Christmas break, I traveled to NYC with a high school friend. Our hotel was in Times Square, and we saw the Broadway musicals *Rent* and *Beauty and the Beast* in addition to all of NYC's tourist attractions. Also, I am a new member of Kappa Alpha Theta, and I love all of my sisters! Further, I have recently been hired as an Albion College Tour Guide, and I'll give any OTYC high school student a tour! As always, I anticipate another wonderful summer in Omena!"

**Sarah Chenault:** "I am on the island of San Andres, Colombia working for some long time friends at their hotel—Hotel Nirvana. My position is Managing Resident Artist. I keep an eye on things and act on their behalf. I have also designed a mosaic of waves and I am completing the project on a façade. I will continue to do such mosaic projects throughout the hotel for as long as I am here. This summer I will be working with high school art students at the hotel. In my free time, I scuba dive and work on my tan. Life is pretty good .... to say the least."

**Haden Gulsby:** "I am a sophomore at Louisiana State University and am majoring in Fashion Merchandising. I love it. We got a few days off for Mardi Gras and my mom and grandmother took me on a wonderful trip to New York for my first time. It was amazing! We went to see 'Hairspray'

and had dinner at fabulous restaurants. The trip wasn't just for pleasure since I visited the Fashion Institute of Technology where I hope to transfer next year. I cannot wait to come to Omena this summer in early August after working and summer school in Louisiana."

**Sam, Robin & Emily Cooper** - Sam is finishing his freshman year at Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH. He has pledged Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. In the fall Robin will begin graduate school at George Washington University, Washington, DC, in Museum Studies/Collection Management. Emily is a junior at Transylvania University in Lexington, KY majoring in Business.



Summer plans are too up in the air to even guess where everyone will be!

**Woody Parker:** "My senior year in high school has been a really enjoyable one! The Varsity Soccer team I played with this fall went to State, earning second place in our State's Class! Our Varsity Hockey team is in the midst of playoffs; we've made it to the Frozen Four!

I have applied to seven colleges and have been accepted by Missouri and DePauw—2 for 2 thus far, but still waiting for the rest! I'm still active with my High School's SADD program, and am volunteering time with the Red Cross as a First Responder. I'm looking forward to spending some time in Omena as well as ten days in the UK this summer...and finding out where I will be going to College next fall!"

**Jonathan Narlock:** "I am now a Junior at Hope College and still majoring in Accounting. Classes keep getting more and more difficult, but what else can you expect. In the beginning of my second semester this year, I started a finance internship with a major private company. I plan on staying with them throughout the summer, sadly decreasing the amount of time I will spend in Omena. It seems as though I have no time for anything these days. I just want to go back to the good old days where there were no worries besides who was up next for tubing. Other than having no spare time and a little injury here and there, life has been great and I can't wait to see everyone this summer."

**Mary Loveless Sr.** wrote: "Daughter **Mary Loveless** is a second year theatre student at California Institute of the Arts. Last summer she was cast in *Mirror, Mirror* a play performed at the 24<sup>th</sup> Street Theatre in L.A.

On a Friday night, parents **Bill** and **Mary Loveless** along with Omena friends **John** and **Judy Smart**, actress **Amy** and **Adam Smart** attended...it's always great to be with **Amy**, who is so gracious, down-to-earth, and supportive of **Mary**.

The following night, we were joined by **Mary's** longtime high school friend, **E'dena Hines**, along with **E'dena's** grandfather, **Morgan Freeman**, and his wife **Myrna**. **Morgan** was in L.A. filming "Million Dollar Baby." **E'dena** was raised by **Morgan** and **Myrna**, and went to our girls' school in Memphis, where she and **Mary** became friends through the theatre program.

**Mary** was thrilled to have **Morgan** at her inaugural professional theatre experience, and at dinner afterwards, **Morgan** was complimentary of her performance, and then gave her some great advice, which she could use onstage. Of course, I feel certain that seeing us in L.A. must have been just the good luck charm **Morgan** needed to help 'Million Dollar Baby' (and himself) win all those Oscars!"

(Note the Smart-Loveless photo on page 20)

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## OMENA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Omena Historical Society had a fun and challenging 2004 and has many exciting activities on the horizon. We ended the year with a beautiful Holiday Serenade concert in the Omena Presbyterian Church, attended by over 150 people, both OHS members and local residents.

The setting in the village for the Putnam-Cloud-Tower House makes it appear that the location has always been waiting for its arrival. A fresh coat of paint, new plantings, and holiday decorations added to the festive note, especially with the beautiful snowfalls. This spring, there are many plans afoot for starting on the interior.

In terms of fund raising, we are at over 70 percent of our goal. The committee has submitted grant requests and received two to date- one from the Leelanau Township Community Foundation and the other from the Grand Traverse Band. More are in the pipeline.

An ardent supporter of Omena and the OHS, **David Viskochil**, died suddenly on February 18, 2005. His death is a great loss to not only the Omena Historical Society and the Omena Community but the surrounding areas as well. **David** devoted much of his talent and energy to the arts, education,

and communities of Leelanau and Grand Traverse Counties. He had a passion for Omena and never declined to help if it meant making the small hamlet a better place to live. Generosity, creativity, community spirit and dedication to helping others were part of **David's** life.

For over thirty years he made the Tamarack Gallery a source of support for local and regional artists. Perhaps most importantly, **David** continuously challenged his friends and fellow community members to be visionary in the stewardship of Leelanau County's natural and cultural resources and the most positive aspects of our way of life.

His contributions to the Omena Historical Society were numerous. He was never too busy to help with projects such as the sesquicentennial, the publication and sale of the book, *Omena a Place in Time*; the barn dance, serving as a board member and working on the Christmas musical program. Because of **David** and **Sally**, Omena has its own flag, which they designed and underwrote for the sesquicentennial. They also graciously provided the use of the Tamarack Gallery to the OHS for receptions for the book contributors as well as the book signing. When it came to the most recent project of restoring the Putnam-Cloud Tower House, no one was more dedicated to seeing it become a reality.

Those who knew him, his family, friends, and business associates will remember him with sadness, but at the same time as a unique person who made a difference.

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## IN MEMORIAM

**JACK BISHOP**

1927-2004

The Rev. Dr. John (Jack) Wesley Bishop, 77, born November 6, 1927 in Kingston, New York, son of Bertrand Bishop and Emma Schoonmaker, died peacefully November 28, 2004 in Ft. Myers, Florida.

Jack graduated from Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts in 1945, received a B.A. from Yale University in 1950, served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1947-1949, earned a Masters of Divinity (M.Div.) from the Virginia Theological Seminary in 1954 and a Doctor of Ministry from the Colgate Rochester Divinity School (Bexley Hall) in 1977. He was ordained an Episcopal Priest in 1954 in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he served as Rector at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church from 1956-1971. He was on the staff of Coventry Cathedral as Industrial Chaplain in England in 1967. He was

Rector at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Rochester, New York from 1971-1982 and Rector at Christ Episcopal Church in Greenwich, Connecticut from 1982-1992. He retired to Omena and Ft. Myers, Florida in 1992. Jack was passionate in promoting interfaith dialogue, most importantly, his work with Rabbi Hillel Silverman of Temple Shalom in Greenwich, CT, which included authorship of The Jewish Christian Connection - An Interfaith Experience.

Jack married Jo-Ann Cox in 1952 in St. Louis, MO. They first came to Omena in 1957 staying in the Boswell sisters' cottage, which was a retreat for the clergy of the Diocese of Southern Ohio. Part of the deal for getting the house was that Jack would take Sunday morning services in George Smith's living room up on the hill during the two weeks they were there. Then in 1960 they bought land on Singing Sands, Jack sketched out his ideas for a house, and with a hand shake he and Albert Solem agreed to Albert building the Bishops a cottage. The price was set and Jack said he was hoping a fire place could be included for that money. Albert died the following spring, but not before he sent Jack a note saying he had gotten him a fireplace. The house, with later additions, lent itself well to entertaining and when Jack and Jo-Ann had their 50th anniversary, half of Omena came to the celebration.

Omena was their retreat and their great love. Jack delighted in creating contemplative garden spaces around the cottage using stones from Grand Traverse Bay. He also loved sailing and playing tennis with houseguests and their friends at OTYC and at Bill Ross's tennis court. He organized the annual tennis tournaments at the club and inspired many of us to participate. He and Judy Knorp won the tournament in 1997. At the cottage, Jack also constructed a labyrinth, a meditative tool, and many friends have

come to walk it.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 52 years, Jo-Ann, and four sons, John, Timothy, Matthew and Christopher.

Jack had written recently at the end of his memoir, "All things considered it has been a great and wonderful trip. Thanks be to God the Author and Giver of it all."

Jack was dearly loved by friends in Omena and all over the world. He and his world-class smile will be greatly missed.

By: Carol Knoll

### PAT KEMPER

Pat Kemper passed away on February 18, 2005, after a short illness. She and her husband Kim joined the OTYC as guest members in 2004, shortly after they purchased the home formerly owned by Gary and Carol Silverman.

We wish we could have known her better, as she was an outstanding woman.

She loved music and had talent including a nice soprano voice. She sang in choirs and ensembles throughout school, played the piano and recently learned to play the harp. She also loved gardening, knitting and weaving, as well as painting landscapes and still lifes in watercolor. She was a dog lover, and she and Kim have owned many breeds of champions which they raised and showed. She also loved to travel—her favorite destinations were Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Australia and New Zealand.

Kim wrote that Pat felt her biggest achievement was raising two wonderful and successful daughters, but her biggest disappointment was not moving to Omena earlier and being able to live many years in their new Omena home.

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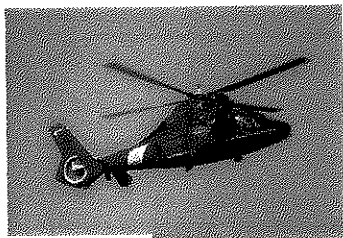
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**OHS..... Save June 24th** and have fun to raise funds for the Putnam Cloud Tower House Project..... Barbeque at Cherry Basket Farm .... Details later.

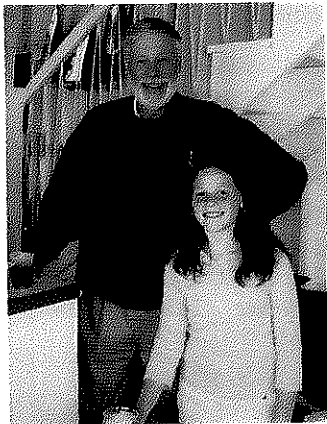
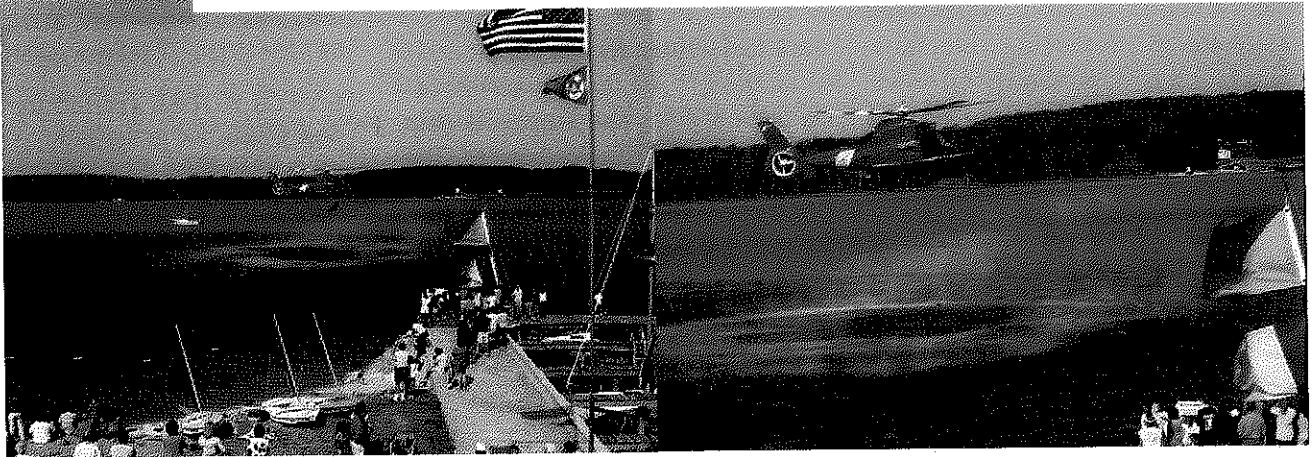
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## Coasties wow crowd at OTYC!

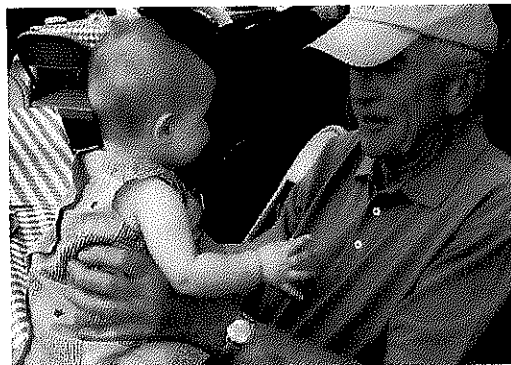
Coast Guard performed a rescue operation for the youth program campers.....of course, many other members of the club enjoyed the demonstration too.



Youth program  
couple



George Husted & grand-daughter Heather Robak



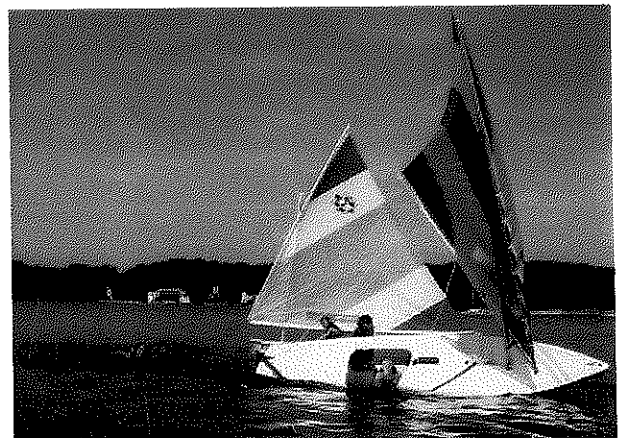
"Admiral" Dick Kennedy & grand-daughter Olivia Dean Kennedy



Long term friends John and Nancy Smith with dapper Ed Oberndorf



Los Angeles summer 2004 - John Smart, Adam Smart, Amy Smart, Mary Lovelass, Bill and Mary Loveless.....turn to page 17 (Mary Loveless) for a very interesting story.



Youth program.....training for upcoming sunfish regatta.