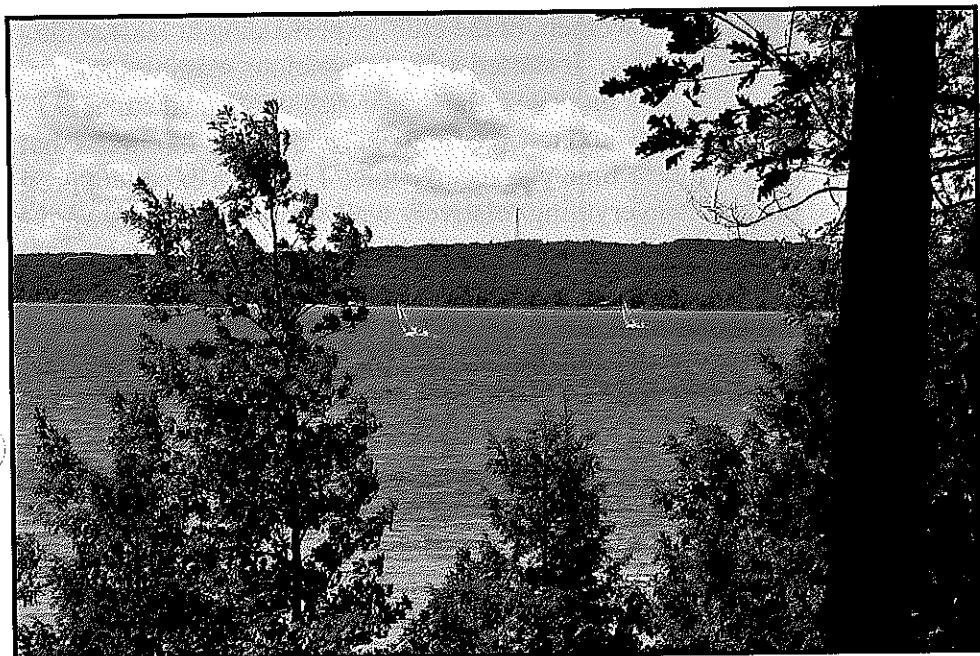


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To Bliss! And Away....

By Anne Standley 2006



Undoubtedly, for everyone there lies a certain place where all cares and concerns can be thrown to the wind and the fullness of life can truly be experienced. That place, for me, is Michigan. Although to some Michigan appears buggy, over-wooded and with little to offer, that notion is a grievous misconception. Having journeyed to Michigan from the age of two months to the present, the tradition of spending summers in our family's cabin on Omena Bay has long been ingrained in my memory. Our travel northwards, remains the only constant in my life. Throughout the summers spent in lovely

Omena, where family congregates, where there is time to slow down and relax, where I am fully able to appreciate every moment, I have been able to reflect and realize what it is I hold most dear. Not only has Michigan been a haven, rather reprieve from the craziness of life, but also allowed me to discover valuable life lessons. Through my time spent up north, I've come to recognize the importance of cherishing every moment, bonding with family, and necessity of relaxation.

My heart lies in Michigan, not only because it was where my first steps were placed or my introduction to the art of "garage sale-ing" occurred, but mostly because of the sense of peace and comfort it provides. In recent years, having matured enough to handle the decrepit family boat, I've reveled in the freedom of trolling the lake waters. Out in the open waters, admittedly, there is a sense of loneliness, but with it comes a feeling of mastery and the realization you have only yourself to rely on. This satisfactory sensation of accomplishment has carried me far. While it seems insignificant, the ability to have control over something, and seize the day is a tremendous feeling, and quite a confidence booster. While some of my exploits in Michigan may have contributed to perhaps an overdose of hubris, other events have left me humbled. Even as sitting underneath the starry, northern sky leaves one feeling small and insignificant, one cannot help but be awestruck and filled with a sense of wonderment. It has been below the vast expanse of these vibrant, twinkling lights, with aroma of pine and lapping of the lake, that my family and I have discussed the bigger questions in life. While it seems cliché, that questioning and the time spent in the company of loved ones does good for both the soul and mind.

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The Breeze....

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COMMODORE'S CORNER



Things are blooming in Ohio and warming up. I am looking forward more than ever to being back in Omena. It will have extra special significance this year. Ever since I left Omena, I have been on a journey that all too many women will get to experience. Right now, that I know of, there are two other women, in the club, experiencing at least some part of that same journey. It started with a suspicious mammogram in September, leading to a biopsy in October which confirmed cancer. I have had a lumpectomy and mastectomy plus six rounds of chemo that will be complete by the time you receive this. I have an excellent prognosis and came thru everything relatively well. I am looking forward to celebrating being done with cancer and the return of hair and Omena is just where I want to be.

Looking ahead to this summer, our first event of the season will be a cocktail party at the club on Sunday, May 30. It is fun to see who is there at that time. Judy and John Smart will be our hosts for the evening and I look forward to greeting all that are there. Bill Cron, House, and Larry Reynolds, Grounds welcome all help on June 5 to get the club and grounds ready for the summer season. I have not been able to be around for this, but I hear it is lots of fun, especially the more people show up. If mother nature isn't on our side, then they will try again on Sunday, June 6th. Bonnie Scarlett and Barb Karchon, our hard working Social Chairwomen, will be chairing the opening dinner on June 26. It sounds like great fun. The calendar with the rest of the dates so far is enclosed and will continue to be updated.

A reminder on potlucks, two summers ago, the Board voted to institute a policy of allowing signups for 2 guests per family until noon on Monday, in order for members to get a fair chance at getting into a potluck during high season. The signup sheet will reflect this policy. Once noon on Monday passes, then the restrictions are lifted if there is still space. This policy was put in place because many members were getting closed out of coming to potluck due to too many guests.

The youth program is scheduled to run June 28 thru August 6. Our director last year got mixed reviews so a search is underway for other possibilities. Stuart Williams will be the OTYC contact for the youth program and Tami Bosco will be a special advisor to the program.

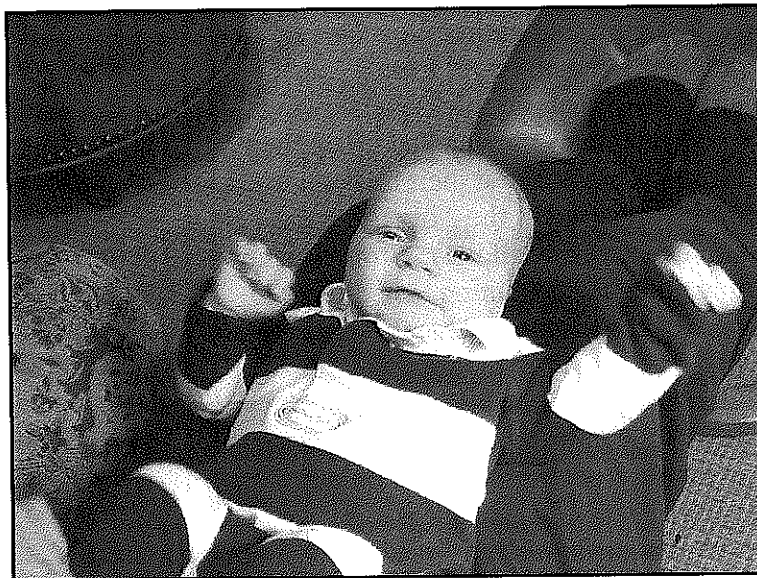
This year, I would like to try something new with the program and it involves some limited member participation. Over the years, the
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Commodore's letter continued; age group and interest has changed with the participants in the program and the kids end up at all different stages in both tennis and sailing. Many of our counselors are young and may not really challenge the more advanced kids. I would like any member that is interested to be a guest instructor for a day in either sailing or tennis. I am thinking we would bring in guest instructors maybe one day a week. My thought is to work with the advanced kids and challenge them. The feedback I have gotten in the past is the program is good but maybe doesn't go far enough for some of the kids. The program is for six weeks so that is 6 people for tennis and 6 people for sailing. Of course, if you are having the time of your life, you can do it more than once. I am open to feedback on this idea and look forward to many of you jumping on this opportunity. I am also wanting to compile a book, to be utilized every year, of possible tennis drills and games with how they are done, possible sailing techniques to be taught plus sailing games and rainy day activities, so that whoever is in charge does not have to come up with it on their own. If you have any ideas to contribute to such a book, please let me know.

My challenge to all of you is to become involved in some little way to help make OTYC a better place. If something is of interest, please jump at it. I have mentioned some opportunities and more will come along and I will continue to update you thru Scuttlebutt. I am looking forward to renewing old friendships, making new ones and enjoying the slower speed at which life moves in Omena. There are many that have challenges they had to face over the winter and are probably ready to move past them and enjoy all that Omena and OTYC have to offer. Let's make it one heck of a fun summer for all.

Your Commodore,
Tish Renz

NEW ARRIVALS



Conner Cooper Lawrence

November 24, 2009

Son of Robin and Sam Lawrence

Grandson of Nancy & Randy Cooper



Andrew Compton

March 1, 2010

Son of Andrea and David Compton

To Bliss and beyond continued:

As wonderful as time with the immediate family is, nothing compares to the affection I feel for my visiting relatives, the eBay-crazed aunt, my comical veteran uncle, and somewhat loopy (but entirely loveable) grandmother, who all travel from Texas, squeezed into a pick-up truck overflowing with yard sale items they picked up on their way North. They make it their mission to teach my brother and I the "Texans ways", and turn us into eBay addicts. From Sunday morning garage sale hunting expeditions to Wednesday's auctions, we laugh, share stories, and argue good-naturedly, while lazily meandering through the back roads of cherry orchards. Of course though, we will always end up taking a detour to Barb's Bakery for a classic cinnamon twist, followed by small-talk with the locals we've missed dearly. It is this bonding, in a most beautiful place, which so compels me to wish to return again and again to Michigan. Michigan is where I have learned to prioritize the things in life: family, love and knowledge. Anne Standley 2006

Note: Cindy Standley, Anne's mother, found this paper in her daughter's room while Anne was away in college. Anne gave us her blessing to print it. We'd like to thank Anne and Cindy for sharing this with us!



Winter activities!!

Nominating Committee

Your Nominating Committee is pleased to bring forward the following slate for Directors of the OTYC Board

Term ending in 2012

Nancy Cooper (new board member)

Term ending in 2013

Barbara Harris (current board member)

Bill Cron (new board member)

Michael Ray (new board member)

The committee strongly recommends these individuals be elected to serve on the OTYC Board at the 2010 annual meeting.

Stupendous! Succulent! Delicious Deli Day is Coming!!!

The Omena Village Preservation Association is having a Deli Day on July 31st in Omena sponsored by the Shapiro's World Famous Deli.

Brian and Sally Shapiro are Omena summer residents (OTYC members) who are donating all the "Fixens"!

Bring you family, cottage guests and neighbors. This is a rare event-authentic Deli Corned Beef sandwiches, Deli Salads, Wine, Beer, Beverages, more Deli varieties and Sandwiches available. Leelanau Cellars Wine Tasting will be there along with entertainment and children's events.

\$20.00 tax deductible donations per ticket.

Look for more information to come.

Tickets available at Leelanau Cellars Tasting Room in Omena and other locations to be announced.

All proceeds to go for repair and restoration of the Omena Post Office.

For more information. Call 708-269-3209



TID BITS



Dick & Nana Kennedy report: Early March found us basking in the sun and warmth of Mexico's Central Gulf Coast in two states new to us, Puebla and Veracruz. Memories float back of lushly flowered plazas filled with music and dancing, of churches adorned with Talavera tiles without and ornately gilded carvings within, of brightly painted homes and bustling market places. We saw Mexico's highest mountain and dropped down to sea level, then to the edge of the jungle. We explored ruins of ancient indigenous cultures, saw pottery being thrown, cigars being rolled, sugar cane cut and hauled to factories and sardines being netted. A true highlight was going by boat to visit with Omena's Trish and Peter Vandusen in their delightful retreat on a lagoon near Catemaco, in some of the prettiest countryside we have seen anywhere in Mexico. Memories to cherish as we look forward to summer!

Bill Mason: It's April 25, and just put the dock and boat in, earliest ever. Thanks to John Smart for his trailering skills, not a scratch on the trailer or any trees! Also, Chelsea is completing her freshman year and Suzanne her senior year at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry. They see each other almost everyday. Chelsea lives in Royal Oak, a great little community which has gone through revival. Suzanne has just moved to Ann Arbor, where she begins her three year periodontal residency in July. She was one of four students selected out of an international pool of 60 applicants. We are all looking forward to some time in Omena!

David and Andrea Compton joyfully announce that God has blessed us with another son. His name is Andrew William, he was born on March 1, 2010 at 9:38 am. He weighed 7 lbs, 11 ounces. We are thrilled about this new addition to our family! Noah is enjoying being a big brother too, he calls him "Drew"! We can't wait to introduce Andrew to Omena this summer!!

The McKenzie family is knee deep in soccer and baseball schedules this spring, but after some home

renovations this winter are enjoying the time outside (away from plaster). Our biggest thrill this winter has been that Owen learned to walk! He took his first steps just before Christmas and is now walking non-stop. He is still a bit wobbly, but is certainly able to get where he wants to and is able to get into trouble quite easily now too-be careful what you wish for! He has worked very hard to learn how to walk and we're all very happy for him. Jack and Emily are excited for summer and are looking forward to wearing shorts on a regular basis.

George & Annette Husted want to let everyone know that George is doing well with his radiation treatments for his metastasized prostate cancer. All your prayers, telephone calls, emails and visits by Tonnebergers and Rays have been of great support to both of us. George will complete radiation in April. Then he will be re-evaluated at U of M in Ann Arbor to determine the next step, which we expect to be a clinical trial. Please continue to pray that a new drug will be developed and approved to cure metastasized prostate cancer. Meanwhile, we strongly suggest frequent PSA testing if there is family history. George went annually, but it wasn't sufficient to catch his before it metastasized. Currently there is no cure for metastasized prostate cancer. We look forward to seeing all of our "summer friends" again in Omena this year...just not sure when!

Helen & Tom Maher: The "Pioneer" cottage will celebrate it's **100th year** this summer. Helen's three children, Laurie, Matt and Karen and as many of their children as can come will be in Omena the last week of August to help us celebrate. We are renting Kathy Stephenson's cottage to accommodate the overflow. So walk up the beach and drop in to see the newly refurbished "Pioneer" and sit awhile and chat about old times.

Robin & Sam Lawrence proudly announce a new addition to the OTYC community Connor Cooper Lawrence. He is growing fast and should be ready for water skiing by July. We are looking forward to introducing the 5th generation to the Roth, Cooper, Boswell cottage this summer!

Tish, Bill & Crystal have been able to escape a couple of times in the recent months. They met Cynn timer and Ron Dotzauer in January in Vegas where they visited every possible animal/fish exhibit in Las Vegas. Crystal, Cynn timer and Tish saw David Copperfield and then everyone went to a performance of La Reve at the Wynn. A good time was had by all. During spring break we toured historic Philadelphia. They met up with Tish's sister and family to see the sights and spend some time together. Great weather made it easy to get around and see the sights. Crystal especially liked the stop in Hershey, PA.

Ron and Mary spent two delightful and warm weeks in Puerto Vallarta in late March. The first week was with **Karen, Claire, and Tess**, simply sunning, relaxing and exercising a welcome break from Michigan weather. **Roger, Alex & Katherine** all had the usual commitments-work and school. The second week, we played some golf in preparation for our summer leagues and toured the area. Now back to reality.

Rat & Bill Renz had a quiet winter in Cincinnati. They went to Florida briefly where we enjoyed two cool weeks in Sanibel. This spring we look forward to watching two granddaughters graduate from high school before we head north for the summer. We'll be in Louisville for Meredith's graduation (Andy's daughter), then in Seattle the middle of June for Ellie's ceremony (Cynn timer's daughter). Before either of these festivities we plan to get to Omena for a few days in May, when we hope the trillium will be in bloom.

Joe and Cate Varley welcomed granddaughter number two, Leila Maria, born in Tucson in January to Maura and Rodrigo Gutierrez. They will have a family reunion in Gainesville for John's thesis film showing and M.A. degree graduation from University of Florida. John will go on to Wake Forest Univ. in the fall for M.F.A. Joe has spent the fall and winter working in Macedonia, on of his favorite assignments.

The Edgleys: Tess and Karen had a wonderful spring of travelling, first down to Florida for Christmas to visit Scott (Alexander coming from Denison, Katherine from England and my parents from Omena). We all enjoyed the sunshine for two weeks. Then I went in February to pick Katherine up from school for

her 1/2 Term break, and we went to Madrid for a week, visiting many art museums and a couple nights in Toledo. We really liked the food and the beautiful wide boulevards. Tess and I went back to pick up Katherine for her end of term break and had a week in Cambridge, staying with Roger's relatives, a week in the Netherlands, staying with my college roommate and an extra week in London, due to the volcano disruption to travel. Tess is a wonderful traveler.

The Oberndorfs report that Rob is returning from Laos mid May for his 25th school reunion in Cleveland and wants to visit Michigan the last week of May and first week of June. We indeed plan to have extra sweaters for him as even during the summer months he has to adjust to the Omena climate that contrasts significantly with the Southeast Asian humidity.

Mike & Kathy Bosco had a wonderful trip (expedition) to Antarctica this winter. Quite surprising that we would leave the wonderful winters in Arizona for the cold and ice covered continent way down under. We traveled with 8 other close friends. We left from the southern most part of Argentina on the National Geographic ship Explorer and after two days of crossing the Drake Passage with its swirling high seas we arrived in the most beautiful, unusual place in the world. Each day we left the ship and walked among the seals and penguins and of course the glaciers. The ship was a working ship with many scientists doing their explorations which they shared with us during cocktail hour. Do to the wonderful summer weather in the Antarctic, we were able to sail down to the Antarctic Circle, how fortunate we were to be at the end of the earth.

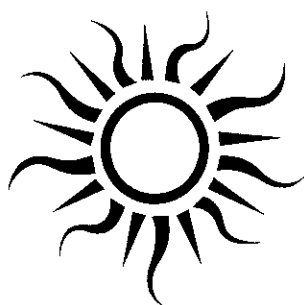
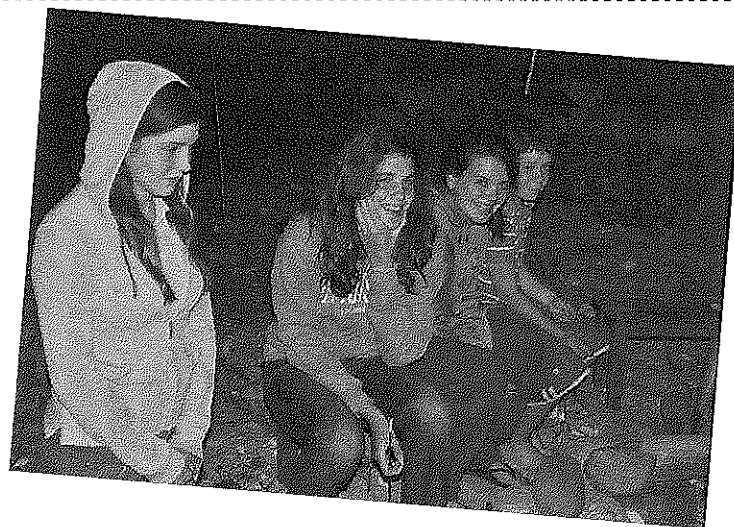
Judy and Bruce Balas just returned from a month long trip to Australia. They spent two weeks near Brisbane, visiting their daughter, Allison and granddaughters, Isabella & Alex who participated in the youth program a couple years in a row. Sydney was their destination for the third week where they visited wineries in the Hunter Valley, toured the Sydney Opera House where they later saw a concert, and attended Easter service at the Cathedral in Sydney. It was a wonderful trip but the 10 hour time change and 13 hour flight from CA was a killer and still requires some adjustment for them.

Quotes on Summer Friends

One of the wonderful things about Omena is that many of us have multiple generations of friends— and that is a wonderful, rich and satisfying legacy! Cathy Stephenson

Special friends... we have been so blessed to summer in Omena for over 50 years. It is a special place and those who are lucky enough to live there are also very special; therefore, we are blessed to call all our friends. The Oberndorfs

Because we live in Omena year-round, we joyfully look forward to the return of summer friends. We are eager to share once again our magnificent sunrises and sunsets, the silent woods and the rippling waters—and of course, a Toddy Time or two! Welcome back. Nana & Dick Kennedy



The Rays report we spent 7 weeks on Sanibel Island, FL. Had pleasant visits there with the Husteds, Oberndorfs, Rat and Bill Renz, Joanne Bishop and Mary Bills.

The Magrinis & Kennedys are looking forward to meeting a new family member in June. Krissy & Matt Steketee are expecting a baby boy!!



The Balas' granddaughters Isabella and Alex taken during their visit to Australia

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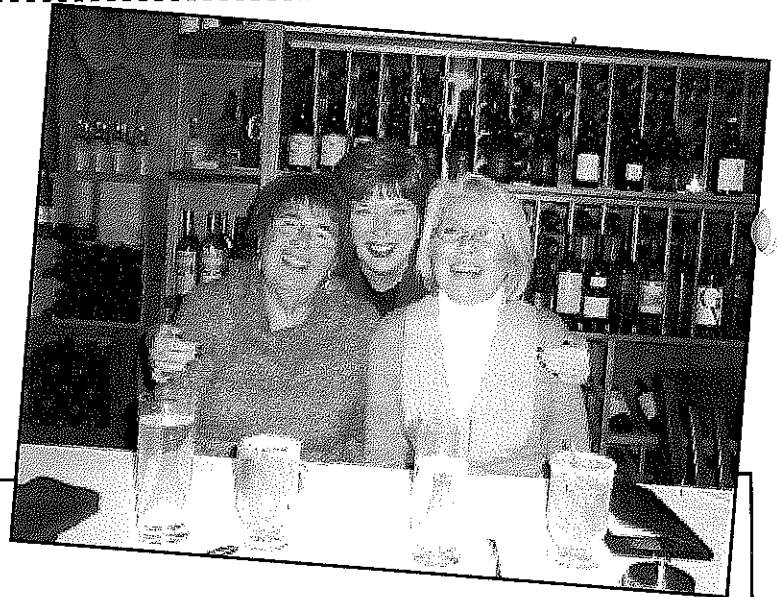
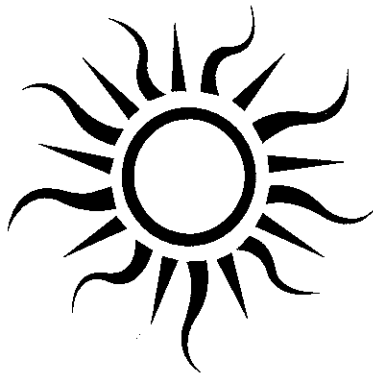
First, we'd like to thank Cindy and Anne Stanley for sharing Anne's paper with us from a few years ago. It's so nice to hear from the younger generation that they appreciate this beautiful place as much as we do. To all of you through OTYC or other organizations that have spent endless hours caring and preserving this gem we thank you.

We also thank all of you who shared your news with us. So many fantastic adventures. Life gets very busy, but we would love to hear from more of you!! This summer we will try to take more pictures at OTYC events, but please send your pictures along! Pictures are a wonderful addition to the Breeze. To help us, we have created a separate gmail account for the Breeze:

It is **omenabreeze@gmail.com**. Send info or pictures along!!

So as we run from games to meetings to work and school, we will keep OTYC and Omena on our mind.

Cheers Kerry & David Magrini

**Book Nook**

Some of our favorite books.

The Twenty-One Balloons by William Pene duBois
The Cabinet of Curiosities by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child
Yellow Raft on Blue Water by Michael Dorris
Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder
The Guernsey Potatoe Peel Pie Society by Marcia Shaffer and Annie Barrgus
Team of Rivals by Diane Kearns Goodwin
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
The Great Bridge by David McCullough
The Rivers of Babylon by Nelson DeMille
Exodus by Leon Uris

The Last Girls Book Club
 Joan Blount, Linda Kemper
 & Judy Balas

Important Dates

Cocktail Party **May 30**

**OTYC Clean
Up/ work day** **June 5**

Opening Dinner **June 26**

CLASSIFIEDS

Cottage Rental

The Barth cottage on M-22, across from the church near Omena village, is available June, July and August for \$850/week. The location is 1/2 a block from the beach. The cottage has 3 bedrooms and washer and dryer. Contact Kathy at 602-956-4322,

Vacation Rental - Four bedrooms, two baths, modern kitchen, screened porch, fireplace, electric heat, VCR. NO PETS. Currently available June 19 to July 10 and Aug. 7 to mid October 2010. (\$1,500/week) Call Mary Helen and John Ray at 231-386-5796 or 847-256-1026 or email JohnHRay@sbcbglobal.net. Website: OmenaCottage.com

Cottage for Rent:

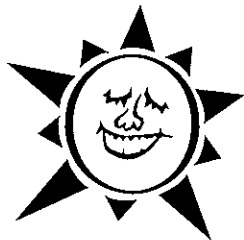
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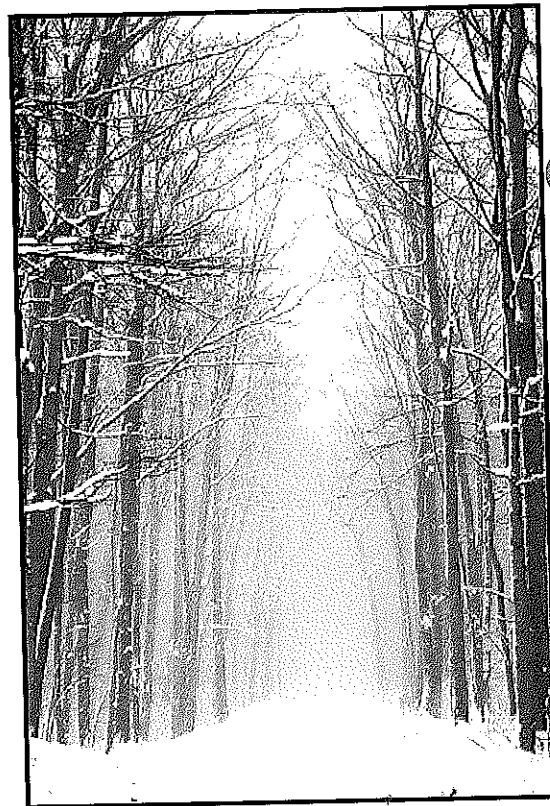
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SUMMER 2010!!



See you soon!



Winter in Omena

Photos by Jim Miller

