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First Annual Omena St. Patrick's Day Parade!
Looks like Omena Eyes were Smiling!

*May Omena skies be blue
May the wind be always in your sails
May the sun warm Omena waters
and
May the Summer of 2011 be Grand*



- Ancient 'Irish Indian' Proverb!

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

COMMODORE'S CORNER

Hi all-

I am sitting in Cincinnati dreaming of
Omena summer sunshine. We have offi-
cially had only two days of sunshine in April
and as the month draws to a close, we may break the all
time record for rainfall in a month.



Things are falling into place for another wonderful
summer. Our season opens with a cocktail party on Me-
morial Day weekend. All available hands are invited on
June 4 to help get things in order to ready OTYC for a
busy summer. The opening dinner will be the last Satur-
day of June. This year, the Youth Program will again be
headed by Jim Champion and will begin the day after the
Fourth of July and our picnic. There will be plenty of pot-
lucks, catered dinners and Toddy Times. Speaking of pot-
lucks, if anyone has suggestions for after potluck pro-
grams, please let me know. We will have a picnic Labor
Day weekend. If this year follows last year, there were
several catered dinners after Labor day, one scheduled
and one added since people were enjoying them.

Some additional things to look for are more than one
small boat race. We will start with 3 on the schedule and
add more if there is interest. There will be one big boat
race if there is also interest. One thing mentioned at the
ladies social meeting last summer was a walk-a-thon
which will be held July 23 for all ages. My husband is in-
terested in doing a beer tasting so look for details. The
Commodore's reception will be held August 7th. A couple
of other events that may be added are a family dance and
the ladies luncheon.

Just writing about all that happens in a summer is
getting me excited to head north and see everyone.

See you soon,
Tish



Cool at 90!

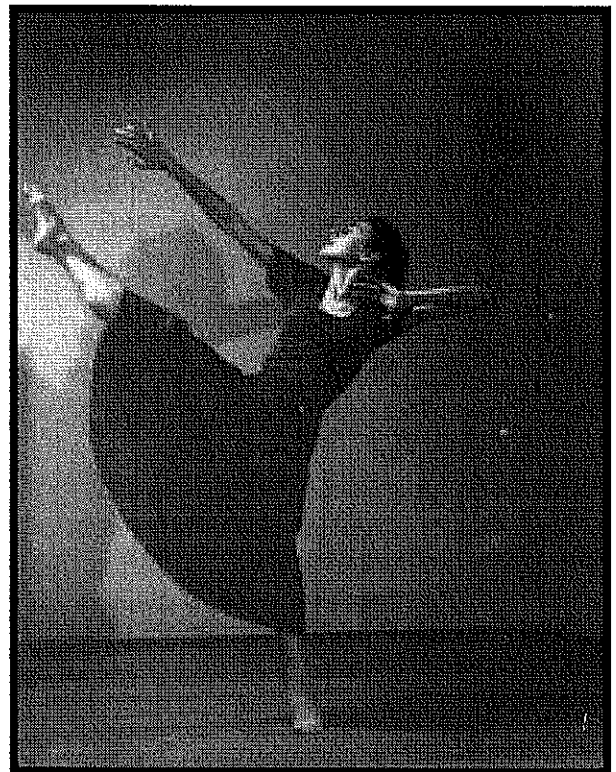
Honoring Marion Kirk Jones



Desert Dance Theater will celebrate Marion Jones' 90th Birthday on Saturday June 4th 2011 at the Tempe Center for the Arts.

Marion was a student of modern dance pioneers Martha Graham, Doris Humphrey, Charles Weidman, and Hanya Holm. In ballet, she studied with George Balanchine.

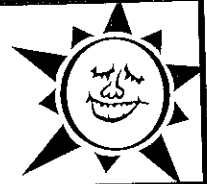
In 1979 she helped found Desert Dance Theatre, and later became its Artistic Director while serving as Professor of Dance at Arizona State University. Desert Dance Theatre is one of Arizona's oldest modern dance companies. Twenty of Marion's dances are included in its repertory.



Marion 1941



YOUTH PROGRAM



We are pleased to welcome Jim Champion back this summer as Director of the Youth Program. The program will focus on sailing and tennis with a lot of extra fun thrown in.

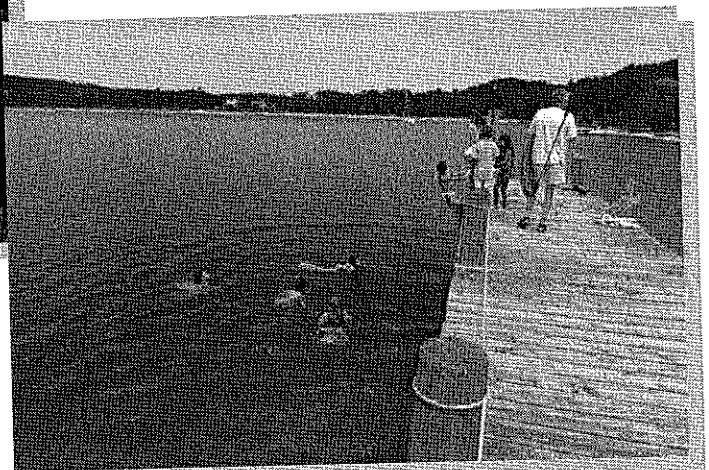
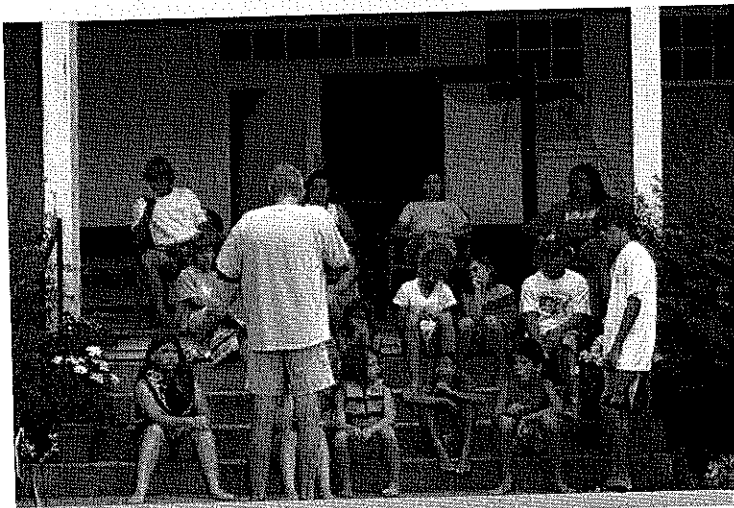
Our fleet of sailboats has been improved thanks to some hard work by Jeff Bosco. The Youth Program will run from July 5 thru August 5 for ages 7 - 13. Registration form is enclosed in the Breeze and there is a discount for prepayment.

We have many expert sailors and tennis players in our midst. If anyone would like to be a guest instructor in either tennis or sailing and share their expertise with our youth, please contact Tish Renz to work out details.

Help wanted:

Youth Program is looking for 15 year olds and older to work at the camp!!!

Please contact Tish Renz if you are interested.





Woolford Cottage: After 14 years, Mary Woolford has moved from the Dupree House to the Marjorie P. Lee. She has adjusted very well and, as you can imagine, is very active in her new place. Mary will celebrate her 94th birthday this May. Shelby Woolford graduated from the University of Cincinnati this last December with a degree in communications. She is working for Fifth Third Bank in commercial credit and will be moving to Charlotte, NC in October.

Doni Lystra spent the last six months traveling on site visits to NSAL (National Society of Arts & Letters) Chapters. In her service as National President, she visited Bloomington, IN; Boca Raton, FL; Chautauqua, NY; Urbana, IL; Clearwater, FL; Lexington, KY; Morristown, NJ; Pittsburgh, PA; and Washington, DC. There are twenty chapters; she has plans to visit more in her second year as President. Doni will attend the National Conference/Dance Choreography Competition in Birmingham, AL May 15-21. She is looking forward to a relaxing summer in Omena.

The Kempers report: Much of our long winter was spent here in Barrington, IL, our home away from Omena. We made a few winter trips: one to Colorado to see kids and a few back to Omena, including one in March, as we prepared to leave for Turkey with the Balases, friends of ours from Barrington and Martha Ryan's Leelanau group. Our three dogs happily vacationed at The Old Boathouse in Omena. The trip to Turkey was incredible, with more Roman ruins, unusual geology, Whirling Dervishes ...than one could imagine. Currently, we're back Illinois, madly finishing up projects as we anticipate enjoying the spring-summer-fall time in beautiful Omena, as well as all our wonderful friends there.

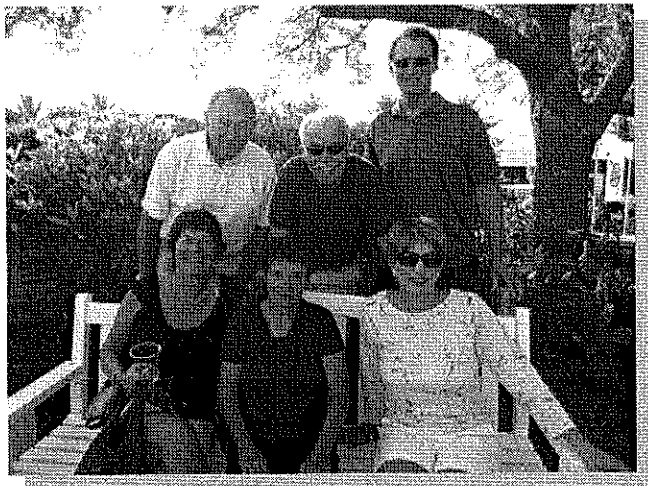
MH and John Ray received a birthday present for John's 41st birthday. Samantha and Michael produced Tatum Elizabeth, weighing in at 7 lbs. 2 oz., on May 11 in Phoenix, AZ. Mother, Father and daughter are all doing fine.

Linda & Kim Kemper, Judy & Bruce Balas and 7 others from our area recently returned from 16 days in Turkey, headed by Go Ahead Tours trip organizer, Martha Ryan. They spent a week in Istanbul, exploring Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque as well the Grand Bazaar, Spice Market and many Flea Markets. With all of the shopping their moniker became "Bargainers-R-Us." They also traveled to the archeological sites of Troy (5,000 years old), Pergamon & Ephesus (2 Christian cities), and little known Aphrodisias (from 1 BC), their favorite of all the sites and the best preserved. Along the way they visited Pamukkale, an ancient spa city with naturally occurring cascades of warm mineral water which filled multilayered white stone pools cascading down the mountain-side (see photo). They took an additional side trip to the interior of Turkey to Cappadocia where whole ancient cities were carved out of hardened volcanic ash, aka tufa. One which they explored was very sophisticated with internal water sources, storage for animals and natural ventilation systems. This underground city housed 2500 people at one time. To cap off the stay many of their group enjoyed a sunrise balloon ride over the mountains and into the valleys. It is worth googling Pamukkale and Cappadocia to see these natural wonders. This was a trip of a lifetime!

Randy & Nancy Cooper are headed to Italy & a cruise down the Dalmatian Coast. We depart from Venice, cruise for a week, return to Venice, then are catching a train to Florence for a few days. It's been several years since we've been abroad and are very much looking forward to it. This summer will find us in Omena thru July with welcome visits from the children and 20 month-old Connor. Everyone mark your calendars for July 23rd's OTYC Walk for the Bottom Line....raising funds while walking & talking.....how simple is that????

Looking forward to seeing our summer friends!

Jim and Kathy Miller decided it was time to get out of Dodge so they headed south to warmer climates and to visit with their Omena "snowbird" neighbors in Florida. While there, they were the guests of Bob and Caryn DeVries at their Villages home. They also spent a couple evenings with Bill and Sharon Cron who also have a home there. If you like golf carts, the Villages is the place for you! The hospitality was great and the time with friends even better! When returning, they arrived at their Lexington Kentucky hotel just as the funnel clouds were passing through! A close one indeed!



McKees Whitefish, Montana Train Trip

We left Saturday, March 12th in the early morning and boarded a train leaving from Cincinnati Union Terminal. The train travelled to Chicago, then across Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota. We arrived in Whitefish, Montana approximately 48 hours later.

Our room on the train was a "sleepette" with seats made into the bed. The room measurements were 4 ft. by 7 ft. Needless to say it was cozy. All of the meals on the train were great. And they even had a wine and cheese tasting party. While on the train, we saw tons of deer, antelope, coyotes, pheasants, grouse and many eagles. The eagles live in the trees that line the train tracks. A large number of bald eagles sitting in trees and flying overhead is a wonderful sight to see.

While in Whitefish, we rented a snow mobile and took a 3 hour tour of the mountain. We had never been on a snowmobile before and loved it!!! We travelled about 20 miles topping speeds of 40 mph in blowing snow and fog. We went down the mountain and back up. We saw tons of snow ghosts (evergreens engulfed in snow). The snowmobiling is over March 31st due to the Grizzlies coming out of hibernation. I was just praying that the bears could read a calendar. We were back in Kentucky 9 days later via a 48-hour train ride. It was a quick trip, but the train ride was part of the adventure.



Tom and Helen Maher spent the week of Feb 14th at the "Carriage Way" B&B and toured the old city, Fort Marion (Castillo De San Marcos to you who are too young to remember its name in 1940 when Tom first visited.) Tom was 10 years old and living in Jacksonville where his father was the civilian in charge of construction at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station which was being prepared for WW II. Helen and I saw the Flagler College (formerly the Ponce De Leon luxury hotel), walked the narrow St. George Street for some fabulous shopping and hugely enjoyed the hospitality of the Johnsons at the "Carriage Way", equally as much an attraction as the rest of St. Augustine. Cream Sherry in the bedroom, refrigerator raiding privileges, breakfast to die for and conversation with the other guests which were from interesting and varied backgrounds from near and far. We wanted to escape the cold we were having in Cartersville and we did.

I heartily recommend St. Augustine and the Carriage Way as a way to catch up on our early history from the 1500's.

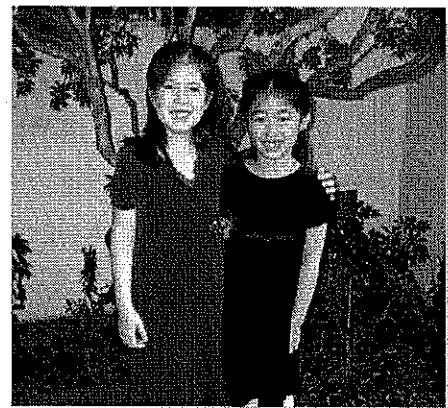
Lynn Spitznagel: We have a new grandson! Our son, Eric and his wife, Kelly had a baby boy on Thursday, April 7th at 1:47 am. He's adorable and perfect in every way (do I sound like a proud grandma?). The name of our new grandson is Charlie (Charles) Wells Spitznagel. He'll be baptized at Trinity Church in August when they are visiting us. They live in Orlando, Florida, hate the heat and can't wait to come north to Omena. We just got back from our timeshare at The Playa Grande, in Cabo. Wonderful weather and company. Anne went down first in our week 11, then I followed. An old friend of mine from Old Mission visited week 12. Jeff and Andrew showed up week 13.

Cindy Standley reports: After one year at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, Anne decided to take a break from formal academics and spent the Fall in Costa Rica attending Maximo Nivas (language and volunteer program), taking Spanish conversational language classes, and working on a suntan. After her program ended she worked at a youth hostel for awhile until taking off to backpack through South America. We were praying like crazy. Anyway her plan came to an abrupt halt when her Costa Rican travel buddy fell in love in Columbia. She has a lot of stories about Costa Rica, Panama and Columbia even though her goals were cut short due to love and health issues. She made it back to the USA, where she had surgery the next week to remove her tonsils. I think she might have stayed down there longer than planned just to avoid the surgery! Andrew is still involved in the high school marching band, band, jazz band, pep band, hockey and Boy Scouts. A drivers license is in the works, too. He stays busy! He will be staying in Cincinnati this summer, working on his Eagle Scout requirements and helping Jeff drive back and forth to TC. Jeff and his bluegrass band cut a CD this year in honor of the oldest members ongoing efforts and music knowledge at the age of

86. They are on You tube, too. They are pretty good! He says he is still keeping his day job. I started a side business out of the home this year. I like setting my own hours and being my own boss. But we would starve on my wages! See you this summer.

June will be a busy and exciting month for **Marion and Austin Jones** and their family. On June 4, Desert Dance Theatre in Phoenix is presenting a concert featuring Marion's choreography on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Several family members from California will be attending, including their son **Cleve**, daughter **Elizabeth** and son-in-law **John Ettinger**, granddaughters **Sylvia** (8) and **Frankie** (7), and Austin's sister and brother-in-law **Sylvia** and **Jim Hatton**. (John, a graduate of Arizona State University's School of Music, composed the music for three of Marion's dances.)

This spring, Marion and Austin visited the Ettingers at their home in El Cerrito, California for two weeks. Austin reports that "It was great fun to spend that much time with our grand-daughters as they moved with warp speed through each day." Elizabeth enjoys being a stay-at-home mom. Sylvia, who wants to be an author, won a second grade contest for the best essay on Martin Luther King, and was asked to read it at the City of El Cerrito's Martin Luther King's Day Rally. She is taking piano lessons, and practices eagerly every day. Frankie loves school and is a whiz at math, science, and writing. Her other passion is art, and she recently created a sculpture of Susan B. Anthony for her school's art show.



Tid Bits Continued

Dick and Nana Kennedy just returned from a delightful week in Paris. Dick calls this their "carpe diem" trip-pure impulse! Sunny warm days, charming sidewalk cafes, lots of wine and baguettes, miles of walking and window shopping, beautiful flower filled parks, marvelous museums and concerts. It is an incredible city!! The Kennedy clan will be gathering in Omena in July to celebrate a few BIG Birthdays!!!!

The Magrinis have been busy as usual. Record breaking snow fall brought endless snow days filled with skiing, snowboarding and school to the end of June!! February found us in Grand Rapids and Chicago for a family gathering, site seeing and a Bulls game. While filling up a mega bucket of candy at the Hershey store, we realized the boy next to us was Jack McKenzie!! They were entertaining Kevin Ray and his family. Such a small world. Before we are all together in Omena Maggie will play summer lacrosse, David has an exciting sailing trip planned and Danny will spend a week in Wisconsin at camp. Robbie and I will be playing in Omena!!

OTYC Volunteer Clean-up Day

Saturday, June 4, 10:00 AM
June 5 as the rain day.

If you have any of the following, please bring them: rakes, leaf rakes, shovels, weeder forks, small diggers, handsaws, pruners, weed wackers, pressure washers, stiff brooms, electric trimmers, extension cords, leaf blowers, post-hole digger, gasoline, waders (for dock installation).

Lunch and drinks will be provided.

See you there!

Larry Reynolds and Bill Cron

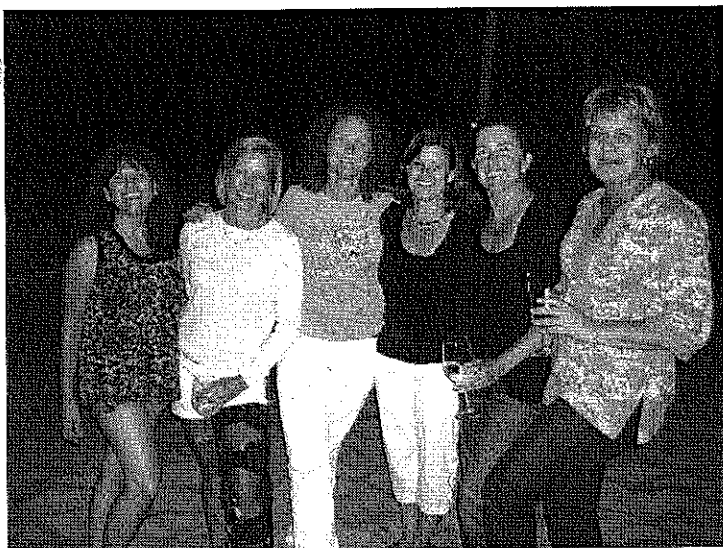


Nominating Committee

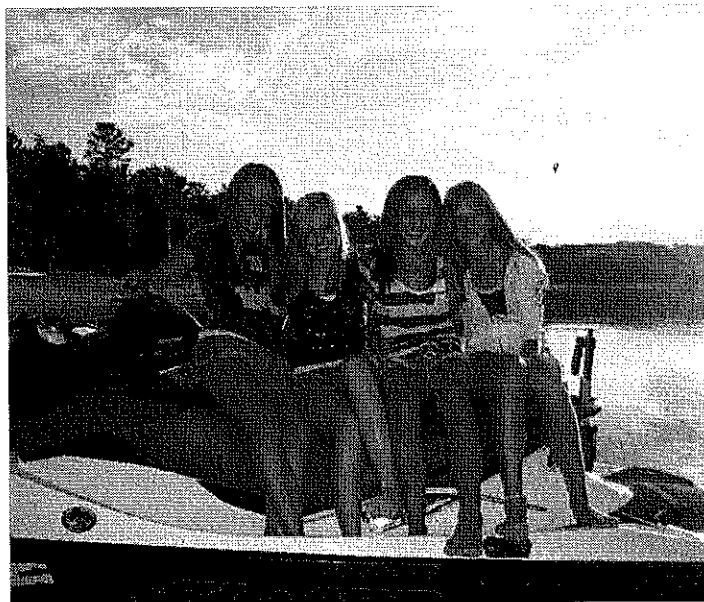
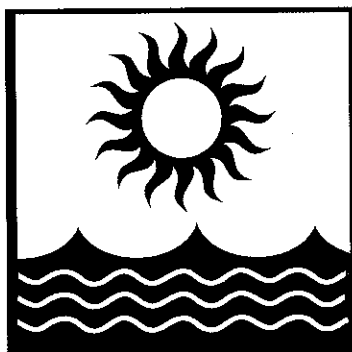


In March 2011 the committee slated Catherine Stephenson, Libby Mustaine, and Jeff Bosco (for last three year term) to be nominated to serve for a three year term on the OTYC Board. The election will be held at the coming Annual Meeting. The Nominating committee members are Bob, John Harris, and Joan Brovins.

Please attend the Annual Meeting on July 16 at 9:30 am to cast your vote.



Girlfriends!



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 – Enjoy sunsets on Omena Bay. Attractive, wooded lot with private, sandy beach. Four bedrooms, two baths, modern kitchen w/dishwasher, screened porch, fireplace, electric heat, DVD, tennis and golf nearby. NO PETS. Available June, July 9-16, Aug. 6-13 and after Aug. 20. \$1,650/week. Call 847-256-1026 or email JHRMHR@gmail.com. Website: [www. OmenaCottage.com](http://www.OmenaCottage.com)"



Note from the editors:

We are hoping the Breeze arrives to find you healthy, happy, and having survived the winter and spring without too much hardship. I've been told that Omena is warming up and prettier than ever! The summer is upon us with the club calendar filled with a mixture of favorite oldies sprinkled in with a few new events. Many thanks to all who make the summer so fun!

We wish all the best to Marion Jones and her family on June 4th. Know that we will be in Tempe in spirit on June 4th! What a remarkable and interesting life she has lead.

With our crazy schedule our time in Omena is a little chopped up and we could use some help. We would love to get a photographer and reporter to cover the many events at the club this summer. We need the most help in June, beginning of July and end of August. Please contact us if you are interested.

Also if you or someone you know has an article or idea for an article please pass it along to us!

The email for the Breeze is **omenabreeze@gmail.com**. Send info or pictures along any time of the year!!

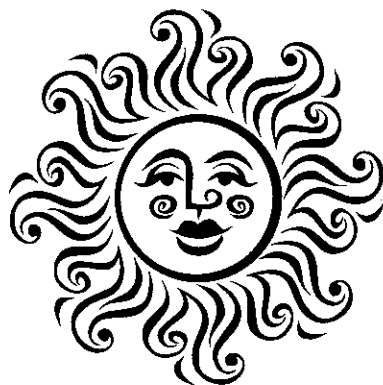
Cheers,

Kerry & David Magrini



Important Dates

Clean Up	June 4th
Opening Dinner	June 25th
Small Boat Race	July 3rd
Family Picnic	July 4th
Beer Tasting	July 15th
Annual Meeting	July 16th
Small Boat Race	July 17th
Tie Dye Tuesday	July 19th
Walk for the Bottom Line	July 23rd
Big Boat Race	July 31st
Ladies Luncheon	August 2nd
Commodore's Reception	August 7th
Labor Day Picnic	Sept. 4th



Are you ready for our first ever, family friendly OTYC (On The Youthful Course) Fitness Event?

If so, then **SAVE THE DATE** – July 23, 2011 – for the **Walk for the Bottom Line!**

“What” you might ask, “is the **Walk for the Bottom Line?**” Very good question. It is an inspired opportunity to get together as a club, exercise, have fun and, in the process, raise a little money for the general fund.

We will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Club, amble on over to the intersection of Ingalls Bay Road and Omena Point Road and head back. A Continental breakfast will be provided afterwards at the club for members and their guests.

Entry fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Contact Jan Walker, Nancy Cooper or Amy List with questions.

As Always:

Catered Dinner	Monday nights
Potluck Dinner	Wednesday nights
Toddy Times	Thursday nights

OTYC IS EVERYWHERE



From the Kemper & Balas trip to Turkey....



... to chance meetings in Chicago



... to the shores of OMENA that bind us together

