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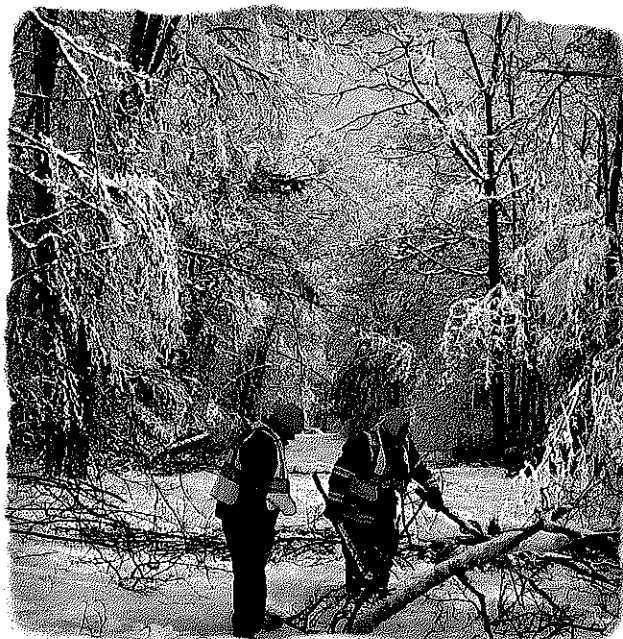
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The Morning After The Storm Of The Century



Omena Point Road



Clearing the Road



Bruce Balas under the trees

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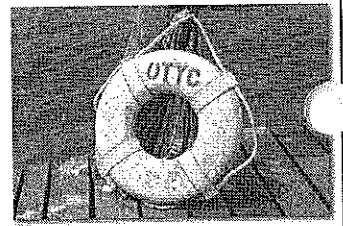
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The Breeze...All the news that fits we print.

Commodore's Corner



As many of you know, the worst snowstorm in decades hit Leelanau County March 2-3. Over 2 feet of heavy wet snow covered the area and 100% of the county lost power, most for several days. Trees were down all over, making many roads impassable.

Our treasured Yacht Club held up with minimal damage, a downed tree, broken window.....speaking of windows, the grapevine is true!! The club is getting brand new windows from top to bottom. The work has begun and will be done in time for our busy summer. All members will have an opportunity to "own" a window and have your family name permanently engraved in the club.

In addition to new windows, the club is getting new cabinets in the dining room and kitchen, AND the bar area has had a small facelift!

Two of our members have been working to bring all new OTYC logo wear to you. It will be available starting Memorial Day weekend.

This summer will bring many exciting changes to our youth program. The ages have expanded to include the older youths. Jim Champion will be back with a revamped curriculum. Fliers and sign up are in the breeze- check them out and sign up.

All of these improvements have been implemented without ANY increase in dues or special assessments.

The social committee has worked over the year to put together a fun filled social calendar. A fashion show and a talent show have been added. And back by popular demand, is the family dance.

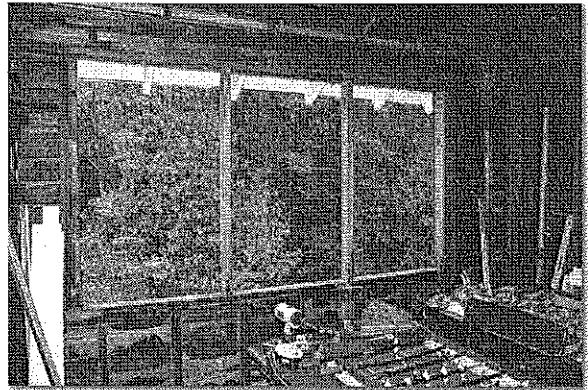
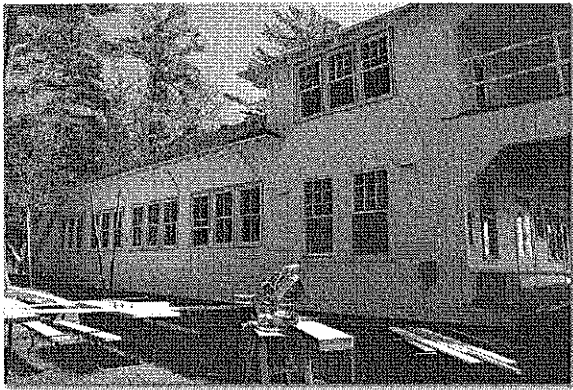
I am looking forward to this summer and serving as your Commodore. As you know, I have a day job and commute to Omena on Thursdays. When I am not able to attend a club event, a trusty board member will serve in my place.

Thanks to the board, committee chairs and all members who give their time to keep our club a very special place. My family and I will be in Omena for an extended Memorial Day weekend. I look forward to seeing all of you this summer!

Jeff Bosco

"The commuting Commodore"

OTYC GETS NEW WINDOWS



Window of Opportunity fund raiser: To help defray the major expense of this project members can own their own personal window. Details will be announced later in May.

Mark your Calendar

Check the enclosed calendars for all the events planned for summer 2012

June 2 CLEAN UP DAY

June 30/July 1 Boater Safety Class

JULY 21 OMENA DAY: Co-sponsored by OHS and OVPA. The family friendly festivities will run from 10 am-4 pm and include the culmination of the mayor's race, parade, a carnival with games for all ages, food, raffle and music.

August 6 Catered Dinner featuring "An Evening with Florine Mark": Florine, a club member, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the WW Group, Inc, the leading US franchise holder of Weigh Watchers International. The dinner menu will include an assortment of delicious and healthful salads and entrées personally selected by Florine and her staff. After dinner, Florine will discuss her personal story that will be both entertaining and inspirational. Hosts Mike and Marcia Biskupski - Bill and Judy Knorp

NOTES From the EDITOR:

Once again it looks like Omena is going to be the place to be this summer. From potlucks to sailboat races, boater safety classes to family dances, an expanded youth program to catered dinners if activity is what you want you'll be able to find it at OTYC. Of course there will also be time to fish off the pier, play some tennis (court is open) or enjoy the view of the bay from the front porch.

After showing Omena her strength in March, hopefully Mother Nature will settle down and provide us with a hot sunny summer to enjoy the warm blue waters and beautiful woods we so love.

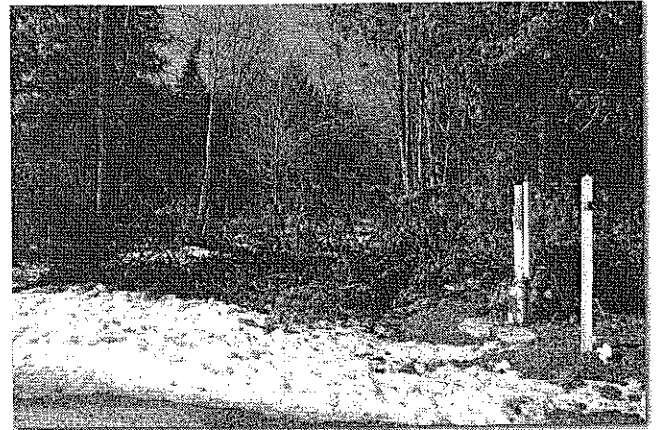
So until we see you in July

Cheers Kerry & David

Stories from the Storm of March 2, 2012

Gathered by Debby Disch

The Record Eagle called it “the storm of the century” – we’ll hope so. The snow started about 7 PM Friday evening, and everyone knew it was supposed to be a big one. But no one counted on the power being out, and especially not for four days! The snow came down wet and very heavy – 20 inches of it, snapping large boughs and bending and breaking whole trees, taking down power lines along with them. By around 1 AM Saturday morning, there was no power – anywhere. On Sunday, the Leelanau Township Emergency Services cleared 58 trees off of Omena Point Road, and that didn’t count the trees already cleared by some local heroes, the three trees across Omena Heights, or the many trees and limbs down across driveways.



OTYC driveway

Rink Smith was out as soon as the power went out, cutting fallen trees in order to check on neighbors, including Peg Deal, Charlotte Read, Be and Bill Fuertges, Dan and Liz Schleef, and Les and Debby Disch. The Fuertges were both down with serious bouts of flu, and thanks to his clearing, their daughter and son-in-law were able to get them out on Saturday and into a hotel in Traverse. By later in the day on Saturday, any hotels with power were full.

Bruce Balas and Tony Sova were out first thing Saturday, as well, chain saws in hand, clearing trees from neighbors’ drives. Dave Dickerson was doing the same at his end of the Point Road. Thanks to all of their efforts, people were able to get out of their houses. By Sunday, more of the Traverse City hotels had power and vacancies. Everyone who was here for that storm has a story, and this captures only a few.

Charlotte Read had come from Virginia for a week to find some snow, but there hadn’t been much during the week. She was scheduled to fly back to Virginia on Saturday, but couldn’t leave until Sunday night. She was glad to find neighbors, Rink and Karon Smith on one side, and renters Chris and Heather Jacobs on the other side, who were very helpful. She had the best cross country ski ever on Omena Point Rd Sunday morning....until she met up with the snowplows! The Kennedys got her to the airport. This summer she will be replacing all the firewood! But she says she wouldn’t have missed it for anything!

On Sunday, the Balases, Blounts, Kennedys, Alice Littlefield and Larry Reynolds decided to head for the warmth – and water – of a TC hotel. Remember that wells don’t run without electricity! They all enjoyed each other’s company at the Holiday Inn, which accepts pets. Another point of interest about the storm is that, when we checked into the Holiday Inn on Sunday night, aka Omena South, there were 150 dogs checked in. The staff had isolated the pets to a 4 story wing, with some exceptions. We never heard any barking in our hallway but when we walked to the elevators with Barkley, we could hear sniffing and snorting under all of the doors as we passed. Bruce called it “living in a kennel.” The landscape maintenance guy was really busy!

Melissa Chenault and Pumpkin also headed into Traverse, but stayed at a different hotel that took pets.

Bill and Lin Emmert were among those who toughed it out and stayed at home. They melted snow for water, cooked on the burners of our gas stove, and kept a fire going in the fireplace until they went to bed at night. They read and did puzzles, relying on flashlights and lots of candles as it got dark. They were unable to get off Omena Point Road until Sunday afternoon when the firefighters finally trudged in and cut up enough of the trees so that the plow could come through. Then Bruce Balas came over and sawed the tree hanging over their driveway, the Krists showed up to plow the end of the driveway, and Thad Smith used his Gator to plow the rest.

Up on Omena Heights, Les and Debby Disch were trapped until Wednesday morning due to downed power lines across the road. Like the Emmerts, they spent most of the daylight hours carrying wood to last through the night, and tending the fire. By Tuesday morning, they were running out of drinking water. They called the county, hoping that would expedite getting the hill cleared. But, no. Instead they contacted the township's emergency services – who arrived on snowmobiles with water, some groceries, and, much to their delight, four Barb's doughnuts!

Not everyone was out for four days. Most of Craker Road, including the Bensleys and the Smarts, had power by Sunday night. Like everywhere else, though, they lost tons of pine branches and a number of trees.



Nana Kennedy and Charlottee Read
enjoying a dinner by the woodburning



Judy Blount and Dick Kennedy styling
the Holiday Inns pillow wraps. You'll
have to ask them.

In Loving Memory

Dave Dickerson

Dave died Saturday evening, April 21, in a drowning accident in Omena Bay while out canoeing with his dog, River. Dave frequently took evening canoe rides in the bay that he loved. He was passionate about the outdoors, and loved kayaking, canoeing, and sailing, as well as hiking, snowshoeing, and climbing. He had paddled several times in the Gales of November event in Lake Superior. Dave was also a wonderful neighbor, friend, son, brother, uncle and partner. He was always there to help when help was needed. During the recent storm, he was one of the first ones out with his chain saw, helping to clear driveways and check on people. He bought his niece Maddy her first sled, her first snorkel and organized her first canoe trip. Our sympathies go to his family, including his parents Chuck and Janet Dickerson, and sister Rachel North, and to his partner in life, Jill Le Claire. He will be deeply missed by the Omena community.

Kay Groll Harris

We are sorry to report the death of long time summer resident, Kay Groll Harris, on February 16. She was almost 91, and had been coming to Omena since she was about six years old. Her aunts owned what is now the Schleef home and brought her up every summer. Years later, she sold the cottage to Dan and Liz Schleef, and built a new cottage further out on Omena Point Road. Our sympathies go to her family.

Prospects dim for cherry harvest

by Drew Ehrhardt



"Oh, the weather outside is frightful" is usually associated with winter, but this year it applies to our Leelanau peninsula in the spring. Very unusual weather conditions have conspired to devastate the entire cherry crop. A two foot snow fall did physical damage to a large portion of the older trees. Later, a temperature swing of 80 degrees to 9 degrees over an approximate two week span completed nature's assault. The high temperature triggered early formation of the blossom stock, then the hard freeze inhibited formation of the pistil inside the blossom. No pistils, no cherries.

The Cherry Basket Neighbors orchard is young so it escaped damage from the snow. But, unfortunately, it has been affected by the freeze. Don Gregory, the orchard operator, said "Right now it appears there will be little or no tart cherry harvest this summer." This dire situation also occurred in 2002. Don feels sure these unusual weather patterns are due to climate change.

To make matters worse, this will be the third consecutive year for a smaller than average crop. The usual goal is to have about 18 months supply in reserve after the harvest is completed. This year there is currently less than one month reserve.

Sweets are also damaged, but it is too early to assess the extent.

So, the moral of this story is to suggest that you start rationing your cherry foods that were prepared last year.

TIDBITS

John & Judy Smart spent 2 weeks in February in Puerto Vallarta Mexico, celebrating Judy's birthday and Valentine's Day. Upon returning we got the good news that we have our first grandchild, Violet Rose Smart, who was born on February 27th, 2012.



The Mustaines have had a very exciting winter! Kate was selected as her school's Disney Dreamer and Doer Award winner, Libby was promoted to Full Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Central Florida. Mike put together 347 Lego mini figures (and continues to own a very successful software company), and Sam lost 3 teeth.

Mary and Ron Tonneberger avoided the March blizzard by hopping a flight to Chicago on March 2, a day ahead of the storm and then spent two sunny and warm weeks in Puerto Vallarta. Karen, Katherine, and Tess Edgley joined them for week two for much fun, sun, and surf. Week three we headed for Miami Beach to visit Scott and Williams with the sun following us - 80 degrees and sunny everyday. Enjoyed sightseeing on Ocean Drive and observing the college break scene. Everyone over 50 would not believe it!! Times are changing fast.

Steve Brechin & Nancy Cantor report:

During the big storm, our niece and nephew, Brooke and Guillaume Hazael-Masieus and their two adorable girls, Margot and Elizabeth [our great nieces] used our cottage on Ingalls Bay when their house in Burdickville lost power. Brooke and Guillaume own and run the restaurant LaBecasse in Burdickville which also lost power and had to shut down for nearly a week. To add to the story.... Our generator worked

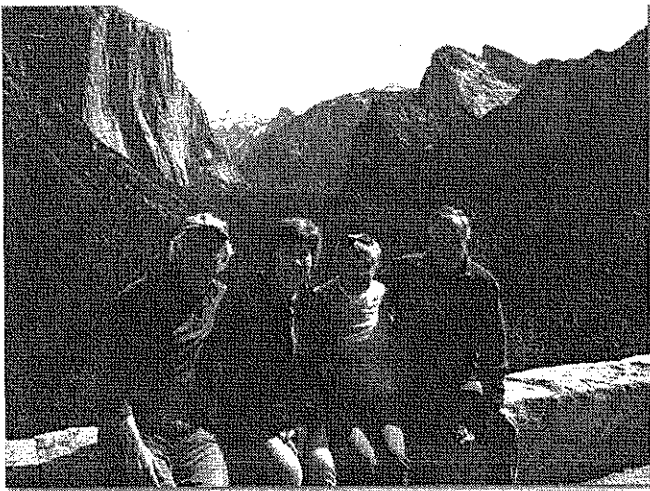
fine until it ran out of propane the beginning of the 2nd day, Sunday a.m. Because of the amount of snow Bay Shore (Busby) Oil and Propane was unable to make it down neither Ingalls Bay Road nor Meadow Lane. Thanks to caretaker Bob Joyce who plowed the respective roads after his double shift in Suttons Bay as director of public works, the propane truck was able to make it through and refill our tank in the nick of time. It was Guillaume with needed assistance from the extremely kind driver from Bay Shore who were able to restart the generator. Brooke, Guillaume and the girls had to stay in the cottage for about five days until the power was finally restored in their own house. It was almost a vacation for them, they reported to me later.

The Balas and Knorp trip:

If you've never been to Yosemite, it should be on your "short list" of places to go. Judy and Bruce Balas, after spending time visiting friends in Southern CA and family in LA, San Francisco & Coeur d'Alene, ID, spent part of their trip with Bill and Judy Knorp. They met in Sacramento, drove south on historic Highway 49 through Sierra Gold Rush towns and spent the night in the charming village of Mariposa. Early the next morning they entered Yosemite. They enjoyed taking numerous hikes, seeing the spectacular Yosemite granite walls and waterfalls, and having a special dinner at the Ahwahnee Hotel. The crowds were much larger than any of them imagined for the first week of April. A staff member at the Yosemite Village Motel where they spent 2 nights told them that they were booked from that week through the summer! Their adventure ended in San Francisco where they all stayed at "Cousin Bob's" apartment overlooking the Golden Gate & Alcatraz. On their last day, needing another good hike, they took the ferry to Angel Island, spending several hours walking the trails. While there they checked out what is rumored to be the best place to view the 2013 America's Cup races.

The Balases also spent a delightful evening at the home of Kim Kemper's step mother, Joan Kemper, who lives in Ojai, CA, near Santa Barbara. It happens that a Grosse Pointe high school friend of Bruce's now

resides in Ojai and is a good friend of Joan's. When Linda & Kim visited Joan in February on their way to Hawaii, they mentioned that the Balases would be visiting their Ojai friends. Joan, who loves surprises, called Bruce's friend and asked if they could come for dinner on March 24. His friend Bill said that, no, they could not because they had weekend guests. Joan asked, "Could that be the Balases from Omena?" When Bill got up off the floor, he accepted and they had a wonderful and entertaining evening.



Georgie Disselkoen reports:

We just returned from 3 months in Winter Garden Florida, building our business Azizi Africa! We found lots of new stores down there plus enjoyed the gorgeous weather. We of course got in lots of pickleball with both new friends and our old friends Bob and Caryn De Vries.

Our next adventure is a trek cross country to San Diego to help our son and his wife relocate there. We are the designated Penske truck drivers! Our son Tom has been transferred to the San Diego Bayfront Hilton and our daughter in law continues to look for work in the field of public health. Keith and I hope to be back in Omena the end of May.

Tom & Helen Maher: Helen has had an annus horribilous - She got pneumonia in August and on arriving home got an attack of arthritis followed by two compression fractures in her spine, T-6 and T-7 and after kyfoplasties in January and February got a severe case of carpal tunnel in her hands. We are

waiting to have them operated upon and hope we are able to come up to Omena without any delays. Prayers are welcome!

From Chuck and Martha Moffett: We went to Jackson Hole and Yellowstone in early February with friends to experience a winter wonderland vacation. What can we say, we live in San Diego. :-). Daytime temps were 9-16 degrees and clear blue skies. We kept warm in all our newly purchased clothing. It's a beautiful time to see the geysers around Old Faithful and the elk near Jackson Hole. We even did some snowmobiling for the first time. In late March we flew to Denver to visit Chuck's cousin. We stayed in a cabin near Rocky Mtn Nat'l Park and our last day toured the State capitol. We figured we had all this cold weather gear we might as well use it again. Hah! Little snow, it was in the 60s to high 70s even in the mountains. My kind of winter! But the day we left it was in the 30's, an 1" of snow had fallen and the plane was de-iced before we could take off!

Jay & Barbara Grosmark celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking their children and grandchildren for a week's holiday to Club Med in Ixtapa, Mexico. Barbara got involved in the tennis tournament while Jay read books by the pool and watched one of our granddaughters excel on the trapeze. We are looking forward to the summer in Omena.

The Mason's report that all is well, Chelsea is in her third year of dental school at University of Detroit Mercy and is one of four juniors being honored for her clinical skills at senior graduation in May. Suzanne is in her second year of periodontal residency at The University of Michigan School of Dentistry, her thesis involves stem cell research. Both Suzanne and Chelsea will graduate in the Spring of 2013. Bo says hi and apologizes if he barks when you walk by.

Rat and Bill Renz: Fall was much fun for me, as I got to go to Las Vegas for the first time. The occasion was a surprise birthday party for our son-in-law, Ron. In October Cynn timer and I and all my nieces had a wonderful long weekend in Chicago. Our yearly trek

to Sanibel Island proved to be a bit more eventful than we like---on the trip down we hit a retread from a truck tire, at 75 mph, causing the door locks to pop up. Thankfully the air bags stayed put. Turns out Bill handled the mishap perfectly, as the rule is: Hit the tire head on; do not brake or swerve. We drove the rest of the trip with some bumper parts held on with shock cords, others pitched. While on Sanibel we enjoyed outdoor concerts, a boat trip to Boca Grande, some walks and bike rides, along with the water and wonderful sunshine. OTYC friends we visted with there were MH & John Ray, Annette and George Husted, Caroline and Ed Oberndorf and Marty Bills. On our way home we drove up the east coast of Florida, stopping in Savannah, Georgia for two days. What a lovely place to visit, especially in the spring when the azaleas are out. We appreciated the city planning which includes "squares" or small, well tended parks, all through the historic district. The Girl Scouts are 100 years old this year and we were reminded that Julliette Gordon Low, founder, came from Savannah. Johnny Mercer too.

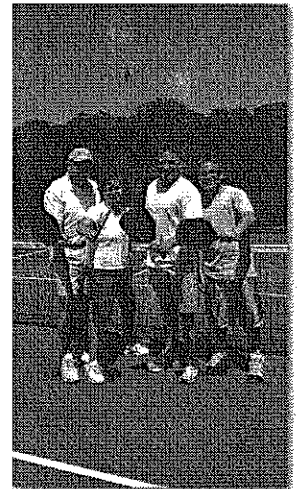
We are currently planning a trip to Seattle in June for our 2nd granddaughter's college graduation. This year it's AJ, at Central Washington University. On the drive back we hope to see a bit of Montana, the Grand Tetons and Mt. Rushmore, depending how much energy we have left after a week with Cynnie and Ron, the extended family and three big energetic dogs.

Tish, Bill and Crystal Renz have been on the go. They spent both Thanksgiving and Christmas in Detroit with Tish's family. After Christmas, Crystal stayed with her grandmother and Bill and Tish took off for a cruise on the Carnival Ecstasy over New Year's with some long time friends. Bill and Tish visited Nassau, Paradise Island and an out island for the beach during the cruise. It was very fun to be on the cruise over New Year's with a big party on deck. Tish, Bill and Crystal returned to Detroit again over Martin Luther King weekend. Crystal spent a day with her grandmother while Tish and Bill visited the Detroit Auto Show and a Detroit Microbrew pub. It is always fun to see what might be around the corner in the car market. The Renz have just returned from over a week vacation to Siesta Key Florida with Tish's family.

Crystal was very excited to spend a week with her cousins. The weather was stellar. They got in lots of beach time. Crystal, Bill and Tish enjoyed a dolphin cruise and fed the stingrays at the Tampa Aquarium and a cruise to see alligators at a nearby state park. Tish's sister got married at a beautiful bed and breakfast overlooking the water in Palmetto and Crystal helped with the music. Bill went to Seattle to be with Ron and Cynnie Dotzauer for the football draft. It has been an annual tradition for quite a few years to get together and watch the draft. They also keep in touch with their nephew, Griffin Renz, by text during the draft, sharing opinions on the players and the proceedings. The Renz look forward to a return to Omena over Memorial weekend.

Tish

The treasurer, **Bill Cron,** and his wife, **Sharon** entertained the commodore and his family at the villages in April. Festivities included several games of pickleball, a golf cart tour of the area and a patio lunch at the Arnold Palmer restaurant.



News from Donald and Doni Lystra

In her role as National President of the National Society of Arts & Letters, Doni visited the Birmingham, El Paso, TX, Greater Arizona, Little Rock, AR, Ohio River Valley, Saint Louis, MO, and Virginia/North Carolina Chapters. She will attend the Convention in El Paso in Mid-May where she will pass the gavel on to her successor. She will continue to serve on the Board of Directors as Chair of the Nicholson-Nielsen Trust and the Winston Scholarship Program for the Visual Arts. Don will join her in El Paso.

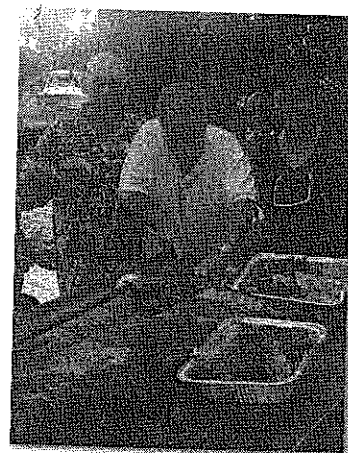
Don and Doni visited their daughter and her husband (Margot & Joe) several times in Ithaca, NY as well as their son, Bradford, in Washington, DC. They spent a good part of the month of March in Safety Harbor, FL.

Don received good news in that his collection of short stories, *The Heartland And Other Lands*, will be published by Switchgrass Books (Northern Illinois University Press).

Joan Brovins and Tom Oehmke were fortunate enough to "guest" at the canal side home of their adoptive Cuban neighbors, Max & Lily Diego, for a Christmas Eve 2011 pig roast. Dedicated to the axiom "Know Your Customer," the three-some traveled before-hand to the matadero (butcher) where the fine beast was personally nominated to serve. As the old joke goes: for the Chicken (who brought the eggs) and the Cow (who gave the milk) the event was a mere contribution; but for the Pig ... it was a total commitment.

Joan and Tom have a rule about leaving Key Largo: if you have to travel more than five miles to do it – then it's not worth doing. But all rules must be bent, if not broken. So they made the 60 mile trek to Miami to see Cavalia's *Odysseo* – a cast of over 120 acrobats plus 70 horses in a sound and sight spectacle under the Big Top. Afterward, they diverted to South Beach for a pilgrimage to Epicure and brought home the best ethnic deli take-away this side of Indianapolis.

Rounding out the winter's cultural events, Tom drove Joan to Miami numerous times in his "new" 2001 BMW 330 CI convertible. Tom jokes that his recently-acquired muscle car makes him "a winner" (but Joan cautions that it's only in Tom's mind). In Miami, they walked Calle Ocho (8th Street) which is Little Havana and watched the cigar makers roll some big ones and the elders play Dominoes in the park; they also played tourist when Downtown at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, enjoyed authentic Flamenco Miami 2012 one weekend (without having to travel to Madrid), and caught a matinee stage play (which has a very bad name about a hat) at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, missing Dave and Judy Pohlod (who have a very good name) only by days. Joan looks forward to the return to the quiet of Omena in late April as well as their putting far fewer miles on any car for the next six months.



Tom, Max & Joan honoring the Pig

Cathy Stephenson: It's been another very busy year for me. Traveled a great deal for business and even some pleasure (San Diego, Aruba, New York, New Hampshire). Still dealing with major construction at home in Chicago. When in town, attend theatre or symphony at least once a week which is one of the real joys of living in Chicago. After such a mild winter, I really have spring fever and am very much looking forward to returning to Michigan around Memorial Day to open up my cottage.

The Oberndorfs: Rob Oberndorf, an environmental lawyer, has returned to the United States having served in different capacities for more than 11 years in Asia with various donor agencies and conservation organizations in countries that included Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, East Timor, Indonesia and others. His assignments covered a variety of issues relating to the sustainable management of natural resources, including the drafting laws and regulations for various governments, climate change, forestry and wildlife conservation, just to name a few.

Rob recently accepted a position with *Forest Trends*, a Washington DC based international forestry think tank. Rob has already moved into an apartment in Georgetown. While he will now be safely based in the States, he will still be traveling internationally for work. He flew to Brussels for a week of meetings at the European Commission just one week after starting his new job.

Rob earlier returned home on a surprise visit to celebrate Christmas with his family for the first time in a decade. We are thrilled to have him back on American soil!

Nancy & Randy Cooper are happy to announce the engagement of our son, Sam, to Andrea Loeser of Cincinnati. Andrea is a high school math teacher. A specific wedding date has not been set, but appears it will be in the summer of 2013 in Cincinnati. Most importantly, Andrea has visited Omena once and will return this summer. She loved Omena, so the engagement can move forward!

We are looking forward to spending July up north with children and families dropping in. Our plans are complicated by the fact that for a week in July Cincinnati is hosting the World Choir Games. This will be the first time the games have taken place in the United States and we think it will be really interesting to experience. Like the Olympics, there is an opening and closing ceremony with 100s of choirs from all over the world competing in between: youth; boys; jazz folk; Musica Sacra; gospel; barbershop; choral; etc. Should be fun!



Sam Cooper & Andrea Loeser

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/dryer. Contact Kathy at 602-956-4322.

Rule Cottage Waterfront

Remodeled 6 bedroom, 3 new baths. Incredible character - late 1800's retired Civil War Generals personal summer residence on Fire Lane 7 in scenic Omena. Various weeks open.
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Omena Heights

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Spend some time in Omena, one of the true garden spots on the planet. Wonderful scenery, pristine waters, friendly people, excellent restaurants and endless activities. Our cottage has 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, dishwasher, screened porch, fireplace, electric heat, DVD, tennis and golf nearby. NO PETS. \$1,700/week Call Mary Helen and John Ray at 847-256-1026 or email JHRMHR@gmail.com.

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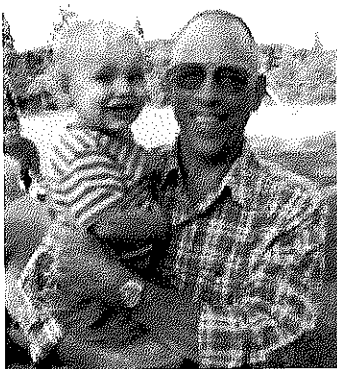
Enjoy warm days and cool nights this September & October in 4 BR Newport cottage on Ingalls Bay Call Cathy Stephenson [773-415-5500](tel:773-415-5500)



December Toddy Time



Suzy Saxton Wheeler's new license plate



Drew (Gelakoski) Compton with
Drew Ehrhardt at Peterson Park,
Summer 2011



Omena South aka Holiday Inn: l to r: Judy Blount, Larry Reynolds,
Alice Littlefield, Judy & Bruce Balas and Nana & Dick Kennedy



Bruce Balas rock climbing in Yosemite



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