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

Commodore's Corner

CATCH A WAVE

Hello fellow OTYC members, it's almost summertime and I can't wait to "Catch a Wave". After the long hard winter many of us had, anything NOT involving water, as in snow and rain, sounds great! To "catch a wave" could mean swimming in the crystal clear Grand Traverse Bay. However, I am talking about a different kind of "Wave".



Throughout my travels, a common theme I notice in the friendliest, warmest and embracing communities is the simple acknowledgement of fellow residents. The simple effort of raising your hand, (palm out) and showing your fellow community member says, I am having a great day and I hope you are too!!!

I would like to give a "Wave" to all of the hard working committees and board members that work tirelessly to make the OTYC a special place. Our social chairs, Doni and Linda, have put together another fun-filled calendar of events. The youth program chairs, Lisa, Trish and Karen, have a great staff hired for tennis and sailing. Our building and maintenance crew, Jim and Marcia, have the club open, clean and ready for our members. Grounds chair, Bob, and numerous volunteers will have our club ready for all the summer fun. And, a huge thanks to Kerry and David for publishing the Breeze. And for those not mentioned, that have stepped up and volunteered for a variety of tasks, you get a double "Wave" from the commodore!

All the snow and rain has presented some challenges for our beach and dock. I am pleased to report the beach and old dock (south of the main dock) have been cleared of all the dangerous pilings and debris. This improvement will keep our campers safe and double the size of our beach.

This is my last summer as Commodore and I am happy to see the club continue to improve. We are financially healthy and our membership is stable. With the support of many members, we have a new sunfish fleet, new windows and blinds, an improved kitchen, a new sound system, a new ping-pong table and fresh

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paint! Whew, what a list!! My only wish is I could have been at more events, but work calls.

Thanks to Tami, Zach and my parents for being my support team, I couldn't have done it without you. And last, but not least, to a wonderful, involved and caring board. So give our board members a big "Wave" and a thank you, when you see them this summer.

Finally, I look forward to walking around the point, thinking about how blessed I am to have Omena in my life. And, when I see you on the road, I will look for a big "Wave" and give one right back!

Enjoy your club,

Jeff Bosco



Important dates

For all OTYC activities please refer to calendar

Clean up June 8th

Opening Dinner June 22

Fourth of July Cocktail Party

Small boat races start July 7

Youth program starts July 8

OTYC Annual Meeting July 13

Commadores reception July 28th

Big Boat Race August 3rd



Cover story

Through Facebook, I recently reconnected with a high school classmate Amy Bolthouse Tennis. She and her husband own an organic hops farm in Omena. The picture on the cover is from a plane ride they took last fall. Her pilot was our very own Sally Shapiro. Not sure who took the picture but thanks to both of them for giving us a different view of Omena.

TID BITS

Joan Brovins & Tom Oehmke: How did we pass the winter? We made many new and some unusual friends, went to the Flamenco Festival and wrote another book.

In Islamorada one evening, Joan made friends with Big Bird, who was actually very shy with everyone except ... Joan. [That's Joan on the left.] Knowing an animal lover when Big Bird saw one, this 35 year old, yellow-naped Amazon parrot has spent years circumnavigating the globe in a sailboat, with thousands of miles under his keel. But this time, he "flew" by plane into the Keys via Boulder Colorado with his parents, Captains Allen and Diana Nelson. Big Bird walked right up Joan arm's and perched on her shoulder to enjoy cocktail hour with our new friends. We also met Kate and Howard at a Christmas Party who are serious foodies and, for many weekends afterwards, teamed up with other couples and shared home cooking and fine wines near the Atlantic Ocean. Michael and Nancy have a cousin in the wholesale seafood business and we enjoyed fresh raw oysters and clams on a regular basis. We even learned how to make our own Gravlax with fresh Norwegian salmon. One of the more exciting dishes that was prepared at one gathering was fried turkey...Joan made sure Tom stayed clear of the turkey frying contraption as it proved to be truly an inherently dangerous activity and not something for an amateur...but, Tom was permitted to carve both of the turkeys for the buffet. As we often brought the wine supply to the rotating home venues, at the last dinner in April before our heading back to Omena, our friends presented us with a gift sign that reads: "We only drink the finest wines! Did you bring any?"



Joan with her new friend

Tom drove Joan in his BMW muscle convertible into Miami one Sunday for the Flamenco Festival 2013 that was both classic and modern. Speaking of artistic talents, in December we imported Jim Miller's very own stunning photo-art work, "Omena Storm," down to our island home. After professional matting and framing, it is now hanging in our most coveted alcove, flanked by our white porcelain eagle sculpture (which flew in from Italy to Grosse Pointe via shipping container marked "Fragile" back in 1992 and made its way here via Corrigan Van Lines down I-75 in 2000). Now, when we long for the north woods, we only have to look across the way and enjoy one of the most stunning views of Omena Bay captured and preserved forever by Jim. One thing Tom has been doing in our back yard here that one will not find him doing in Omena Bay is watering the manatee - these swimmers like to come by, usually in pairs, and beg for a hose with fresh water...how can one deny a cool drink to a fellow mammal on a hot day?

While we had the time and pleasure of reading many books this winter, we also co-authored a cutting-edge book entitled, "*Arbitrating Faith-Based Disputes – Render unto Caesar.*" This work will be published by Thomson-Reuters

later this year and is presently being peer-reviewed by a Jewish Rabbi in New York City (who is also an attorney and Director of the Beth Din of America), a Muslim Imam (who is Department Chair and professor at The University of Detroit), a Lutheran Pastor, and a Catholic Bishop.

Lastly, Joan expanded her culinary reach this season, as the Key Largo Publix offers select items which many manufacturers provide locally to test the market prior to national distribution...and this enabled her to experiment with sugar-free chocolate fudge brownies and sugar-free Jose Cuervo Tequila mix. See you all soon at Toddy Time.

The Moore Family reports:

Last July Fred Moore married Rachel Fleischmann on the 45th parallel (The Vineyard Inn), in perfect Omena weather. Rachel's parents, Candace and David Fleischmann, and Rachel's brother, Zac, visited Omena for the first time. Fred's parents Eric and Martine, brother and Best Man, Peter, his fiancée Danielle Berti, sister Anne, and Anne's best friend, Michelle Israel, rounded out the groom's family.

If Fred and Rachel had a wedding, Peter and Danielle had to go 'one up'. They set their wedding for the middle of November at the Chelsea Pier in NYC. The pier, the local inns, and the venue for the rehearsal dinner went swimmingly into Hurricane Sandy's high tide. "Save the Date: Marry On" cards went out with a new date at the end of March -- back at the pier. Danielle's parents, Paul and Linda Berti, hosted the beautiful evening. Fred was Peter's Best Man. Danielle's brother, Paul, his wife, Pavlina, and Anne stepped up to the wedding ensemble. Peter's uncle, "007" (Roger), aunt Kathy, and cousin Krista enjoyed the festivities.

Photos of the couples are on the back cover

The Kennedys: In January the Kennedy family gathered in Chicago to celebrate Dick's 85th birthday. The Windy City cooperated with beautiful weather. One highlight of the weekend was seeing Dick's childhood home. Being a true Irishman and young at heart, Dick rallied when his children, nieces and nephews dragged him out of bed for a night cap.



Nana & Dick Kennedy

In January Mike, Matt, Jeff and Zach Bosco met in Miami, FL for the BCS National Football Championship Game. It was four days of fun, fun and more fun. The score was not as they had hoped but it didn't diminish their enjoyment. Kathy has been busy uniting Michigan State University with the Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center in Phoenix where she volunteers. Both MSU and SARRC have been collaborating concerning the research and treatment of autism. They are planning a retreat together possibly in Omena this summer.

Bill and Nancy Sandt celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They had planned an around the world trip but got so busy reliving the sixty years they had to forego the trip and settle for a dinner out.

The Edgleys: Katherine has decided to attend Middlebury College. Claire is still enjoying Carleton a lot, although they still are getting snow storms!! Alexander has been in Spain since mid-January, first studying Spanish in Granada and then hiking across Northern Spain on the Camino. When he returns, we don't know if he will want to stay here in Utah or move to Michigan. Tess is doing well in soccer after a good basketball season, and enjoying all her friends in 6th grade.

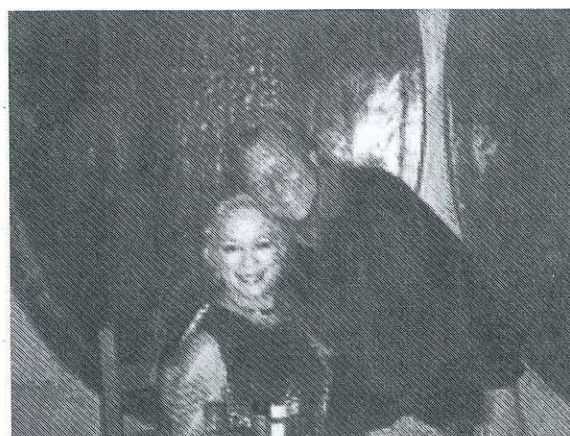
We plan on a year overseas next year, with Roger working along the way as usual. The current plan is fall in the Netherlands, winter in Singapore and spring in London. I will be teaching 7th grade to Tess, we hope that works out for both of us.

Roger enjoyed a sailing trip from Miami to the Bahamas in April with the LaTrappe Creek Society. I'm sure that they didn't run into any pirates.

John & Judy Smart celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary with a 2 week trip to Italy last Fall. We flew into Rome, drove to Frascati and stayed in a 15th Century villa. We took the train into Rome on several occasions and had dinner one evening with Bob & Jeanne Grabowski. Our next stay was a 17th Century villa outside of Florence in the town of Regello. Our anniversary was celebrated in Florence. We also took side trips to Orvieto, Siena & San Gimignano ending in Venice. In February and March we escaped to Mexico and LA to break up the long winter.

Cathy Stephens

I took a wonderful trip to northern Alaska in February to see the northern lights. It was a phenomenal show at night for hours on end! Loved every minute despite the freezing cold. The Stephenson and Buell clans are gathering in St Louis for Brynne Buell's wedding.



John and Judy Smart in Florence

Brynne is the daughter of Pearson Buell - a former resident and now an annual guest in Omena with his family. We are all looking forward to getting back together again in Omena in July/August.

John & MH Ray spent 6 weeks on Sanibel Island, FL recently and enjoyed gatherings with the Husteds, Oberndorfs, Gelakoskis and Marty Bills. Linda and Mike McKenzie were also in the same complex for a week. Michael, Samantha and Tatum Ray also visited us for a few days.

Ron and Mary Tonneberger spent most of March in Mexico-Puerto Vallarta and Ixtapa areas. Warm, sunny and great golf. The Edgley girls came for the middle week and we all celebrated Ron and Karen's birthdays at a great Italian restaurant in the marina area. As I write today in Omena, it is snowing and 27 degrees.

The Masons: Suzanne and Chelsea are both graduating from their dental programs the same day, May 10. Chelsea from The University of Detroit Mercy and is planning to associate with her uncle Dr Mike Davis in Saginaw, one block from her dad's office. Chelsea is also engaged to A J Seaman who is planning a career in veterinary medicine. Suzanne graduates from The Graduate

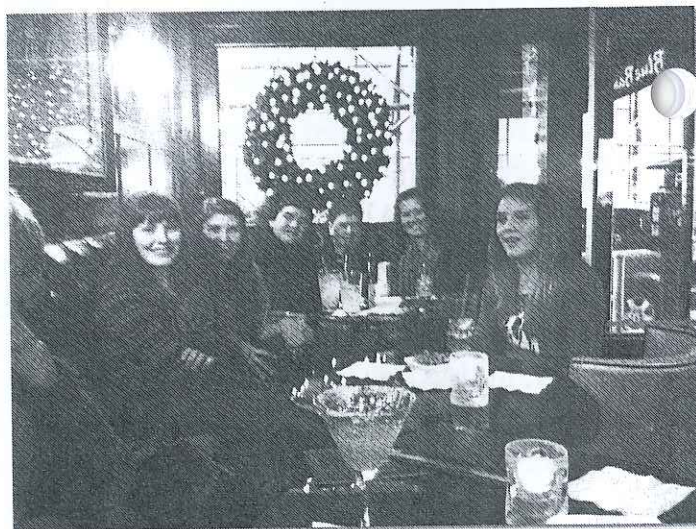
trails! She'll be back in Omena late June, after taking Nora to California to visit Alan's kids in Santa Rosa.



Charlotte, Julie Crist and Lin Emmert

Tish and Bill Renz have had a busy winter. Bill brought another dentist and his staff into his practice and Tish has been helping with the transition. In January, instead of heading south, they headed to Detroit to see Tish's mom and go to the Detroit Auto Show, always very impressive. They escaped in February to Las Vegas for Bill to go to a dental seminar and also to meet up with Cynn timer and Ron Dotzauer, Bill's sister and brother-in-law from Seattle. In March, they went to Michigan with Crystal to spend some time on the west side of Michigan in the area around Holland including the place where Tish used to go in the summers for a week or two. At the end of April, Tish and Bill headed to Seattle to be with the Dotzauers for the weekend so the men could talk football to their hearts content during the football draft, and then spend time together hanging out.

The Magrini family topped off the holiday season with a quick but extremely fun visit with the Tonneberger and Edgley clan in NYC. In February we had another Omena reunion with the Wisconsin Boscós. Jeff, Tami and Zach flew in just in time for a true Nor'easter! Our plans to tour ESPN and see a little of New England vanished when we were snowed in for two days! Luckily the kitchen and bar were well stocked and fun was had by all. For winter break we flew to California and spent a week exploring San Francisco, Big Sur and the LA area. In April, David spent 10 days sailing in the Bahamas with the Creekers group. Although they were not on the same boat, David and Roger Edgley were able to meet up a few times. Finally, Maggie is so excited to attend Denison University in the fall!



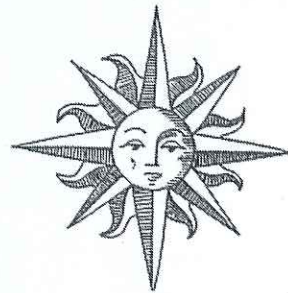
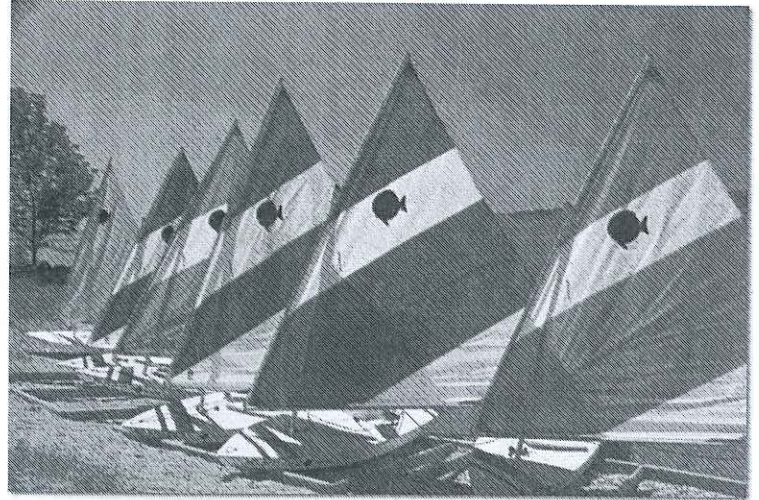
Claire, Katherine, Danny, Robbie, Maggie and Tess in NYC

Marion Jones received the Arizona Governor's Arts Award in March. There were six recipients in the state at the 32nd annual Arts Awards event. Marion received the "Arts in Education – Individual" award. She is Professor Emeritus of Dance at Arizona State University, and also taught at Cornell

University, Purdue University and the University of Rochester. She joined the ASU faculty in 1970 and served as Artistic Director of Desert Dance Theatre from 1988 to 2006.



Roger Edgley and David Magrini



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.

Vacation Rental:

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Cathy Stephenson [773-415-5500](tel:773-415-5500) or cws0608@pobox.com

IN LOVING MEMORY

JoAnn Bishop

We were sorry to learn of the death of JoAnn Bishop. She died in Fort Myers, Florida in February. JoAnn was a long time summer resident in Omena. She and her husband Jack began coming to Omena in the 1950's when Jack was one of the visiting ministers at St. Christopher's Episcopal Mission on Omena Heights. Initially, they stayed at the cottage of the Boswell sisters who had made their cottage available to the visiting ministers. Eventually, the Bishops purchased a lot on Singing Sands and built their cottage. JoAnn is survived by her four sons, John, Timothy, Matthew, and Christopher.



The Commodore & Family in Connecticut

left: Jeff Bosco & David Magrini

Above: The Magrins and Boscoss enjoy dinner in Avon, CT.

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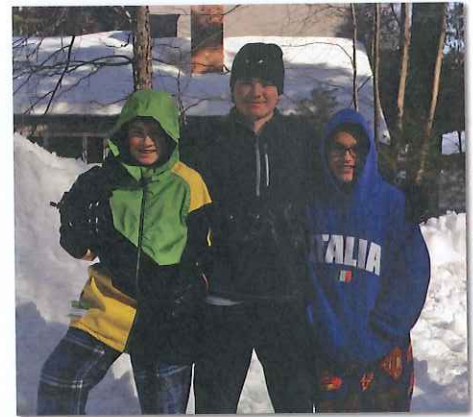
Brenda Anderson, Sarah & Melissa Chenault



Mary and Ron Tonneberger



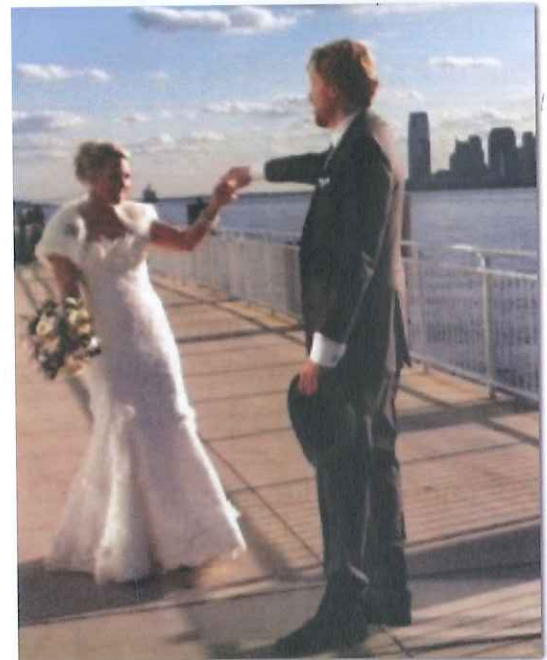
Sarah Chenault's new jewelry line



Robbie & Danny Magrini with Zach Bosco



Fred and Rachel Moore at the Vineyard



Peter and Danielle Moore in NYC