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

Commodore's Corner

As we enter the winter season and our club has been put to restful sleep for the winter, it is time to reflect on the year past. There are many fond recollections of the friendships that we share all during the year. It is these friendships that make



Omena such a special place. The fall season put on a spectacular color show as usual and we were greeted by our first hint of snow in November. The one constant is that the folks in Omena and environs never seem to slow down. Although the club is closed, many have continued to enjoy toddy time at members' homes. The first winter blanket of snow is a signal that it is time to get the skis and snow shoes ready to use, and to begin holiday preparations. Some of us have scattered to warm weather climes and our homes away from Omena. But, as always, at this time of year we continue to feel blessed that we enjoy this bit of Paradise we share with family and good friends.

After my initial few months as Commodore, I can state unequivocally that Jeff is a hard act to follow. Under his auspices, the club is in great shape following the new window installation and kitchen renovation. Our fleet of sunfish sailboats was replaced with new ones and the beach area has been improved to eliminate the rocks and make it more useable. We are following a regular painting and maintenance schedule and have accepted bid to repaint the floor this spring. Please let me or a board member know if you have any suggestions for improvements. Also, our membership committee has been hard at work on updating and cleaning up our by-laws.

I want to issue a thank you to all those members who answered the call to become involved chairing committees, hosting events and keeping the club in great physical shape. Ours is an all-volunteer club and your participation is necessary to making sure our club stays as a special place.

Sharon and I wish all of you a wonderful Christmas season and look forward to seeing you in the spring. Bill



Minutes OTYC Annual Meeting July 13, 2013

Board Members in attendance included Jeff Bosco, Bill Cron, Barb Harris, Mike Biskupski, Libby Mustaine, Stuart Williams, and Cathy Stephenson. Nancy Cooper and Michael Ray were unable to attend. Forty-five members in total attended the meeting. Proxies were received from four additional members.

Commodore Bosco called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Peggy Elscott motioned to waive the reading of the Minutes from the 2012 Annual Meeting. Kathy Bosco seconded the motion which then carried.

Following a brief review of the Agenda for the meeting, Commodore Bosco spoke about the strength of the Club. The OTYC is based on volunteerism. The support of the many volunteers, the excitement, enthusiasm and passion is exceptional! It is Important to recognize the great efforts of all who make our Club what it is. Jeff then noted some of the highlights of his tenure as Commodore:

- The beach and pilings were cleared this spring and the area is now safe and beautiful for boaters and swimmers. The beach is twice its former size.
- In 2012 a fleet of sunfish was donated to the Club by numerous members.
- The 40 year old OTYC boat engine has been rebuilt and is running well.
- The grounds are beautiful and well cared for creating an attractive surrounding for all.
- The tennis court has been cleaned and patched. Lessons learned have been noted regarding the benefit of raking leaves before winter so they don't stain the surface of the court.
- A committed group of 22 volunteers attended Clean Up day this year!
- A maintenance schedule has been established for the Clubhouse. Going forward, we will proactively identify issues and plan projected expenses to ease the burden of upkeep on the operating budget.
- The Kitchen is really a showplace. It has been cleaned and upgraded to make it more functional and healthy for storing food and supplies.
- Two new grills have been purchased 1 propane and 1 charcoal. They will be used for catered dinners and picnics.
- New fans in the Clubhouse are running smoothly and noiselessly.
- A new ping pong table on the upstairs porch is seeing good use thanks to the generosity of Edgleys!
- John & Judy Smart purchased a new sound system for the Club.
- Thanks to members who purchased new windows. The windows now have plaques identifying the donors. Special thanks to Ed Oberndorf for spearheading the fund raising for the replacement and refurbishment.
- Thanks to the Board for their year round efforts in support of the Club.
- Thanks to Kathy Bosco for all her efforts and valuable input as a previous Commodore
- Thanks also to Tami Bosco, partner-in-Commodore, and Scuttlebutt lead for all she's done on behalf of the Club.

Treasurer's report:

Bill Cron reviewed the 2012 Income Statement as presented below. Revenues are up over the prior year largely due to initiation fees. The window replacement project is the major variance in expenses from the previous year. In total, there is a slight surplus of \$200 for the year.

Bill stated there is \$76K in the checking account and \$17K in CDs, with some accounts receivable. The Balance heet is similar to that of the previous year. Our accounts are with Fifth Third Bank. (Financials are contained in an insert)

John Ray asked why no Breeze expense is shown in 2011. Bill recognizes this discrepancy and will investigate. Jeff noted the job of OTYC Treasurer is challenging due to chasing Accounts Receivable. He asked for members to please pay their dues upon receipt of the invoice. The Treasurer also has to cut checks weekly during the summer season due to the level of

Committee reports:

Social Committee: Linda Kemper presented the report on behalf of Linda and Doni Lystra.

The 2013 OTYC Social Calendar was sent with the spring issue of The Breeze. A revised edition was posted this week and is available at the club, at the Ladies' Social and on-line. Tami Bosco has been sending regular social updates and reminders, along with the revised calendar, in The Scuttlebutt.

The 2013 season opened with a lively Memorial Day Cocktail Party, hosted by John and Judy Smart, along with Bill and Sharon Cron. The Caribbean Opening Dinner, colorful and delicious, was attended by piratecostumed club members, and was hosted by Dale & Joan Blount and Bob & Julie Krist. This year's 4th of July was sunny, cool and comfortable - and wellattended. The hosts included Michael and Samantha Ray, and Kim and Linda Kemper, aided by the Biskupskis, the Bosco Family - and a cast of thousands helping with clean-up. Judy Balas, Catered Dinner Chair for the second year, has lined up five catered dinners, including a new event on Monday, August 12. This is the Catered Barbecue and Dance, hosted by Jim Reynolds and Pat Murphy and John & Mary Helen Ray. Cocktails will be served at 6:00, followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. The dance begins at 8:00 p.m. with music provided by the Ty Reynolds Band. The music has been graciously gifted to the club by Jim and Pat.

The Potluck Chair for the second year is Karen Gelakoski, assisted by Mary Smart. Seven potlucks have been planned. Special entertainment has been included at specific potlucks, including a children and friends' concert, bingo, the Tie-Dye Fashion Show, John Rutherford musical entertainment, kids' and parents' dance instruction by Linnea Hodgson (Annette Deibel's granddaughter), and the Classic Jazz Stompers from Dayton.

Suzie and Stu Mulligan are continuing to chair the Thursday Toddy Times. (Suzie later in the meeting clarified that they spearhead the conscripting of weekly

hosts.) Other events include the Thursday, July 11 Ladies' Social at Kris Mampe's. Annette and Laura Deibel will host the Ladies' Luncheon on Tuesday, August 6, where we will pass a sign-up sheet for volunteers to host 2014 major events. Bonnie & Jim Scarlett and Kathy & Jim Miller will host the Labor Day Cocktail Party.

Youth Program:

Karen Edgley provided an update on the Youth Program on behalf of the Committee which includes Trish Bosco, Lisa Newland and Karen.

The program has an average of 12 campers registered each week. Since July 4th fell in the middle of the week this year, the Committee decided to have a 4 week program. Janey Capers Newland is in charge of sailing with Zach Bosco assisting. Each young child sails with an older, more experienced sailor. The key goal is to ensure campers actually spend time sailing. Dan Leathery is in charge of tennis. Nellie and Livvy List are assisting. They are working with each child to really teach tennis.

The Youth Program's overall goal is for each camper to have learned some good skills. An extensive list of skills has been developed for the children to learn (see the manual on the shelf under the bulletin board). Katherine Edgley is Camp Coordinator making sure everything runs smoothly.

This past week was Survivor Week - which added an element of contemporary fun to the experience. Karen expects to have 1 or hopefully 2 field trips this summer. Recognizing the disproportionate amount of time spent planning and executing field trips, the Committee has focused on fewer trips. Karen noted that there is still room for more campers in the Youth Program this year!

Building

Jim Miller delivered the Building Report. Our Grand Old Lady continues to hold her own, with no major areas in need of attention other than the ongoing maintenance areas.

Housekeeping:

The good news: El Diablo, aka Marcia Biskupski, has been a savior with housekeeping. She has taken great care to oversee all cleaning work and has promptly reported issues in need of attention. Her coordination

with cleaning companies has been amazing. The results are obvious and the place is squeaky clean. The litchen and bathroom areas are the cleanest they have en in years. All thanks to Marcia!

The bad news: Unfortunately for us, Marcia will be leaving her post after this year, so we will be in serious need of someone willing to take over. She would be willing to train her replacement, so if you may know of any candidates, please let Marcia or Jim know as soon as possible.

Exterior Painting/Maintenance: Last fall, we had the front entry area refinished. The swinging screen doors were sanded, stained and protected with a polyurethane coating. It appeared the wood had not been painted in decades.

As approved last year, we are continuing with the yearly, exterior upkeep program, which includes removal of peeling paint, sanding, priming and painting in the worst areas of the building. This year, the entire north side will be refinished. The downstairs, front porch area, including the three overhead beams as well as the west facing exterior of the front porch area ill be painted. The main porch deck area will also be refinished. Rainbow Painting continues to provide us with excellent service at a very competitive price. Jim highly recommends them for your personal use.

Other stuff

The pump enclosure (south side of building by front steps) is in bad shape and needs to be replaced. It is falling apart and can no longer simply be repaired. Jim will have Rich Peplinski take a look at it and get a bid for making a new one. Jim will also take a look at making it a little more accessible for service people. All in all, everything looks good. Please do not hesitate to contact Jim should anyone notice anything in need of attention.

Grounds

Jeff reviewed the report prepared by Bob Krist.

On Clean Up Day, 22 dedicated members brought their tools, skills and energy to ready the Club for the 2013 season. A special thanks to Sharon Cron for putting our lunch together.

ne boat launch dock is now on a schedule placing it in use from May 15th through September 30th each year. Necessary repairs will be completed by Wally Dreybek of Twin Bay Docks.

Lawn Care Services are performed by Whiteford Lawn Maintenance. Best Price Tree has submitted a bid to cut down 3 large, dead pine trees at the east end of the parking lot and remove the remains of the trees. Keith Disselkoen cut and cleared a tree that was blocking the driveway and removed brush from the area by the waste containers. Traverse Outdoors repaired the blown out irrigation line at the parking lot by the stairs to the porch.

If you see a problem on Club grounds, please contact Bob so that it can be fixed. Cell phone is 231-342 4450. Home phone is 231-386-7006. Call at least twice in a row to be sure Bob can find and answer the phone!

Mike Biskupski volunteered to be asst groundskeeper. Two grills were purchased. Kathy Miller asked about the location of the well. It is located near the side stairs to the porch with the pressure tank.



Spreading the new sand

Waterfront

Jeff read the report prepared by John MItchell.

The waterfront has improved steadily over the past year, mostly by projects initiated and concluded by members with a vision for making the OTYC a better place. I applaud and appreciate the results and confess I had essentially nothing to do with most of this year's work.

The highlight of my tenure as sole member and chair of this committee through the last three commodores had been to see the blossoming of the kid's program, which is currently the major user and instrument of positive change of the waterfront. My congratulations to the members I have seen working hard every day over the last few summers to make this a first class operation.

concerned that it is the same people volunteering for each activity. Cathy Stephenson noted that the embership Review Committee will be addressing this pic in its review of the membership application process.

Jeff noted that he held a Chat with Commodore session last Saturday. A committee surfaced to generate active volunteerism. Marcia Biskupski noted its purpose and urged folks to respond. Volunteer activities will be distributed to members with a request for their involvement. Many other ideas were raised which will be explored by the ad hoc committee.

Other Business

Commodore Bosco noted the following important points:

- Thanks to Suzie Goldman for efforts on OTYC logowear! It is a great mix of items. Its sales underwrite the Youth Program.
- Jay Grosmark has turned over management of the OTYC website to Kate Bosco - her skills and interests are an outgrowth of a school program! Thanks to both Jay and Kate.
- Thanks to Bob and Karen Gelakoski and Marcia Biskupski who respond quickly and make frequent health checks on the grounds and Clubhouse as is often needed.
- Dues and fees will remain the same in 2014 as they were in 2013.
- Members need to be aware of the following and act accordingly:
- 1. Any and all guests must be accompanied by a member while on Club property.
- 2. No pets are allowed on the grounds.
- 3. Sponsors need to really provide a substantive thoughtful recommendation on prospective candidates.

In closing, Commodore Bosco thanked both the Board and all the members for being so supportive and involved with the Club. Bill Cron voiced that Jeff has been an outstanding Commodore with a steady hand. The members agreed by recognizing the outgoing Commodore with a standing ovation acknowledging his significant efforts, accomplishments and commitment to the OTYC.

The Annual Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am so all could enjoy the beautiful day in the Land of Delight.



Kellie and Bonnie Scarlett

Notice from the MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

■Annual dues will be billed **January 1**, and are due ■March 1 (instead of March 1, due May 1).

The OTYC Membership Directory will be updated and published in May (not December).

"Summer street address" may be added to your listing. If you wish to include your summer street address in the Directory, please provide me with the information.

To make any changes of address, phone number, email address or cell phone number, email or contact me. Space permits one preferred email address and one preferred cell phone number.

Note: Please provide the name of the member associated with the email address or cell phone number as this is very helpful contact information.

■M3

Martha M Moffett,
Membership Chair
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858-292-5713

My Boston Whaler has been the major user and income source for the boat docks over the past five years. I see this as the area most in need of improvement at the OTYC. Frankly, the docks are not very user friendly - the water low, the docks high - and therefore there is very little demand. I understand that most of the Club's members own waterfront property and there is not that much interest in improvements here.

I do, however, feel that some relatively inexpensive work could make the dock area a much more pleasant place to gather for all members, and over the last few years I have put forward some skeletal plans in that regard. I believe these improvements could pay for themselves through dock rental fees within a reasonable time. However, the OTYC is one of my refuges and the last thing I want to do is to push on a project that doesn't have broad support.

I have enjoyed my time on this committee, but also believe that a regular change of the guard is in the best interest of this special place. Therefore, I ask that you accept my resignation and allow the incoming Commodore to appoint new blood. However, I cannot leave this position without tipping my hat to the Commodores I served under, all volunteers who worked hard to implement what they saw as improvements for the Club. Marcia Biskupski noted the Clubhouse floor needs to be painted.

Breeze

Jeff reviewed the report from Kerry & David Magrini.

Due to the great response, we added four pages to the December Breeze. It's always fun to hear from a broad spectrum of the Club and the pictures add so much to the paper. Please keep it coming and certainly send your winter pictures in for the May Breeze. We know everyone lives an interesting life during the winter months and would love to hear and see more about it! For the May Breeze we do struggle with getting it out earlier in the month because membership payments are due May 1st and it takes a few days to make sure all members have renewed and then print the summer directory. We have brought this to the Board's attention. Many thanks to Martha Moffett who makes sure the membership list is current.

Looking forward, we would love any ideas or pieces that focus on the history of the Club or the extraordinary people that are its members. If you have any ideas for the Breeze of would like to get involved with it please contact us at omenabreeze@gmail.com.

Membership 4

The report was prepared by Martha Moffett but in her absence delivered by the Commodore and is contained below. The number of members currently totals 314.

Invoices for membership dues will be mailed January 1, two months earlier than past years and in line with the Club's membership year. Payment will be due no later than March 1. The shift in timing enables us to have a current, updated membership roster for publication of the Member Directory and distribution of the Omena Breeze. Martha Moffett's efforts as Membership Chair were acknowledged and lauded. (See insert for detail membership information and numbers)

Nominating Committee

Jeff noted that one Board member, Barb Harris, was retiring upon the end of her term; two Board members, Bill Cron and Michael Ray, were up for renewal. Judy Smart chaired the Nominating Committee which included Mary Smart and Bill Loveless. The Committee proposed Bill McMenamy for a 3-year term and the re-election of Michael Ray and Bill Cron to a second 3-year term. There were no nominations from the floor. Jim Miller moved to accept the slate of candidates as presented, Suzie Mulligan seconded. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Commodore extended many thanks to Barb Harris. Jeff noted that Barb is a longstanding member of the Omena community - actually 35 years. Barb and her family have made many contributions to the OTYC in that time! For many years Barb was responsible for Membership. Mary Helen Ray also noted Barb had spent years coordinating the Youth Program.

The Commodore then made some additional comments. The Board is going to spend time studying membership, its geographic boundaries and how the Club is used to determine what the membership capacity should be. Caroline Oberndorf commented the map of A&B boundaries should be thrown out as it's divisive and unfriendly. She thanked Jeff for being respectful and open. Mike Adelson asked for a review of the utilization study once completed.

Suzie Mulligan requested that the application more forcefully note expectations of all members to become active volunteers on behalf of the OTYC. She is

TID BITS

News from the Standleys:

Andrew is an Eagle Scout! He also attends the University of Cincinnati College of Engineering in Chemical Engineering. His recent comment to me was, "I love it, mom. I finally get



to study something I am interested in studying!" And he loves his dorm floor....ROTC. He said the guys study hard, and play hard. We think he was placed on the ROTC floor due to the Eagle Scout achievement. He is not interested fully in following a military career yet. If he did, he would be third generation military, after both of his grandfathers, and two uncles. He is an Eagle Scout forever....yeah!! Move over John Glenn!

Katherine Edgley reports: I have recently returned to the Netherlands from five weeks at a German school in Berlin; I had a wonderful time meeting many new people, eating German food, and exploring the city. Karen and Tess had a nice trip through France on the way to dropping Ron and Mary off in Basel for their river trip down the Rhine. Otherwise Karen and Tess have been centered in Delft, Holland, where Tess is ploughing through her 7th grade coursework at a rapid pace as well as taking field trips to other parts of Holland. Roger has been able to spend time in the Netherlands as well as making short trips around Europe. Claire and Alexander are enjoying college in Minnesota and Traverse City, respectively. All of us will be spending Christmas in England with Roger's family.

Sarah Chenault: just finished up working on the Museum Preparator crew at the Fowler Museum on the campus of UCLA. It was one of the most wonderful creative experiences I have ever had. Here is a shot of one area we built housing Zulu staffs, body adornments, etc. It is the Fowler's 50th Anniversary and

they have many cultural artifacts displayed from the Indigenous Americas, the Pacific Southwest, and Africa. Give me a ring if you're in LA and I'll meet you at the museum for a culture fix! My jewelry is now for sale in the museum store there, as well.

Bill Renz

Tish and I have had a busy Fall. It's included two trips to Omena and two beer tastings. I struggled with what to do to celebrate my 50th birthday coming up in October but then I discovered that the nation's biggest beer festival just happened to start on my birthday in Denver, CO. With it fast approaching in two weeks, I got resourceful and made it happen. It was a quick 2 day trip but since our daughter was in Washington, DC on a school field trip, we felt it was meant to be and had a great time. The only problem was my "date" insisted on splitting the measly 1 oz pours we were getting even thought our ticket entitled each of us to unlimited samples. She claimed that she was saving me from myself. Two weeks later we attended the 5th Annual Detroit Fall Beer Festival which is limited to Michigan breweries. We enjoyed an evening of seasonal brews such as Oktoberfest and Pumpkin beers. I think that Michigan craft beers are second to no one in terms of quality so it's a treat to attend a festival devoted to Michigan beer.

Ron and Mary Tonneberger had a wonderful fall holiday with some of the Edgleys. We flew to Amsterdam and then stayed with Roger, Karen, and Tess in their apartment in The Hague. After touring this city and then Delft, Karen and Tess drove us

through Luxembourg, and the Alsatian region of France. Gorgeous color tour and of course history, not to forget the wine. We ended up in Basel Switzerland for a few days before we two joined a cruise of Castles Down the



Rhine. We highly recommend it to all. Karen and Tess went on to Zurich to visit friends who had moved there from Salt Lake. At the end of the cruise, we visited Amsterdam with Karen, Tess and were joined by Katherine who had been studying German in Berlin. Europe agrees with her. Roger, Alex and Claire missed our fun as they are working hard in various locations. Photo was taken at the Rijksmuseum after a very extensive tour. Home to snow in Omena.

Meg & Matt Wilkes Greetings OTYC Members! Some of you know me & some do not. I'm Meg Wilkes (Umbarger), Granddaughter of Mary Woolford & Daughter of Mary Jo Brumbaugh. I've been coming to Omena my entire life. This summer will be my 39th year! I've been married to Matt Wilkes for 13 years & have two children, Peyton 9 & Ella 7. We have been members of the OTYC for at least 7 years as a family & I've been a member my whole life. I spent every summer growing up in Omena & participating in the Youth Group program & now my children are carrying on the tradition that started two years ago. Recently, I opened my own business. It's called Northern Property Management & Maintenance, LLC, NPMM for short. Over the last 15 years I have been in charge of our Omena home & found that I have a passion for it so I decided to turn that passion into a business. As they say, if you love what you do then you never work a day in your life! Since becoming in charge of our Omena home, I have organized & overseen kitchen remodeling, new roofing on all the buildings, general maintenance, minor & major construction as our 112 year old house needed the balcony rebuilt & a structural "face lift", running adds & background checks for renters, writing & administrating rental contracts, meeting with insurance adjusters, hiring arborist & Winter patrol persons, all aspects of opening & closing our home seasonally. Basically, if it needs to be handled, I'm the one that handles it. I am currently working on getting my Contractors License, which will be completed by February 2014. My husband has his Master Plumbing License & is also a Steamfitter & Pipefitter for Local 85. He also has many other licenses, like Medical Gas Certification, & is

currently working on his Plumbing Contractor License. Matt started out in residential plumbing & is beginning to get back into that aspect of his trade. We reside in Interlochen during the winter months, which has been very helpful over the years. If you find yourself in need of any of our services, please feel free to contact me. See ad Hope you all have a happy & safe Holiday Season & we look forward to seeing you this summer in Omena!

Brenda Anderson

This summer Tom and I were visited by my son Chris Anderson (33). Chris who became a consummate boater and fisherman after spending his summers in Omena finally returned after a 17 hiatus. Ahhh the joys of the Bluebird; the sticky buns, salad bar and watching the raccoon waddle down to the river... Yes, Virginia (or in this case, *Chris*) you can go home again!!



Above: Brenda with her son Chris

Below: Brenda & Tom Anderson with Jeanne & Bob Grabowski touring California wineries



Note from the Editors:

As you can see the full directory was not mailed with the December Breeze. We know that many of you look forward to the directory this time of year. The Membership Committee and Board feel this was necessary at this time so let's give them our support and see how it works!

Now on to the fun. We had a blast reviewing the Breeze archives! We will try to include some flashbacks through pictures or stories when possible. We are looking into a safe place to store them at OTYC and possibly having them scanned.

As always send your info to omenabreeze@gmail.com

Cheers.

Kerry & 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:

Ingalls Bay Rental: Ingalls Bay farmhouse cottage available weekly. 4 bedrooms, sleeps up to 10. Master bedroom and bath on first floor. Living room and family room, each with fireplace Dining room. TV/DVD, WiFi, 'ishwasher. Charming, wicker-filled wraparound screened porch for relaxing and dining, beach deck and large rawn for play. 2 kayaks and a boat mooring are available.

Contact betsyparker1@yahoo.com or 816-931-2270 for more information.



Ladies Luncheon hosted by the Deibel ladies at Laura's house.

May we have your ATTENTION, please for... Breaking news from OTYC Membership Committee

Most good works of OTYC Committees are obvious during summer in Omena. But, you might like to know of the Membership Committee's work-in-progress over the last several years. Chairperson Martha Moffett and your Committee members urge you to note some good things to come in 2014. So be on the lookout!

In 2012, Martha and her then-sole fellow Committee member, Joan Brovins, began a limited review to update and revise OTYC membership procedures and classifications. The Board, after considering the proposals developed, expanded the Committee's focus, directing a review of all other procedures and Bylaws which demanded more time and substantial effort.

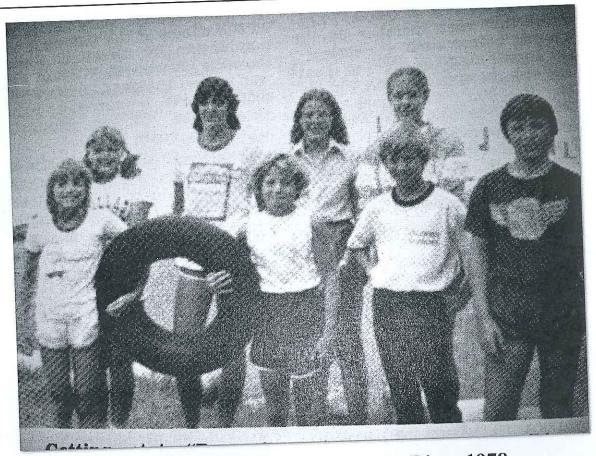
Early this year, the Board added two of its members, Cathy Stephenson and Barb Harris, to the Committee. Barb and Cathy quickly rolled up their sleeves to assist Martha and Joan with the expansive task at hand -- a thorough review of all OTYC Bylaws meetings, telephone conferences and email exchanges. The Committee drafted proposals and recommendations which with special attention to membership and how things have been working or not working.

Months and countless summer and fall hours were invested and presented to the OTYC Board. In turn, the Board conducted a substantial review and determined the goals: simplify, eliminate inconsistencies and items contrary to intended objectives all while being mindful that "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!"

With input from the Board, clarifications from volunteer legal counsel Joan Brovins, and information from Chairperson Martha Moffet concerning data and technical procedures, the Committee's work is now complete and ready for Board review over this coming winter.

All proposed OTYC Bylaw revisions will be published to the general membership next May. Please keep a sharp lookout for these Bylaw proposals along with all other OTYC news that is fit to print. The final product will be high on the agenda for your consideration and approval at the July 2014 annual membership meeting.

Flashback OTYC



"Rump Bump" on the Boardman River 1978

Left to Right: Peggy Ehrhardt, Teresa Gorham, Libby Ehrhardt, Leigh Anne Leathery, Melissa Gorham,

Don Leathery, Kathryn Woolfinger, Matt Bosco

A NEW FLAG

A dedication ceremony of our new American flag, ordered by Bernie Gros and arranged by Bob Grabowski, took place during a September Toddy Time. Two Army sergeants, Jeremy Barnby and Joshua Fronk, came from Traverse City to help in the ceremony. The crowd joined together in singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and shared in the patriotic moment. At the following Catered Dinner a basket was passed to collect money for the sergeants to show our appreciation for their service. Jim and Kathy Miller hosted them at their home and gave them each a Chamber of Commerce gift certificate to be used at any participating Traverse City merchant. *Colored picture on the back page*

Commodore's Reception





At the right: Mary Helen Ray, Betsy Parker and Cathy Stephenson



Tami and Jeff Bosco



Linda Kemper Annette Deibel, Judy Knorp and KathyTurner



Todd and Phil Goldman with Mike Bosco



Many thanks to our past Commodores and all our support to our new Commodore Bill Cron

OTYC Youth Program



The Turner's grandson Lucas Thielmann



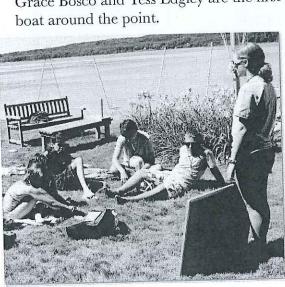
Katherine Edgley and Janey Newland OTYC sailing pros



Dan Leathery headed up the tennis program



Grace Bosco and Tess Edgley are the first



Dan shares a few pointers with Arley Goldman

Other counselors were Zach Bosco, Livvy and Nellie List with a little help from Danny and Maggie Magrini



In Loving Memory



Jeannette 'Jonnie' Rule Hodgson, 84, died Friday, September 27, 2013. Jonnie was born August 21, 1929, in Aurora, Illinois, the daughter of Colter and Marguerite Rule, and grew up in Cincinnati. Jonnie and her husband Henry "Hank" Hodgson started their lives together in Chappaqua, NY. She was a beloved teacher, active member of her church and member of the Junior League. She started coming to Omena at the age of 6. She was a long time member of the Omena Presbyterian Church, OTYC, and the Omena Historical Society. Her beautiful smile will be missed.

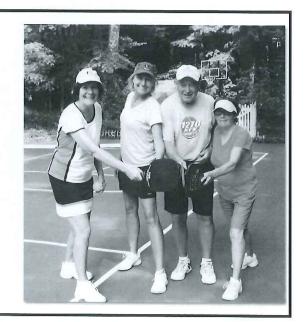


Robert Weiss, Jr. December 24, 1959- August 8, 2013. Rob was the oldest son of Nancy Weiss. Both Rob and his family were dynamic members of OTYC for many years.

First Annual Vlasic Classic

Pickleball has become so popular that Bill and Sharon Cron organized the first annual Vlasic Classic. Using courts from Omena to Northport people battled to play in the Championship game at Court Bosco.

The Winners were 1st place: Caryn DeVries and Georgie Disselkoen (for Mike Biskupski) and 2nd place Bill Cron (for Dennis Turner) and Sharon Cron











Paula McMenamy, Kanda & Harold McKee



Keith Disselkoen, Harold McKee, Bill Knorp & Dick Kennedy



