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

It is hard to believe that a year has passed so quickly. It was a year filled with fun and camaraderie. The fall colors were spectacular this year and now snow has come early to the Leelanau. While many have escaped to warmer climates, others choose to remain in Omena to enjoy the beauty of the winter season. As we gather around the fireside this holiday season, wherever we are located, we are warmed by our memories of friendships shared this past summer at the OTYC.



As you all know, we are a volunteer organization that can only effectively function if our members pitch in and contribute. We are very blessed to have an outstanding membership willing to contribute their time and effort. I am especially grateful for all those who have agreed to chair the many committees that are necessary for a successful season of activities. I urge all to join in by agreeing to host a function, or work on a project.

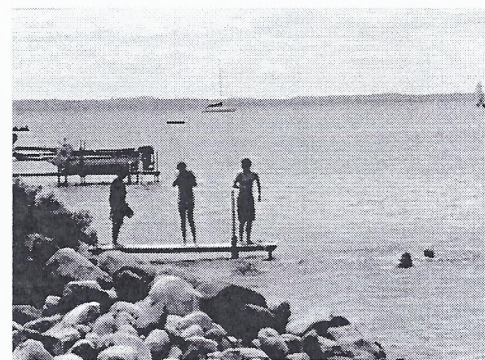
Our membership continues to add new members to share in our fellowship. We welcome several new full members in 2015. However we were saddened by the passing of long time members Pat Kulick, Stu Mulligan, Janet Tate, Marion Jones and Austin Jones. We will miss them.

As we look to the year ahead, we have an active agenda and some major projects planned. Plans for construction of a boathouse under the leadership of Jim Miller are taking shape. (See elsewhere in this issue of the Breeze for a more complete discussion of the building and its progress.) It is anticipated that construction will begin in the spring with completion by fall.

An important investment this fall was the purchase of a new motor for the Youth Committee boat. The old motor was often temperamental and difficult to start. This would have been a serious problem had it occurred during an emergency while conducting on water sailing instruction for the youth program. The new motor will solve this problem. It also has the added advantage of being quieter when running. The noise from the old motor often made it difficult for campers to hear instructions for the water activities.

Sharon and I wish you a Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years and we look forward to seeing all of you next summer for another season of good fellowship and camaraderie.

Bill Cron, Commodore



TID BITS

Tish, Bill and Crystal Renz have not done as much traveling as they normally do since leaving Omena because they closed on a new house at the end of August. They are staying in the same school district. Tish and Bill have spent the fall working on the new house, outfitting, painting, plastering drywall and other fun stuff and getting their current house ready to be sold. The plans are to move once the current house sells. Their niece, Emma First, got married in Portland, Oregon over Labor Day. It was fun to be in Portland, see family and enjoy the long weekend. They have gone to Detroit twice, a trip in October and then again Thanksgiving to spend some time with Tish's mom. Crystal is doing well as a freshman in high school and has already had a snow day for 5 inches of snow in the middle of November.

Judy & Bruce Balas spent 2-1/2 weeks visiting southern Italy. First stop was the Amalfi coast which included Capri island, Pompeii and several small villages along the coast. The 3 hour tour of Pompeii with a local guide covered only a small portion of the 170 acres of the grounds. The site and its 20,000 inhabitants were covered by tons of ash and pumice in 79 AD after the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius which is about 5 miles away. The excavated city, preserved by the ash, offers a snapshot of Roman life in the 1st century, frozen at the moment it was buried.

Following the Amalfi Coast the Balases spent 1-1/2 weeks on Sicily as part of a Go Ahead Tour organized by Martha Ryan of Suttons Bay. They spent a few days in Palermo where they toured the Palatine Chapel, known for its beautiful mosaics. The chapel combines harmoniously a variety of styles: the Norman architecture, the Arabic arches and scripts, and the Byzantine dome and mosaics. This combining of icons from different religions is an excellent example of Sicily's "melting pot" culture. For instance, clusters of four eight-pointed stars, typical for Muslim design, are arranged on the ceiling so as to form a Christian cross.

Another highlight of the trip was a visit to the lovely and picturesque village of Taormina built into the side of a mountain on the eastern coastline of Sicily. A

visit to Mt. Etna, one of the most active volcanoes in the world, was also memorable. Climbing to 5,600' (in a bus) provided a landscape of hardened black lava in all directions. Mt. Etna is in an almost constant state of activity, the most recent eruption being in Aug. 2014. At more than 10,000' high, it looms over the area.



Judy and Bruce Balas near Palermo, Italy with a Greek temple in the background

Ron and Mary Tonneberger had a scenic drive in October across Ontario to Montreal during the fall color season. After a few days of visiting Old Montreal, we reached Middlebury, VT where our granddaughter Katherine is a freshman. Some great days touring and visiting historic sites. We managed to squeeze in two rounds of golf although the weather was nippy. Then a return to MI via the Adirondacks, the Corning Glass Museum, and Niagara Falls. Omena still measures up!



Katherine Edgley with Mary & Ron Tonneberger at Middlebury College

Michael Ray The Portland, Oregon Ray's had an active Fall. Tatum started pre-school in a Spanish immersion program where they only teach in Spanish. She's loving it and is starting to get the pronunciation down

quite well. Mom and Dad need to work on their Spanish as well...ahh hem! Labor Day Weekend was an "Omena Weekend in Portland." We were able to be with many Omena connections, such as the Smiths, Renz, Michael's parents, and many of their extended family at Ema First's wedding in Portland. It was fun to be able to welcome and see so many Omena connections in our new hometown.

The three of us were also able to sneak off to Disneyland for a long weekend in September where Tatum was on the hunt for anything that represented characters from the movie "Frozen." Mom and Dad spent most of the time distracting her so she wouldn't get fixated on them too much, but we all had fun. Cars Land in California Adventure is our favorite.

Samantha continues to be busy with keeping Tatum moving about from school to gymnastics classes and anything else they have fun doing. She's also still teaching online classes.

Michael also had an amazing opportunity in late October and early November to join the La Trappe Creek Society on their annual sailing expedition. Several other club members have been on these trips and they are quite an adventure. This year it was Thailand and the Andaman Sea. He started his travels going solo to experience Bangkok for a few days before traveling south to Koh Lanta for some island and beach time. He then joined the sailing crews in Phuket for 9 days of sailing on a 42' Harmony yacht that took him and his shipmates to 6 different anchorages. Stops included places such as Koh Phi Phi, Koh Kradan and Railay Beach. The scenery was spectacular and when they weren't traveling "head to wind," they had some great sailing. After that, Michael continued on for another week of solo adventuring to Chiang Mai in Northern Thailand. It was an amazing experience and one he'd repeat in a heartbeat.

Ed Oberndorf celebrated a milestone, blowing out 85 candles on November 30th with the assistance of 40 friends with no shortage of hot air. The frosting on the cake was two surprise visits by his son, Michael, from Denver and his nephew Bill Oberndorf from San Francisco. In his comments he finds the younger he

gets, the time goes by at a zoomier rate and is seeking the wizard who can explain this phenomena....Maybe one of our toddy time gurus can come to his rescue with a profound analysis next summer.

Keith and Georgie Disselkoen will be having an early Holiday get together with their kids in mid November in Salt Lake City. Their son Tom, wife Tanya and grandson Holden relocated there last month. Tom is the Manager of Food and Beverage for the Waldorf Astoria in Park City. If any of you get out that way for a ski vacation, look him up and introduce yourselves! Their daughter Kait will also join them from Los Angeles.

Dennis and Kim Armbruster from Omena took a special 3 week trip in late summer, visiting 4 European countries. They spent 3 days enjoying the sights in Amsterdam before leaving on a week's cruise on the Rhine River. With enjoyable weather, they saw numerous castles and beautiful countryside, and toured windmills, cathedrals, museums, quaint villages and historic sites in The Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland. After getting off the cruise ship in Basel, Switzerland, Kim and Dennis spent several days in the Alps, traveling by train, gondola and tram, and doing some mountain hiking. After taking the high-speed train (traveling at nearly 200 MPH) from Switzerland to Paris, France, they spent 6 memorable days seeing the many sights in the "City of Lights". Highlights include climbing to the top of Notre Dame Cathedral as the bells rang at the end of Sunday Mass; and, visiting the Palace of Versailles, a simply amazing place.



Sally and Brian Shapiro celebrated 25 years together at the Cook's House in August.

Judy and John Smart Just a quick update. John and I traveled to Lima, Peru and then flew to Iquitos, Peru in early September. We took a 2 hour bus ride to join our ship, the Delfin 2. This was a Linblad-National Geographic Expedition River Cruise up the Amazon River for one week. We went out on 10 man skiffs 2-3 times a day to travel the Amazon tributaries, bird-watching and seeing magnificent rain forests. We also hiked through lush jungles with fabulous local Naturalist Guides, that had grown up in The Amazonian Villages. Truly a trip of a lifetime. The Delfin 2 was lovely and took excellent care of us. What a dream come true! I am forwarding a picture of one of my new friends I met in the rain forest.

Jane Saxton writes: A Vintage Fashion Show

The whole family was in town for Bob Saxton's 85th birthday celebration in November. My four granddaughters stayed with me and had a wonderful time trying on clothes from the upstairs storage closet. It was a real vintage fashion show and a lot of fun!



Caroline Gulsby, Audrey Saxton, Betty Smith, and Haden Gulsby.

The Turners: Caroline Turner and Amar Bhagwat were married Saturday, September 6th, at the Omena Traverse Yacht Club. Dennis Turner, as a minister of the Church of Secular Humanism, officiated. Before the ceremony Caroline, dressed in a purple sari, arrived at the OTYC dock as skipper of the sailboat Paradocs where she was met by Amar and the wedding guests. Caroline's parents are Kathy and Dennis Turner and Amar's parents are Neelam and Ramdas Bhagwat of Mumbai. Caroline and Amar met as graduate students at

Cornell University. The day before the wedding Neelam Ramdas, the groom's mother, followed the Indian tradition of painting henna designs on the hands of the bride, the bride's mother, and the bride's aunts, serving sweet pastries, and bringing them gifts. Caroline and Amar will live in East Lansing while Caroline finishes her doctorate in evolutionary biology and Amar finishes post-doctoral work in physics at the University of Michigan.

As many of you may know, Caroline was a camper at OTYC since she was nine years old and then was a counselor and ultimately ran the sailing program. All of her sailing experience on Omena Bay came in handy as she skippered the "Paradocs" to arrive at the wedding in 20 knot winds.



KathyTurner, Caroline, Turner Amar Bhagwat and Dennis Turner

Mary Helen and John Ray, along with Drew and Betsy Ehrhardt, travelled this fall to France for a river trip followed by 3 days in Barcelona. After a day in Paris, we took the fast train (TGV) to Dijon, where we boarded the ship and traveled south on the Soane and Rhone Rivers to Avignon, making a number of stops along the way, including Lyon, Viviers, Toulon, Vienne and Chateauneuf-du-Pape. One of the highlights for MH and me was a quick trip to Nice from Avignon to visit a relative of MH's mother, Pierre Macoin, who lives with his wife Nicole on the

French Riviera near Menton and only a few kilometers from Italy; we had not seen them since 2000. Since returning we've been back in Omena enjoying the fall colors before returning to Wilmette on Oct. 25. In November they spent an interesting five-days on a Chicago Art Institute tour in Oklahoma and Arkansas visiting the Crystal Bridges Museum, which was built by the Walton family (Wal-Mart). We also visited the Phillips Petroleum family's collection of paintings, which are displayed in the Phillips' family homes and which have become museums. Crystal Bridges was only dedicated in 2013 and it's well worth seeing.

Lucy Loveless reports the Loveless family travelled to Omena over Labor Day. We had a great week swimming and playing and celebrating my dad Bill's 60th birthday. Both of my sisters, Mary and Kate, flew in from Los Angeles and I came from New York to celebrate at the party my mom Mary planned with Laura Deibel at Shady Trails Camp-- we danced the night away!



The Loveless family celebrating Bill's 60th Birthday

Suzy Saxton Wheeler: My daughter, Betty Smith passed the Louisiana Bar Exam. Yea!!! Mom Jane Saxton and I went to New Orleans for her swearing in ceremony. Billy Kulick and Lisa Crispo came over from Mississippi and joined us for a wonderful New Orleans dinner at Bayona. The next night Jane, Suzy and Betty had a celebratory dinner at Revolution. Son Crawford and husband Otto didn't make the trip to NOLA, but we are all well. Crawford is working for Intel in Austin.



Jane Saxton, Betty Smith and Suzy Saxton Wheeler

Roberta and Allan Cohen: After spending 3 weeks visiting several cities in China in September, we returned to the U.S. for nearly a month and then were off again...this time, hosting a 3 week trip to New Zealand & Australia.



Roberta and Allan at the movie set for the Lord of the Rings in Matamata, New Zealand

We now have an electronic file of all past issues of The Omena Traverse Breeze with only one exception. If you have the December 1983 issue, please contact Cathy Stephenson and make her day! (catherine.w.stephenson@gmail.com).

David & Andrea Compton and proud big brothers Noah & Andrew: "We welcomed Lillian "Lily" Mae into our family on July 16, 2014. She has been such a joy to our family! We are so thankful to God for blessing us with Lily!"



Welcome to Our Newest Members

During the past year we were fortunate to add several new members to our roster. They have enthusiastically joined in our fellowship and many have begun to volunteer for various events. The Board has approved the following Guest members for full membership. Rick & Donna Simonton, Bill Sulau & Kay Cody Nolen, Laurie Remter, Scott & Cathy Heisser, Ed Hinkelman & Gayle Madison, Barbara Hildner, Ralph and Mary Skrocki, Allan & Roberta Cohen, Kim & Dennis Armbruster, Gail & Jeff Bowden and Andrea & Scott Brownell.

Tie Dye Fashion Show



Bingo at OTYC



To the left: Danny Magrini, Zach Bosco and Tess Edgley
Above: Mike Bosco, Bill Cron and Dick Kennedy

In Loving Memory

JANET GRAF TATE died on July 27 at the age of 90. She came to Omena all of her life. She grew up in Cincinnati, and moved to Memphis after she married Shep Tate in 1948. As a teenager in Omena, she worked at Cherry Basket Farm packing cherries to be shipped. In recent years, she was an active member of Cherry Basket Neighbors. Many of her memories of Omena are included in "Omena — A Place in Time." She always embraced life to the fullest. Her smile and cheery voice were infectious. She and Shep were in Omena earlier this summer for a brief visit. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Shep, and three children, Adele Tate, Shep Tate and his wife Sandy, and Janet Tate Walker and her husband George, and five grandchildren.

JACK SARVIS died September 29, 2014 at the age of 95. He was born in Toledo, Ohio on June 11, 1919. Jack became a resident of Flint, Michigan when his family moved there in 1920. He attended Flint Central High School, then the Lawrenceville School in New Jersey, and graduated from Princeton University in 1942. In the same year, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and was stationed in Norwich, England. In 1943, he married Mary Louise Bonbright, also of Flint. Upon his return to civilian life and Flint in 1945, Jack was employed at the Genesee Bank and Trust Company where he became the Senior Vice President and Cashier. Jack served on the boards of several Flint organizations including the Flint Institute of Arts, St. Joseph Hospital, and the Mott Children's Health Center. He retired in 1983, and in 1989 he and Mary Louise moved to Omena, Michigan. Jack is predeceased by his parents, a brother, and a sister. He is survived by his wife, Mary Louise; his three daughters, Katherine (Brett) Smith of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Elizabeth Harris of Bloomfield Hills, and Jean (Bruce) Bertelsen of Roseland Virginia; six grandchildren and eight great grand children. Contributions may be made to Community Foundation of Greater Flint, 500 South Saginaw Street, Flint, MI 48502.

DANIEL J. SCHLEEF, died November 26, 2014 at the age of 87. Dan was born on September 29, 1927. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas, a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Kansas State University, and a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from Purdue University. Dan subsequently made teaching his profession, and became Professor of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering at the College of Engineering and Applied Science of the University of Cincinnati. He retired from that institution in 1993 after a long and dedicated teaching career. Dan served in the United States Army occupation forces in central Europe between August 1946 and January 1948. He was stationed in Linz, Austria.

On April 14, 1956 Dan married Elizabeth Morgan of Cincinnati, Ohio, who survives him. Dan, Elizabeth and their two daughters began spending summers at Omena in 1965. They soon fell in love with the natural beauty of Leelanau County. In 1976, Dan and a small group of friends founded the Omena Woods Association, an organization dedicated to the preservation of undeveloped woodlands on New Mission peninsula. Dan was admired and cherished by family, friends, colleagues and students for his intelligence, his sense of humor, his thoughtfulness and attention to detail, and his generosity. He instilled in his two daughters a lifelong appreciation for learning, music, clarity of expression and intellectual curiosity. Above all, he will be remembered for his unfailing kindness. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth and daughters Joan and Katy. Memorials may be directed to the Leelanau Conservancy, P.O. Box 1007, Leland, MI 49654 and/or to ShareCare of Leelanau, Inc., 7401 E. Duck Lake Road #600, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653.

AUSTIN JONES passed away this summer. Austin and his wife Marion, who died this past April, started coming to Omena in 1967, from their home in Phoenix. Austin quickly became an active member of the summer community, and cared deeply about Omena. Austin was one of the founders of the Omena Woods Association. Austin was always up for an interesting and philosophical discussion. He is survived by his two children, Elizabeth Ettinger and Cleve Jones, and by his sister, Suzie Mulligan, and her family.

From Your OTYC Treasurer, Mike Adelson:

Billing changes:

An email was sent on November 6 to all those members for whom we have email addresses. A letter was mailed November 25th to those members for whom we don't have email addresses.

If you have not yet responded we would very much like your response to these two questions.

A. Do you wish to receive your annual OTYC invoice by:

- Email, please provide your preferred email address
- Regular mail

B. For the first time we are providing optional payment methods. Without any commitment on your part could you please indicate which option you'd prefer to use when the payments are due next year.

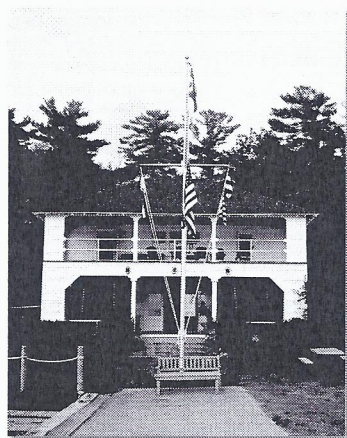
1. Automated withdrawal (like your utility bill)
2. Pay Pal
3. Credit card by phone
4. Check

Please respond to both questions above by December 19, if you haven't already done so, to omenamike@gmail.com or PO Box 103 Omena, MI 49674.

Note from the Editors:

Wishing everyone a very Happy Holiday and all the best in the New Year!

We would like to thank Brenda Anderson for sharing her wonderful talent for the cover. She shared several paintings with us that we hope to share with you in later editions of the Breeze. We hope you enjoy *Leelanau Vista*!



We know the minutes occupied a larger than normal portion of this Breeze. For the May issue we will want and need lots of photos from all of you. As always send your info to omenabreeze@gmail.com

Cheers,
Kerry & David Magrini



Tatum Ray getting ready to tie dye

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:

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.

Newport cottage on Ingalls Bay is available for rentals to family & friends.

Sleeps 8 in 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with screened in porch, washer& dryer, Wi-Fi and other amenities. Enjoy sunsets, falling stars and swimming from the beautiful sandy beach!

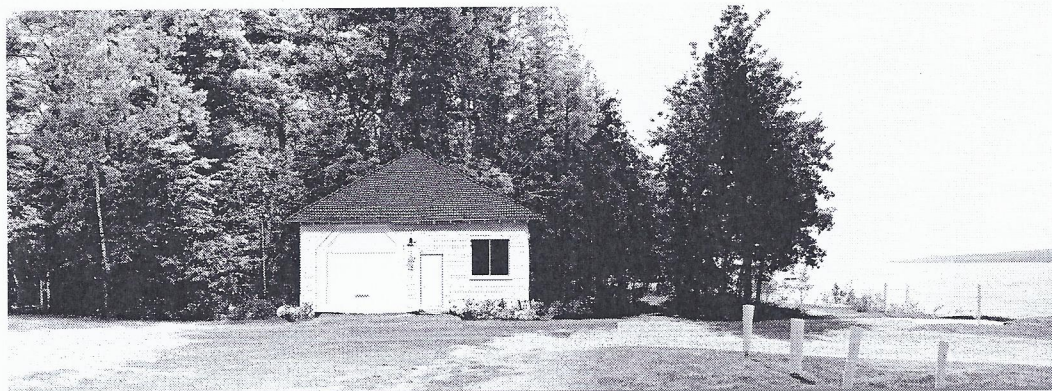
Select availability in May - October. Contact Cathy Stephenson [773-415-5500](tel:773-415-5500) or catherine.w.stephenson@gmail.com

Boathouse Update

Plans for the boathouse/storage building are progressing, albeit slower than expected. Most of the contractors are so busy that they won't even look at the site to submit a bid until February or March. To date, Jim Miller, the project chairman, has completed plans, which will bear an architect's seal, and has filed for the necessary site permits. The building is designed to accommodate the storage of our fleet of sunfish, their sails and other gear, provide a dedicated space for the youth camp coordinator, and provide winter storage for our Youth Committee boat and its trailer. It will be large enough to satisfy our needs, but not so large as to be too obtrusive. It is approximately the size of a 2 car garage and will be situated in the wooded lot at the south end of the parking lot approximately 15 to 20 yards up (east) from the sidewalk. It will be set back enough that it will not affect parking or the use of the launch ramp and will blend into its surroundings. Also, there should be no effect of parking during construction. The planned building is designed so it will complement the main clubhouse. A similar double cove siding and roof line will be utilized.

We will begin soliciting bids as soon as possible. It is anticipated that work on site clearing and excavation for the concrete pad will begin in March. Work will then proceed throughout the summer with anticipated completion by fall.

Below is a concept image of the proposed boathouse thanks to the photo shop artistry of Jim. The actual layout and dimensions may vary from the concept image, however, it does give a good visual impression.



Minutes OTYC Annual Meeting

July 13, 2014

Attendees

Board Members in attendance included Bill Cron, Jeff Bosco, Mike Biskupski, Nancy Cooper, Bill McMenamy, Libby Mustaine, Stuart Williams, and Cathy Stephenson. Michael Ray was unable to attend but listened to the proceedings on the phone.

Sixty members in total attended the meeting. A total number of 151 members were either present or had submitted proxies. Of the proxies submitted, 53 designated the Board to vote on their behalf and 38 designated another member.

Meeting

Commodore Cron called the meeting to order at 9:10 am and introduced the Board members and Committee chairs. He reviewed the agenda for the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. Commodore Cron noted the importance of every member taking an active role in the Club. Since the Club is a volunteer organization, volunteers are its lifeblood and we rely on the efforts of all. One's enjoyment of the club will be enhanced by being an active volunteer, so please GET INVOLVED!

Tom Oehmke, serving as the parliamentarian for the meeting, requested that all proxies be given to him so he could review and ensure all were in order.

Drew Ehrhardt motioned to waive the reading of the Minutes from the 2013 Annual Meeting. Margy Lyon seconded the motion which then carried. Bob Grabowski motioned to approve the Minutes, Bill Sandt seconded. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Bill McMenamy gave the 2014 Treasurer's Report. Bill thanked Martha Moffett and Dick Kennedy for their help through the Dues collection process. They do a tremendous amount of work for all of us.

Dues collection went very well this year with an absolute minimum of trouble and very few delinquency charges. Bill gave a heartfelt thank you to all for the prompt attention to the dues statements. When this process is drawn out - as it has been on occasion it is an absolute nightmare. We can sleep well this year!

Our club is financially sound and on solid footing. The current account balance is as of today, July 13, 2014, is \$112,593.43 after real estate tax payments of \$7,196.42 and insurance payments of \$6191.00 within the past 30 days. However, from today through Labor Day it will be a downhill ride due to expected expenses during the summer. Our cash balance as of December 31, 2013 was \$108,774.79.

The Income Statements for 2013 and 2012 show a net income in 2013 of \$15,269.00. We also have 3 certificates of deposit with Fifth Third bank for \$5,900 each. Notice the 2012 net income of \$30,149. At last year's meeting, the 2012 net income was \$229. What changed was a capitalization of fixed assets of \$26,980 for our completed windows project as well as \$2,930 for the kitchen improvement for a total of \$29,910 which, when added to the reported \$229 of net income and an additional interest of \$9 from the CD, yields net income of \$30,148.

Bill cautioned that before we start to feel too good about the condition of our club, we had devastating damage done by critters this year as a result of the record temperatures and snowfall. We also became acutely aware of our need for more space as a result and anticipate looking into a much needed storage building project. We need an outbuilding for adequate storage of waterfront equipment as well as for the Youth Program and possible record

keeping. Bluntly, we need more room to adequately take care of these demands for the continued success of our club. Just like any organization, there is always an upcoming project! *See financials*

OTYC Breeze

Co-editor of the Breeze, Kerry Magrini, asked members to please keep sending in updates and pictures on our lives and adventures. Kerry & David would love to hear from more of the membership. If you would like to write an article of interest, please let Kerry know.

One big change this year was that the directory and summer phone list were sent with the May Breeze to accommodate the needs of the Membership Committee to ensure a current membership listing. As a reminder, if you move or change phone/email, please let Martha Moffett know because she gathers the information and provides Kerry & David with the directory information and mailing labels.

Building

Jim Miller delivered the Building Report.

General - Building did well during the hard winter of 2014. Snow loads on the roof were substantial but all appears to be good. No damage to report other than the normal wear and tear.

Maintenance - The floors and stage were all given a fresh coat of paint. Some damage has already been noted and will be repaired at the end of the season. Jim is hopeful the boats will get their own building and no longer be stored inside the Clubhouse. While the movers take care to not damage the building and floors, there is always some damage. The weight puts small dents in the floors and paint gets scratched even with the best of care and intentions. Our ongoing painting program continues. This spring, we had all visible openings sealed and painted to keep bats out of the building. Other areas were painted as well along with some minor repairs.

Pest Control - We had a pest infestation in both of the storage rooms on the east side of the building. Strong odors made it necessary to remove all materials from those rooms and have them professionally cleaned and sanitized. Jim thanked the Biskupskis, Kathy Miller, and Suzie Goldman for all chipping in with the less than pleasant task of cleaning those rooms. Mike blocked off the areas preventing others from entering before it was safe to do so. A good cleaning was long overdue anyway. The last time the storage areas had been thoroughly cleaned was many years ago when Vin Moore did so. Jim noted shelves will be built and organized for storage. In response to a question, Jim confirmed the cost of the floors being painted was incurred in 2014.

Kitchen - Marcia Biskupski continues to carry out the tasks needed to keep the kitchen area clean. It is rumored that she runs among the workers shouting "Andale pronto! Mas trabajo! Yo soy El Diablo!!" Seriously, Marcia is always there when you need her as is Mike. Jim also thanked Kathy Miller and Suzie Goldman for all their hard

OTYC Comparative Income Statements for the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

| | 2013 | 2012 |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Income: | | |
| Initiation Fee | 4,145 | 9,000 |
| Membership Dues | 43,357 | 39,910 |
| Social Programs | 4,238 | 6,021 |
| Youth Programs | 4,645 | 7,715 |
| Club and Dock Rental | 2,900 | 2,150 |
| Breeze Subscriptions | 2,493 | 2,205 |
| Logo Merchandise | 7,075 | 661 |
| Other Income | 2 | 10,209 |
| | <u>68,855</u> | <u>77,871</u> |
| Expenses: | | |
| Administrative Expense | 903 | 1,846 |
| Bad Debts | 2,995 | |
| Building and Grounds | 21,641 | 23,172 |
| Window Project | | |
| Insurance | 7,557 | 7,354 |
| Social Programs | 7,170 | 6,803 |
| Youth Programs | 4,821 | 6,230 |
| Breeze | 1,675 | 2,211 |
| Website Expense | 107 | 107 |
| Logo Merchandise | 6,717 | |
| | <u>53,586</u> | <u>47,222</u> |
| Net Income | <u>15,269</u> | <u>30,149</u> |

work to keep the building clean and ship shape. Coordinating the cleaning process between events is always challenge. And, many thanks to the Committee Chairs for cleaning up after events.

We had problems with the refrigerator and it was replaced. The cost of repairs (new compressor) exceeded the cost of a new refrigerator. It is now up & running! Other smaller issues with plumbing and lighting are also being taken care of.

Other - Some have inquired as to the status of the foosball and air hockey tables. Jim has no idea what happened to them. Jim heard that the air hockey table needed repairs so it may be out for repairs. If anyone knows who took them or their status, please let Jim know. Jim is repairing one of the chairs from that play area. Several screens also need repair which will happen in the near future.

A question was raised about the proposed outbuilding and the need to protect the floors this winter. A brief discussion occurred encouraging a short term solution to protect the floors with carpet & sawhorses. A point was also made concerning the need to preserve parking in the existing lot. These important points were acknowledged by the Commodore who confirmed they would be incorporated into the planning and operations.

Grounds

Grounds Chair Bob Krist rendered thanks to the 20 members or so who attended Clean Up Day and a special thank you to Sharon Cron who provided a much welcome lunch. There was significant damage to the shrubbery over the winter which was addressed. Tennis players do a great job maintaining the tennis court, but we will likely need new posts and a new fence very soon. The coyote is back (fake), thanks to Bob Grabowski. Also, a sound system has been added as a further deterrence for the geese.

A new infant swing has been installed in the playground. Steve Egeler has been continuing on with old projects - refurbishing the playground structure, removing old boats, repairing the docks. We have sand for the volleyball court and can probably make it a full size court without running into problems with the septic system. Bob will paint markers around the Basketball Court. The Boat Ramp has chains that are

now further apart. Keith Disselkoen trimmed the cedar trees to make the ramp easier to access. Please keep the chain hooked up to prevent accidents. If you see any issues, please contact Bob.

Waterfront

Bob Grabowski, Waterfront Chair, stated it had been a busy year for the waterfront, largely due to the Commodore and Building Chair who kept him quite busy! Bob noted that Bob Krist had removed a large number of dead carp from the waterfront and thanking Bob for his immediate response. Thanks to Dennis Armbruster and John Smart for transporting sand to the Volleyball Court. Bob noted that geese have been a real problem but thanks to Poop Cleaners Jeff & Tami Bosco and Mike & Marcia Biskupski, the grounds have been well maintained. The new coyote has 2 high emitting sound propellers that hopefully will keep both geese and dogs away.

Boat Launch - The light weight chain across the boat launch had been cut but has been replaced with the heavier duty chain. Bob noted the combination for members. If you have need to access the launch and do not know the combination, contact Bob or Commodore Cron. Please note that use of the boat ramp is restricted to members.

Boat Slips - Last year slip rental generated \$3,000 in income. Since the water level has risen, all of the slips are able to be rented for the season. Slips are \$100/week during the season. Slip #1 is for the Youth Committee boat. Slips 2,3 & 4 are rented. Slip #5 is the only slip not currently rented and is in use by the camp. It is available for use by members for 24 hours without a fee once camp is done. It can be used but not for more than 24 hours and then must the slip must be vacated.

Mooring - Bob indicated we would like to have a long term lease for the mooring of a larger boat. The mooring where the Knorp's sailboat Anelare resided is available. Anyone interested should talk to Bill Knorp.

Other - Staining of the dock is underway; and the basketball court will be refurbished. The playground

equipment will be stained as well; the slide will be power washed and a canopy added by Steve Egeler.

Miscellaneous - Bob had several ideas which he posed to members. 1) Putting Green - a 3 hole putting green by the horseshoe pit. The cost would be roughly \$3,000 for an artificial turf surface which can either be taken up and stored over the winter or covered in place. Bob thought it could be used by the Youth Program. 2) Men's Night - an evening for OTYC men to gather at the Club. A \$10 charge would cover expenses. Bob will continue to explore.

Proposed storage building - The Commodore stated that he felt a permanent structure was needed and it should be built right to withstand the test of time. A short discussion ensued; it was determined that a dedicated committee should pursue the plan for the building to include design and project plan.

Membership

The report was developed by Chairperson Martha Moffett and presented in her absence by committee members Joan Brovins supported by Barb Harris. The formal report is contained below. The number of members currently totals 305.

Joan announced that 10 new guest members had been approved and applications for 3 new guest memberships were pending. No applicants have been rejected. The Membership Committee is actively reviewing 3 three applications. Joan stated that the Membership Committee had received reports of rumors to the effect that some applicants for Guest Membership had been "rejected". Joan reassured that there was no basis in fact for such rumors and confirmed that no applicants have been rejected. The clarification was made that a number of application packages submitted were either incomplete or lacking the information required and requested. In most instances, the applicants themselves had done a good job of preparing a complete application to submit, but, the sponsors had not provided the necessary information in their forms to complete the package for submission to the Board. As a result, the Membership Committee was still actively working to ensure that the application process with respect to those pending

applications would be timely completed and submitted to the Board for consideration.

Our Bylaws set forth provisions which apply to operate the Club and provide for both the privileges and responsibilities of our members, and are considered as contractual obligations between the Club and its members. In addition, Bylaws also contain provisions which spell out the duties of potential applicants and their sponsors' obligations and must be reviewed along with all the materials provided in the application package to be familiar with what is required of them in the membership application process.

In the past, the process worked very well for many years. However, in more recent years, things seem to have gotten overlooked or bypassed altogether, which has resulted in a number of unintended consequences. What was being submitted did not demonstrate the experience with nor actual knowledge of the candidate. So, the Board asked the Membership Committee to provide language to help the sponsors with the goal of returning to full compliance with the Bylaws. The Board wants Sponsors to demonstrate good knowledge of the candidate posed for membership. The OTYC needs volunteers, therefore we ask the applicants to note those areas in which they would be interested in actively volunteering. The application also requests candidates to review their volunteer activities, not just attendance at various OTYC events. So, for those of you who will sponsor qualified candidates, please be sure to demonstrate your knowledge of the candidate, ensure their volunteerism is detailed and also note the specific OTYC event and Board members the candidate has attended and met.

Sponsors should act as mentors to the candidates, inviting them to Club functions introducing them to members, and specifically Board members. This is so they can get a feel for the Club while attending as a guest of a member. Attending as a guest is different than being a guest member of the Club. Barb Harris, who was Membership Chair for 15 years, confirmed that this is absolutely consistent with the Bylaws and past practice. Sponsors should know the candidates, introduce them to others and

shepherd them through the process. Someone should attend functions as a guest of a member one season, then the following year apply for a Guest Membership.

Joan said she had received much positive feedback about the new Membership Directory which was mailed with the May Breeze.

A question was asked if any consideration had been given to limiting membership. Commodore Cron stated that the demographics of the membership had changed over the years. Families are spending less time in Omena during the summer, our membership is aging and there are more activities and fewer stressors on the capacity of the Club. Former Commodore Jeff Bosco noted that a total of 300 members seems reasonable to the Board given that multiple families are sharing cottages and we have not been experiencing any families turned away at Potluck recently. The barometer in the past used to be how full Potluck Dinners were.

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TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

FULL MEMBERSHIPS:

FAMILY NEW: Jim Reynolds and Pat Murphy

Single New: David Kulik, Suzanne Mason, Mia Drinan (change of status) Stuart Williams (change of status) Barbara Grosmark (change of status)

Guest Members:

New 2014: Ashton Abbot & Evan Ulrich, Matthew Mitchell, Rick & Donna Simonton, Bill Sulau & Kay Cody Nolen, Laurie Remter, Scott & Cathy Heiser

Existing 2013: Allan and Roberta Cohen, Kim & Dennis Armbruster, Andrea & Scott Brownell, Gail & Jeff Bowden

Honorary Memberships

Lifetime Memberships

New: Jay Grosmark, Dick & Nana Kennedy

Existing: Alis Robinson, Bill & Marilyn Graf, Bill & Nancy Sandt, Bob & Trudy Lewis, Carolyn Marbach, Jeanne Hines, Mary Cone, Austin Jones

Associate Members

New Mike Bosco, Alex Edgley

Junior Members 50

Deaths Jonnie Hodgson 9/27/2013, Pat Kulick 2/20/2014, Stu Mulligan 3/10/2014, Marion Jones 4/4/2014

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| Summary | # of Memberships | # of people | # of Memberships | # of People |
| Family | 108 | 216 | 115 | 230 |
| Single | 38 | 38 | 35 | 35 |
| Associate | 19 | 19 | 24 | 25 |
| Honorary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lifetime | 10 | 14 | 10 | 14 |
| Guest | 10 | 18 | 5 | 10 |
| Total (excluding juniors) | 185 | 305 | 189 | 314 |