

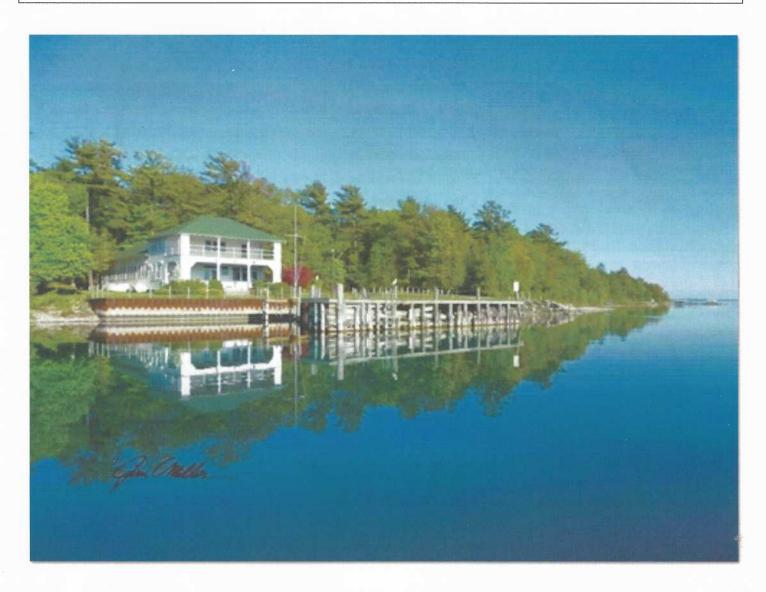
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It's good to wish for and look forward to the wondrous things in life.

Mary Smart

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Commodore's Letter

It's May! It is hard to imagine that another OTYC season is here. The trillium are blooming and another Omena summer is fast approaching. Those who spent the



winter in their various winter havens as well as those that braved the Omena winter will soon be renewing friendships. Many members have been busy during the off season planning a full summer season of activities.

The social committee, under the direction of Caryn DeVries, Georgie Disselkoen and Gail Bowden, has been working hard over the winter putting together an outstanding social program. This year the pot luck chair will be Mary Smart and the dinners will include fun-filled bingo and other entertainment. Caroline Oberndorf will once again be in charge of the catered dinners and she has arranged for Peggy Donaghy and other caterers to provide interesting and delicious repasts.

Not to be outdone, the youth committee chairs of Trish Bosco, Karen Edgley and Sara Goldman have been organizing our summer camp program. Last year's program was very successful and many of the staff members will be returning. Included in this group are Tim Leathery, Zach Bosco, Nellie and Livvy List, and Jack Mackenzie. Unfortunately, our director Krissy Dressler will not be available, so the committee is busy finding a replacement. A large group of campers is expected. Registration for campers is now being accepted and registration may be found on the OTYC website.

Your Board has been very busy this winter. Board members are always active and willing to participate. I am very appreciative of their commitment. Our Treasurer, Mike Adelson has worked on streamlining our billing and collection policy while Michael Ray has been working to improve our website. Review of all OTYC policies is currently underway, led by Nancy Cooper and Libby Mustaine. These policies provide a road map for future Board and committee members as they carry out their duties. The policies will be reviewed by the Board, updated as necessary, and centralized for easy review and updating in the future.

The Membership Committee chaired by Martha Moffett and including Joan Brovins, Mary Helen Ray, Bill Renz and Cathy Stephenson has reviewed and updated the application package for prospective members.

The boathouse project was approved and clearing work has begun. When completed, it will provide needed space for storage of our sunfish fleet and its equipment, as well as our committee boat and other outdoor equipment. It will also provide a dedicated space for the youth coordinator to plan and conduct activities. And more good news! We acquired a new motor for the committee boat. With the new four cycle motor, the boat will be more reliable and run more quietly improving communications with campers when conducting water based activities.

It takes a team contributing their time and talents to have a successful club like ours. There are some individuals who have made significant contributions. Whenever there was a problem with the building, Jim Miller was there to solve it. Marcia Biskupski made sure the kitchen was always clean and well stocked. Bob Krist ensures the grounds are in great shape while Bob Grabowski supervised the waterfront and slip rentals. Keeping the members aware of activities is crucial and Kerry and David Magrini with the Breeze and Mary Tonnenberger with the Scuttlebutt keep us well informed. Many thanks to Susie Goldman for leading our logo'd spirtware merchandise – what a wonderful addition it has been.

I am very grateful for all of our active members, committee members and Board. Space prohibits me from acknowledging everyone who has contributed to the success of our special club, but be assured that the OTYC and I are appreciative of your efforts. I have very much enjoyed my tenure as commodore especially meeting and working with such a wonderful group of members. I encourage all of you to become involved with the operation of the OTYC. I am sure that you will also find it a most rewarding experience. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Bill Cron

Message from the Board: Committee Policy Update

The OTYC could not operate, or be the great place it is, without membership participation....on so many fronts! Being part of a committee is a wonderful way to support the club. Your involvement on a committee is essential to the club's existence while offering the enjoyable opportunity to meet and work with other members you may not get to know otherwise.

This winter the Board has undertaken a review and update of the club's committee policies and procedures. These new policies will simplify some of the committees' tasks by offering a roadmap to assist in planning for an upcoming season as well as once the season gets underway. Further, the policies will afford smooth year-to-year personnel transition, as everyone will, literally, be "on the same page".

As we work through these revisions, we welcome your input. Please contact a Board member with any inclusions you would like to see in a committee's policy. And next time you're asked to be a part of a committee, please, say "Yes"...it's important and fun!

Youth Camp

Looking forward to another amazing summer at OTYC's Youth Camp. Days include sailing, tennis and spending time with



friends. Register **online** at the OTYC website under Youth Camp

:www.otyc.net

Check out the website even if you don't have campers

TID BITS

From the Standley's. I spent a month in Cabo (Jeff 2 weeks), with friends and family. Lots of whales, and fishing (Amber Jack, Trigger fish, something else from the ocean?). We caught a Hammerhead (after it circled the boat like a beggar...or shark...and I threw some Cashews overboard) who fought the process all the way up to the boat. The captain of the boat said "stinky fish....no good" and told us about other Captains with missing fingers.... we let it go. Next year I will throw hot dogs over the side and see what happens!

Lots of construction going on in Cabo due to the storm surge and 20 minute class 5 Hurricane. We stayed at the Grand Solmar where 3 of the 4 infinity pools were destroyed. Anne and Andrew did not visit due to Andrew's lost passport (he went to an Alabama beach with buddies and UC girls) and Anne being in St. Petersburg, Russia studying the language and literature.

Anne started a blog while she was in Russia called Vodka and Holy Water, it is funny. They did not extend her visa. The blog might be the reason...or our current politics. She said the people are suffering more and more due to embargoes and such. She was catching a lot of flak (deli clerk yelled at her every day) the longer she stayed. She will be back in the USA the end of April. Her last call was from the harbor where she said all kinds of navel activity was happening!! Then that evening on the national news there was a blurb about Finland, Norway...maybe Sweden wanting to review their NATO agreements...PRONTO. I am glad she is out of there and in Germany currently visiting a friend from Costa Rica. The Grand Traverse Migrant Program offered her a position this summer, but she is waiting to see if she gets an internship with Congressman Brad Wenstrup from our district. I doubt if she will be Up North this summer.

Andrew switched majors from Chemical Engineering to Computer Science and seems happier with his choice. He has LOTS of stories about living off campus near the "Hood". He will be WORKING this summer...someplace!

And I am running a live auction to raise funds for Cincinnati Children's Hospital Heart program at the Kindervelt Gala November 13. Anyone want to donate a week at their cottage? Call me at <u>513-271-7702</u> if you feel generous. It is a good cause.

Anne Standley's blog from Russia can be found at hhtps://vodkaand holywater.wordpress.com

The Saxton's report: This is part of the Saxton clan on a recent visit to Canton, Ohio for the bicentennial gala of the local newspaper, the Canton Repository, founded by John Saxton in 1815. John Saxton was the great-great-great-grandfather of Suzy Saxton Wheeler, and the Repository holds the record for the longest continuously-operated business in Stark County, Ohio. This picture was printed in the Repository the following day!



From left is Marshall Belden (4th cousin of Suzy), OTYC members Suzy Saxton Wheeler, Otto Wheeler, and Crawford Smith; Dr. Bob Saxton, OTYC member Betty Saxton Smith, and Leslee Saxton.

Joe and Cate Varley are very pleased to have moved back to Omena, to a home on Bass Lake. Now that Joe is retired, we look forward to spending more time on Omena activities.

George and Annette Husted survived winter at their daughter Sherri's in Livonia this year. Normally, they winter at their Ft. Myers condo. They hadn't seen snow for almost twenty years! So, at first it looked so beautiful, then reality set in when it came time to drive in it. But, they did it, like any seasoned Michigander. And, they enjoyed being around family, who saw to their every need. Family minimized the effect of Annette's paralyzed right leg and neuropathy following her extensive emergency back surgery last September at Munson. After 5 months of PT/OT, Annette is now walking carefully with a walker...this is more than was initially predicted. So she is very thankful. However, in early April, Annette was confronted with yet another major challenge...Leukemia/CML. She will begin oral chemotherapy soon.

George is still battling his prostate cancer and Parkinsons well. However, low blood pressure has been his biggest nemesis this year. So, if you see the big guy looking weak and holding desperately on to something, please guide him to where he can sit for a while to let his BP rise.

Given all the curses above, George and Annette still longed for their Northern home, Tanglewood. But, most of all, they were anxious to once again share fun times with their Omena/Northport friends and neighbors.

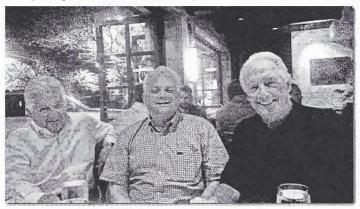
So, despite concerns of family and friends they were delivered safely to Tanglewood by their children who helped begin the arduous task of moving from 4100 sq.ft. living space to a mere 1100 sq. ft. condo at Fox Run in Novi, Mi. The condo offers a continuum of care, PT, pool and is close to top hospitals. The best benefit is it is less than 30 minutes from each of their four children. George and Annette will make the big move sometime this summer or early fall...the later the better so they can enjoy one last summer in "Paradise."

All is well with the Stephenson clan. Cathy so enjoyed a fabulous music course this winter at Northwestern University, made even more enjoyable since Mary Helen and John Ray also took the same course! Cathy & Ellie enjoyed a wonderful, warm and relaxing vacation in Aruba with family and friends in March. The beaches are lovely and the colors of the water are rivaled only by Grand Traverse Bay! Cathy

is enjoying the flexibility her consulting practice provides. She works with a variety of commercial real estate clients on strategic issues and projects. Sister Janet, who lives in New Hampshire near Ellie, is enjoying her role as a hospice nurse with a major home health care provider.

Charlotte Read had her two Omena visits....one to see the leaves in the Fall, and one to play in the snow in February. She got a little of both kinds of skiing in....spending a day at the Homestead downhill skiing with Virginia friends who have a home on Little Traverse Lake. She will be back in Omena after Father's Day in June...(Nora's dance recital is always on Father's Day). But first Charlotte will be in Sacramento on Memorial Day weekend for the wedding of grandson Zach, and meeting great granddaughter Jacquie... both thanks to Alan. Nora will be in the wedding, holding the dog.

Brian and Sally Shapiro were in Phoenix for a conference in March and took the opportunity to dine with the Boscos and the Goldmans. These silver haired gems were more than one table could handle! The table behind us kept looking like they wanted to come join us, or maybe we were just too loud - who's to say. A good time was had by all!



Mike Bosco, Brian Shapiro and Phil Goldman

Bruce and Judy Balas recently returned from 2 weeks in London. Because Bruce lived there for 25 years, teaching science at the American School of London and as Dean of Students, they don't do the typical touristy things. Instead they spend time visiting friends, some who have retired to various parts of England, others who return annually for a visit,

shopping and seeing exhibits. One exhibit of particular interest was at the Museum of Natural History about the Great Barrier Reef. This focused on the Charles Darwin theory which stated that the coral reef is formed by single celled animals combining into a community on the sides of an underwater volcano. As the volcano erodes away, the community has to grow to keep itself near the sunlight just below the surface of the water. Later in time, these reefs are buried below sediment and harden into stone. We find examples of this stone on our beaches which we know as Petoskey Stones.

The Balases always rented a flat in the Leiscester Square area which is London's theatre district and walking distance to many shows and restaurants in Soho. Taking advantage of this they saw 4 plays. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime was based on a Sherlock Holmes book with a similar name. The book of the same name as the play stars a teenage boy with Aspergers, an autism spectrum disorder which hindered his communication skills yet allowed him, using his extraordinary math skills, to solve a murder mathematically. The staging of this play was extremely cleaver as was the dialogue. And on the lighter side they saw Memphis which had the theme of the birth of rock and roll and it's basis on soul music. The music and acting were excellent and had everyone captivated, dancing out of the theatre. Two other fabulous plays were The Book of Mormon, a musical comedy in which a group of young Mormon men were trying to get an African tribe to join their church, and The Lion King which featured terrific costuming for animals, with performers walking in the audience during much of the show.

Bill Mason and Ann Grant were married at Nubs Nob ski resort in Harbor Springs on March 14. Attending were Ann and Bill's siblings and their four children. All attendees skied to the Pintail Peak lodge for the outdoor ceremony, Jim Bartlett, the GM of the resort, officiated. They then skied down and rode the chairlift up. Bill and Ann both raced in the Nubs Nob Open slalom race Saturday morning, and to cap off a great weekend, they both won their divisions. All met for dinner at the New York restaurant Saturday evening.



Bill Mason and Ann Grant on their wedding day



The Rays spent time in Sanibel this Spring and had fun visits with Karen and Bob Gelakoski, Nancy and Randy Cooper, Marty Bills, Caroline and Ed Oberndorf, the six McKenzies from Wilmette and the three Rays from Portland, OR. They met the Gelakoskis in North Port, FL at the First Watch restaurant which was decorated with cherry wall paper...quite appropriate.

They returned from Florida via Natchez, MS where they attended a delightful 5-day Road Scholar program with a group of eight, mostly from Denison University

During May they plan to travel with a Chicago Art Institute group to Rhode Island to visit homes and museums there. Also on their agenda is the graduation of their granddaughter Meghan Ray in Shrewsbury, MA and the 4th birthday of Tatum Ray in Portland, OR. Could these events be farther away? Oh yes, they will be up in Omena over Memorial Day weekend.

Tom and Joan report: The winter season spent down in Key Largo has been an unusually busy one for Tom Oehmke and Joan Brovins, with most of their time occupied by work projects, chained to the desks, leaving limited time for play. Needless to say, there will be some serious catching up to do on the fun stuff in Omena when we return the first of May.

For many years, people have made a point to ask us "Who is Ross?" in the firm's name, being "Ross Brovins & Oehmke, PC". We are pleased to finally have an updated picture to share with you all here, taken in front of Skipper's (a new dockside establishment at the end of our street), where Mr. Ross is hanging around with Joan and Tom. We can identify Mr. Ross as the senior most partner, now permanently retired and no longer active in the practice of law. Please join us to wish him well as Mr. Ross has no plans to return to Michigan with us, having officially changed his residency to somewhere offshore in the Florida Keys. Given his advanced years, the fresh waters of Grand Traverse Bay were found too frigid for his liking.

While wintering below the 25th parallel, we made our annual trip to Key West to explore the many fine art galleries and see a show at the Red Barn Theatre. With an advance reservation, we scored a table and enjoyed dinner at our favorite local restaurant there, Seven Fishes. Weekends were filled visiting with our Key Largo neighbors and friends in Islamorada, as well as meeting those who came from all over seeking brief refuge from what turned out to be another brutal winter, especially on the East Coast. Other than Sam Knoll and Sharon Ladd stopping by for what was an all too brief engagement here at our Casa Bahia, we had no visits with any OTYC members this winter, though several were threatened...maybe next year! Our local "foodie" group continued to organize dinner gatherings at private homes, the meals all prepared by the guests, with lots of goodies from start to finish. Tom's homemade Sangria was a regular crowd pleaser in the

kitchen...so many great dishes and desserts, and not enough time spent to "wear" them away by one of us. There were a few home maintenance and improvement projects which we did get to - the harsh salt environment always provides some area on the concrete dock needing attention - while others will keep until our return next winter.

Tom and Joan look forward to seeing everybody this summer and sharing happy times with you all back in Omena and at the Club...cheers!



Mr. Ross with Joan and Tom

From Sarah Chenault I now have an additional position at the Fowler Museum at UCLA as a Research Assistant for the Curatorial department. We are working on an upcoming exhibition about Bahia, Brazil for the next Getty Pacific Standard Time show in 2017. Visitors always welcome!

The Adelson's visited the Shapiro's in Indianapolis in early April during the NCAA Final Four weekend. Mike and Laurie cheered the Michigan State Spartan basketball team on at Lucas Oil Stadium during practice and the Pep Rally and enjoyed watching the game against Duke until it was obvious that the Spartans were not going to win. One of the highlights of the weekend was eating at Shapiro's Deli. Having grown up in New York, Mike is a huge fan of the deli sandwich and has wanted to visit

Shapiro's Deli since getting a taste of their fabulous concoctions during Deli Days in Omena. The food was so great, they ate at Shapiro's three times in one weekend! Another highlight was sharing Passover Seder with the Shapiro and Weiss families. Most important however, was spending quality time with friends!



Mike and Laurie Adelson, Brian and Sally Shapiro at Shapiro's Deli

On Saturday, October 4, **Brenda Anderson's** son Alex, married long time sweetheart Carmen Bello. The evening wedding was held at the Napa Vintage Estates in Yountville, California. The Anderson family hosted an earlier rehearsal dinner at the Hudson House at the Beringer Winery. A weekend of great food, wine and dancing! In attendance were OTYC members the Waldo Abbot family of Greenwich, Connecticut.



The Coopers: Our long Cincinnati winter has been book-ended for us by two nice getaways. In the fall we traveled, with another couple, to France with stops in Paris, Normandy, Mont St. Michel, and Giverny. We had a fabulous time and can't wait to return! March finds us thawing out in Sanibel, Florida where we plan to catch up with some of our Omena friends.

Best of all, Randy and I welcomed our 3rd grandson in the end February. Of course, he is the most beautiful baby ever born and already shows evidence of brilliance! Here is a picture of Maxwell Harris Cooper with his proud, and not too sleep deprived, parents Andrea and Sam. Max will be making his first of many trips to Ingalls Bay this July.



Kathy Bosco reports: We are having a wonderful winter with great weather and lots of company. In January Mike and I went on a cruise to relax after the busy holidays, touring the Western Caribbean. In February we took a trip to Cuba with ten other couples, that was an outstanding experience. We loved the people and saw the struggles they have gone through and continue to do so at this time. This trip was named People to People and it truly was, we met artists, educators, farmers, economists, housing developers, musicians, just about everyone who has a profession. We enjoyed the night life of jazz, dancing and of course the wonderful Rum. One of the highlights was visiting Hemingways Cuban home. In March we had a delightful evening with Susie and Phil Goldman and Kathy and Jim Miller, who were

traveling through on their way to California. Shortly after that evening Sally and Brian Shapiro were in town so the Boscos' and Goldmans' had the priveledge of having dinner with them too. It is always fun to see friends from Omena in our home town.

The Abbot Anderson/ Tom Rohlf family enjoyed a ski trip to Telluride, Colorado. They were joined by Betsy and Geoff Parker and the Abbot family; Waldo, Mack and Marci. Perfect spring skiing and lots of laughs. The boys looked especially cool in their ski attire! We hope to make this an annual event.



Bill Loveless and Shep Tate hosted an Omena minireunion at Blackfish Farms, their duck hunting club near Parkin, Arkansas. Billy Kulick drove up from Ocean Springs, MS, and the Newland brothers flew in from Charleston, SC. The hunting was good, the cooking was better, and the camaraderie was outstanding.



Tommy Newland, John Newland, Bill Kulick, Bill Loveless, Shep Tate

Nominating Committee

The OTYC Nominating Committee is pleased to recommend the following members for election to the Board of Directors for a three year term beginning August 15, 2015:

Mike Biskupski, Nancy Cooper and Scott Mulligan

Mike and Nancy are currently on the Board of Directors and each have agreed to stand for a second full three year term. This would be Scott's first three year term.

Respectfully submitted,

OTYC Nominating Committee
John Ray, Chair
Chris Barber
Barb Karchon

Note from the Editors:

Spring has finally arrived in New England. As we figure out juggling drivers ed, college visits and Omena time, we realize we might need some help taking pictures and keeping up with



news early in the season. We will arrive by mid July but PLEASE start sharing your pictures and stories of OTYC over Memorial Day, June and Fourth of July. As alway send them to omenabreeze@gmail.com

Many thanks to Jim Miller for allowing us to use his picture for the cover. Can't wait to be sitting on the porch.

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:

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. \$2,100/week Call Mary Helen and John Ray at 847-256-1026 or email JHRMHR@gmail.com.

Newport cottage on Ingalls Bay

4 bedrooms, 2.5 BA that sleeps 8 on beautiful, sandy Ingalls Bay. Screened in porch, W/D, DW, Wi-Fi. Enjoy swimming, sandcastles, sunsets, and shooting stars!

Available August 15-29 and September 6- October 23 For more info contact catherine.w.stephenson@gmail.com

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

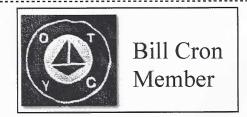
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Shore Station for Sale

Shore station with hoist motor powered by boat battery. Will lift 2900 pounds. Contact Jane Saxton <u>254-776-7915</u> (or Omena after June 16th <u>231-386-5229</u>) janesaxton95@yahoo.com or sswheeler@austin.rr.com

Boats for Sale: 10 foot fiberglass water tender. \$150 and Sunfish fiberglass sailboat with window sale. \$250 Contact Dick Kennedy (231) 386-7539.

We floated the balloon last summer and your response was OVERWHELMINGLY positive! Therefore, when our season opens in a few weeks, your name badge will be waiting for you to pick it up. As we all wear them, your worries will be alleviated that you've forgotten the names of those nice people you met last year at potluck, Toddy Time and bingo. Using your name badge is purely optional, but we're confident it's a habit that will catch on quickly. When leaving the club,



you may affix your badge to the magnetic board that will be available in the clubhouse. Or, if you'd rather, you can take it with you...just don't forget to wear it next time!

Boat House

The OTYC youth program is getting a big boost. After tens of thousands of dollars were donated to purchase brand new Sunfish sailboats a couple years ago, it was quickly realized that proper storage was not only necessary but essential to their maintenance and continued use for many years to come. The issue of wear and tear on our 103 year old building was also taken into consideration.

This past winter, plans were drawn, inspections by the DEQ, Army Corps of Engineers, and others. Permits were pulled and work is proceeding. Bid requests went out to six different contractors and the results varied including three "no bids". Fortunately, the low bidder was also a local favorite and the contract was awarded to Peplinski Builders. If you recall, he was the contractor that did such an excellent job installing our new windows a couple years back.

Our brand new 22'x28' building will have adequate space for our six Sunfish and all the equipment that goes with them. We will also have adequate storage for our trailered Boston Whaler and a small dedicated office area for our youth director. Barring any unforeseen events, completion is expected around late July to early August.





Providing a sailing program for our youth teaches them discipline, self confidence and provides them with the skills they will enjoy for the rest of their lives. Equally important are the lessons learned in taking care of their equipment, its proper storage and ensuring everything is accounted for for those that follow them in years to come.

We can be equally appreciative that our board and our membership see the value in taking care of our buildings and equipment. Thanks go out to all that have contributed to make this possible.

New Time Schedule for Guest Membership Applications

In order to provide applicants sufficient time to attend OTYC events, become familiar with the Club and members, as well as to expand the time for sponsors and applicants to meet and complete all Guest Membership application requirements, the Board has modified the application procedure beginning 2015 as follows:

April 1- June 1: Guest Membership Application packages are available for distribution.

May 1- June 1: Period for submittal of completed application package to the Membership committee. If the application requirements are not all completed by June 1, Year 1, the application may be submitted for consideration May 1- June 1, Year 2. Applicants will have the opportunity to continue to participate as invited guests of their OTYC sponsors or other members for the balance of Year1 summer season in order to complete the membership application requirements.

Late June/July: Board meets to consider applications and determine applicants approved for admission as Guest Members.



Charlotte Read cross country skiing in her Virginia neighborhood



Judy and Bruce Balas in England



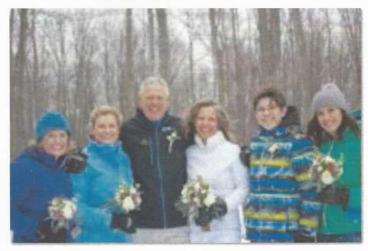
Celebrating Annette's 90th Birthday! Congratulations



Progress for the new Boat House



Danny Magrini and Zach Bosco in Madison Wisconsin



From left to right: Suzanne Mason, Chelsea Mason, Bill Mason, Ann Grant, Jack Grant, Heather Grant