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“I visited many places, some of them quite exotic and far away, but I always returned to myself.”

Dejan Stonjanovic

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The Breeze...

All the news that fits we print.

COMMODORE'S CORNER



Some things never change. Every year, as spring arrives in the Midwest, my inward senses begin to turn north. The need to be Up North, surrounded by its infinite beauty, is suddenly all consuming. As always, another Omena summer cannot happen soon enough!

And so it is for all reading this May edition of the Omena Breeze....anticipation of our coming together as friends, family, and neighbors for our Club's 68th summer. Whether you arrive at your first potluck, Toddy Time, or youth program week from across the country or around the bend, it is important to gather again as a community at our big white building on the east shore of Omena Bay. Some of us will have been in touch all year long, others exchanged Christmas cards, some stayed in touch on Facebook and Instagram, while others awaited the OTYC season to re-connect. Regardless of your off-season communications, when you pull in the driveway the Club will be ready to welcome you.

Speaking of staying in touch, it gives me great pleasure to announce the unveiling of our new, updated website! Thanks to the many hours and hard work of Board members Scott Mulligan and Michael Ray, we introduce you to www.OTYC.club. Here you will find the summer social calendar, downloadable forms for Youth Camp, our By-laws, the Guest Member application, and much more. The members' page, which includes the membership directory, is password protected. To access this area just type in our password: OTYC1947 (our founding year). There are some areas yet to be tweaked but, overall, we are very pleased with the results. Any thoughts or suggestions you have are welcome and may be directed to Scott or Michael.

Our new website has been on our "to do" list for some time now. Completing this project, however, does not allow us to rest on our laurels. In a club, such as ours, there are always projects on the horizon. Some of these are simple to accomplish and easy to fund, i.e., the new kitchen freezer. Other projects are complex and expensive to complete, such as a new well. Then there are the projects that fall somewhere in between these two extremes. Our Clubhouse, though it seems timeless, is not a static operation and it is essential that we are proactive concerning the Club's needs. The Board has spent the winter months identifying and researching our pending capital improvement projects. You will be hearing more about this subject in the coming months as we look to the membership to help us prioritize our needs. There will be multiple opportunities throughout the season for you to give us your input and we look forward to hearing your views.

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Commodore's Letter cont'd

As you will note on the enclosed social calendar, we have a full season ahead of us. There are always opportunities to have fun, meet new people, and pitch in to help. So please, do not hesitate to reach out. If you have an idea for an event or program please let us know! The committee chairs and members are listed elsewhere in this issue for your reference. Or, find them at www.OTYC.club!

The season is upon us and the Club awaits your arrival. The building, the grounds, the waterfront, and the programs are ready and waiting thanks to Board members, committee chairs, committee members, and volunteers who carried the torch throughout the winter so all can enjoy the summer. When you have a moment, I hope you will thank them and let them know how much their participation and leadership mean to you.

Welcome to the season!
Nancy Cooper, Commodore

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:

Kanda McKee and Bob DeVries

Respectfully submitted,
OTYC Nominating Committee
Ed Oberndorf, Chair
Linda Kemper
Kris North

Notice of Annual Meeting

9:00 AM Saturday, July 16, 2016

OTYC Clubhouse

**If unable to attend please complete
enclosed proxy**

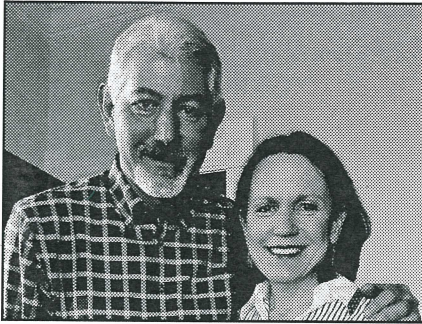
In Loving Memory

Joan English Kersey, 84, passed away peacefully in Durham, North Carolina on January 19, 2016. Joan was born in Grand Rapids, MI on July 24, 1931, the daughter of the late Mary and John English. Her husband of fifty-three years, Ole Kersey, left his body in 2012. She is survived by her daughters Kim Cleary and her husband, James, of Morrisville, and Kathleen "Katja" Sage and her husband, Mark Smith of Chapel Hill, and her elder sister, Mary Brownell.

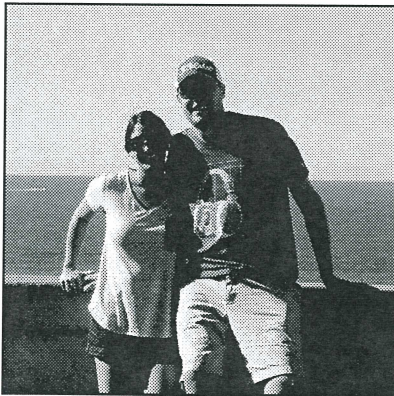
Joan and Ole lived in Kalamazoo for thirty-nine years before moving to North Carolina, but always cherished summers at their cottage on Grand Traverse Bay. Joan was a life long member of OTYC and her parents were charter members of the club. She will be greatly missed.

New Member Spotlight

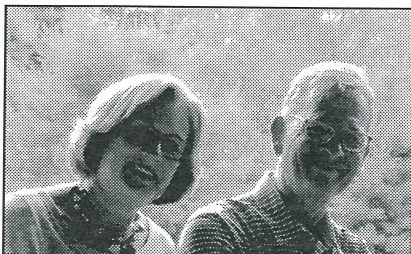
A hearty Welcome to the following new OTYC members!



Dan & Mary Ziegler's ties to Leelanau go back to the mid-80's when Mary's parents, Bea and Ted McLogan, moved to Suttons Bay. After Mary's parents relocated, they continued to visit Leelanau and stayed at Sunset Lodge as guests. Little did they know that they would become the owners a mere one year ago! They have since become active member of the Omena community. Dan recently retired from a career in management consulting with Deloitte, traveling extensively. Mary spent 10 years in banking at NBD before becoming a homemaker and active volunteer. Dan and Mary lived and raised their three children in Ann Arbor, now all are in various stages of schooling: Claire (25) is in law school at Vanderbilt; Dan (23) is a recent graduate of the University of St. Thomas in Saint Paul, MN; and Charlie (21) is at Washtenaw Community College in Ypsilanti.



Matt & Candice Mitchell live in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood with their dog Arlow (an 85 lb golden retriever mix). Candice is an attorney and Matt works in financial services. Their history with Omena started in childhood on Putnam Rd where Matt's parents, John & Ann Marie live. Candice, while newer to the area, has grown to love it; favorite memories include their wedding last August, including a wonderful cocktail reception at the OYTC the day prior. In their free time Matt & Candice love to travel, both abroad (the photo is from their honeymoon in France) and to Leelanau County in the summer. When not traveling, Chicago's wonderful culinary scene keeps them on their toes!



Ty & Kathy Wessel came to Northport/Omena in 2005 when Ty was hired as Superintendent for Northport School. They have five grown children and four grandkids. Now retired from academia, they spend their time boating in Grand Traverse Bay, reading, and volunteering time with numerous local organizations and supporting community causes. Ty currently serves as the District 4 Leelanau County Commissioner and is the County's representative to the Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Board and Networks Northwest Board. Kathy also enjoys her part-time employment at Pennington Collection and has a special interest in maintaining her contact with former students while employed at Northport School.

TID BITS

Roberta & Allen Cohen

Here's a photo of me, Roberta Cohen, "ringing the bell" in St. Louis, in late February, after my final cancer radiation treatment, signifying the end of all of my chemo & radiation therapy. Yay!! Two days later, Allan & I were on the beach on Hutchinson Island in sunny Florida for some well-deserved R&R. We're both looking forward to returning to our home in Omena in mid-May. Can't wait to see everyone and to spend the whole season up there this year!



Carolyn Fought reports that Will Fought had the lead of Suttons Bay High School musical "Guys and Dolls". He played Sky Masterson, the Marlon Brando part. He had a great time and it was a wonderful show. Forty-eight kids in the production.

OTYC members Roger Edgley and Michael Ray participated in the La Trappe Creek Society's Cuba expedition this April. The group met in Cienfuegos, Cuba and sailed along the southern coast of Cuba in the Caribbean Sea for 8 days, plus a day trip to Trinidad, Cuba. The group was 35+ strong over 7 boats. We had exceptional weather, sailing conditions and plenty of "Vitamin R"...a.k.a Havana Club Rum. The interactions we had with the Cuban people were priceless as they are very warm and welcoming, and excited we were there. Following the adventure, Michael was able to extend his trip a few extra days in Havana and Vinales, home of the tobacco plantations for the infamous Cuban cigars.
(picture on back cover)

The Rays spent time in Sanibel, FL this winter. We had good visits with many Omena people. The Oberndorfs were up the beach from us and Randy and Nancy Cooper own a home near us on the Island. Harold and Kanda McKee visited for the day and we encouraged them to rent there next year, which they are doing. Also in the area were the Bowdens, Judy and Bruce Balas, Marty Bills and the McKenzies, who enjoyed their Spring vacation in another unit in our complex.

The Rays joined Karen and Bob Gelakoski for lunch on their way to visit previous Omena residents, Al and Linda Cherne in Tavares, near Orlando. Our flight from Orlando to Chicago was eventful. The flight attendants had a difficult time closing the cabin door in Orlando (in fact, had to force it...not a good plan) and, upon arriving at the gate in Chicago, could not get it opened (the captain also was unsuccessful). After about a 20-30 minute delay maintenance, by removing a panel, got it opened. The next step would have been to back up the plane so the First Class door could be positioned by the jet-way. Plan C would probably have been to slide down a chute through the opening where food is loaded!

Barb & Jamie Karchon: Our daughter, Nicole Mittman, her husband, Chris, and their son Ben welcomed the newest member of our family on March 11th, Haden Christopher. We can't wait for his first trip to Omena this summer.



Sally & Brian Shapiro went with the Indianapolis Jewish Federation last October for a mission trip to Cuba. Visiting the four Synagogues and a Jewish Community Center mostly in Havana, we pooled together dozens of suitcases full of necessities for them. Adult and children's socks, underwear, clothing as well as much needed over the counter pharmaceuticals, our donations were greatly needed. Not only does their government supplied income not make it to the end of each month but there are no stores and nothing for them to buy, even if they had money. Simple bottles of Advil are impossible to find except through the generosity of tourists. Prior to the fall of Cuba in 1959 there were tens of thousands of Jews in Cuba; now there are fewer than 900.

The step back in time is amazing but what is most shocking is the decay and decrepit state of most of the buildings and homes. Culture is rich and Old Havana is gorgeous as are most of the Embassies. That is where most of the current photos are taken. But I cannot image there is enough money or investors to repair 80 years of storm damage, neglect and squalor that rules Havana. This is beyond a fresh coat of paint - but there is so much beauty remaining to see why my father in law would travel there so frequently in the mid 50's. It must have been splendid.

If given the opportunity to go, you should. Take donations with you ("Gifts" are taxed, donations are not). Be aware that 70% of the people on our trip ended up with "travellers illnesses". You cannot drink from the tap but we all drank Cuba Libre like we were at the Knot Bar! Hmmm - maybe that was their problem!

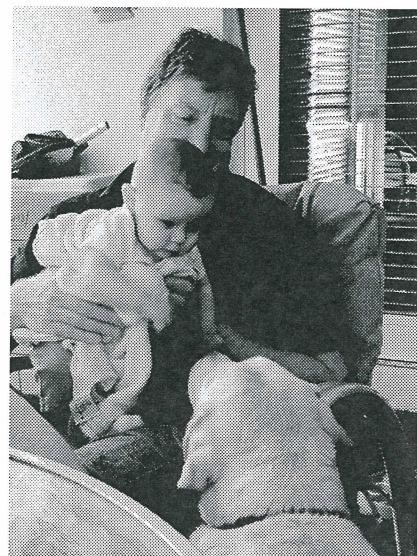


Eric Moore reports: At the end of 2015 we celebrated the arrival of Hannah Louise Moore, a fifth-generation "Omena-ite." Her proud parents, Fred and Rachel Moore, live in Evanston, IL, not far from her maternal grandparents, David and Candace Fleischmann. Fred and Rachel wed at the Village Inn in 2012; just on the 45th parallel, so they have southern Omena roots. In early January, Martine visited Hannah in Evanston. Eric made a weekend trip not long afterwards...

"The Hannah Bear" and her parents "wintered" for a week in March at Grandpa Eric's house in South Florida. She met Bud-Lite, a yellow lab, and Brandy, a near-sighted 13 year-old retriever. Hannah was highly amused (she was only 12 weeks old) with her grandpa's retelling of stupid bar jokes and multi-level marketing pitches. Fred escorted her on her first swim.

In April, Uncle Peter and Aunt Danielle visited Hannah and her parents for a weekend. Peter and Fred were in "Billy" Renz's OTYC youth program before he went to dental school. Mark Spitznagel taught Peter to sail and later rewarded Peter with a plastic fire helmet for his propensity to crash Sunfish. Later in the month, Aunt Anne flew to Evanston to see her niece. Anne has Omena in her DNA. Not only from many visits to the cottage, but whole summers spent at Camp Arbutus as a camper and counselor.

Everyone is anxious to get to Omena this summer to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. And if you see an unescorted Yellow Lab running along Omena Point Road en route to joining the circus, he belongs on Fire Lane 7.



Kathy Bosco: Mike and I took a wonderful trip to the islands of the South Pacific in January. Flying there is a very long trip but worth every minute of the travel. We met up with some Notre Dame alumni and the fun began. We sailed to seven different islands and spent time on each of them. The native people were more than gracious on each island and we enjoyed their music and food. Of course the water is every thing they say it is, gorgeous and the fish are as lovely. We loved the relaxing vacation after a full holiday season.

Mike also really surprised me in February with having a wonderful birthday celebration. All of our children and their children came for my birthday dinner at the Wrigley Mansion and then he planned events for the rest of the weekend, it was Omena all over again except it was done here in Phoenix with palm trees. I was completely overwhelmed with the entire celebration. Families are such fun !

Charlotte Read planned 9 days in Omena in late March, to coordinate with her granddaughter Nora's Spring Break. Nate, Sarah and Nora went skiing at Tahoe, and Charlotte expected to enjoy Omena in mud season! She felt lucky to experience several nice sunny days and a 2 day serious snow storm. She enjoyed a couple of cross country ski runs around Ingalls Bay loop before the snow plows got to it. Visits and long walks with good friends and yoga in Lake Leelanau made the visit complete. Back in June.



Ron and Mary Tonneberger spent a beautiful month of March in Puerto Vallarta MX. Doing the usual fun activities of golf, swimming, eating and imbibing, we somehow managed to maintain our normal weight. Karen and Tess Edgley joined us for a week and Tess availed herself of scuba diving lessons in the Bay of Banderas.

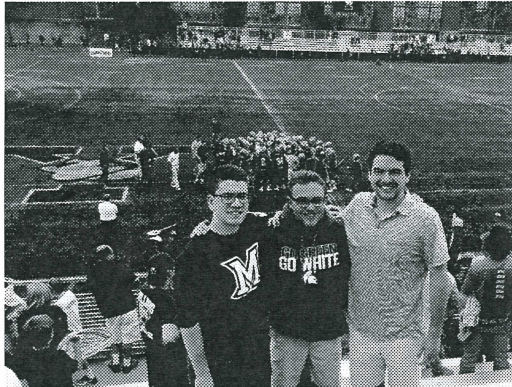


Dennis and Kim Armbruster spent their spring vacation enjoying the many things London, England has to offer. During the 11 day trip, they attended three plays in the West End, including Jersey Boys and Kinky Boots. They also spent many hours devouring the thousands of displays in the city's museums- The V&A Museum, The British Museum, The Natural History Museum, and The National Gallery. One day, they took the train to Windsor Castle and enjoyed all the incredible displays of the Royal Collections. The Windsor Castle is the world's largest inhabited castle, housing the British families for over 900 years. Another half-day was spent touring the British Parliament buildings, including the House of Lords and the House of Commons. Kim and Dennis also enjoyed many great English ales and pub foods. They said it is always good to get back to Leelanau after an overseas adventure.

The Magrini Family spent the holidays in Spain this year. After studying in Alicante, Spain for the fall semester, Maggie met the rest of the family in Barcelona to begin a two week Spanish adventure. We walked and ate our way through the streets of Barcelona. The highlights were

the Sagrada Familia, Gaudi Park and The Gothic Quarter. Next stop was Maggie's home away from home, Alicante, a beautiful town along the Mediterranean. It was such a treat to see where she had spent four magical months. Onward to Granada where we spent Christmas. The Alhambra was fascinating. Shopping the markets for Christmas gifts and Christmas dinner was an adventure. We continued on to Seville, Cordoba and spent New Years Eve in Madrid, and had time to take in a Real Madrid soccer game. It was a very special holiday to be together.

In April we were treated with a visit from Zach Bosco. The boys had a blast together. So fun to see summer friendships grow and last beyond OTYC.



Robbie, Zach and Danny at a Yale lacrosse game.

Cottage Rental Needed for family of four (children ages 13 & 15) needed July 17-22 for family gathering. Please contact Sue and Jim Gross at 614-252-6621 or sjgross5@sbcglobal.net.

Important Upcoming Events

Memorial Day Cocktail Party	May 29
Clean Up Day	June 11
Opening Dinner	June 25
Fourth of July Picnic	July 4

Classified

**Lightning class sailboat #10880 for sale
above average condition
asking \$1800, call Drew Ehrhardt, 314-409-7118**

VACATION RENTAL – Omena, MI on Grand Traverse Bay. Attractive cottage on secluded, wooded lot with private, sandy beach. Four bedrooms, two baths, modern kitchen w/dishwasher, screened porch, fireplace, electric heat, high-speed internet access, tennis & golf nearby, all on one floor. Gorgeous sunsets every evening. Available mid-June to mid-October. Can sleep up to 8 people. Call 847-256-1026 or email JHRMHR@gmail.com. Website: www.VRBO.com and request property #86756.

VACATION RENTAL: 7430 North Cove Trail, 1/2 way between Omena & Northport, off Cove Road/M-22. Three bedroom, sleeps 10, AC, dock and sandy beach. June and August dates available. Please call Steve Cone @ 1 513 722-6079 for pricing and availability.

Cheerful farmhouse cottage on Ingalls Bay. Wraparound screen porch filled with wicker and a big yard for games. Sleeps 10--4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and outdoor shower. Living rooms (2) with fireplace, dining room. Dishwasher, W/D, wifi. A special place for a special vacation. Contact Betsy Parker

SANDCASTLE—Waterfront rental in Omena on Ingalls Bay Road. Spectacular views; 3 bedrooms; 2 baths; New appliances; Large deck. For more info, check out the WEBSITE at SandcastleOmena.com or call or e-mail Billy Kulick (228) 324-6071, bill@kulicklawfirm.com.

June rental is available for OTYC slip #3 at rate of \$250. This slip is available for all or any part of month. Please contact Brenda (Abbot) Anderson at brendande@aol.com

Guest Member Spotlight

It's my pleasure to announce that the Membership Committee received three applications for Guest Membership in our club for the 2016 season. Two of these families are OTYC legacies and the other moved to Omena recently.

Susan & Joe DeMarco are from Des Moines, Iowa. Susan is the daughter of long time OTYC members John and Nancy Smith. She is a vice president for an ad agency and Joe is a dentist. They have two children; Tess is age 14 and Spencer age 12.

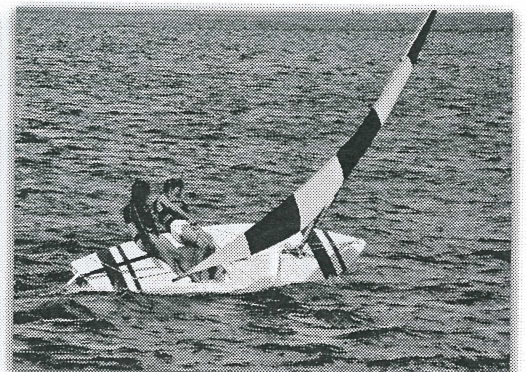
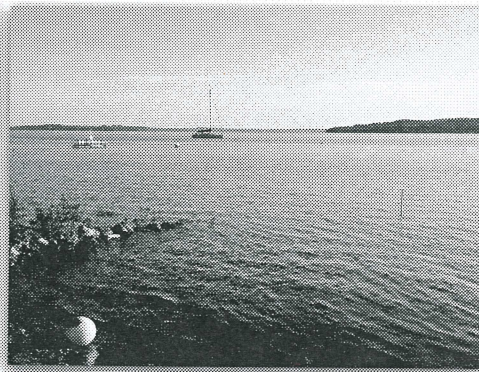
Peter & Danielle Moore reside in Washington, D.C. where they are both lawyers. Peter is a member of the Moore family who have owned a cottage on Fire Lane 7 for generations. His great grandparents, Earl and Blanche Moore, were honorary lifetime members of our club and his grandfather, Vin, was a past Commodore.

Greg & Marcia McMorrow are retired. Greg was with IBM and Marcia was a teacher. They bought the cottage of former members, Tim and Brenda White, on Omena Point Road in the area known as Singing Sands. They owned a cottage in Northport for 11 years prior to coming to Omena to become full time residents in 2013.

The full applications and sponsor letters will be posted Memorial Day on the Club bulletin board for membership review.

As we run into these folks at various events this summer, please be sure to say "hello" and make them feel welcome.

Bill Renz
Membership, Co-chair

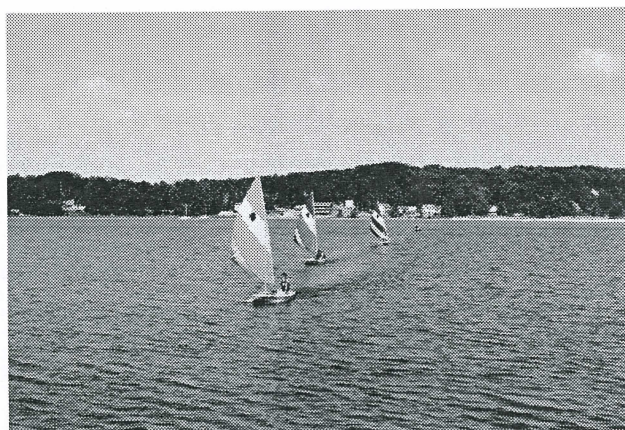


There is a gentleness in Michigan that you just can't replicate.

Jennifer Granholm

OTYC Boathouse Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Please join us for a special ceremony to thank Karen and Roger Edgley for their generous donation toward the building of the new youth program boathouse! This ceremony and celebration will be a fun, fabulous, and full-of-pep festivity so don't miss it! The ribbon-cutting and revelry will commence at 5pm on July 13, 2016 before potluck and in leu of happy hour. Any questions? Want to help out? Contact Libby Mustaine at libbymustaine@gmail.com



Committee Chairs & Members 2016

Building:	Dennis Armbruster
Grounds:	Keith Disselkoen
Tennis Court	John Smart
Housekeeping:	Susie Goldman; Mary Skrocki
Logo Wear:	Susie Goldma
Membership:	Bill Renz; Suzy Wheeler
Scuttlebutt:	Mary Tonneberger
Social:	Gail Bowden; Ellen Reister; Betsy Leathery
Catered Dinners Chair	Caroline Oberndorf
Potluck Chair	Mary Smart
Potluck Entertainment	Cathy and Scott Heiser
Youth:	Sara Goldman; Amy List; Linda McKenzie
Waterfront:	Dennis Turner

Note from the Editors

When we started our tenure as editors of the Breeze our three children, Maggie, Danny and Robbie, were all campers at OTYC Youth Camp. Our first cover was pictures of the campers on the Knorps boat and Kid Rock's song *Summer Time in Northern Michigan* was on the radio. It was summer; we were in Omena and we had time. Doesn't get better than that. Fortunate for us, for eighteen years the kids and I have been blessed to spend at least a month together in Omena. Eventually David's job allowed him to work from Omena for a few weeks each summer. This year will be different. Robbie will be working at OTYC as a counselor, so we will be there, but Maggie will be living in New York interning for a marketing firm and Danny will spend more of the summer in Connecticut working and soaking up the last bit of fun with his high school friends. Everyone will get to Omena, but their time will be shorter, but I'm sure just as sweet. So it's a perfect time to hand over the pen, now laptop, to the next editors.



If you've been an editor of the Breeze, you know that despite the few headaches, it really is a wonderful job. You actually read the minutes and pay attention to the business of the club. But the best part of the job is seeing and hearing what all of you are doing. We have enjoyed reading each and every "Tid Bit", seeing the world through your adventures and watching your families grow. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to the Breeze over the years!

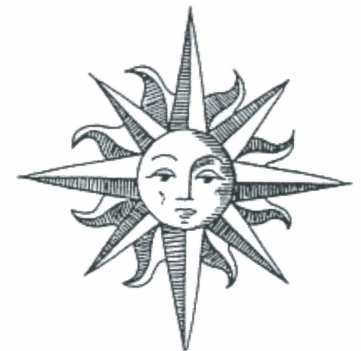
Looking forward to seeing you all at the OTYC!

Cheers

Kerry & David

Oh the Places They'll Go **College Bound**

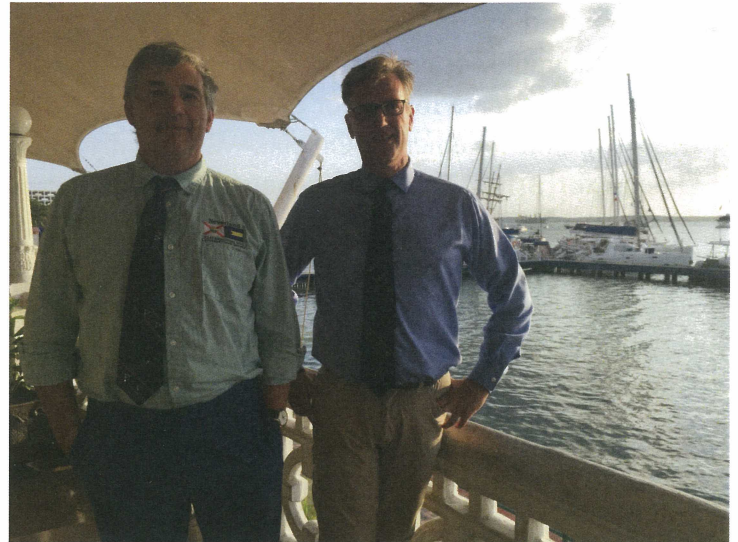
Zach Bosco	Michigan State
Kate Bosco	University of San Diego
Danny Magrini	Boston College
Frances Newland	Anderson University
Connor Wallace	DePauw University



Omena in Cuba



Sally and Brian Shapiro enjoying Cuba



Roger Edgley and Michael Ray in Cienfuegos, Cuba



Danny and Robbie Magrini visit Livvy List
at Miami University



Waldo Abbot, Ashton Abbot Ulrich, Tom Rohlf and
Jean Claude Parker in Telluride



Sarah and T Woods on The Old Course
in St. Andrews, Scotland