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Commodore's Letter

Greetings OTYC Members -

It seems the New Year just began, yet here we are looking ahead to another Omena summer. My winter was softened by an Omena fix when I visited, and walked the beach, with Yacht Club buddies in Sanibel, Florida. I know many of you have seen one another throughout the winter all over the country, and perhaps abroad. Our OTYC connections, which run deep, will soon be rekindled and renewed during the fast-approaching summer.

The dedicated OTYC committee members have been setting in motion plans that will make for another successful season at the Club. Building, Grounds, Waterfront, Breeze and Membership work throughout the year to fulfill their various responsibilities. Other committees, such as Nominating, Social, and Youth take a well-deserved rest during the fall months then spring to life when the calendar turns to January. Our summer committees, Scuttlebutt, Logowear, and Housekeeping keep us informed, stylish, and clean throughout our busy and active season. Please, let our dedicated volunteers know you appreciate their time and effort on our behalf.

The Board has been at work in the off-season too. We have acted upon some of the projects the membership felt were important and you will see those results this summer. The club parking lot is being regraded and refurbished with new gravel. Three newly designated handicapped parking spots will be located near the kitchen door offering easier access for those who need it. The Board has also approved purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Summer training sessions will be offered on how to use the device as well as CPR classes.

The winter months did bring us a slight setback with regard to our waterfront and our four floating Sunfish docks. Last summer, our first year with the docks, was highly successful. However, in the fall, when we applied for a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers (a necessity for insurance purposes), the Corps would not approve the docks as configured last summer because they extended beyond our bottomlands lease footprint (the Club's northern property line). The Corps approved a permit for two of the floating docks and they will be in operation when the season begins. The other two docks will be temporarily dry docked on South Beach until we can find a satisfactory alternative location for their use. Though a disappointment to all, this turn of events will inspire us to study ways we can maximize our underutilized shoreline south of the boat launch.

Please make sure to view news and announcements throughout the season on the OTYC.club website. It is a terrific resource, so mark it as a favorite!

Before we know it, the OTYC will be humming with activity. We have a busy social calendar with lots of fun events, some returning by popular demand and some new and different. Be assured your participation and support are welcome at all times. If you need direction, just contact a committee member, Board member, or me and we will get you to the right resource. Your active involvement keeps the OTYC vital and strong for our members and our community.

See you soon!

Nancy Cooper, Commodore

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The **Goldman family** celebrated the bat mitzvah of oldest daughter **Arlie** in Paradise Valley, AZ with more than 75 of Arlie's closest friends dancing the night away on New Year's Eve. It was a wonderful start to a busy and fun 2017. Looking forward to summer fun at OTYC!



Nine-year-old **William Krusel** took third place in the 2017 Northport Sportsman's Club fishing derby, with a 14" rainbow trout.



Nominating

The OTYC Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of candidates for the Board of Directors. The new terms begin this August. The slate will be presented for consideration and vote by the membership at the 2017 Annual Meeting.

Linda McKenzie
Kerry Magrini
Tom Newland

Each of the candidates will be beginning their initial 3-year term with the Board and all have participated extensively in OTYC activities for a number of years. Linda will be finishing her second year as co-director with Sarah Goldman of the Youth Program, Kerry most recently finished a number of years as Breeze editor with her husband David, and Tom is and has been very active in the sailing program. We are most pleased that each has agreed to serve.

I also would like to express my appreciation for the time and effort that my Nominating committee members, Harold McKee and Cathy Stephenson, put into the selection process.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Ray
Nominating Committee Chair

Roberta & Allan Cohen were busy visiting Tokyo, Hiroshima & Kyoto before heading to Hong Kong for about a week in April. They visited the Itsukushima Shrine on Miyajima Island and floating Torii Gate that "floats" at high tide and is on dry land at low tide. Also found a shop in Tokyo named "Roberta" and Roberta felt it was a "sign" that she had to do some shopping there!



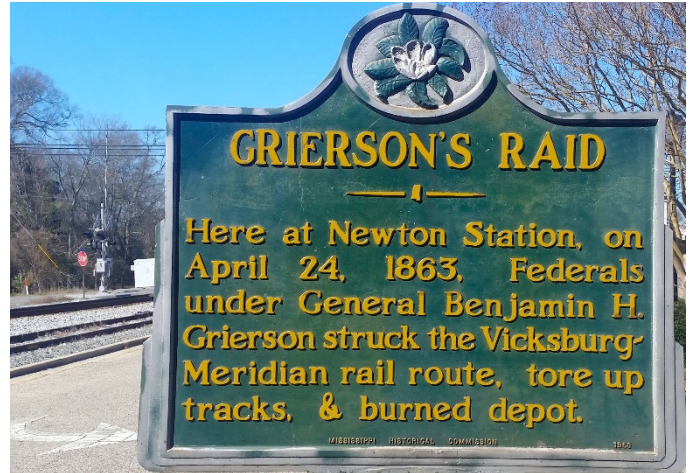
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Jim and Kathy Miller left late January for a six week road trip. From Omena, they drove south and west to Coronado, CA, where they lived for many years, to surprise their longtime friend, Terry, for her 60th birthday and retirement party. She is responsible for introducing the Millers back in 1989 and they're still very good friends! After spending 3 weeks there, the Millers drove to Palm Desert to visit Kathy's brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Deborah Kerrigan. While in the desert, the family organized a hike accompanied by the local ABC affiliate, KESQ TV, and led by men from "Project Remembrance". The mission of the latter is to take families to military crash sites of loved ones whenever possible. Jim had learned of this organization and gotten in touch with this group when he saw a story about them online. After years of hope and research by the Kerrigan family, this group was able to find the crash site of a 1945 military training exercise where Kathy's uncle was killed, along with 8 other men. In February, 72 years after the crash, 22 people set out on the hike up into the Santa Rosa Mountains outside La Quinta, CA. It was a rocky climb but it didn't take long to come upon the very large debris field of the B24 Liberator bomber. The family had a plaque made which was left at the site in honor of Cpl. Frank B. Kerrigan of Saginaw, Michigan. He had enlisted right after high school to follow his two older brothers, one of which was Kathy's Dad, into WWII. He was 19 years old when he died in the crash. Kathy's family was proud to give him the recognition and honor he, and the others, deserve after all these years.

From California, they drove east and spent two nights in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Omena has a connection with this southern city. Most of you know of the Civil War General, Benjamin Grierson, and how he built a

home here in Omena (the Rule cottage) in his retirement years after the war. It was at his cottage that he died in 1911. Gen. Grierson was instrumental in the union's victory. General Grant was able to capture Vicksburg because Grierson destroyed the railroads and a depot east of the city, preventing supplies to get to the confederate troops who were fending off Grant. The Millers saw the rebuilt depot, now a museum, and the many references made to "our" general in this small town, called Newton Station.



Driving on, they visited grandkids in Charleston, SC with a visit to Boone Hall Plantation and the Citadel, the well-known military academy. From there, they drove home through Cincinnati where there was a fun evening staying with **Cathy and Scott Heiser**. They returned to a snowy Omena after 16 inches of snow had fallen to welcome them. After this 7000 mile jaunt, they were glad to be home, snow or no snow.



In February, **Mike and Laurie Adelson** drove to Indianapolis to visit **Brian and Sally Shapiro** for

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the weekend. They accompanied the Shapiros for the IU Michigan State game in Bloomington. The Adelsons had to camouflage their Michigan State gear because the seats were behind the IU bench. To the shock of everyone, IU won the game. Of course, the Adelsons had a few corned beef sandwiches to overcome the Michigan State loss.

Rob Oberndorf celebrated his 50th birthday last November in Rangoon, Burma (Myanmar) where has been helping the government over the past two years develop their Land Management laws. Friends flew in from Australia, Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam to join the festivities. Rob has made many good friends across Southeast Asia working as an international, natural resources environmental lawyer over the past 16 years. He makes his annual monthly visit to Omena every summer.

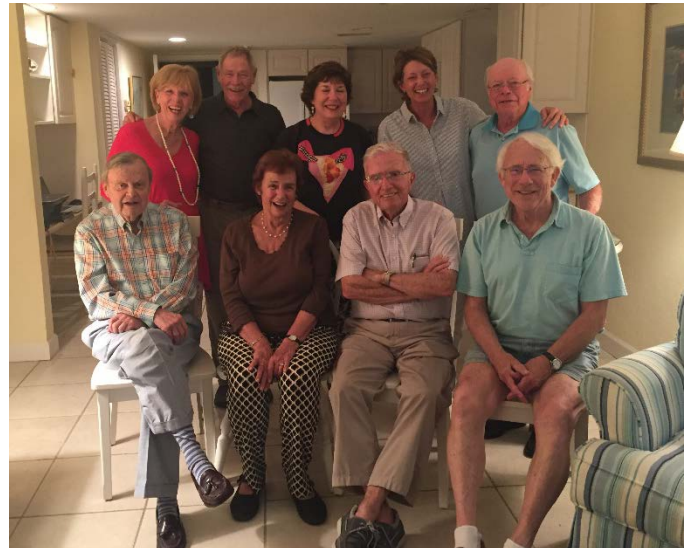


Ron and Mary Tonneberger spent a leisurely three weeks in Puerto Vallarta, MX where Ron celebrated his birthday as did **Karen Edgley**, who with daughter **Tess**, joined us for a week during Tess' spring break. We had fun on a number of golf courses (no breakthroughs as yet with lowering the handicaps), and linked up with **Judy and John Smart** for a dinner at the waterfront on Banderas Bay. Tess brought her school friend so the two girls stopped at all pools plus the ocean at the resort. A great change of pace from snow shoveling.



Around the table in Florida from the left - Ed Oberndorf, Bill McMenamy, Paula McMenamy, Harold McKee, Kanda McKee, Nancy Cooper, Mary Helen Ray and John Ray.

Mary Helen and John Ray spent several weeks on Sanibel Island, FL from mid-February through March. Many other Omenaites were there for some or all of that time and a number of them gathered on March 8 at the condo the Rays are renting, followed by dinner at a restaurant on the Island. In addition to the Rays, the group included **Harold and Kanda McKee**, **Caroline and Ed Oberndorf**, **Randy and Nancy Cooper**, **Judy and Bruce Balas**, **Bill and Paula McMenamy** and **Marty Bills**. During their time in Florida the Rays also visited with **Carla and Bruce Cunningham**, **Bob and Karen Gelakoski** and **Al and Linda Cherne**. Also in the area were the **Bowdens** and **Armbrusters** but we didn't have a chance to visit with them.



In the Ray's condo, aka "Omena South" - top row from the left - Paula McMenamy, Harold McKee, Judy Balas, Nancy Cooper, Bill McMenamy - seated from the left - Ed Oberndorf, Mary Helen Ray, John Ray, Bruce Balas.

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Chris Bishop and his wife **Amanda Eiman** are pleased to share the news of the expected arrival of their first child, a girl, due on July 16. They could not be more thrilled. While it's unlikely amid a crowded field of possible names, Chris is lobbying hard for Omena as a beautiful name for this new addition to their family!

News from the **Disselkoens**: Since the club closed we have had both sad events and exciting ones. We lost Keith's Dad at the amazing age of 95 at the end of September, and my Mom, who was 91, decided to celebrate with her family on Christmas Eve and with the heavenly saints on Christmas Day. It's hard to say goodbye to our loved ones, but we feel thankful that we had both of them with us for so many good years. In January, we were hosted by **Bob and Caryn De Vries** for a week in The Villages, Florida and followed that with a road trip across the country to Los Angeles, California to visit our daughter **Kait** and her husband **Chris** for 2 weeks. They welcomed their first child, a healthy baby girl named **Knox Valentine**, at the end of January. Needless to say, we are thrilled with her. We visited our son **Tom** and his wife **Tanya** and 2 boys in Chicago in mid-March to pick up our grand dog as they were relocating to the greater DC area. Tom was promoted to Director of Food and Beverage at the Hilton Tyson's Corner which is actually adjacent to their corporate headquarters. **Tanya, Holden and Wylder** will be visiting us in Florida for a week in April after Easter. I just returned from a trip to the Netherlands to visit a girlfriend. (I let Keith manage the house and dog while I was gone.) It was amazing to see all the

flowers in bloom - if you have never been to The Netherlands in the spring it is truly incredible. We also made a little side trip for 3 days to Bruges, Belgium where we of course enjoyed good beer and delicious chocolate. Oh yes, the canals and old historic buildings were also wonderful. The entire city center of Bruges founded in 1128 is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Currently we are finishing up our time at our home in Florida but May brings us back home to Omena and hopefully some nice spring weather. We look forward to the upcoming summer season and catching up with everyone.



Bill and Ann Mason made the trek west to visit **Trish and Matt Bosco** in their Truckee, CA ski house in February. They were treated to epic snow levels – up 200% in the Sierras and an end to the drought! We were able to ski Sugarbowl and Squaw Valley during the visit we were joined by Ann's daughter **Heather Grant**, who now resides in San Francisco and works at Centro, a firm that develops digital advertising and media management software to help advertisers streamline and scale digital campaigns. **Grace Bosco**, a high school sophomore, was also able to join the fun between ski team practices. Grace qualified for her high school team's state championships this year held in March also in Tahoe. On spring break from her first year at University of San Diego, **Kate Bosco** was able to come home and cheer on her sis at Northstar. The California Boscoss also spent Grace's spring break in

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San Diego, enjoying the beach and visiting with Kate in between classes. Grace is looking forward to working as a counselor at OTYC and Kate will join us in August after studying in Paris.

Jordan Newland's sailing team, Janes Island Charter High School, headed to South Atlantic Interscholastic Sailing Association District races in Miami this April. The event included teams from all over the southeastern U.S. on beautiful Biscayne Bay near the Dinner Key Channel. Winds were strong all day blowing 10-13 knots.



The **Edgley family** seems to be shifting eastwards, as three of our four children are in Europe. **Alexander** is finishing the first year of a three year IT course at the University of London Birkbeck, living near Waterloo and enjoying many city life things. He will be back in Omena in August before joining **Roger** for the LaTrappe group sailing trip in Maine. **Claire** has spent the year in London also, after graduating from Carleton in June, and has completed her graduate school applications for programs in English literature at universities in Ireland, Scotland and England for the school year starting in September. She is currently working on a farm in the Netherlands (woofing) in April and May, and then returning to England or Michigan? for the summer. **Katherine** is taking her junior year semester abroad from Brown University, by attending Humboldt University in Berlin. The spring semester

there runs until August, so that will leave a little time for Michigan, perhaps...**Tess** is in 10th grade here in Salt Lake City, working hard at school and playing volleyball and basketball for the school and outside teams. It's quiet at home with only one child!



The **Magrinis** and **Kennedys** gathered in Granville for Easter this year to celebrate **Maggie's** upcoming graduation. It was a wonderful weekend filled with walking around Denison's campus, strolling the charming streets of Granville and enjoying drinks and dinner at the renovated Granville Inn. Besides being together, the highlight of the weekend was watching the Denison Men's Lacrosse team beat Ohio Wesleyan! **Maggie** will no doubt miss the college on the hill, but she is eagerly working on what comes next. **Danny** is enjoying his freshman year at Boston College, which included a visit from **Zach Bosco**, and **Robbie** will be graduating from Avon High in June, and attending his dad's alma mater, Miami University of Ohio, in the fall. Looking forward to summer in Omena!



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Jamie and Barb Karchon were thrilled to welcome our first granddaughter, **Elliott James Karchon**, in February. Her proud parents are our son and daughter-in-law **CJ and Jesse**.



Ten year-old **Nora Read** has a new baby brother . . . so **Charlotte Read** is enjoying a new grandson – **Ben Alan Read**. He'll be in Omena this summer. Charlotte spent 5 days in Omena in late February. A small snowfall made it possible for one cross country ski around Ingalls Bay Rd. It was fun seeing Omena friends.



Bill & Rat Renz have moved! We've gone to a continuing care retirement community not too far from our first house, on the north side of the city in Springdale. We are very pleased to be here---lovely view from our cottage, looking out on a pond with mallard ducks, a pair of swans, and now and then a Canada goose. Also nice sized fountain to watch and listen to. Cynn timer calls it our waterfront property. The other residents have been very welcoming, the staff outstanding. We feel lucky to be where we are. In addition to the big move, a very exciting event was the birth of Audrey Claire Elliott, our first great grandchild. She lives in Portland, Oregon, with her parents, Emma and Lane, so she is not too accessible at the moment, but we hope to see her in person soon. Pictures are nice but hugs are better. Rat flew out to Oregon for a baby shower before Audrey was born. She and Cynn timer (actually mostly Cynn timer) wallpapered Audrey's room while there. This past fall Bill and Rat made two trips to the Chicago area, the first for a high school birthday party for those of us who turned 80 this year, the second for a surprise birthday party for MH Ray. Both parties loads of fun. Currently we are just enjoying this newfound freedom and trying to get things cleaned out of the house where we lived for almost 40 years. Have a nice spring and we'll see you in Omena this summer!

Betsy and Geoff Parker are thrilled to welcome **William Lamonte Parker**, their first grandchild, born January 15, 2017. His parents are **Alex and Lauren Parker** of LaGrange, Illinois and he'll have his first taste of Omena in early July.



Blast from the Past



Photo flashback: Janey Basler Newland and Jane Morse Saxton take sail around 1948. Thanks to Suzy Wheeler for submitting this treasure.

Don't tell the Thursday Toddy Time die-hards, but in 1950, Breeze editors published this submission: "One of the best recommendations which could be suggested by the membership committee to prospective members is the fact that no liquor is served at the Club and that none is permitted on the premises. Those responsible for the inclusion of this in the constitution of the Club were governed by experience which supports the fact that the lift of liquor is not needed if really satisfying entertainment is provided in an atmosphere of good fellowship." Wondering if they played bingo without candy back then?!

In the Winter Breeze of 1966, committee reports included the following new business: "Bob Morse talked about the nuisance and air pollution caused by the paving machine on Route 22. After a discussion it was moved by Marian Finn, seconded by Clemewell Lay, that the Club go on record as protesting such a violation of dust control. Motion carried. The Commodore then appointed Andy Renz, Chairman, Mary Woolford and Dan Bradley as a committee to contact the contractors to see if this nuisance could be stopped." Fast forward to 2016, Michigan's scenic M-22 Highway has been designated a Pure Michigan Byway. The 116-mile stretch of highway that also runs through Manistee and Benzie counties is frequently listed as one of the country's best routes for scenic drives, especially during the fall months. M-22 has been in the news quite a bit in recent months. MDOT announced in August that it would modify some of the classic "M-22" highway signs to just "22," in hopes that they won't be as attractive to thieves and vandals.

Membership

The Membership Committee would like to announce the following applicants for guest membership in 2017:

Rob Oberndorf needs no introduction. His parents are longtime OTYC members, Ed and Caroline Oberndorf. Rob has been coming to Omena all his life. His family's Omena connections span five generations. Rob is a lawyer currently contracted with the United States government. He has been in SE Asia for the past 16 years and is now on assignment in Burma. Rob generally gets to Omena in August.

Matt and Kelli Fitzgerald recently bought the Craig Smith house on Omena Heights. They live in Chicago and have 3 children ages 10, 12 and 14. Kelli is the daughter of former member Delcie White and is a psychotherapist. Matt is Senior Pastor at St Paul's United Church of Christ in Chicago. Matt and Kelli met while working at Woody's in Northport, a spot well known to us old-timers, where Tucker's is today.

David and Julie DeWitt bought the Balas home on Omena Point Road. They are longtime friends of OTYC members Brian and Sally Shapiro. David was the best man in Brian and Sally's wedding and is their CPA to this day. David and Julie have been coming to Omena as guests for 18 years and live in Indianapolis.

Jim Morrison and Susie Tock live in Omena year 'round at the corner of Isthmus and Omena Point Road. Jim is a civil engineer with expertise in marine docks. Susie is an artist. Jim has an interest in gardening and is studying to acquire his master gardener certification.

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

Oh, the Places They'll Go!

Joel Shapiro, son of Sally and Brian Shapiro, graduated in February from Rose Hulman Institute of Technology and accepted a job at Nvidia in Austin, Texas. Although the company mainly focuses on hardware, graphics cards and computer chips, he will be working in Deep Learning on the software side. Deep Learning falls under a broad, Artificial Intelligence category. Start date is May 1st. His sister Ellen and he took a two week trip to Japan as a graduation present prior to his start date!

Anne Standley is working in the Law Office of Susan Dunn as a paralegal/clerk while attending Cyber Security Classes at the University of Cincinnati. The NSA meshed with U.C. and four other graduate programs in the USA. The last class she had before graduating was an IT class with the assignment to form a group and break into a local business' (with the business' permission) security software. She loved it, and Kroger found out where their weaknesses were....and her group got an A+. I guess it is another language of sorts and languages has always been her thing. Anne applied to the CIA, FBI, and NSA. The NSA and FBI responded. We will see! She also volunteered this year with the Catholic Social Services immigration program. She was a translator for attorneys in Cincinnati, who were helping immigrants complete immigration paperwork/jobs etc. CSS asked her to help with a jobs search program, for immigrants from Iraq, Iran, Syria, etc. due to the smattering of Farsi and Arabic she studied. That is a story in itself. She is finding her way.

Andrew Standley is still plugging away in Computer Science set to graduate in 2018. Cindy Standley says she really doesn't understand what he is doing, at all. "I think he is learning another computer language on his own??? And he is writing programming for VI, he built his own computer, and, he finds holes in other software programs. I call him when I have a problem with my computer, smart google phone, or TV!" He is learning to play the guitar (picking) and mandolin and playing with Jeff's group of musicians on Tuesday nights. He keeps his skeet shooting skill tuned up with his father's Indian Hill Gun Club membership. He is a master chef when it comes to cooking a steak and other more complicated dishes!

Michael Bosco, son of **Mark and Amanda Bosco**, graduates from Notre Dame University with a law degree and an MBA in May. He will be returning home to Phoenix to join the law firm of Tiffany & Bosco and practice law with his dad and grandpa. Sister, **Abbey Bosco**, is completing her last year at Notre Dame Law as well. Both celebrated with their parents and grandparents **Kathy and Mike Bosco**, as well as, **Fred and Ann Schwarze** on a wonderful trip to the Caribbean this spring.

Laurie Adelson's son, (and Mike's step-son), **Lucas Cairns**, is graduating on April 30th with his Bachelor degree in Marketing from Davenport University. He will continue to work for the State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulation (LARA). He owns a home in Lansing.

Save the Date For these Special Events

May

28 – Sunday 5-7 p.m. – Memorial Day Party

June

3 Saturday, 9-3 p.m. – Clean-Up Day

10 Saturday, 9-3 p.m. – Rain Make up Clean-Up Day

24 Saturday, 6-9 p.m. – Opening Dinner

July

4 Tuesday, 5-7 p.m. – Fourth of July Picnic

12 Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Ladies' Social Meeting

15 Saturday, 9-11 a.m. – OTYC Annual Meeting

22 Saturday, 10 a.m. -2 p.m. – Open Swim with BarBQ

August

4 Friday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. – Beer Tasting

12 Saturday, 5-7 p.m. – Commodores' Reception

17 Thursday, 12-2 p.m.- Ladies Luncheon

19 Saturday, 7-10 p.m. – Dance Party Geezer Band

September

3 Monday, 5-7 p.m. – Labor Day Party

Notice of Proposed Bylaw Amendment

For consideration and vote by the membership at the 2017 Annual Meeting

SUMMARY

The OTYC Bylaws may be amended by either the Members or the Board. The following motion to amend the Bylaws is submitted by Nancy Cooper, Commodore on behalf of the Board as a whole for the reasons discussed below.

Legacy Transition into Full Membership

The strong foundation of the Omena Traverse Yacht Club is based, in part, on the deep family ties within its membership. The Board wishes to further this tradition by welcoming young adults, who have aged out of their parents' Family Membership, into Adult Membership in their own right. In waiving the Initiation Fee during the Legacy Transition Period, this policy incentivizes our young adults to continue their commitment to, and participation in, the OTYC. The OTYC Board of Directors recommends that Members vote YES.

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT

The Board proposes to amend Article I of the OTYC Bylaws to add the following:

I. MEMBERSHIP

(A) DEFINITIONS ***

(3) Legacy Member means a person under age 26 with at least one parent who is a current dues paying, Adult Family Member of the OTYC.

(B) APPLICATION FOR ADULT FAMILY OR SINGLE ADULT MEMBERSHIP ***

8. Legacy Transition Policy. A Legacy Member enjoys the full benefits of the OTYC through the calendar year when they turn age 25 [see Bylaw I(A)(1)]. After age 18 and before the calendar year they turn 30, a person who is, or was, a Legacy Member may transition to an Adult Membership (Family or Single) without an initiation fee and by payment of annual dues.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, July 15, 2017

9:00 AM

OTYC Clubhouse

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

Committee Chairs 2017

Building:	Dennis Armbruster
Grounds:	Keith Disselkoen Tennis Court - John Smart
Housekeeping:	Susie Goldman; Mary Skrocki
Logo Wear:	Susie Goldman
Membership:	Bill Renz; Suzy Wheeler
Scuttlebutt:	Mary Tonneberger
Social:	Gail Bowden; Ellen Reister Catered Dinners Chair - Caroline Oberndorf Potluck Chairs - Lisa Newland (July); Cate Varley (Aug.) Potluck Entertainment - Cathy and Scott Heiser
Toddy Time:	Laurie Remter
Youth:	Sara Goldman; Linda McKenzie
Waterfront:	Dennis Turner

New Member Spotlight



The DeMarcos

Susan and Joe DeMarco live in Des Moines, Iowa with their two kids, Tess (15) and Spencer (13). Joe is a dentist and Susan works at an ad agency. Susan's family, including her parents, John & Nancy Smith, have been summering in Omena since her grandparents built their cottage, The Eagle's Nest, in the 50's, so her ties run deep. In fact, Susan and Joe were married in the Omena Presbyterian Church. Susan loves the fact that their children spend their summers doing the very same things in Omena that she did as a kid and still loves as an adult – simply enjoying time on the beach, drinks with friends and disconnecting from their busy, normal life back home! Black Star Farms and Mawby are their local favorite wineries. Susan shares: "Omena has been such a constant in my life – with such great memories of family summers and reconnecting year after year with people I've grown up with."

Peter and Danielle Murphy are both very busy attorneys living in Washington, DC. When not working what seems like 24/7, they try to squeeze in as much time outdoors time as possible, running, biking and skiing. Self-confessed foodies, they love to create their own meals complimented by great cocktails shaken, not stirred! Peter also has deep roots in Omena as a 4th generation summer resident. His great-grandparents, Earl and Blanche Moore, grandparents, Commodore Vin and Ginna, and parents, Eric and Martine, created a summer haven for a lifetime of memories, including potlucks and the youth camp. Peter and Danielle look forward to carrying on the tradition!

Marcia and Greg McMorrow feel that Omena is a quiet refuge from the noise of the world. They are grateful to have been so warmly welcomed by the community that made them feel right at home the moment they established full-time residence in 2013 in the Land of Delight. It's no surprise that they love exploring Grand Traverse Bay and all its nooks and crannies from the tip of the peninsula down to Traverse City. Of course, that plays a close second to picnics on the beach with their kids and grandkids. Greg is a former IBM-er and Marcia is a retired teacher. Other favorite spots in the County include Tandem Ciders and Hop Lot Brewery because they both have a special ambiance and are completely laid back!



The McMorrows

You say Thursday.

I say it's Friday eve.

**TODDY
TIME
Thursdays
5-7pm**



at the OTYC June 29 – Aug 31

In Loving Memory

We lost three longtime, well-loved members this past year, all educators, positively impacting the lives of those both in and beyond the Omena community. Each has left us richer for their friendship, laughter and many contributions to the OTYC.

Larry Bensley – Born in Traverse City and a teacher at heart, Larry attended school in Michigan, Illinois and Massachusetts where he earned a doctorate in education. Larry's work presented opportunities to work in several different countries. Larry was most closely associated with his undergraduate alma mater, Central Michigan University, where he returned to teach Health Education and Health Science for a distinguished 35 years! Larry also cared deeply for history and for important Omena landmarks, the Craker (now Bensley) farm and the Putnam - Cloud Tower House, both of which reflect his passionate and respectful restoration as well as his love of education of others in developing and building several historical exhibits. Larry's vision, his deft touch and understanding of the importance of the past and its impact on the future is a special legacy for all of us in Omena. Larry's greatest love was his family, anchored by Joey, their 4 children and 11 grandchildren who brought endless joy.

Margy Lyon – A Cincinnati native, Margy spent almost every summer in Omena since her first in 1939! The daughter of Robert and Frances Lyon and sister of Ed, she loved the summertime family gatherings with sister, Betsy, and Drew Ehrhardt with nieces Peggy Elscott and Libby Mustaine, nephew Robert and their grand offspring. There was never a dull moment whether reading to the youngsters, picking berries, making the world's best deviled eggs or surveying Ingalls Bay before her afternoon dip in the bay. Active in many women's and educational organizations in Cincinnati, including leadership positions, Margy was a respected 4th grade teacher for 35 years, positively influencing children with her warmth, smile and teachings. To the OTYC and Cherry Basket Neighbors, she was generous with her time and friendship. Margy was an active OTYC Board member, potluck host, and, for many years, partnered with Betsy as reporter and editor of the Omena-Traverse Breeze.

Jay Grosmark – A lifetime of travel adventures together, underscoring Jay's appetite for continuous learning, began with Jay's proposal to Barbara, anticipating a European honeymoon. Jay also served in the US Army in Korea, earned his bachelors and masters at U of M, and his doctorate at the U of MD. Jay spent 28 years as a chemistry teacher and chair of the science department at Long Island's Port Washington High School. Jay shared his dual loves of science and educating with students and teachers, making the subject less intimidating and more approachable. An early adopter of computers, Jay taught himself programming, formed a software consulting practice, and developed and maintained websites for various organizations. Jay was an active volunteer at the OTYC and served as Commodore from 1994 – 1996 launching the Club's first website, maintaining it for many years. Father of Carol and Steven and grandfather of two, Jay loved the outdoors, especially skiing and sailing. Enjoying dinners, sunsets and moonrises over Omena Bay with Barbara and Sally & David Viskochil was a highlight and a favorite way to relax for all.

We are warmed by the wonderful memories of our good friends.



POTLUCK

summer wednesdays at otyc

6 pm – byob cocktails and social hour

7 pm – dinner bell rings

see the social calendar for nightly entertainment

Sign up Monday by noon prior to potluck. Set up table Wed after noon. Bring a hot dish or salad in the following quantity: for each person in your group (12 years and older) bring FIVE GENEROUS SERVINGS of your hot dish or salad. Example: 2 people bring 10 servings, 3 people bring 15

space is limited. food varies. fun guaranteed.

YOUTH CAMP



Youth Camp Co-Chairs, Linda McKenzie and Sara Goldman are excited to announce OTYC has hired a Camp Director for the Youth Camp this summer. **Kati Kattelus** attends Grand Valley State University in their Studio Arts program. She grew up in Leland and has been a lifeguard there since 2015. She has worked with children in a variety of settings as a nanny, a teacher's aide (assisting special needs children/adults with swimming and sports activities) as well as teaching in a preschool/daycare setting. She looks forward to meeting the campers and planning fun activities with the counselor staff. We're all looking forward to a fun summer. It will be here before you know it, so be sure to mail in those camper registration forms - spots are limited!!!



CLASSIFIED ADS

VACATION RENTAL - Beautiful property on private beach on Omena Bay on 175 ft. of waterfront with spectacular sunsets. Four bedrooms, 2 baths, modern, fully stocked kitchen, dishwasher. Can accommodate up to 8 people. Perfect for swimming as lakebed very gradual at that location. Single floor cottage. NO PETS please. Email John and Mary Helen Ray at JHRMHR@gmail.com or call [847-256-1026](tel:847-256-1026) until mid-June, then [231-386-5796](tel:231-386-5796).

BARTH HOUSE RENTAL – Avail June – Aug, \$1000/week. Adorable 3-bedroom, walk to the beach, washer/dryer, across from historic Omena Church. To inquire, call Kathy Bosco at 602-956-4322 or 231-386-7125.

NEWPORT COTTAGE RENTAL- Summer weeks still available on sandy Ingalls Bay! 4BR/ 2.5 BA perfect for summer and fall fun with family & friends. Full amenities including FP, Grill, Icemaker, W/D & Wi-Fi. For more contact Cathy Stephenson, Email: catherine.w.stephenson@gmail.com , Cell: 773-415-5500.

COTTAGE FOR RENT - Cottage with open living/dining area, Direct TV, modern kitchen, two bedrooms with queen beds, loft with 2 twin beds, 2 ½ baths, large deck and hot tub. Separate guest quarters with living room, Direct TV, kitchenette, 2 bedrooms (one with queen bed and the other with 2 bunk beds) and bath. Located on Grand Traverse Bay a short distance north of Ingalls Bay. Small sandy beach with dock and shore station. Rent is \$1,800 per week. Available June 10 through July 14 and August 26 through September 30. Call 614-252-6621.

SINGING SANDS LOT 22 FOR SALE - 100 ft of sand beach and beautiful woods. Friendly neighbors. \$285,000, For more information contact: Ann Marie Mitchell, Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors, 231.642.5454 cell, AnnMarie@AnnMarieMitchell.com

INGALLS BAY RENTAL - Charming farmhouse cottage on beautiful Ingalls Bay. A wicker-filled screened porch and large yard. Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths and outdoor shower. Living room and family room, both with fireplaces. Kitchen with dishwasher and laundry. Internet. Call Betsy Parker, [816-931-2270](tel:816-931-2270) for more information.

From the Building Committee



THESE CAN BE YOURS! In an effort to clear out the Club's storage closet, we are selling all 21 of the folding, metal chairs we used prior to the ones in use now. They will be sold for \$1.00 each or 5 for \$3.00....what a bargain! Please contact Dennis Armbruster with your questions or your cash.

OTYC CATERED DINNERS

Monday Evenings

Several adults-only catered dinners are held on select Monday evenings at the Club. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse and on the outside bulletin board at the end of the driveway on Omena Point Road. They will include a brief description of the dinner, deadline to sign up and the cost of the dinner. Payment is made payable to the caterer and paid at the event. "No shows" remain obligated to pay.

Dates for catered dinners will be posted on the bulletin board.

FYI – for your information . . .

Leelanau County Road Commission to Extend No Passing Zone on Omena Point Road

Submitted by Bob DeVries

Omena Point Road (OPR) will be restriped as a No Passing Zone (double yellow lines) from M22 near the Public Beach east and south to Fire Lane 4 past the OTYC as a result of an Omena Village Preservation Association (OVPA) proposal to the Leelanau Township Board. Concern was expressed over the narrow nature of the road and the increased number of people walking, jogging, and biking on OPR and the danger posed by cars passing to young people who walk or bike to the OTYC Youth Camp. OVPA Board President Kim Kemper and board member Bob DeVries, along with OTYC members Ty Wessel and Jim Miller, proposed the Township Board endorse a plan to the Road Commission to restripe the road as a No Passing Zone. The Township Board endorsed the proposal and the Road Commission Board agreed to the proposal. Along with restriping this section of OPR, the Road Commission will be installing additional 30MPH advisory speed limit signs as well as more "Watch For Pedestrians" warnings. The work is expected to be completed in late spring or early summer.

The proposal had broad support in Omena. It was unanimously endorsed by the boards of the OTYC, OVPA, Omena Woods Association, and the Omena Historical Society. Special thanks to the members of the Road Commission Board, Township Board, Township Supervisor Doug Scripps, and Leelanau County Commissioner Ty Wessel for their support of this proposal to improve safety along OPR.



See You Soon, Summer!

Web Site Reminder

Check out the OTYC Web Site at

www.otyc.club

Log in with: member@otyc.club

and password: otyc1947

**Find announcements, the calendar of
events, Youth Camp info and application,
and much, much more.**

Splashing through the sand bar
Talking by the campfire
It's the simple things in life, like
when and where
We didn't have no internet
But man I never will forget
The way the moonlight shined
upon her hair

- Kid Rock
All Summer Long
