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Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

## The Omena – Traverse Breeze

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## Commodore's Letter

Greetings OTYC Members -

It seems hard to believe we are quickly approaching another fun filled season at the OTYC. As I write this letter news from Omena is that a foot of snow fell the first week of April! Members in Omena said it's beautiful to see but they are hoping warmer spring weather is coming soon!

Thanks to the generous contributions of many members the tennis court will be resurfaced and new fencing will be installed around it by the second week of June. Our fund raising goal of \$18,000 has been met and, as a result, our tennis court and newly striped pickleball courts will be in great shape for use this season by members and Youth Camp attendees. Thanks so much to all of you who contributed to this project.

Last year's winter storm damage that made our boat launch ramp unsafe for member use has been repaired and is ready to be used this spring. Jim Morrison, our Waterfront Chairperson, can answer any questions about the ramp including the combination to the lock on the chain if you have forgotten it!

On a less positive note, this winter, ice on the bay pushed two anchor poles upward approximately two feet out of the water on two of our permanent docks. Since the structural integrity of those docks has been compromised, the poles will have to be vibrated back into the ground. This work is scheduled to be completed by May 1st. It is anticipated the docks will be ready for use the beginning of the season.

Many wonderful activities are planned for the 2018 season thanks to the volunteer effort of our Club chairs. Breeze editor Trish Bosco and Membership Chair Bill Renz work throughout the year collecting information and presenting prospective new members. The Nominating Committee Chair, Suzy Wheeler led efforts to recruit new Board member candidates and summer committee leaders Mary Tonneberger (Scuttlebutt), Susie Goldman and Julie DeWitt (Logowear), and Housekeeping (vacant) keep us informed, stylish, and clean throughout our busy season. Our Social Committee chair, Gayle Madison, has a calendar of great events for all of us to renew friendships and spend time together enjoying the unique life we have in Omena. Dennis Armbruster, our Building Chair, will have things inside and out in tip top shape. Keith Disselkoen, our Grounds Chair, has scheduled May 31 for our annual Clean Up Day from 9am to noon for those who are able to help. Youth Camp Co-Chairs Sara Goldman and Linda McKenzie are busy hiring staff and making plans for another spectacular Youth Camp season.

Everything that happens at our Club is the result of the work of our member volunteers. Your Board members appreciate the efforts of these hard working people.

Look forward to seeing you in Omena in a few short weeks.

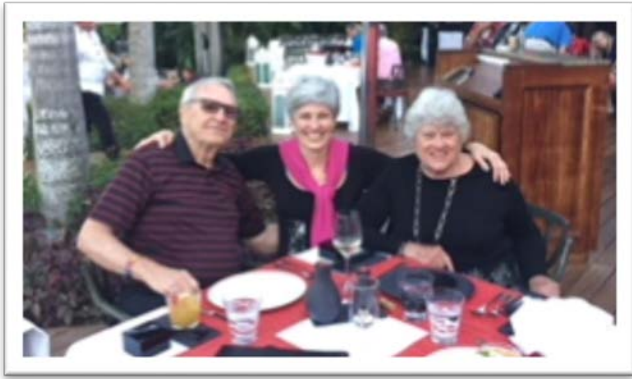
**Bob DeVries**  
Commodore





## TIDBITS

**Ron and Mary Tonneberger** spent most of March in Nuevo Vallarta MX at their favorite resort. Days were filled with golf, swimming, reading and of course, Margaritas. Ron celebrated his birthday and **Karen Edgley** joined us for hers. Her days were filled with preparation for a triathlon in Utah. Ron and Mary were quiet observers!!! The rest of the Edgley family could not get away this year to come down, due to classes and work.



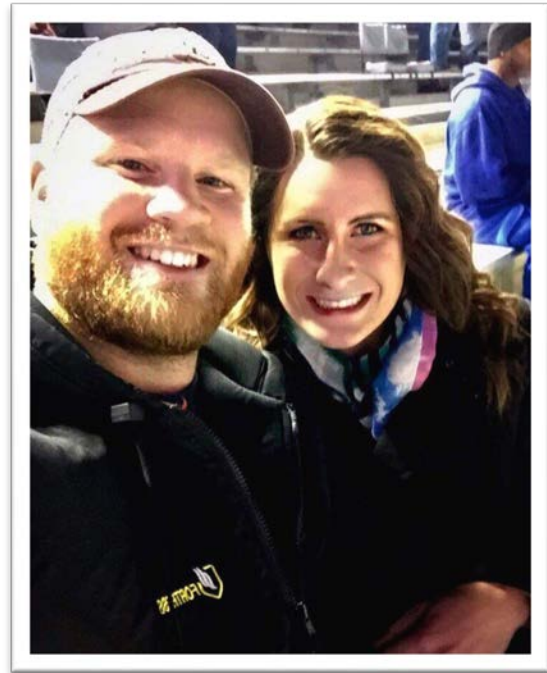
**Sally Shapiro** spent a month in Ft. Worth this winter on family matters and got the opportunity, twice, to visit with **Melissa Chenault**. **Brian and Sally** took Melissa to dinner a couple of times and loved visiting with Melissa on her turf. What an amazing house she has!



**Abbey Bosco**, daughter of **Mark and Amanda Bosco**, graduates from Notre Dame Law School this May and will likely be starting her career at the Wayne County prosecutor's office in Detroit, Michigan. Congrats Abbey!

**Suzy Saxton Wheeler** writes:

My mother, **Jane Saxton** had a very busy fall. She sold her house in less than a week and moved to a new independent living facility in Waco. Then, in December, she had very successful hip replacement surgery and feels great! She can't wait to get to Omena this summer.



My son, **Crawford Smith** is engaged to **Sarah Tiller** and they are planning a September wedding in Austin. Crawford has not been to Omena in several years, as he has traveled to Haiti every summer for mission trips. He and Sarah hope to be in Omena next summer. Daughter **Betty** continues to practice law in Austin and she looks forward to a week in Omena this summer. It will be here before we know it!

**Suzy and Otto** took a quick trip to Chicago in April and had dinner with Cathy Stephenson. Left the 85-degree weather in Austin for the 20+-degrees and snow in Chicago. Such a fun place to visit!

# TIDBITS

**Brian and Sally Shapiro** hosted Toddy Time in late February which happened to be **Annette Diebel's** 93rd birthday! We surprised her with a birthday cake while the nearly 30 people serenaded her.



**Sally and Brian** enjoyed a trip to Blackberry Farms near Knoxville Tennessee. Travel + Leisure named it the #1 resort in North America for its service, charm and pure luxury. They attended a food photography seminar since Sally shoots all of the food for the 115 year old Shapiro's Delicatessen in Indianapolis. Here's a tip: don't shoot food while you are hungry...



**The Coopers** were happy to escape the Cincinnati winter that has lingered on....snow on the ground at this writing, April 8! We spent several weeks in Sanibel with family and friends dropping in. While **Randy** was back up north, **Nancy** took a vacation from her vacation to catch up with **Cathy Stephenson** in beautiful, relaxing Aruba. One of our favorite stops was the Butterfly Farm which was active with butterflies the morning we visited. So beautiful and interesting!

Back in Sanibel, Omena South gathered for drinks and dinner. This year the gang included **Coopers**, **Oberndorfs**, **Rob Oberndorf**, **John Ray**, and **McKees**.

**Jeff and Cindy Black** are anticipating quite a spring as all three of their kids are experiencing life-changing events. Oldest son **Ben** and wife **Katie** will be new parents to a daughter on May 1 in Arizona. Daughter **Brady** and husband **Wlaa** will become parents for the second time on June 5 to a son in Atlanta. And, youngest son, **Tommy**, will be married to fiancée, **Trish Frisella**, in St. Louis on June 23. It's safe to say, we won't be seeing any OTYC friends until July. Have a glorious start to the opening of the summer season in paradise, and we'll catch up to you when we can!

The **California Boscos** had a great winter with oldest daughter **Kate** studying in New Zealand (and parachuting out of an airplane) and younger sister **Grace** adventuring on mountaintops with her high school ski racing team (including a trip to the state championships!) Grace also loved a visit from **Tess Edgley** to ring in the new year. **Matt and Trish** enjoyed a trip with friends in Cabo San Lucas. The family was reunited with coinciding spring breaks for a wonderfully relaxing time in Turks and Caicos. "But we can't wait to get back to our favorite body of water - Omena Bay!"



**Kathy and Mike Bosco** enjoyed their winter in sunny Arizona. Always busy with projects, they capped off the spring by co-chairing a fundraiser for the Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center with more than 1500 people in attendance. Tiptoeing into retirement, **Mike** plans to spend the entire summer in Omena for the first time in, well, ever! They are looking forward to connecting with dear friends in Omena.

**Zach Bosco** continues to enjoy Michigan State and is still recovering from allowing cousin **Kate** to claim victory in our family NCAA basketball bracket pool. He spent spring break in Jamaica working in physical education with elementary level students.



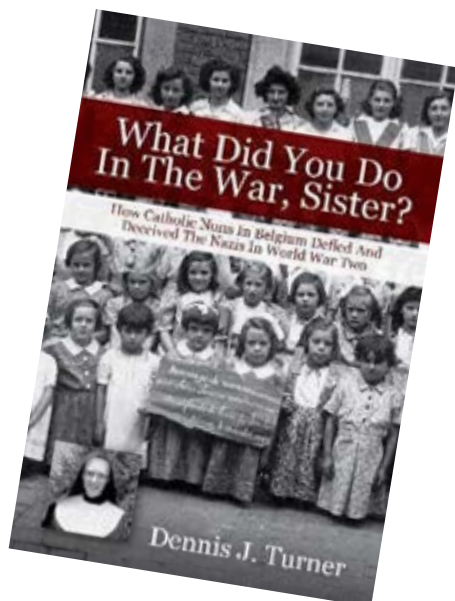
# TIDBITS

**Dennis Turner** has finished his first book, *What Did You Do in the War, Sister? How Nuns in Belgium Defied and Deceived the Nazis in World War Two*.

The book is about Sister Christina, an Ohio farm girl, who joined the Sisters of Our Lady of Namur to teach English and agricultural skills to young Catholic girls, but instead she found herself trapped in Nazi-occupied Belgium for the duration of World War Two. She and other Sisters of Our Lady in the Saint-Hubert Convent quickly learned that living their normal contemplative, disciplined lives was impossible in a country controlled by ruthless Nazis. Soon they were risking their lives by joining forces with the Belgian Resistance to hide refugees, Jews, and downed American pilots. Sister Christina believed her ordeal was over in September of 1944 when American troops liberated Saint-Hubert. That hope was crushed when Saint-Hubert was recaptured by the German army during the Battle of the Bulge; forcing the Sisters to revert to their tactics for survival and resistance until liberated for the second time.

This book is a fictional memoir based on actual events. The inspiration for the book came from hundreds of letters and other accounts written by Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur who were living in German-occupied Belgium and Italy during World War Two.

If you would like to learn more about the book, or purchase it, visit Dennis' Website: [dennisjturner.com](http://dennisjturner.com). During July and August, Dennis will be giving presentations about the book at a number of locations around Leelanau. Dennis would be happy to attend book club meetings to discuss his book.



**Bill and Ann Mason** enjoyed a trip to Breckenridge, CO in March for the wedding of John Narlock, the son of **Greg and Layne Brown**. Bill's daughter **Chelsea Mason** was also able to join the celebration.



**Harold and Kanda McKee** and **John Ray** enjoying Sanibel Island (Omena South). Several other Omena families were in Sanibel at the same time and enjoyed time together.....the Oberndorfs (including Rob), Bowdens, Coopers and McMenamys (in Naples).

**Jeff Standley** is officially retired but keeps busy hunting and playing music with four different groups of musicians in Cincinnati and one group Up North. **Anne** is working on her Masters in one subsection of Cyber Security, at the University of Cincinnati. **Andrew** is finishing up his Computer Science degree (UC) as he works part time for Encore Technologies, a subcontractor to The Christ Hospital IT team. **Cindy** keeps busy learning to play Duplicate Bridge, Mahjong, Rummiku group, Indian Hill Welcomer's, volunteering for NEEDS, a 25 church based 501 Emergency Food Pantry in Cincinnati and fundraising for Children's Hospital with Kindervelt 43. She says "I am looking forward to reading a book in my hammock by the water."

## TIDBITS



The **Kennedy** family gathered in Omena on January 20th to celebrate **Dick's** 90th Birthday! The weekend was filled with laughter, dancing and toasting the birthday boy. Needless to say it was grand time. **Dick and Nana** continued the celebration by spending February in St Augustine, where they explored old town and its rich Spanish history, walked the beaches and enjoyed the warmth of the sun. **Kerry and David Magrini** were able to join in on the fun for a few weeks. Before the Magrins headed north, the four explored the beauty of Amelia Island. What a gem it is, and we all agreed we will return next winter. Dick and Nana finished their winter get away with a Caribbean cruise. Though they prefer smaller boats, the sun and beauty of the ocean was a wonderful break from the cold, snow and ice. The Magrins report that although the nest is empty and the kids live in three different states, we have been lucky enough to spend a good amount of time together this winter. **Maggie** continues to enjoy her career in marketing and the New York lifestyle. Our fingers are crossed that this summer she can work remotely for a few weeks in Omena. Meanwhile in Boston, **Danny** is finishing up his sophomore year at Boston College and is looking forward to studying in Spain next spring. (Kerry is already planning at least one visit). Out in Ohio, **Robbie** has enjoyed his freshman year at Miami and this semester pledged Pi Kappa Alpha (Pike) which is his father's fraternity. We all spent a beautiful Easter weekend in Oxford and loved seeing Robbie in his new home. We are all looking forward to Omena this summer!

**Jim and Kathy Miller** sent these photos of Omena's heaviest snowfall in the year in mid-April! Overnight snowfall ranged from 12" to 14" with more on the way. **Bill Krusel** (visiting from Germany) went with them to check out the Yacht Club where snow was knee deep in many places. Jim also took the cover photo of the road leading into OTYC.



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Though establishing deep roots in Key Largo as their winter habitat back in 1994, everyone always says **Tom Oehmke** and **Joan Brovins** are in Key West. Such claims have stubbornly persisted for more than two decades, eventually prompting Tom and Joan to take drastic remedial action. In February, they pulled chocks and finally made the 100 mile move to Key West (better late than never). Though the process wasn't easy or pretty, and the renovations took painfully longer than anticipated, they are in the right place and can happily say "All's well that ends well!" They now have a Key West mailing address, though their new home is just outside of the city limits on a private island-like peninsula in the Gulf of Mexico. When not enjoying the seasons in Omena above the 45th parallel, these two hammock hermits may be found wintering below the 25th parallel on Shark Key at Two Turtles Lane. "Do look us up when next in Key West!"



## TIDBITS

Year-round Omena residents **Marcia and Greg McMorrow** find that two annual ski trips with family help them cope with the winter. The “McMorrow Ski Bums” first trip to Boyne Mountain is a great family gathering over the Super Bowl weekend as they can enjoy skiing as well as warm water fun at Avalanche Bay water park. The second trip takes them to Big Sky, Montana for somewhat more adventurous mountain skiing with stunning views and unpredictable conditions. This year the adult skiers and 8 year old George, found themselves caught in unforecasted whiteout conditions halfway up a two mile chairlift. The resulting downhill run was a bit dicey with Grandpa Greg in the back of the pack following grandson George’s bright orange ski suit. Great fun on both trips.



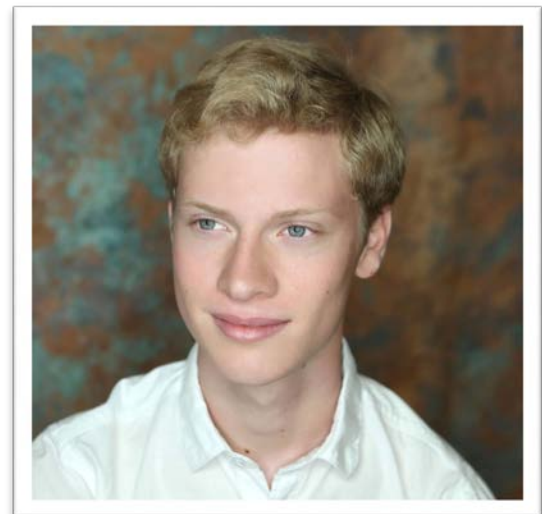
**Charlotte Read** came to Omena late March to try out her new knee. There was some snow in the woods, but not enough for cross country skiing. The whole week was sunny so she did a lot of walking around Omena Point Road....and one day at Christmas Cove Beach. She loved being there for Toddy Time at **Bob and Mary Smarts**.....a wonderful opportunity to see OTYC friends. She'll be back in June to see the rest of you.

**John Ray** reports: Son **Michael** and I spent 10 days in Germany and England in early February and soon after my return I headed to Sanibel Island, FL for 6 weeks. **Kevin, Michael and Linda** and part or all of their families visited at various times and I also saw **Oberndorfs, McKees and Coopers**. Returned to Wilmette the first week in April and now involved in two cataract surgeries but should be all through the eye drop routine in time for another summer/fall in “Paradise North”. Expect to be up for a few days around Memorial Day to begin the opening-up routine.

**Kay and Bill Sulau** sent this picture of their 3-year old granddaughter, **Evie Sulau**, and her twin sisters, **Charley and Lucy**. The twins were born on Valentine’s Day. Parents are son **John** and his wife **Natalie**. We moved to Greenville, SC for 2 months to help take care of the kids while Natalie returned to her job teaching first grade. We are also busy preparing for our daughter **Katie’s** September wedding. A hectic year for us, but all great fun!



**Jordan Newland** graduates this May and will be attending the Honor's Program at Eckerd College in Saint Petersburg, Florida. He plans to sail for the college.



## TIDBITS



California foodie **Brenda Anderson** and **Tom Rohl** enjoyed a birthday trip for **Bob Grabowski** in Napa. Favorite spots included Caymus winery and Bistro Jeanty. Brenda continues to paint Michigan orchards and shorelines as her prime subjects – including a painting which sold at the Ebell of Los Angeles in January. The photo was taken with Elk Rapid friends, the Rileys.



Just a quick note from the **Storeys**. **Liz** recently completed 30 years of service at Grand Valley State University and was named outstanding faculty member for community service. **Molly** changed jobs this spring and has moved to Chicago to work as an in house attorney from Manhattan. **Cam** left Grand Rapids as part of his job and is now working from Portland Oregon. He works throughout the Northwest and Western Canada and **Anna** continues her work with Quicken Loans and is helping revitalize Detroit. **John** continues doing whatever it is he does.



### is coming to OTYC!

Commodore Bob confirms the tennis court will be lined for two pickleball courts. Nets, paddles and pickleballs have been purchased for Youth Camp and member use.

Pickleball was invented in 1965 on Bainbridge Island, a short ferry ride from Seattle, Washington. Three dads – Joel Pritchard, Bill Bell, and Barney McCallum — whose kids were bored with their usual summertime activities — are credited with creating the game. Pickleball has evolved from original handmade equipment and simple rules into a popular sport throughout the US and Canada. The game is growing internationally as well, with many European and Asian countries adding courts.

Pickleball has a very interesting name, especially since no pickles are used. It has controversy as well! Accounts of how the name originated differ. 1. According to Joel Pritchard's wife (Joan), she started calling the game pickleball because "the combination of different sports reminded me of the pickle boat in crew where oarsmen were chosen from the leftovers of other boats." 2. According to Barney McCallum, the game was officially named after the Pritchard's dog Pickles, who would chase the ball and run off with it. According to McCallum, "The Pritchards had a dog named Pickles, and you're having fun at a party, right? So anyways, what the hell, let's just call it pickleball."

No matter what you call it, the pickleball court configuration and equipment will be a wonderful addition to activities that can be enjoyed at OTYC. All members are encouraged to try it out this summer and sign up for the annual tournament. (date to be announced.)



# OTYC 2018 *Social* CALENDAR

Date Day Time	Event / Theme	Host
<b>MAY</b>		
28 Monday 5-7	Memorial Day Party	John and Judy Smart
31 Thursday 9-12	Clean-up	Keith Disselkoen
<b>JUNE</b>		
1 Friday 9-12	Clean-up, if needed	Keith Disselkoen
2 Saturday 2:00	Private Event	Tock Morrison
18 Monday	Private Event	Mulligan
23 Saturday 6-9	Opening Dinner	Shapiro
28 Thursday 5-7	Toddy Time	
<b>JULY</b>		
2 Monday 10-1 MTThF	Camp "America Theme" (No camp July 4th)	
4 Wednesday 5-7	Fourth of July Picnic	Kemper, McKee, Disch
5 Thursday 5-7	Toddy Time	
8 Sunday 4:00	OWA Annual Meeting	
9 M-F 10-1	Camp	
10 Tuesday	Tie Dye	Trish Bosco
11 Wednesday 10-12	Ladies Social Meeting	Gayle Madison, Caryn DeVries
11 Wednesday 6-9	Potluck – Tie Dye Parade / Bingo	
12 Thursday 5-7	Toddy Time	
14 Saturday 9	OTYC Annual Meeting	
16 M-F 10-1	Camp "Color Battle Week"	
16 Monday 6-9	Catered Dinner Raduno Chef	Karchon/Scarlett
18 Wednesday 6-9	Potluck	
19 Thursday 5-7	Toddy Time	
20 Friday 2:00	Private Event	Ray
20 Friday 5:30	Beer Tasting	Renz
23 M-F 10-1	Camp "Pirates"	
25 Wednesday 6-9	Potluck	
26 Thursday 5-7	Toddy Time	
30 M-F 10-1	Camp	
30 Monday 6-9	Ethnic Garden	Julie DeWitt, Susie Goldman, Kris Mampe
<b>AUGUST</b>		
1 Wednesday 6-9	Potluck	
2 Thursday 5-7	Toddy Time	
8 Wednesday 6-9	Potluck – Jazz Stompers	
9 Thursday 5-7	Toddy Time	
13 Monday 6-9	Catered Dinner 9 Bean Rows	Cohen
15 Wednesday 6-9	Potluck	
16 Thursday 12-2	Ladies Luncheon	Bradley, Cron, Tock
16 Thursday 5-7	Toddy Time	
22 Wednesday 6-9	Potluck	
23 Thursday 5-7	Toddy Time	
27 Monday 6-9	Italian Catered Dinner	Armbruster and Balas
29 Wednesday 6-9	Potluck	
30 Thursday 5-7	Toddy Time	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
3 Monday 5-7	Labor Day Party	Laurie Remter
10 Monday 6-9	Catered Dinner Tribune	Grabowski

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, July 14, 2018

9:00 AM

OTYC Clubhouse

If unable to attend please  
complete enclosed proxy

## Membership

The Membership Committee would like to announce the following applicants for guest membership in 2018:

**David and Ashley Goldberg** live in Colorado and are friends of the Lists and Todd and Sara Goldman, their sponsors. David is in Real Estate Development and Investments. Ashley is busy at home raising their three children, ages 9 to 11.

**John and Kristie Sommavilla** live year round on Overlook Road. John is CEO of Shoreline Fruit and they have a 22-year-old daughter. They are being sponsored by Annette Deibel and Gina Harder and Sue Anderson.

**Joel and Linda Zylstra** are sponsored by Paula McMenamy and Cathy Stephenson. They live in Lansing and summer in Northport. Joel is self-employed while Linda is administrative and financial coordinator for the Omena Presbyterian Church. They have three adult children.

**Gary Roll and Kathy Schaeffer** have recently moved full-time to Omena Point Road from Chicago. Gary is an IT data analyst and Kathy is a PR/communications consultant. They are being sponsored by the Balases and Adelsons.

**Greg and Pam Landa** own property on Omena Point Road and have been visiting the area for many years. They live in Ponte Verda Beach, Florida where Greg is in entertainment services and Pam is a portrait photographer. Their son, Ethan, is 16 years old. The Newlands and Lovelesses are sponsoring the Landas.

**Jim and Anne Promo** have bought what was the Fuertges cottage and live in the area full time. They are both retired, Jim having been in the hospitality industry and Anne an accountant. Their sponsors are the Grabowskis and Biskupskis.

**David Lightner and Susan Valiga** are retired and live on Isthmus Road. They have been married for five years and Susan is Kathy Turner's sister. David and Susan are being sponsored by Annette Deibel and Larry Reynolds and Alice Littlefield.

As we run into these folks this summer, please be sure to say "hello" and make them feel welcome. Their full applications will be posted on the Club bulletin board on Memorial Day for your review during the summer season.

Nancy Cooper  
Board Liaison, Membership

## Committee Chairs 2018

Breeze: Trish Bosco

Building: Dennis Armbruster

Catered Dinners: Doni Lystra

Entertainment: Kelli Fitzgerald (August)

Grounds: Keith Disselkoen

House Beautiful: Needed

Logo Wear: Susie Goldman and Julie DeWitt

Membership: Bill Renz and Suzy Wheeler

Potluck: Lisa Newland (July) Needed (August)

Scuttlebutt: Mary Tonneberger

Social: Gayle Madison

Waterfront: Jim Morrison

Youth Program: Sara Goldman and Linda McKenzie

*Still Need: House Beautiful, Potluck (August),  
Entertainment (July). Contact Commodore DeVries  
at omenabob@gmail.com to volunteer.*



## New Member Spotlight

**Rob Oberndorf** lives in Cleveland, Ohio. The son of Caroline and Ed, Rob's Omena and OTYC roots run deep. His family has been coming to Omena for five generations and his grandparents were some of the original members of the OTYC. Rob is an international legal consultant, most recently contracted with the U.S. Government on assignment in Burma. He has been living and working in Southeast Asia for over 16 years. When vacation time was available, it was always spent in Omena. We welcome Rob back to the United States and to membership in the Yacht Club.



**Rob Oberndorf**

**Kelli and Matt Fitzgerald** consider Omena both home and a sort of paradise. They live in Chicago and summer in the "Craig Smith House" on Omena Heights Road, which they bought in 2015. Kelli is a psychotherapist and Matt is Senior Pastor at St. Paul's. Kelli's mother, Delcie White, and late step-father, Glenn White, owned a home on Omena Point Road for over 35 years and were longtime members of the OTYC. Kelli and Matt met while working at Woody's. They were married in Northport and held their reception in Omena. Matt's mother remains a summer resident of Northport. The Fitzgeralds have three children: Isaiah, 16, Hannah, 14, and Ethan, 11. This summer Kelli is serving on the Social Committee as Potluck Entertainment Chair. Thanks Kelli!



**The Fitzgeralds**

**Julie and David DeWitt** hail from Indianapolis, IN and summer at their cottage on Omena Point Road. Julie is a retired HR professional and David is a retired Certified Public Accountant. The DeWitts have been vacationing in Michigan for the past 25 years and are delighted to have found Omena to call home. They appreciate the sense of community that Omena offers and the opportunity the OTYC brings for lasting friendships, activities, and involvement. Julie and David have many hobbies including biking, hiking, gardening, and walking their two dogs. They are both wine and food enthusiasts. Our welcome to the DeWitts.

**Susie Tock and Jim Morrison** bought their home on Omena Point Road about six years ago. They had vacationed in various parts of northern Michigan before settling into this area full time. Susie is an artist and Jim is a Civil Engineer with expertise in marine dock structures. Both Susie and Jim look forward to becoming active social members of the Omena and Yacht Club community. Jim has volunteered to serve as Chair of the Waterfront Committee. We appreciate your involvement, Jim!

Sippin On  
Sunshine  
TODDY TIME

THURSDAYS

5-7PM

## In Loving Memory

**William R. Graf, M.D.**, died from influenza on January 23, 2018, at the age of 96. After a wonderful life, he leaves his wife of nearly seventy-two years, Marilyn Haskell Graf, his four children, Christine P. Graf, William R. Graf, Jr. (Martha), Josephine G. Thayer (Abbot), and Amy G. List (Tom); his seven grandchildren, Lindsay G. Marco (Brian), Lauren G. Seamon (Mark), Abigail T. Esselen (Jason), Richard P. Thayer, Samuel B. List, Nell P. List, and Olivia H. List; and his seven great-grandchildren, Julia, Quinn, and Ellie Marco, Harper and Andrew Seamon, and Will and Lucy Esselen. He was preceded in death by his brother, Douglas P. Graf, M.D., his sister, Janet G. Tate, and his grandson, William Graf Thayer. Dr. Graf was educated in Cincinnati at University School (K-12), University of Cincinnati (B.A.), and University of Cincinnati College of Medicine (M.D.). After serving two years in the Army, he received his obstetrical training at Cincinnati General Hospital and his training in gynecology at the Passavant Memorial Hospital in Chicago (Northwestern University). He returned to Cincinnati after his training, and for many years worked in partnership with Dr. James McCord. His primary allegiance through his years of practice was to Bethesda Hospital where his grandfather, father, and brother also practiced medicine. From 1959 to 1974, he served as Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Bethesda and, during those same years, directed the Residency Training Program. After he retired from the clinical practice of medicine, Dr. Graf served as Bethesda's Director of Medical Education for twelve years. In his retirement letter to his patients, he told them it had been an honor to serve as their doctor, and then he added: "I can only hope that somehow you sense my abiding appreciation of what I consider a sacred trust existing between us." He had many other interests, including photography, eating Graeter's ice cream, Northern Michigan, fixing things, refinishing furniture, and keeping old cars - but his favorite pastime was simply spending time with his beloved wife and the rest of the family. His family is grateful to have had, for so many years, the loving kindness, support, and wisdom of this special man.

Memorials for both Marilyn and William Graf may be sent to Bethesda Foundation, P.O. Box 633597, Cincinnati, OH 45263-3597 or Alzheimer's Association of Greater Cincinnati, 644 Linn St. Suite 1026, Cincinnati, OH 45203.



**Marilyn Haskell Graf** died on January 26, 2018, at the age of 96. Her husband of nearly seventy-two years, William R. Graf, died three days earlier. She had a marvelous life, and she leaves her four children, Christine P. Graf, William R. Graf, Jr. (Martha), Josephine G. Thayer (Abbot), and Amy G. List (Tom); her seven grandchildren, Lindsay G. Marco (Brian), Lauren G. Seamon (Mark), Abigail T. Esselen (Jason), Richard P. Thayer, Samuel B. List, Nell P. List, and Olivia H. List; and her seven great-grandchildren, Julia, Quinn, and Ellie Marco, Harper and Andrew Seamon, and Will and Lucy Esselen. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Samuel B. Haskell, Jr. and her grandson, William Graf Thayer. Marilyn was born in Cleveland, Ohio and moved to Cincinnati at the age of seven. She grew up in Fernbank, a community she adored, and made life-long friends there. Following graduation from Walnut Hills High School, she earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Cincinnati. She was a proud member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, where she made many more enduring friendships. During college, she began dating the love of her life, Bill Graf. After college, she worked at the Children's Home of Cincinnati for three years prior to their marriage in 1946. For many years she was active in the Junior League. She was an enthusiastic bridge player and took pride in her award winning needlepoint. She was passionate about spending time in Northern Michigan with her family and many good friends. Her family is grateful for her love, support and wisdom; her joyful spirit; and her world class sense of humor.



## In Loving Memory

**Bercie Frohman** died on January 13, 2018, at the age of 92 after a long life filled with deeds of loving kindness. She was born Bertha Jeanne Levy in Milwaukee, WI on September 4, 1925, the child of Grace (Carlsruh) Levy and Henry Malvin Levy. At an early age she changed her first name to Bercie, which she thought fell better on the ear. Bercie's parents divorced during her childhood. Several years later she moved with her mother to Cincinnati when Grace married Bill Mack. The evening before the attack on Pearl Harbor, Bercie met Jack Frohman at a party arranged by her girlfriends to welcome her to Cincinnati. On August 28, 1944, at age 18, Bercie married Jack and they lived together in Cincinnati until Jack died just weeks before their 65th anniversary. Bercie was predeceased by her brother Hank Carlsruh and her step-brothers Leon Mack and William J. Mack, Jr. She is survived by her step-brother Millard Mack (Helene); four children - Jan Atallo (Bob) of Traverse City, MI, Dave Frohman (Pam) of Carlisle, PA, Bob Frohman of Cincinnati, OH and Tom Frohman (Cynthia Moriarty) of Bloomington, IN - plus eight grandchildren (Nya, Ali, Mimi, Ben, Claire, Daniel, Nathan and Sam) and twin great-granddaughters (Leia and Eden). Bercie enjoyed her summers at the family cottage in Omena, MI, where she vacationed almost every year for over 70 years, including this past summer. Bercie was of a generation of women who could have run major corporations but instead devoted their lives to the equally challenging task of raising their children and volunteering at various organizations. Bercie was an excellent cook who refused to bake from the mixes which were popular in her day, insisting instead to prepare cakes and cookies from scratch. She was also a talented seamstress who made many of her own fancy dresses.



During her 70 years in Cincinnati, Bercie developed many long-lasting friendships, was an adept bridge player and was very active in the Jewish community at Rockdale Temple, where, among other things, she was president of the sisterhood for one year and contributed to the success of a cookbook which raised significant funds for the congregation. Bercie brought her warmth to Bloomington, IN five years ago and made many friends at Bell Trace and then at Meadowood. Bercie was a "doer" and liked nothing more than a job done well and efficiently. She was polite to a fault and was full of appreciation for those around her. She taught many lessons to her children and grandchildren that will live on for generations. Bercie's family would like to thank the wonderfully thoughtful and caring staff at Bell Trace, Meadowood and Hospice House. Please consider a donation in Bercie's memory to the Bloomington Hospital Foundation (Hospice House) or Crayons to Computers in Cincinnati, OH. In keeping with her desire to always be useful, Bercie has donated her body to the Indiana University School of Medicine for research purposes. The students will have no trouble finding her big heart.



The first sign of summer? OTYC OPENING DINNER!

JUNE 23rd 6pm

Hosted by Sally & Brian Shapiro

RSVP to [sally@shapiros.com](mailto:sally@shapiros.com) or 231-386-9656

Guest Chef Eric Allchin from Northport's Tribune

All Local Ingredients!

\$35 per person/menu to follow



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

## 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.



Sara Goldman and Linda McKenzie, the OTYC Youth Camp Chairs, are excited to announce this summer's camp director. **Brigitte Middleton Brown** lives in Northport with her husband and children. Brigitte received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Special Education from Central Michigan University. Since 2002 she has been a lead preschool teacher at the Leelanau Children's Center in Northport. She is excited for the opportunity to work with the counselors in planning fun activities for our kids at camp this summer!

For generations, the Omena Traverse Yacht Club on Omena Bay has served the community with a half-day youth program in sailing and tennis. Today the tradition continues and you can join the fun - OTYC members and non-members alike! This is a wonderful opportunity to learn new things, make some new friends and enjoy one of the most special places on Earth - our own Omena Bay! Space is limited so reserve your spot soon. **Complete and mail the enclosed registration.** Questions? Contact Linda McKenzie at [lindarmckenzie@yahoo.com](mailto:lindarmckenzie@yahoo.com).



## Nominating

The OTYC Nominating Committee is delighted to recommend the following members for election to the Board of Directors for a three year term beginning August 15, 2018:

**Karen Edgley**

**Don Lystra**

**Scott Mulligan** (second consecutive three-year term)

Respectfully submitted,

OTYC Nominating Committee

Suzy Wheeler, Chair

Sally Shapiro

Cathy Stephenson

## CLASSIFIED AD

**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 ON INGALLS BAY** - Available September & October, 4-bedroom, 2-1/2 bath with wi-fi, washer/dryer, heat and large screened-in porch. Sandy beach for enjoying great swimming, long walks, colorful sunsets, falling stars and northern lights. If interested, call Cathy Stephenson 773-415-5500 or email [catherine.w.stephenson@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.w.stephenson@gmail.com)



## OTYC WEBSITE

### REMINDER:

OUR CLUB HAS A GREAT WEBSITE!

YOU WILL FIND IT AT [HTTP://OTYC.CLUB](http://OTYC.CLUB)

ACCESS THE “MEMBERS ONLY” PAGES BY LOGGING INTO THE SITE USING THE FOLLOWING INFO:

EMAIL ADDRESS: [member@otyc.club](mailto:member@otyc.club)

PASSWORD: [otyc1947](#)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE EMAIL ADDRESS IS **NOT** YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.

TYPE IT IN EXACTLY AS IT IS SHOWN ABOVE.

A NOTE FROM KERRY MAGRINI: At the last OTYC Board meeting, the board decided our new website needed a board member to give it their full attention, and I offered to be the point person. Although I do not have a lot of experience with managing websites, Scott Mulligan has offered to bring me up to speed and explain how to manage the site and how to utilize it to best benefit our members. We should have that done in the next month or so. Once I've graduated from Scott's lessons, I will update the site on a daily basis during the season and a weekly basis during the off-season. Our hope is the website will be the go to place for members to check on news, events and all things OTYC. Watch for more information regarding how to submit information. I'm really excited to work on this and make it as user friendly as possible. In the meantime, please check the site out and see all the wonderful information already there, and don't forget the old .net website will be retired.





*Magic  
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