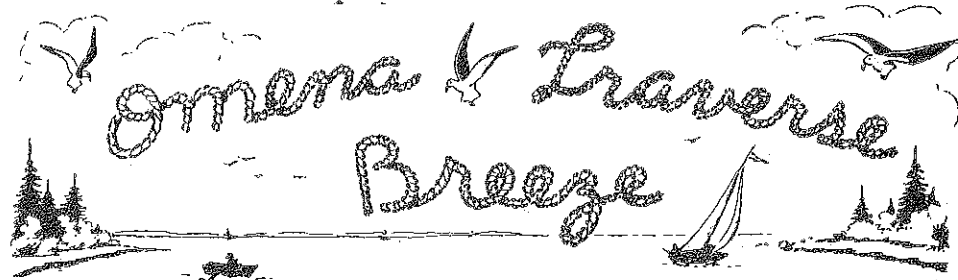


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Commodore's Message

The uncommon resilience of OTYC and our dedication to its continuity have been well demonstrated this year, as they have for more past years than I know about first hand, and as they surely will for a very long time ahead. At the annual meeting in July, the membership approved amendments to the By-laws which will greatly facilitate the Board's efforts to make the Club's financial basis secure. The effect of these amendments is to transfer a greater degree of responsibility for financial affairs to the Board, and the Board is appreciative of this indication of trust in its judgment. The most obvious factor in our financial stresses has been the extraordinary inflationary pressure upon every phase of the Club's operation. I feel confident, however, that the recently authorized increases in dues, plus the uncanny talents of Treasurer Vernon Keye, will be sufficient to see us through this period of economic strain.

The commitment of all of us to the continuity of the Club for the pleasure of those who come after us as well as ourselves has been expressed in a most significant way by the establishment, on August 2, 1975, of the O.T.Y.C. Founders Fund which is described in the enclosed letter from Dan Bradley, who is the Fund's first president. Miss Clemewell Lay honored the Club by presenting the Fund with its first gift, a contribution of \$100.00. All contributions to the Fund will be acknowledged in the annual report of the Trustees, but I thought you would want to know now of Miss Lay's generosity in actually beginning the

Peace and Joy

for Christmas

and

The New Year

OTYC Founders Fund

On August 2, 1975, the Directors of OTYC created the Founders Fund for the purpose of establishing and maintaining an Endowment Fund in honor of the Club's Founders, the income from which shall be utilized principally for Capital Improvement, and major repairs to the Club's facilities as needed, and secondarily for certain operating expenses as required. The purpose of the Fund is not to replace, nor to minimize the importance of the Dues Income, but to add long range stability to the Club's financial planning. Disbursements of the Fund's Income shall be made in such a way as to preserve and improve the facilities of the Club for the enjoyment of both the present members and of generations to come. The enclosed sheet gives some of the details of the Fund's operation, and the accounts to which gifts may be specified early in the spring you will receive a letter from the Fund Trustees soliciting your gifts and support for this new venture.

Fund. The Trustees will no doubt find several opportunities to invite contributions, but wouldn't this be a pleasantly symbolic time to begin? A Christmas gift to the O.T.Y.C. Founders Fund is a present to all of our members for their future enjoyment of Omena.

During this year, the Club has received many gifts and services from members which are generally known and which I will not repeat here. Two which you may not have known of are the magnificent juke box presented by the Gardners, and a new ping-pong table given by the Gorhams. Both will be the source of much pleasure for our young members, and undoubtedly some not so young.

Although their contributions to the Club are well known to all, I nevertheless cannot resist noting that their must be a special place reserved in heaven for such saintly types as Susan Yetter and Kathy Bosco, who are retiring from two heroic stints on the Youth Committee; Mary Foltz, whose talent and perserverance have brought the restoration of the clubhouse such a long way in one year; and Jed Mooney, our retiring Youth Director, who has been a generous friend to us and to our children while teaching them sailing, tennis, and the enjoyment of summer in Omena. To them and to us all, Merry Christmas.

Austin Jones

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REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee for 1976 will consist of Vernon Keye, Chairman, Dan Bradley, and Trudy Lewis. Unless unexpected resignations should occur, there will be three Board positions to be filled at the annual meeting, those presently held by Hazel Taylor, Daniel Schleef, and Austin Jones, each of whose three-year terms expire September 15, 1976. Members are invited to submit their nominations to the Nominating Committee, which will publish its slate in the May, 1976 Breeze.

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"Although we had generally excellent weather in Omena last Summer, we experienced less than optimal sailing conditions on many of our Thursday and Sunday race days. However, those of us who participated had our usual enjoyable time trying to master the formidable challenges of Omena Bay.

"For one reason or another we experienced a dwindling supply of sailors this year, and I shall put forth my annual plea to those of you who own or are contemplating the purchase of a Sunfish to join in our racing program. Do not be intimidated by the fact that we have been racing for several years as a fleet here; most of us were neophytes when we started and you will discover that, once you have learned a few basic principles and have had some practice races under your belt, you will probably be as competitive as anyone out there. Sailing with others is a most rewarding way to spend an afternoon, and I hope to see more of you involved next summer.

"My thanks to all who contributed to our program last season. Special mention should go to Jed Mooney, who has been an invaluable assistant during my tenure as Fleet Captain, and to Joe Buell and the others who helped out on the G. S. Smith Regatta during my absence. We are always looking for ways to improve our racing program, and I'd appreciate hearing from any of you who have suggestions.

"Members of our Fleet participated in the Leland Regatta as well as the G.S. Smith Regatta. Each regatta has doubles as well as singles competition and, in the G.S. Smith Regatta, Mark Bosco and Burr Buell finished 3rd and 4th respectively in the doubles; at Leland, Burr was 2nd and Mark 3rd in the doubles. Mark Bosco won the travelling trophy (for doubles) given each summer to the boat with the best performance cumulatively in the 2 regattas. In our own monthly competition, the results were as follows:

July		August	
Adult	Juniors		
1st — Buell	Bosco	1st — Bosco	Bosco
2nd — Bosco	Buell	2nd — Mulligan	Mulligan
3rd — Ray	Yetter	3rd — Ray	Ray

Overall Summer Champion: Mark Bosco

Sincerely,
John Ray - Fleet Captain"

Treasurers Report

The year 1975 was a costly year, not only that all regular operating expenses increased, but major repairs to the clubhouse and dock had to be made. In addition it became necessary to replace the club boat and motor that no longer were safe.

Major expenses were:

Repairs to dock	\$ 6505
Repairs to clubhouse	2703
Boat and Motor	1802
Insurance on Clubhouse	
boat & motor, workmen's comp.	1457

\$12,467

As of November 18 we had \$54.77 cash on hand and accounts due amounting to \$718.

While we wish to express appreciation to those loyal members who paid their 1976 dues early, we regret to report that some 1975 membership dues have not been paid. Early in January the 1976 statements will be mailed and prompt payment will be appreciated.

Vernon Keye, Treasurer

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News About Members

Yes, I did it again. I went to Cincinnati for Thanksgiving with little brother Tom and family. And what happened? Nothing! No snow, no car trouble, no frozen toes, no nothing . . . bad, that is. I didn't even get to look at the outskirts of good old Bowling Green. This year I played it smart and took the bus going down and, happily, got a ride by car back up to Grand Rapids . . . with Tom and Mary. Oh, well, you can't win them all! Christmas, my only known worry is having some little-body put my whiskers off . . . the fake ones, that is. New Year's . . . who knows?

Well, that's enough talk about the Editor, we will now have a few notes on the rest of the membership.

Crammy and Marion Finn must have lost their compass or something. They did say "Aloha", but then it comes out that they had just returned from a trip to London and Denmark and neither of those places are part of the Hawaiian Islands. Bysides the sights and such they also were able to visit with their oldest grand-son, Michael Galbraith, and his lovely Danish wife, Benedith. That looks like a pretty good reason for traveling East instead of West. Where-ever else they go, they will be back up here in the Spring.

Bill and Leona Milroy are back by now, we hope, from their trip with their son, Emory, to, of all places, Death Valley!!! Stove Pipe Wells, Scotty's Castle and genealogically shifting sand dunes were all to be parts of the trip. (I think that I have all those words spelled correctly.) We hope that they had a good time.

Sara Hodgson, as many of you know, was hit by a car the last week in October and she has had to spend several weeks in the hospital. The prospects at first were not at all good, what with both leg and head injuries. Things are looking better now and she was able to come home in time to have her Thanksgiving Dinner with Jonnie and Jeff.

Her body cast will keep her in bed for a couple of months while her leg bones are mending and youth and luck and prayer are doing their very best in bringing a much brighter situation for her as far as her head injuries. Jonnie is looking forward to having her running about as usual at Omena this coming Summer. And we will all join her in looking forward to that.

Geof, I think that is a more accurate spelling, made an instant trip back to see Sara as soon as he heard of her accident. He not only made himself useful as "part", shall we say, of the Nursing Staff, but also brought Sara's dog, Shawbee, up to her room to visit her. Hospitals do not like dogs in the patient's room, although this patient didn't mind at all. He was found out, however, removed and, from that time on, Geof developed a very close relationship with the guard at the lobby door every time he came in.

Geof has himself a car now and is thinking of returning to school this January. The car is a whole bundle of colors and it runs too.

Alis Robinson was with Jonnie for several weeks to help out, but is now back home in Cincinnati. On her way home she stopped to visit with Logan, who is attending Harvard Law School. Logan will be in Russia for most of next year working towards credits to help complete his work on a degree in International Law.

Mid-November found Joan and John Roth down in Houston, Texas, for a meeting of the Forging Industry . . . and a visit with daughter Barbie and her husband, Wayne. It is remarkable how conventions and relatives can be worked in together.

Ho and Flo Wheeler have finally landed on their "new PAD" at 13394 Omena Point Road with much help from Nancy Jo and John and, for the heavy stuff, some help from Hahnenberg Van Lines. To leave the Hill with all of its memories and arrive at the cove on Omena Bay was quite an experience, but the Saga of Sunset Lodge will remain even when the new owner takes over. The other side of the coin leaves Flo and Ho comfortably situated all on one floor and "looking forward to the visits of all of our friends".

Mary Woolford just had her membership card in the GRAND PARENTS CLUB cancelled! She just meant to be nice and truthful, too, but she came out with the public statement that as far as taking care of the baby, "the parents are doing a good job!". The Club does not allow that. Nevertheless, Margaret Ann or "Meg" arrived on Sept. 7th and is very much enjoyed by parents, grand-parents, and great-grand-parents. Mary's father counts "Meg" as his 8th G-G-child, so Granny Rule does not have to worry about having her record broken as yet. Mary is looking forward to also having Chuck, Marcy, John, Mary and Jean around the place for Christmas along with those "good" parents and their child.

Elizabeth Keye says that the beautiful Fall weather brought her and Vern back to Omena for a visit. Well, there must have been something more than just the Fall to attract them as they have been coming up what seems to be almost every week-end since Labor Day. And they fill the house with relatives and friends on most occasions, too. Thanksgiving found them in Glen Ellyn, Ill., with daughter Heide and her family. The week after Christmas will find them here, of course!

Various parts of the Smith family are "just" going to school this year. Stewart Smith is now attending the University of Cincinnati, while his sister, Marian, is over or up at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Marian is aiming for a six year course in Nursing with A.B. and R.N. as a final goal. Holly Smith is a Junior at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and Craig is a hard working student at the Naval War College in New Port, Rhode Island.

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Dan Bradley wrote, typed, rather, a nice long page of news, but it had mostly to do with the OTYC Founders Fund, so we will have that part else where in the Breeze for you to read over. The personal part, which he did manage to squeeze in was that he and Eloise would be out in Kansas City with daughter Barbara and her husband, David Hildner, for Thanksgiving and that they might just get back to Cleveland early in December.

Marilee (Shilroy) Stretch has finally made it out of the First Grade! She had to as her daughter, Sharonalice, is just about old enough to go into 1st Grade. Actually, she went from teaching in that grade up to teaching in the Jr. and Sr. High School. She is also a student on her own and is out to get her Master's in Communications. Jack is, of course, also doing his bit on communications, but his is speaking at the American Association of Child Psychiatric Clinics meeting in New Orleans on child mental health. There was something in her letter about celebrating a 16th Wedding Anniversary in New Orleans too. That's almost better than going to conventions in Houston. We will keep the news on the other children for the May issue.

Hazel Taylor is planning to do things right by just plain staying here at Omena for the Winter. There is the little problem of snow out side the house and heat in side the house. She doesn't know yet, but if something goes wrong, she has a grand choice of staying with Rink and Karen Smith and sixteen dogs and cats or, better or worse yet, staying with me with peace and quiet and just lots of dust. She did let me know that one of her grand-sons, David Kulick, innocently (?) got himself mistaken for a "roof jumper-offer". Actually he was up there on the roof taking part in a physics experiment having to do with the height of the building and the time that it took for a steel ball to fall to the ground. He got his picture in the paper for doing so and even Galileo using the Tower of Pisa didn't do that well.

In Memoriam

Mary Moore Huff

It is with much regret that we report the death of one of the first members of our Yacht Club, Mary Moore (Mrs. William E.) Huff. Mary passed away on October 4th at the Peninsula Hospital in Burlingame, California.

Besides being one of the first Club members and Director on the Board, Mary was also part of that small group of eager and young people who by their enthusiasm and hard work were so instrumental in actually forming the Club and drawing in the parents and other adults to make our Club what it has become.

Memorial Services were held at the Episcopal Church of St. Matthew in San Mateo, California. Interment was private.

Mary is survived by her husband, William, their four children, Robert, Howard, Laura and Nancy, her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Earl Moore, and her two brothers, Vincent and Stanley. The family prefers contributions be made to the Mary Moore Huff Memorial Fund, Church of the Nativity, 275 Richmond Ave., Clarendon Hills, Illinois.

James "Jim" Jackson

Another of our younger, but early members, has left us with the death of Jim Jackson, the son of Jane and Humphrey Jackson. Jim was killed in an auto accident in the Detroit area in September. Besides his parents, he is survived by his widow Jane and five children, and his brother, David.

His family has moved back to Kentucky, where his widow's family live. The senior Jacksons may be contacted at 720 Waterfall Circle, Deltona, Florida 32763.

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OTHER DEATHS IN THE OMENA AREA

Two other people connected with the Omena area also passed away this October. Franklin "Chase" Morgan died at the Leelanau Memorial Hospital in Northport after a long illness. He is survived by his widow, Maudie, and several children and many grand-children. Among his children are Mrs. Stanley Kalchik and Norman Morgan of Northport.

Gwen (Mrs. Kent) Wright of Traverse City also died this Fall. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Kent Wright, D.D.S., and two sons. Mrs. Wright was the daughter and only child of John R. Santo, who, at one time, owned much of Omena Point. She and Kent were married in the house that Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Kirby now live in and the wedding reception was held in what is now the Ed Coughlan house next door.

Memorials for Chase Morgan can be directed to the Leelanau Memorial Hospital in Northport and to Munson Medical Center for Mrs. Wright.

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