



OWASCO YACHT CLUB

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LETTER FROM THE COMMODORE

Welcome to the 125th season!

Warm summer days are on the way – and where better to enjoy them than at the Owasco Yacht Club? As it has for over a century, the club offers opportunities for sailing, motoring, paddling, swimming or just relaxing on the lake. There will be the full array of social events for the membership to enjoy.

Take time this summer to enjoy the history of The Club. Bill Whiting has been gracious enough to give an overview at our last annual meeting. He has shared many photos that highlight how The Club has changed over the years. If any of you have taken photos of The Club please take the time to share them. We all love getting caught up in the nostalgia.

Members are warmly invited to make the necessary efforts to maintain and develop the Club's appearance. The Club requires many hands whether it is from cleaning cobwebs to volunteering to serve on the board. All hands are welcome to participate whether big or small. If it was not for all the terrific members volunteering their time our Club would not look so nice. This year we had a tremendous turnout for clean-up day even though the weather didn't cooperate. It is great to see all the members show their love for "their place on the lake." It is greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing everyone at "our place on the lake."

Warmest regards, Beth Butera

Our own Ken Rescott, who works for COAST Physical Therapy, has just been selected as Physical Therapist of the Year 2016 by Bankers Health Care Group. Congratulations!



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From the Secretary: Getting to Know You...

As Secretary of the OYC, when compiling the annual Member's Handbook, I have the opportunity to know everyone's names. However, it isn't always easy to connect the names and the faces. I'm sure you have all been in the situation when you have met someone and you just can't remember their name. To help us all, the Member's Photo Book is left in the clubhouse as a cheat sheet of sorts. Help us all by sending a recent photo of the people in your current membership either by email to owascoyachtclub@gmail.com

Club Communications

We have a number of ways to stay in touch with our members and don't want anyone to miss out on some of the fun social events that take place throughout the year.

- www.owascoyachtclub.com
I will do my best to keep the site as up-to-date as possible. We will post upcoming events, menus and pertinent information in a timely manner. Photos of events will be posted soon after the event (whenever possible). It's hard for me to believe that our current website went live in June 2013! Tracy, our Kitchen Director and I are working on some fresh new updates for the site. Not really sure how long it will take to roll it out, sometimes life gets in the way of good intentions, but it *will* happen.
- *Emails to Members*
If you have email, and almost all of our members do, we will send timely information. It is being sent in an easy to read format with nice colorful graphics and photos. A lot of time and effort goes into these email blasts, so we hope you will take a few minutes to read them as they come out. Note to Gmail users: You will need to click on the "Promotions" tab to see the OYC mail blasts. Of course, you can always opt out of receiving these emails, but we doubt you'll want to.
- *Member's Handbook*
The Member's Handbook is a combination phone book (remember those) for our members. Please make sure we have the main number you want to have listed as your OYC contact number. We know everyone in your family probably has a cell phone, but due to space limitations, please be sure to give us just one number for the Handbook.

--Louise Wilson



AUBURN CIVIC BAND TAKES ON SUMMER!

Music fans, take note! Auburn Civic Band performs this summer at the Owasco Town Shelter on the following dates: July 10, July 24, August 7, and August 21.

All concerts start at 7! Join the fun and enjoy some quality music right down the road!

From the Waterfront Director

Welcome to another season that thus far is starting off wet and cool. As some of you know we finished last season with a large pit at the end of the boat launch ramp. This year we are trying to avoid the same situation by asking that you do not power your boat all the way on to your trailer. You need to back in far enough to use your winch strap and winch your boat on to trailer. Thank you for your help as this will be a costly repair.

The club has 2 sit on top kayaks for your use. I would ask that you wear a life jacket when using one. There are extra jackets tied to a beam under the deck where the kayak paddles are stored. There are also club canoes and paddles available. Also we have 2 Sunfish sailboats to use. The sails, centerboard and rudder are under the deck. They are labeled with OYC on them. Please sign them out with book currently in clubhouse by kitchen window and let lifeguard know you are taking one. Also take care when using the paddle boat as the rudder is frail.

I hope this season is enjoyable and you have some good memories about your time at the club. If you have any further questions about the waterfront you can email me at kenresski1@verizon.net or call me 315-252-8112. --Ken Rescott

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SOCIAL NEWS: GREAT FOOD AND MUSIC ON TAP

I hope I have put together a fun summer season for you. Our Kitchen Director, Tracy, has secured The Copper Pig to enhance our social season. Welcome to Dawn and Marc Schulz! We are looking forward to enjoying your food.

Along with the food, we will have music every other Saturday, and every other Thursday HAPPY HOURS. Music is also booked for two Sunday Brunches. Please make reservations when asked to and also bring guests who you feel might be encouraged to join our Club. Membership is declining. This means it is difficult to stretch our income enough to run our Club. So it is up to you to help bring in members. We don't want to have to raise dues. I hope, - if you were in Auburn this winter, you enjoyed the "Cabin Fever" happy hours. We have also added pre-opening activities for your enjoyment. I only know by your participation if an event was a "hit" to continue it for next season. Please feel free to suggest an event or musical group, or to let me know if you feel we should discontinue anything or any musical group. Your input is important to your Board. --Adele Keegan

Membership News: Welcome to OYC!

OYC hosted its first Open House on Sunday June 4th and despite the fall like weather we have been experiencing, we had a nice turn out. I would like to thank our Commodore Beth Butera and club Secretary Louise Wilson for being on hand to help answer questions from some of our visitors. So far, 3 couples have requested membership to join OYC.

As we celebrate our 125th Anniversary, we are offering a 12.5% discount to new members on their 1st years dues. If you have any friends or family members interested in joining please share this information with them as this discount ends on June 30, 2017 .

Lastly, please join me in welcoming our newest members:

John & Lorraine Izzo

The Colesante Family

Art and Andrea Price

Maryann Berman

The McHugh Family

If you have any questions about membership at OYC please email oycmembership@gmail.com . Thanks and I look forward to seeing you around the Club this summer!--Marcus Wilson



Copper Pig Brings Great Tastes to OYC Kitchen This Summer

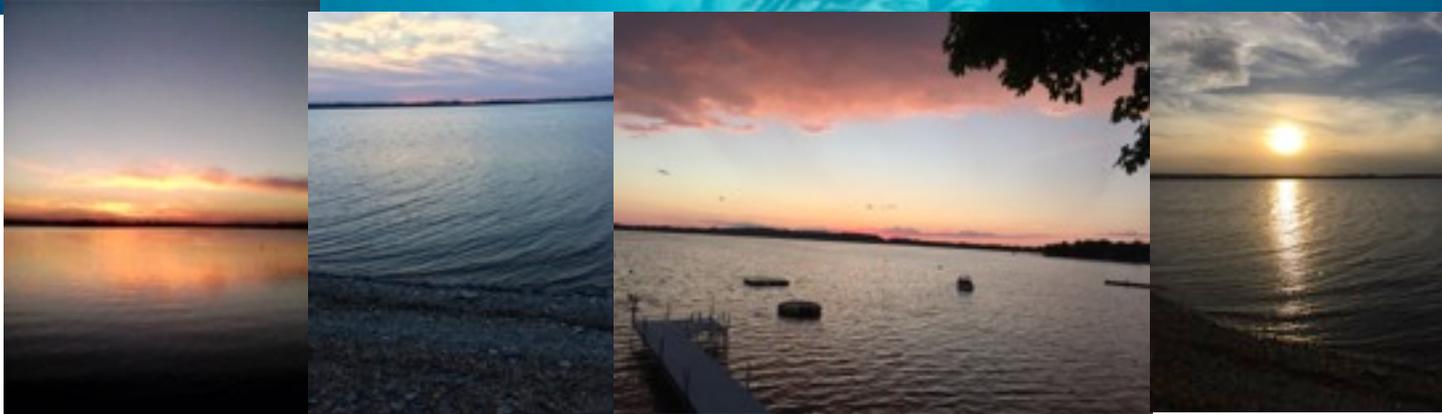
Wow! It's already my second year as the OYC Kitchen Director! This year I'm very pleased to bring in a top shelf restaurant operator, The Copper Pig of Auburn, NY!! Dawn Schulz and her crew are very excited to be a part of the OYC family this year and I'm asking you all to help them feel at home with us.

At the time of this article we are still working out final details, so please check the OYC website (owascoyachtclub.com) regularly for chit info, menus, prices, and special event dinner menus. **Don't forget to make your RESERVATIONS FOR ALL SPECIAL EVENTS!!** They are an important part of keeping the kitchen running smoothly for all members. Check out the OYC bulletin board and website for details on how to make a reservation.

As you might be aware, the OYC has made great strides in modernizing our communication with our members. **IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO CHECK YOUR OYC EMAILINGS** and to **visit the website owascoyachtclub.com** for not only Kitchen and Special Event notifications, but for other club matters as this year unfolds.

If you have a kitchen comment or question, or want to assist in some way, don't just tell it to someone else, please email me at tracy@tstewartsolutions.com. I look forward to seeing you at "Your Place on the Lake" this year!
--Tracy Stewart

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From the Desk of the Treasurer 2017:

It has been a very busy spring in spite of the weather. As of today (June 9) there have been eighteen resignations and four requests for a leave of absence. Six new members are currently on board with another three or four prospective new members. One member returned after a two year hiatus because "they missed everything about the Club." New members are: John and Loraine Izzo; Art and Andrea Price; Mark and Colleen Colesante with children, Michael and James; Marianne Berman; John and Kristin with children, Keira & Kaitlyn; and Tom and Cathy O'Toole. Please extend them all a welcome aboard and may they all have many years of enjoyment at the Owasco Yacht Club. Please keep recruiting new members

Here I go again but I can't emphasize enough why we ask for the first half of dues or resignations by March 31 - it is so the Board can plan and budget accordingly. Our major active season may only be 10 weeks with another five or six weeks in the spring and another seven to eight weeks in the fall when the Club is open for members to enjoy being on or at the lake. However it is a twelve month job to keep the Club up and running. Expenses for the year begin on January 1 and don't end until December 31. There are also other activities that your volunteer Board

needs to do to be ready for the opening day in June and all we ask is that you help us do our job. The annual "Handbook" is a very big job to get ready for delivery at the opening party and it makes our job easier when every member has paid the final payment by May 31. Thanks for listening.

In case you didn't know, the treasurer is responsible for maintaining an accurate membership list, with names including children, addresses, phone numbers and emails. This is another tedious job and requires your help. Since most of the Club communications are done by email it is absolutely necessary that you notify me of a change in your email address. With Verizon doing away with their "verizon.net" email accounts that many of you have it especially important that you keep the Club informed. Please let me know when there have been additions to your family and when a son or daughter has left the nest. Since I very seldom receive word when a child is over 21 and has finished college I usually drop them after their 21st birthday. Also if you reach the age of a senior member (65) please let me know.

If you had a boat at the Club last year you were probably billed for it already. Ken Rescott and Jon Carnes have the difficult job to inventory all the boats and compare their list with my list of boats already billed to see if we missed any. Please keep Ken and Jon informed about your boat and make sure that there is an ID sticker on it so that they

know who it belongs to. See them if you need a sticker. If you purchase a boat from another OYC member make sure the seller's ID sticker is removed and yours attached. The sticker also helps identify the boat in case of an emergency (such as high water, high winds or other mishap).

Many times, during the year members will ask "is the Club tax exempt, and can they make tax deductible gifts to the OYC?" The answer is no to both questions. The OYC is a non-profit corporation (IRS designation 501 (c) 7) and is not liable for income taxes but must pay property, school and sales taxes. The Club must file a 990 form with the IRS each year in May. The form is open for public inspection and is available at the **Guide Star** web site. It usually takes about 3 or 4 months to appear on line. Prior years are also available. The form must be made available to anyone who asks to see it. If you would like to review it please let me know. If you have any questions on the 990 form or any other Club financial information please don't hesitate to contact me.

Looking forward to the 125th anniversary and another great summer at the Owasco Yacht Club

You can contact me at my email address -- richk234@verizon.net or use the Club email address -- owascoyachtclub@gmail.com .

--Rich Knaul