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Fall Edition

What's in this Edition

Roota is a refugee from Sudan and certified nursing assistant, living with her daughter Helen in Wayland. She had been reading the Reunion program and inquired about the use of the acronym "OSRA". After explaining its meaning, Roota pointed out that osra means "family" in Arabic. Is that ironic?

In this issue of your Newsletter, you can read about the Annual Meeting and the Election of Officers.

Teresa presents the FY06 Financials on page 2, along with

a report from Mary on the Senior Luncheon.

John gives a summary of the Reunion campaign, followed by proposed changes to the Scholarship Program by Jeff (pg3).

The Last Word recognizes those businesses who have supported this years Recognition Luncheon. We have included (for the benefit of those who did not see it) a copy of the OSRA Logo that was first displayed at this years Reunion.

If you have suggestions, com-

ments or would like to submit an article for this Newsletter, send them to:

OSRA
 627 Madison Ave
 Grand MI 49503-5315



I know I'm forgetting something...

Trustee Elections

This years Annual Meeting was held at the Little River Schoolhouse located inside School Section Lake Park. The purpose for the Annual Meeting is to hear summary reports from Committees and the election of Trustees and Alternates. Members elected to serve a three year term are Janice Johnson, Janice Fleming and Jeffery Smith. Due it a resent illness and family death, Janice Fleming and Sharon Peters have resigned as Trustee. We thank them both for their many

years of support and dedicated service. New Officer elections saw the return appointment of Mary Guy as Secretary; Teresa Branson as Treasurer; Ron Smith as Vice-Chair and, Jeffery Smith as Chairperson. We will be recruiting members to fill the remaining terms for Janice Fleming and Sharon Peters. If you would like to be considered, please send your name to me at the address above



O.S.R.A. Financial Report

Tax ID #38-2445785
Fiscal Year Ending Aug 31, 2005

Assets

Old Kent Bank Checking	\$	3,940.52
Isabella Bank and Trust Savings	\$	200.57
Isabella Bank and Trust (CD's)	\$	2,747.95
Interest Earned, Savings (Isabella)	\$	0.78
Interest Income, Isabella Bank & Trust (CD)	\$	101.99
Recognition Luncheon	\$	190.00
General Fund	\$	50.00
Membership Dues	\$	25.00
Total Assets	\$	7,256.81

Liabilities

Rental on Safety Deposit Box	\$	30.00
Recognition Luncheon	\$	1,128.01
State of Michigan	\$	20.00
Bulk Mail Permit	\$	150.00
Newsletter Mailing	\$	161.09
Scholarships	\$	1,000.00
OSRA Banner	\$	200.00
Total Liabilities	\$	2,689.10
Net Assets	\$	4,567.71



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Old Settlers' can receive
a 25% discount on snow
removal cost from
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Old Folks' Dance

Saturday, Oct 22 at the Remus
Town Hall from 5 pm to 12 am.
Square dance, Round dance and
Rock 'n Roll
Bring a dish to pass

Senior Recognition Luncheon ~

This year's Annual Senior Recognition Luncheon was held Saturday, September 17, 2005 at the Wheatland Township Hall. We were fortunate to have a very nice group of special guests in attendance. A video presentation of past Recognition Luncheons was shared through the talents of Jerilyn Lynn. Everyone enjoyed seeing the faces of those family members who we remember so fondly, and the music that accompanied the presentation was well chosen.

Our Italian themed meal was topped off by many choices of homemade pies and ice cream. Janice Johnson and Jerilyn Lynn provided decorations that had everyone talking...it was a beautiful setting for a perfect afternoon. Jeff Smith and Ken Todd headed off the program and kept everyone on their toes when it came to answering questions about the past.

New and familiar faces of those who lent their services, to accommodate the special guests, were deeply appreciated from the set up on Friday night, throughout the day's activities and until the cleanup was done. We were blessed with the generosity of several businesses in Remus, Mecosta, Blanchard, Stanwood and Grand Rapids. We are planning for an even larger crowd next year hope to see you there !!!

Mary Guy
Secretary, OSRA

2005 Reunion ~

I would like to thank those responsible for making this year's Old Settlers' Reunion such a huge success:

Teresa Branson
Barbara Singleton
Ron Smith
Michael Smith
Marvin Lett
Shirley Miles
Jeff Berry
Arthur Cross
Kenneth Cook
Nellie Blue

I would be remiss if I did not also acknowledge all those who helped on fundraising, games and program committees, as well as those who attended this year's event.

We took in \$770.00 in the general collection and 50/50 drawing. *(t-shirts \$'s)*

Next year's event promises to be even better, as we continue to replicate the reunions of the past.

Remember to bring your softball equipment as we are trying to put together a softball game or two.

We hope to be able to extend the event, with

activities planned through Sunday afternoon. Please plan ahead to stay for the entire weekend.

(Mention of a contribution to the OSRA)

Thank-you

John C. Smith

Grand Rapids Committee Chair

Thank-you all for your help and dedication to the OSRA

Scholarship Update ~

The scholarship procedures will be undergoing updates and clarifications in the next few months and the OSRA would like to encourage our members to submit suggestions for ways we can improve and/or simplify the scholarship application process. The updates to the scholarship procedures do not affect the scholarship amount or the number of scholarships available; however the application deadline has been updated to require applicants to have the application postmarked by April 10th.

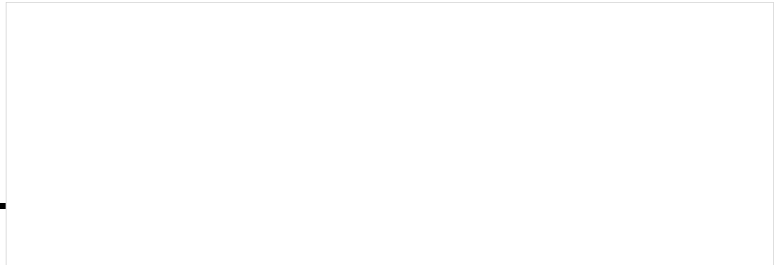
We were pleased with the turn out of applicants this year and are looking forward to upcoming projects that may further encourage our youth to take advantage of the opportunity. We are currently working on brochures that will be given to Montcalm, Mecosta, and Isabella and surrounding region high schools for descendants looking for financial aid for higher learning

Jeffery Smith
Chair ~ OSRA

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***to continue the preservation
of the history and heritage
of black people in Isabella,
Mecosta & Montcalm
counties... to establish a
scholarship to be awarded
to worthy academic achievement...***



The Last Word:

LUNCHEON SPONSORS

We would be remised for not taking the opportunity to recognize the following businesses who contributed to the success of this years Luncheon.

Fate's Market
Madison Square Family Fare
Kings Market
Country Corners
Rolland Center
Yoplait
Wernettes Beef
Welling Auto Service
Gourmet Market Place

OSRA LOGO



You may have noticed the new OSRA logo displayed at this years Old Settlers' Reunion.

We were looking for an image that would simultaneously illustrate the source of our heritage with a promise of our shared future.

Send your comments to the address above.

Wheatland Cemetery Cleanup

Mark you calendar for Oct 22 from 9 am to 12 pm. Bring your leaf blowers, racks, trim-

