

THE ALUMNAE CIRCLE

ONAWAY

Spring



2012

CONSERVING NEWFOUND LAKE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME



Newfound Lake is the center of many camp activities.

From that first chilly plunge into Newfound Lake as a camper, it was apparent that Newfound is special, even magical. After a summer spent swimming in those crystal clear waters, gazing at the undeveloped, green hillsides, it was inevitable to fall in love with Newfound and proudly proclaim to friends at home that it is “the 3rd cleanest lake in the world!” Indeed, many of our camp memories are connected to the lake and the land – singing amidst the pines at chapel, looking for fish while swimming endless triangles, sailing towards the hills on a windy day, running through the woods during capture the flag, watching the sunset from Campfire Rock. As campers at Onaway, we became intimately connected with the lake, whether we are aware of it or not, and it shapes and molds our camp experience.

For Helen Gemmill (camper '90-'92, OWLE, '93, Aide '94, Counselor '96,'97, 2000), this love for Newfound Lake and her surrounding hills began as a young child, and her love fueled a passion for conserving the lake in the form of a generous gift in her father's honor. As daughter of longtime Pasquaney director, John Gemmill, “Mr. Gem John,” many of Helen's first memories were on Newfound. When explaining her childhood days with her father, Helen says, “He raised me to love this place, and with a fervent environmental ethic. I remember countless days as a child walking through these hillsides with my father,



*Helen with her Dad,
John Gemmill in 1994.*

lake; and roaming aimlessly and endlessly through the hills with our dogs...”

playing in the streams; delighting at finding the rare (and in my child's eye, magical) lady slipper; eagerly awaiting the first strawberries in spring and finding the best wild spots for them; betting on when ‘ice-out’ would occur each year; jumping in the lake as early as possible in the springtime; taking water samples to help with the local water quality effort; counting loons on the

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Helen as a counselor in 1996 – already helping girls appreciate the lake.

As she got older, and as the only girl at Pasquaney, Helen remembers swimming alone as the sun was sinking in the sky. The shadows that were cast on the lake created the image of Newfie (the Newfound Loch Ness monster), and she was convinced this magical being was there with her. Helen also recalls the hills feeling alive with the people who had passed before her – the farmers, Native Americans and early settlers. She would

imagine her life as part of this rich history, often playing “olden days” where she ran around pretending to farm her land and dam her rivers.

Helen’s family has always placed high value on giving back to the community. In 1961, Helen’s grandparents established a charitable foundation, which they ran from their family farm in Bucks County Pennsylvania. When her grandparents, along with three of their four children, passed away during the 1990’s, her Aunt Betsy **Gemmill**, also an Onaway alumna, took over the foundation, continuing to support various organizations close to the family’s heart. Recently Betsy, along with Helen’s cousins, decided to spend down the foundation. The main result was the donation of the family farm to an agricultural college in Bucks County. The next move, as Helen explains “was one last mission for the foundation, an opportunity to honor our beloved family who made such bright marks on the world: the crafting of memorial gifts for my Aunt Kitty, my Uncle Bill, and my father. As my father’s only child, I was entrusted with determining how to allocate an appropriate memorial gift.”

Helen’s thoughts immediately turned to Newfound Lake, to a place her father loved deeply. She describes that “throughout his upbringing and education, it was here that he returned every summer, and those formative experiences here developed into a lifelong devotion to this place in general, and to environmental issues and conservation in particular.” Helen was careful to choose a cause to which her father himself would have been deeply committed. In doing so she reached out to Vin Broderick, current director of Pasquaney, and Newfound Land Conservation Partnership Land & Watershed Committee member, Dick Beyer, both lifelong friends of Gem John’s from camp. Together, the three explored possibilities and decided upon the **John Gemmill Newfound Fund** to support and enhance conservation initiatives in the Newfound watershed.



*Helen’s connections remain strong – here at Onaway’s Centennial, she enjoys sunset on Campfire Rock with Allie **Keen**.*

In addition to Gem John’s time as director of Pasquaney, he also served in the State Legislature in his 20s and 30s, and was Chair of the House Education Committee.

The central and unifying theme of his life’s work was

environmental conservation and education. The \$750,000 gift is intended to complement John’s own work and passion. “The idea is to incentivize additional land conservation work in this watershed, and amplify the reach and leverage of the great environmental work already being done here to ensure a clean lake and healthy hillsides for many generations to come,” Helen explained. The gift will focus on education, outreach and fund development efforts. So on August 21st, as Onaway’s Centennial celebration was coming to a close, over sixty environmental leaders from the Newfound area gathered at Camp Pasquaney for the announcement of Helen’s gift.

Helen believes that by preserving the land and water, we are preserving the context of the camping experience that we all remember from our days at Onaway. It is that very essence of being in the wild that molds our time at camp. As Helen explains, “It is the quiet time at night, the clear water, the wild animals that pass through camp, the skinny dipping without being seen – these are the things we must preserve to allow for the character development that we value at camp.” Undeniably, it is in this environment where we develop our lasting friendships and our sense of community – it is where we learn not only how to swim and row, but how to honor and respect. Helen hopes to maintain that sense of magic that she had as a child for many others to come, instilling in them a sense of reverence for the surrounding land. She trusts that Onaway campers will continue to have moose crashing through Skytops (as one did when she was a Skytops counselor!) and bright stars to gaze at from the center of camp. As we all plead to “let her strong and ageless be,” we must also care for the surrounding land and water of Newfound to make this possible. Through Helen’s gift, she is hoping that Onaway will not only remain strong and ageless, but also a wild and magical place. □

Kath Keen

If you are interested in making a donation to the John Gemmill Newfound Fund please send your contribution to:
Lakes Region Conservation Trust
John Gemmill Newfound Fund
P.O. Box 766 Center Harbor, NH 03226
This fund makes grants to assist with transaction costs (appraisals, surveys, stewardship, and legal costs) and staff time to conserve land in the Newfound Watershed.

NOTES FROM THE ONAWAY BOARD



Susi **Mudge**

Greetings. As many of you know, I have the honor and challenge of succeeding Kathy Broderick Baird as President of the Onaway trustees. Kathy led us through an incredible period of growth and stability for Camp Onaway, culminating with the amazing Onaway Centennial which we are still smiling about six months later. I know that I speak for all of us on the Board when I say, "Thank you, Kathy; great job."

As I take on this important role, I reflect on many who have served before me, including my father, Arthur Mudge. Dad led the Onaway Board at the time the Board determined Onaway needed a more solid financial base, which led to the decision to launch the first major capital campaign for Onaway. Thanks to all who supported that campaign, with large and small donations alike, Onaway

now has a solid financial footing with which to proceed. As we look forward, and reflect on the wide range of activities the Camp needs to do to be relevant and to provide the necessary support to our incredible director, Anne Conolly, and to our girls (past, present and future campers), the Board is re-examining ways to further strengthen Onaway's endowment. Recognizing we have been able to reconnect with many of you as a result of the Centennial, we will continue to build on this outreach and support as we prepare Onaway for its next 100 years. If you have any particular thoughts on ways the Board can do this, we welcome your input.

A quick snapshot of Onaway's current Board includes the following:

- 13 of today's 19 trustees are alumnae
- 10 are past parents and 4 are current parents
- 3 of us are following in the footsteps of our parents who were also Onaway trustees.
- Our 5 additional Special Trustees fall into at least one or more of these categories.

In total, all of us have strong ties to Onaway's past and a firm commitment to preserve it for the future. Today's trustees support Onaway's continued health and growth on many fronts—from scholarship development and financial planning, to planning alumnae reunions and community events, to long range planning. Most importantly, our job is to provide support to the director of Onaway in whatever ways she needs to keep the camp vibrant, mission sensitive, and healthy.

We sincerely welcome the opportunity to meet you, to hear from you, and together to embrace the incredible experience we are providing our daughters, nieces, granddaughters, and daughters of friends, to help them become, as the Onaway history is titled "strong and ageless." We always try to remember to wear nametags identifying ourselves when attending camp or reunions, so please do not hesitate to come up to us and share your thoughts or concerns when our paths next cross. □

Susanna Mudge, President

THE BOARD WELCOMES NEW TRUSTEES



Susan **Jackson**, Joe Quinan and Bailey **Rice** at the November Board meeting in New Hampshire – already hard at work!

At the November meeting of the Board of Trustees, three new Board members were elected. Already involved in Onaway activities, it feels as if they have been on the board for a long time. Susan **Jackson**, you may recall, was the editor for Helen Greven's wonderful history, *Let Her Strong and Ageless Be*. She was a camper and Aide at Onaway from 1976 to 1979. Her parents, Mary and Bill Jackson; godparents, Betty and Ray Brown; and brother, Fred Jackson, have all been on the Board, and her niece is longtime Onaway camper/Aide/counselor Katie (Miss Kjax) **Jackson**. Susan studied history at Princeton University and journalism and the history of education at Stanford University. A writer and editor, she has, among other projects, written a book on arts education in New York City schools, been the Chile correspondent for *Business Week* and covered the arts in Tokyo. Now the editor of the Julliard School's alumni/undergraduate newspaper, she lives with her husband and son in New York City.

Joe Quinan could be seen at Centennial Weekend driving the golf cart and helping guests find their way around camp. Joe has been indoctrinated into Onaway by his wife, Alison Reed Quinan (camper '83-'84, counselor '89) and his two daughters Emily (camper 2008 – present) and Sarah (2011 to present). A third daughter will follow soon. He graduated from Boston College and New England School of Banking at Williams College. He is also a graduate of the American Bankers Association Graduate Trust School at Northwestern University, University of Chicago Business School. Since 1986 he has been with BNY Mellon Wealth Management and is now First Vice President - Team Leader.

Bailey Rice is our Recent Alumna Trustee, a two year position on the Board for a former camper or counselor. She hosted one of our "Glad to See You" parties last June to celebrate the opening day of camp nationwide. Bailey was a camper from 1999-2002, an OWLE in 2003, and a counselor from 2006-2009. She graduated from Towson University with a degree in Elementary Education and Deaf Studies. She is currently pursuing a Masters in Education at Boston University and is a kindergarten teacher at the Learning Center for the Deaf in Boston.

REUNIONS 2012

What a funny winter this was. I don't think my lawn was covered with snow more than twice and then only for about a day or so, and I live in upstate New York! It did make for an easy travel season and I thoroughly enjoyed getting on the road to see the girls and meet some of the new campers. My first reunion in Boston conflicted with the New England Patriots game so our crowd seemed a little smaller than usual. However, the Bairds once again provided us with a cozy fire and warm hospitality and I was able to catch up with all the news from Hilltops to future OWLES.



*In Andover, Front Row: Abbey Phaneuf, Lee-ann Downs, Anna Lindbloom, Jane Lindstrom.
2nd row: Eleanor Freemont-Smith, Mrs. Conolly, Kara Merryfield, Emily Phaneuf, Hannah Tellier.*

The following weekend I was in Baltimore at the home of Annie George. We had a wonderful time looking at the photos in the album and the girls were great Onaway ambassadors to future camper Mia Ciccarone. Hillary Graff was a late arrival; she had been in Baltimore for a dog trial where she had won a few events if I'm not mistaken.



In Baltimore, Josephine Finney, Caroline Blue, Mia Ciccarone, Julia Bradshaw, Annie George, Hillary Graff.

The next day I drove to Richmond, a first for me on the reunion circuit and also a first with a Pasquaney/Onaway gathering together at the McElroy's home. I had a grand tour of Richmond and true southern hospitality. Several families were there to hear about Pasquaney and seemed delighted to learn that there was a sister camp down the road. I was able to see where the Onaway girls go to school, and I loved watching them go through the album with new camper, Eliza Wilson.



In Richmond, Onaway and Pasquaney campers present and future watch the slide presentation.

Connecticut was uncharacteristically warm and the Philbrick's lovely solar home even warmer. I took a little detour to Miss Hall's School to pick up Phoebe Spare and she and fellow campers were full of chatter about the summer ahead. With representatives from 5 out of 7 cabin groups and a future Aide on hand, we covered just about everything.



In Connecticut, Clara Philbrick, Caroline Kriesen, Phoebe Spare, Alex Tomb, Morgan Frost, Lily Philip, Caroline Finn.

My last weekend started in Philadelphia at the Matthai's home. Lots of giggling and good food made for a fun

afternoon. Naya Maitland came in from New York and after my slide show from last summer, Charlotte Matthai showed a slide show of her own from OWLES last summer. Since I can never be on that trip, it was a treat for me to see it from beginning to end.



In Brooklyn, Sara Van Schaick, Katrina Hale, Becca Supple, Margot Supple.

In Brooklyn the next day, we had several last minute cancellations due to illness so a small but enthusiastic group gathered at the Supple's home. The most fun for me was watching new campers Katrina Hale and Margot Supple get to know each other over the photo album. It's nice to know there will be a friend waiting when they each arrive at camp.

Now that I am home again, I can feel summer fast approaching. My thanks to all of the hosts who make it so easy to come into their homes and focus on seeing the girls. Camp feels much closer now and while there are many finishing touches still to add, I wouldn't mind it if we started tomorrow. Mr. Gene reports the lake is still frozen though so I guess we should wait a little while. □

Anne Peterson Conolly

Give the gift of a camper referral. We rely on word of mouth to find our campers and your words based on your experiences at Onaway are the most powerful and meaningful. While we are nearly full for the summer of 2012, there are a couple of beds for nine or ten year olds.

— LOOKING AHEAD TO THE SUMMER OF 2012 —

It is an Olympic summer for the rest of the world. We won't have TV or immediate internet access to all of the news that goes along with it, but we will read the paper and fill in what we can on Campfire Rock on Sunday nights. We may be cheering on an Onaway athlete, and we will likely develop some Olympics of our own as we have in other Olympic summers. However, like the Centennial celebration last summer, this will not define the summer at Onaway. We will once again be busy learning new skills, challenging the comfort zones of the campers, forming a solid and nurturing community, and relishing the simple way of life that is Onaway. We will be cementing friendships and values, laughing and singing day and night, and noticing our surroundings in a way we often do not at home. In other words, it will be a typical Onaway summer!



Girls line up for another fun Onaway summer!

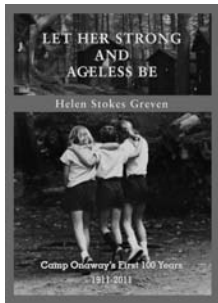
This summer 64 returning campers will join 23 new campers from across the country and across the globe. Ten Aides will assist 24 counselors, and 8 OWLES will go out in one session. I welcome Claire Eberhardt (Miss Ebes) as Assistant Director this summer. Her familiarity with all aspects of camp and particularly her experience as Waterfront Head will make for a smooth transition to this new role. She will be joined by Kala Bolton as Waterfront Head and Katie Jackson (Miss Kjax) in the wood shop, other veteran counselors. Kala and Ebes spent last winter as dorm supervisors and leaders at the Winter Term in Switzerland. Perhaps they will teach a class in yodeling this summer!

Mr. Gene reports an easy winter with little damage at camp. He has been working on a new set of toilets for Birches - not very glamorous but necessary after the system failed last summer. Mr. Bruce is making some improvements in the kitchen, and I am working with the Newfound Lake Region Association to include campers in managing storm water drainage into the lake. Everyone is working hard to ensure another great season at camp. It may not be an Olympic feat but it sometimes feels close.

Please feel free to visit over the summer, particularly if you were not able to make it to the Centennial. Seeing the girls in their Brown and Whites with smiles on their faces is quite a treat! ☐

Anne Peterson Conolly

BOOK ORDERING INFORMATION: If you haven't seen Onaway's history, *Let Her Strong and Ageless Be*, you are missing something marvelous. Read what some of our alumnae have said after reading the book:



"I've yet to figure how you made it so easy to read. It flows, or maybe I just couldn't wait to share remembrances of all those years...Guess I have forgotten how important all those summers have been to me..."

"I found myself a place on the living room couch and stayed there all weekend until I had read every word - first time in a long time I've read anything with so much relish. It was wonderful...Of course I was startled to see myself in there. Yikes!"

"I love how Helen has intertwined the history with the thoughts and feelings about the camp. She has captured the essence of Onaway as no other believer could. As an alumna I am constantly reminded of the relationships, the events, and the songs, but truly Helen's writing has reminded me of the poetic and the spiritual beauty of the camp. The book symbolizes the strength, the integrity, and the soul of the Onaway girl."

For further testimonials, book ordering information, and how to purchase other Centennial merchandise, visit the website www.camponaway.org.

WANTED: 35 mm film cameras. One of our summer electives is a photography course where we teach black and white photography, developing and printing.

We need some 35mm film cameras to enable more girls to take the class. We will provide a tax receipt.

ONAWAY RENTALS 2012

Hollister House



Weekly rates: (Saturday to Saturday)

June 1st - 23rd \$ 800

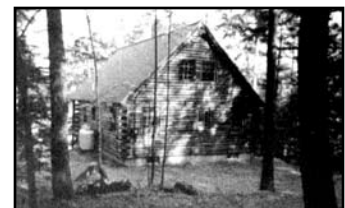
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ALUMNAE CORNER

MARY BRODERICK, President of the National School Boards Association

It was very difficult to even make an appointment to interview Mary Broderick for this article as she is ten months into her one year appointment as President of the National School Boards Association and has been jetting around the country non-stop. Mary (Onaway camper '67-'69) was elected President by the membership last April, but she has been very active on school boards since 1989 when she joined her local East Lyme, Connecticut school board when her daughter Katie was in 2nd grade and her son Michael entered nursery school. Naturally, Mary credits Onaway for developing the confidence and leadership skills which have led to her successful and rewarding career.

As President, Mary speaks at many different education conferences and state school boards association meetings. While her schedule has been extremely hectic for the past year, Mary would never trade the experience and education and rewards she has reaped in her current role. To accept this role, Mary went half time on her other day job, working for a CT Foundation devoted to improving the odds of young children's success in school. By way of background, Mary obtained an MBA after college, but was always headed for the non-profit world. From 2002-2004, she served as the President of the CT Association of Boards of Education and was invited to join the National School Boards Association in 2005. In April 2011, Mary was awarded a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of CT. She had been working on this since 2005 and wrote her dissertation on effective practices of school superintendents.

Coincidentally, Mary quickly discovered that the Executive Director of the National School Boards Association, Anne L. Bryant, is also an Onaway girl (camper and counselor in the '60's). One can only imagine how efficiently and effectively this organization is run! Unfortunately, Anne is retiring in the fall. Mary

is also Chair of the Search Committee to replace Anne, but reports that Anne is leaving very large shoes to fill.

Mary comes from a very well-entrenched and beloved Onaway/Pasquaney family. Her sister Kathy Broderick Baird has just stepped down

as President of the Onaway Board of Trustees after serving as President since 2005. Her brother Vinnie has been the Director of Pasquaney since 1997. Her mother, Sally Brine Broderick was President of the Onaway Board of Trustees from 1975-1977. And, her great cousin Francis Frost, was the Director of Onaway from 1937 to 1943. Mary's daughter Katie Spencer, was a Skytop in 1997. Mary cherishes her Onaway connections and was quite upset that a school board meeting kept her away from our Centennial last summer. Mary's daughter Katie, 29, is now married, living with her husband Kevin Titterton in Richmond, VT, and doing development work at the Shelburne Museum. Mary's son Michael, 26, teaches at a private high school in Waltham, MA.

The Onaway community applauds Mary for her work in education. It seems very much in the spirit of Onaway's mission to be looking after young people today. Preparing this generation for the future is one of the most important jobs that we do. □

Rosemary Moukad, Onaway Trustee



Mary Broderick and Anne Bryant, Onaway women on a mission.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

As Onaway goes marching along into her second century, the ONAWAY ANNUAL FUND must keep up! It helps pay all the camp operating expenses and enables us to keep tuition increases modest and build scholarship resources so that everyone can come to camp. If you have contributed to the Onaway Annual Fund this year, thank you! If not, WE NEED YOU!

Last Year: \$116,000 Goal this year: \$120,000
Amount to date: \$50,000

We're half way through our year, which ends September 30th. We encourage our Onaway alumnae, families and friends to join our growing circle of Onaway Annual Fund supporters. Last year, our hardworking Onaway Counselors set a new record of participation in Annual Giving, with gifts ranging from \$19.11, in honor of our founding year 1911, to \$250. Way to go, Centennial Council!

Giving on the Onaway website is easy and safe with a credit or debit card (www.camponaway.org). Some of our alumnae send monthly gifts to Onaway automatically through their online bank bill payment systems. This is a great option for spreading your gift out into 12 smaller ones. \$10 a month blossoms into a lovely \$120 annual gift! \$30 multiplies into \$360! And be sure to check to see if your employer has matching funds.

Many of us learned about philanthropy as campers, supporting the Girls of Onaway fund with our chapel gifts and sharing those funds with many wonderful organizations near and dear to us at camp. We hope that Onaway women continue the habit of giving and include Camp Onaway on their list of favorite organizations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PARENT COLUMN

NEW PARENTS SPEAK OUT

New parents receive endless forms and information packets and uniform lists from camp in preparation for the summer. The fewest questions in return come from the new parents who are former Onaway campers. They have been talking about camp with their daughters for years. However, that doesn't mean they don't share the many emotions that go with sending a child off to camp for the first time. We thought we would share some of those feelings from some of our 2012 alumnae parents.

Nici Ash Bohlman

(camper '82 – '86, Aide '89, 90, counselor 91-96)

The summer of 2012 is nearly upon us and as the weather grows warmer and the days longer, my thoughts drift back to the anticipation, eagerness and excitement of preparing for my summers at Camp Onaway. Memories of my mother using a Sharpie to print "ASH" in every article of clothing, thank goodness it was only 3 letters! Shopping for bathing caps, Sunday whites and canteens. It was a feeling like no other and the memories of my 12 summers spent at Onaway will never fade. In fact, they are present now more than ever as I prepare to send my 9 year old daughter, MacKenzie, off to camp for her first summer. I asked her what she is feeling about being away from home for 7 weeks. Her reply was, "I am excited to be at camp with my cousins (FuRen Bemis and Isabel Rollison), tipping over a row boat and getting ready for Fair Weekend. I hope we can do the M&M/Flour game." I am guessing I am

more anxious than she is, my baby will be gone for 7 whole weeks. However, I am one of the lucky ones and know from my experience that those 7 weeks spent away from home will be some of the best days of her youth. She is in good hands and I am thankful that she has the opportunity to experience this amazing place that will impact the rest of her life.



Fu Ren Bemis, MacKenzie Bohlman, Isabel Rollison – a family affair at camp 2012.

Cathy Sanford (camper '85, Aide '86, counselor 88-91)

There is no question that Camp Onaway played a transformational role in my life. Sending my daughters to camp has always been non-negotiable. However, as we begin buying supplies for Charlotte's first summer, I have been caught off guard by my own growing anxiety. As I have found that it is generally unproductive to match Charlotte's uncertainty and fears with my own, I have assumed the Onaway game face – brave, reassuring and supportive. However, Charlotte's questions continue:

"Why can't it just be four weeks and not seven?"

"What if I don't make any friends?"

"What if I lose all my cheerleading skills because I'm missing practice all summer?"

"What if I don't like it?"

Such feelings are natural, of course. I remember feeling the same way as I unpacked my trunk for the first time in 1985... uncertain, nervous, and missing my family.

And then I realize my own anxieties:

"What if she forgets to wear sunscreen and burns herself to a crisp?"

"What if she gets 85 tick bites or contracts a mysterious rash?"

"What if she loses EVERYTHING she owns and has to be at camp armed only with a sock, a pair of shorts, and a comb?"

"What if she doesn't like it?"

I've hit the root of my fear: What if she really doesn't like camp? This place that means so much to me! And then I realize that the whole point of camp is that I won't be there to smooth things over and help Charlotte adapt. She will be doing that -- for the first time -- on her own. But she will be learning these critical skills in an environment full of love, support, friendship and fun. Whether the summer of 2012 is her only summer at camp or the first of many, her Onaway will be different from my Onaway. She will learn, grow, choose, and lead on her own trajectory, and she will learn a lot about herself. And I remember again why it is so important to me to give her this gift. Win, lose or draw -- it will be an unforgettable summer.

And just a heads up to the Pound counselor – you might want to create a lost and found box just for Charlotte.



Charlotte Bonnet-Eymard, Cathy Sanford, Ally Bonnet-Eymard

Oakleigh McKelvy Ryan (camper '77-'80)

The memories come back so quickly: packing for the five-day advance canoe trip, eating more than humanly possible at Cake Night, waking up to taps playing on Opposite Day, lining up for nail inspection, and the list goes on.

I know Onaway has changed and evolved since I arrived at the age of 11. But no matter the particulars, one thing I am certain is that my daughter, Murray, will walk away a better person – for that really is the unique value that Onaway offers. In this crazy, over connected world, a chance to step away from it all and challenge oneself in a loving environment is priceless.

Somehow Onaway has found that wonderful balance of fun, challenge, community, individual, and learning that can offer so much for our kids. As I look back at my Onaway experience, I realize it was so much more than camp. Hopefully 30 years from now my daughter will be saying the same thing.



Murray Ryan will join her cousin Jane McKelvy in Tiptops this summer.

THE CIRCLE PROGRAM: THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING



Winkie **Chase** Almy, one of the original "founders" of the Circle Program

In the late 1980's, I was making the rounds by phone, mail and gatherings to meet the Onaway family and to get their input for the upcoming capital campaign. Women of all ages as well as fathers and some grandfathers were pleased to be consulted and had many good ideas.

One concern stood out over all the others—more diversity. They saw a great need for

increased scholarship endowment to allow girls of all economic levels the opportunity to attend Onaway.

Up until that time, I had made several attempts to have local NH girls as well as one or two from the Baltimore area, relatives of Pasquaney campers, attend Onaway. Sadly, though, these girls were mostly overwhelmed by the time commitment and



Circle girls made this gift to honor Onaway's 100th summer, and it was presented by Program Director Paula Ferenc at the Centennial Dedication ceremony. This year we hope to help them celebrate their special anniversary.

the disparity between the haves and have-nots. The Onaway girls really tried to integrate these girls into their community, but it didn't work. Most of them stayed one summer or less. I was feeling discouraged and frustrated as our capital campaign meetings were beginning.

As we talked about the situation, it suddenly occurred to us that there was a perfect existing model and answer in front of us, right on Newfound Lake—Camp Mayhew, a camp for boys at risk and connected to Camp Pasquaney. It was no time before a plan was hatched and the process developed for Onaway to have a program for area

girls at risk. The history from that point on is well known and has resulted in 20 years of growth, depth and strength for this program. Currently, it has its own non-profit 501-c-3 and its own beautiful campus on Spectacle Pond, not far from Onaway.

What you may not know is what the Circle Program means to me, personally. As a new director of Onaway, I arrived having left a career in school nursing where I worked with many indigent families and children whose only dependable meal was the school lunch program. It was a bit of culture shock to be in the midst of so many privileged girls in one place. I loved the girls, but I knew from the beginning that I wanted them to learn how to share, how to appreciate what they had and how to make a difference in the lives of others less fortunate.

The Circle Program for me is the embodiment of all that is good about Onaway. It has given girls of the same age and interests the chance to share the beauty of the outdoors and the lifelong friendships that have made the Onaway community so powerful through the years. For the Onaway girls, it has brought a focus for giving and sharing that is personal and dear to them. They know that so many of Onaway's traditions live on at the Circle and when they give their chapel offerings or work hard at their camp fair, a portion of that is going to help Circle girls have a wonderful summer as well. It makes the Onaway girls more aware of their good fortune and therefore more inspired to give back. It adds a whole new dimension to their summer experience.

Above all, there is a sense of ownership and pride in the Onaway girls as they can actually visit the Circle Program and see the impact it is making on girls' lives. It has given the entire Onaway community a new sense of purpose and as the Circle continues to bloom and grow, so do the spirits of Onaway girls young and old. □

Caroline Morgan Southall
Circle Program Trustee Emeritus

The Circle Program will celebrate its 20th season this summer. Please visit their website at circleprogram.org to learn more about their wonderful work.

Parent Column, continued from page 7



Ingrid and her daughter Katrina.

Ingrid Hale (camper 1979-1981)

My daughter, Katrina, is heading to Onaway this summer. She will be following in my footsteps, and we are so excited about everything Katrina will learn through her Onaway experience.

Uniforms - as a camper, I discovered how wonderful a uniform can be. For seven weeks, the labels are gone...it's just about girls being girls...seeing people for who they are. Katrina's camp-mates will appreciate her for her smile, kindness, humor, and intelligence, not whether or not she shops the latest trends.

The cabin groups...having now worked at a college in both Admissions and Student Life, I cannot think of a better

experience to prepare young people for college living. The counselors were always so caring and attentive to our needs. One summer, my counselor read us *The Hobbit*. I remember sitting around with my cabin-mates just mesmerized by the story.

Theater, sewing, tennis, woodworking, brown and white games...these were among the many activities I could explore and excel at as a camper. Onaway has the right balance of choice, structure, and fun to the daily schedule. Overnight hiking trips and canoeing trips - I have such fond memories of these trips. I look forward to hearing about Katrina's adventures.

Thank you, Onaway, for continuing to be a uniquely special place for girls to grow and learn. I know that Katrina will be in good hands this summer, as she pursues the tradition of Onaway in our family.

Camp Onaway

Campfire Rock Society

My husband and I had been procrastinating about revising our estate plans for years. Our wills were last written more than 20 years ago after the birth of our first child. We had moved three times since then, the last time across state lines. And we'd had a second child who wasn't even a twinkle in our eyes at the time of the first writing.

After laboring through many detailed, but necessary decisions, our attorney asked us about our philanthropic interests. Ah, this was the enjoyable part! I immediately started telling him about a wonderful girls' camp in New Hampshire which I had attended as a child 40 years earlier....Camp Onaway.

There was no doubt in my mind that I wanted to leave Onaway a bequest. In the end, however, instead of naming Camp Onaway in my will, I decided to designate Onaway as a beneficiary of my 401(k) plan at work. (One could easily do this with an IRA as well.) This was actually easier

and more tax-wise. I simply got the paperwork from my plan administrator. It was necessary for my husband to sign the paperwork (and have his signature notarized), in order to waive his right to this money. I assigned a percentage of the assets in my retirement fund to be left to Onaway, but you can also designate a specific dollar amount if you prefer.

I want Onaway always to be in a strong financial position. I want it to continue to foster the friendships, experiences, and life lessons to future generations of girls like it has for me and for my two daughters. □

Amanda Acker Rice
(camper '71-'73, counselor '78-'79, Trustee 2001-2006)



Amanda with her husband Jim and two Onaway girls, Lucy and Lena.

Your legacy gift is truly "a promise, a vow not to forget." For further information on joining the Campfire Rock Society, please contact Meredith Funston at mfunston@camponaway.org.

ONAWAY WORK AND PLAY WEEKEND 2012



Last winter's alumnae/camper reunion saw a winter wonderland. With the lack of snow this winter, we decided to try a warmer event.

With the mild winter and the incredible efficiency of Mr. Gene, our Property Manager, late spring looks to be a good time to work on some smaller projects at camp in preparation for the 2012 summer. Thus we are planning to combine our seventh annual Work Weekend with the second annual alumnae/camper gathering at Northpoint. We will devote the day on Saturday to tasks ranging from pruning and gardening to painting, cleaning, and moving large objects. Saturday evening we will have a barbecue at Northpoint and some sort of camp activity. Participants can stay at camp for the day or the whole weekend in cabins or staff apartments (you clean it – it's yours!). Bathroom facilities will be available.

There is no charge for the weekend but we may ask you to contribute food for some of the meals.

Visiting camp during the summer is a wonderful way to see Onaway today, but if that isn't possible, this is a great weekend to catch up with old friends, reminisce about your time at Onaway, or get excited about the summer to come. Onaway volunteers in so many areas are invaluable when it comes to getting the job done. The jobs we get done that weekend will give the counselors more time to work on their planning and training for the summer. No level of participation too large or small! We hope you will join us for all or part of the weekend. Additional details will be posted on the website next month.

Meredith Funston, Development Director



Painting the new benches during last June's Work Weekend. All hands on deck!

Alumnae Gatherings – Wine and Sign

Jane Shiverick, Onaway alumna and sommelier, hosted a gathering in her parents New York City apartment in November where guests were able to sample a variety of wines and meet author, Helen Stokes Greven. Jane featured wines by women vintners and taught all of us how to distinguish flavors. Helen showed her slides about the making of the history, *Let Her Strong and Ageless Be*, and signed copies for those who purchased the book. It was a wonderful party and a good reminder of how many alumnae are in New York City.



Jane **Shiverick** with guests and Onaway friends, Caitlin **Mixer** and Jenn **Blessing**.

IN MEMORIAM

As we went to press, we were saddened to learn of the passing of Hope Smith Emery on December 30, 2011. Hope was a camper and counselor in the 1940's. She was the first Circle Program Board Chair and was instrumental in founding the program in 1993. Please look for further testimonials in the fall *Alumnae Circle*.

Her obituary can be found at <http://farmington.patch.com/articles/farmington-loses-a-community-pillar>.

ALUMNAE NEWS

News of the 40s

Lavinia "Winkie" Chase Almy and her daughter Leslie Stimmel Guggiari (70s) had a great time visiting camp last July though they were crushed that they couldn't be at Onaway for the Centennial celebration. Elizabeth "Betty" Hayward Marshall (40s) and her daughter Anne Marshall Gieryn (70s) visited Winkie and gave her a blow by blow description of the Birthday festivities. Betty and Winkie had a wonderful time discussing old times.

Nancy Maresca Piper and her family will be visiting Newfound Lake this summer. Her brother, who lives in Europe and attended Mowglis as a boy, has not returned to the area for many years.

News of the 50s

Mimi Baird reconnected with Judy Curtis (50s) who now lives in New London, NH. They enjoyed getting to know each other again.

News of the 60s

Virginia Whitney Bradley is sorry to have missed the Centennial Celebration last August but was thinking of everyone and missing Campfire Rock.

News of the 70s

Hannah Greven Hock's daughter Julia Grace is graduating from kindergarten this summer and her son Ethan is turning 3!



The Hock family at the Jersey Shore in March 2012.

Jocelyn Low Miller recently became the Director of the Howard Whittemore Library in Naugatuck, CT. She shares that she "still remembers the smell of Onaway's library and hours spent there reading books, writing letters and cutting sewing patterns."

News of the 80s

Karen Hamilton Ammon is getting ready to send all three of her daughters to Onaway this summer. It is the first time that all three will be at camp together and they are all excited – and Karen a little jealous!

Alison Brower, Alexandra Ringe (80s), and Kate Menken (80s) recently had brunch with Catherine DeLaura (80s) who was in New York City for a few days visiting from the Dominican Republic. Catherine is the Executive Director of the Dream Project, a non-profit organization that builds and runs schools together with the community. To learn more about this organization, see <http://dominicandream.org>.

Patty Adams Farmer is happy and busy in her role as Director of Alumni and Parent Relations at her undergraduate alma mater, Keene State College. She is excited to complete her MBA from Plymouth State University this spring. Patty, her husband Charlie and 5 ½ year old son Sean live in Jaffrey, NH. Patty and Sean recently had a wonderful stay with Patty's mom Joan Adams who was the Onaway comptroller in the '80s and currently lives in SW Florida.

Karen Manherz shares that she is looking into embryo adoption. She would like alumnae who are new to the process and need some support to contact her. Karen is very appreciative of the help she's received and hopes that she can help others. She adds, "It can be very overwhelming at first but definitely gets easier as time goes on."

ALUMNAE NEWS

Liz **Scribner** Repetto has just finished a year of working on her National Board Professional Teaching Portfolio for School Counseling which she describes as, "a challenging, rewarding professional development process that will take another 4 more months of studying to complete the assessment portion." To celebrate the portfolio completion, she and her husband Skip spent spring break backcountry skiing in British Columbia. She is enjoying her job as a middle school counselor in Anchorage and welcomes any Onaway alumnae to contact her if they visit or move to Alaska.



Liz **Scribner** Repetto skiing in BC.

Anne **Thompson** and her husband Alex Bortolot announce the birth of Charles Wetherill Thompson Bortolot on November 26, 2011.



Charlie Thompson Bortolot.

News of the 90s

Liz **Angney** loves her new job teaching at the Nightingale-Bamford School, an all girls college preparatory institution located in New York City. She recently ran the Rock and Roll half marathon in Washington DC with Mo **Leary** (90s) and Lili **Meyer** (2000s). Lili ran the full marathon! Liz will be spending the summer in Oxford, England working at the Oxbridge Academic Program.

Lauren **Klein** Beresford is busy at home with her 19 month old son Jack.

She and her husband Todd are expecting their 2nd child – another boy – in April. The Beresfords live in Boston, MA but are contemplating a move to the suburbs since toys are taking over their home!

Allie **Burke** and her family have moved to Vermont and are "adjusting and getting used to the Vermont lifestyle." She is working at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center and the Hosmer Point Camp.

Angela **Carini** and her husband Gavin Braithwaite are expecting their first child as we go to press. Maybe he's arrived now!

Tacy **Downing** is back in Philadelphia, PA. In July she began a cardiology fellowship at Children's Hospital. She's been very busy but loves her work. Tacy and her mother recently hiked five miles together in the Poconos, so the Onaway spirit lives!

Kristen **Barton** Eyler and her husband Ethan live in San Francisco, CA with their labradoodle Walter and she loves seeing Onaway alumnae in the area. Kristen continues to work for Pottery Barn Teen as the Director of Marketing.

Jess **Feldman** completed her MFA in Creative Writing and her poems have been published or are forthcoming in the literary magazines, "Tuesday; An Art Project," "Sun's Skeleton," and "Stolen Island Review." She has started teaching high school English at a boarding school in New Hampshire. She adds, "Being a counselor at Onaway has definitely helped me be a better teacher!" Jess, sister T **Feldman**, and mom Nancy **Hart** went to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina over March break. They had a wonderful time biking, riding horses, and lounging at the beach.



The **Feldman/Hart** family vacation.

Lexie **Rich** Mills announces the birth of her second child, Isabelle Clark Mills, on November 7, 2011 weighing 7 lbs. 8oz.



Alex and Izzy with their Dad.

Sophie **Jacobi** Parisi is enjoying parenthood with future Onaway camper, Violet Jacobi Parisi. Violet was born on July 8, 2011.



Sophie and Violet.

Sarah **Williamson** Pratt's daughter, Abigail Nathaline was born on May 12, 2011. They live in Millis, MA and Sarah hopes to return to work in the fall teaching seventh grade English.



Sarah and Abigail.

Liz **Lucarelli** is now working at Lake House Academy, a therapeutic boarding school located in Flat Rock, NC for middle school girls. She is grateful for her



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three years of being a Topnots counselor, learning the ways of adolescents! Liz competed in an ultra marathon this past February – completed it in total pain with shin splints.

Annemarie Vocca just returned from her second 2-month trip to East Africa. She adds, “Both visits have been to both Kenya and Tanzania. I hope to be able to visit Lucy and see the Wamba Hospital during one of my future trips to East Africa. I have a great friend from Kenya and spent both visits living with her and her family. I did a few ‘touristy’ things, like game drives and trips to the Indian Ocean. NOLS has reopened its East Africa course in Tanzania, and I hope to work their semester program. I am in my 6th year as a full-time NOLS instructor and frequently think of my experience with OWLES.”

Meredith Grenier Weis and her family live in Springfield, IL.



Meredith's 3 future Onaway campers Natalie, Noelle and Lainey.

News of the 2000s

Riley Bright has started to hear back from graduate schools. She is planning to return to school to get a Masters in Public Health. Riley is considering options in Boston, San Diego, New York City and Denver.

Kala Bolton and Claire Eberhardt worked at the Winter Term in Switzerland this winter. Winter Term is a twelve week academic program for seventh and eighth grade boys and girls.



Southern gals, Ebes and Kala, on skis!

Alex Hulme is living and working in the Washington DC area. Her job is with Abt Associates where she is an Associate Analyst. Abt is an international development global health firm that has projects throughout the world. Alex would love to catch up with alumnae nearby.

Lili Meyer is graduating this May from Georgetown University. She ran the Marine Corps Marathon in October, and more recently the Rock ‘n’ Roll Marathon in Washington DC. After graduation, Lili will be working for IBM in DC as a consultant.

Caitlin Mixter gets together often with other alumnae who live in New York City. She is busy with a new job in the credit fund at Blackstone. Caitlin is the Vice Chair of the CASA-NYC Junior Board. Julia Hoffman Camarco also serves on the Board of this non-profit that works with children in the foster care system in New York City.



Caitlin with Jenn Blessing and Margaux Vose.

Louise Shiverick started rowing this fall and will be attending Trinity College next year. Last summer she was a member of a Student Conservation Association crew in Oregon doing trail work.

Gevvie Stone continues her pursuit of her Olympic dream. On leave from Tufts Medical School, most recently, she trained with the women’s team in Chula Vista for two months. She set a personal record on her 2k erg test by 3.5 seconds in February. The first big race is Non-Qualified Olympic Trials, which are April 10-12 in Chula Vista. If she wins, the next race is the Qualification Regatta in Switzerland in late May. Gevvie adds, “You can now follow my rowing on twitter: gevgevs. It’s a locked account mostly so that my competition doesn’t get access. Feel free to share that with the Onaway community. I’d love to have Onaway following the journey.”

Claire “Miss Pokey” White is graduating with honors from Sewanee: University of the South in May and will be inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa society. She will be attending University of Virginia this fall for her MA/PhD in Spanish. Claire and Lili Meyer had dinner together in Washington DC.