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## Lucy's Beautiful Life

### *Remembering an Onaway Friend*

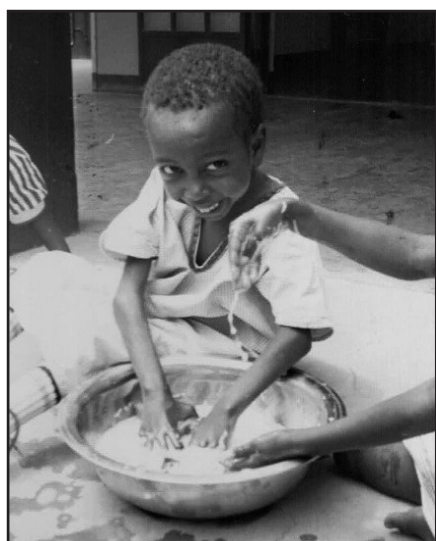
A very special member of our Onaway community recently passed away. Lucy, a long time beneficiary of The Girls of Onaway Fund, was surrounded by love in her final moments, and it is our hope that she also felt the love of her Onaway family.

Lucy was an inspiration to generations of Onaway campers who helped support her with the money they raised from their Chapel offerings, proceeds from Fair Weekend, and money saved from weekly rice meals. For many campers, The Girls of Onaway Fund was their introduction to meaningful philanthropy. Former director Carol Morgan Southall recalls the tradition going back to her camper years with Miss Stiles: "As a young camper in 1947, I remember putting my dime in the chapel plate and being told that I was helping people who needed extra food and money. It was vague but made me feel good." Mrs. Southall built on that early memory, and we are grateful for her vision in taking The Girls of Onaway to a new level. Anne Peterson Conolly recalls her first discussion about rice meals with the campers of 2004. "I was so impressed with the way the girls articulated their feelings. They recognized how lucky they were both at camp and at home, and they were eager to support others. The seed has been planted that they can make a difference in someone's life, and that lesson is lifelong."

While the campers support local organizations that reflect the mission and values of camp, such as The Circle Program and Newfound Lake Region Association, Lucy offered them a personal, global connection to a hospital across the ocean and a young girl they could help. The campers were drawn to Lucy's resilience in the face of adversity. Who better than Lucy to help us understand the power of the human spirit and the meaning of *BE STRONG!*

As Carol Southall shared, "We, as alumnae, should feel proud and enriched in knowing that in this age of materialism, crazy politics, and massive technological impact, our girls in their brown and white uniforms are playing an active role in the world community." In honor of Lucy, we decorate the 2016 Spring Alumnae Circle with her beautiful drawings. Thank you to alumna, Alison Von Clemm Curtis for introducing us to Lucy and telling her courageous story which follows.

*Barrie Pendergast*



*Lucy during water therapy for her fingers.*

### SUMMER 2016

Camp Opens:	June 25
Fair Weekend:	July 16-17
Cup Weekend:	August 12-14

## Lucy and Onaway – A Rich Friendship

In 1991, Lucy was brought to the Wamba Hospital by her father and mother. They travelled 25 miles by foot from the cluster of mud huts where their extended family had settled temporarily. Her mother had a newborn baby, and it seemed to the staff nurse that the other tiny bundle in the cloth must also be a baby. But when the nurse unwrapped the bundle, it was evident that it was a little girl, a fragile child of two+ years whose arms and legs were in a folded position. The parents explained she had always been “folded” and had never crawled or stretched her arms. Since the birth of the new baby, Lucy had stopped nursing, and she was suffering from malnutrition. They could not care for her, and so she was left to the care of the Wamba Hospital.

On December 30, 2015, Lucy passed away in a clinic near Nairobi. How could this be that she lived to be over twenty years old? Her life was short but full, made possible by a wide spectrum of caring people. It began with doctors and nurses, physiotherapists, an Italian group “Amici di Wamba,” missionary sisters, and was sustained with the support of teachers, donors, students and the campers and staff of Camp Onaway.

The medical professionals had managed through medicine, therapy and nourishing food to get Lucy healthy and “unfolded” to the point where she could walk with a walker, sit on her own and do manipulative educational activities such as coloring, puzzles and even knitting and sewing.

Lucy no longer required hospitalization and moved to a residential “home” that provided medical care. She attended a government school as it was close by, and there was a cement path for wheelchairs from the home to the school. Schooling was free, but not the residential home care or the school uniform and materials.

This is when Mrs. Southall introduced Lucy to the campers and staff of Onaway. I was invited to come to camp and tell

them about Lucy and her fragile life story. Mission accepted, Lucy became a “camper in absentia,” loved and supported by Onaway girls for many years. The donations from the Girls of Onaway Fund were sent directly to the home to help pay for her medicines and school materials.

Lucy had many friends at the home. There were about 20 children in residence, and they all helped each other to get through each day. The ones who could walk pushed those in wheelchairs, who in turn helped those with manual handicaps. When I visited the home I was told that Lucy had chosen to sleep on an upper bunk. How she got up there, I never understood; but the Sister in charge said, “They all manage by helping each other.”

Lucy met some Onaway friends as well. Mrs. Southall visited Lucy on her trip to Kenya, made possible as a retirement gift from Onaway. Alumnae Sarah Southall Crowley, Jerusha Osberg Connor, Jenny Curtis Fee and Trina Saltonstall

Currier were summer volunteer helpers in the Wamba Hospital Children’s Ward.

Lucy finished 8th grade and learned Swahili and English while still speaking her tribal Samburu. She learned to draw flowers directly through observation and could also knit and sew. When she finished school, she moved again to a convent home for young adults near



*Lucy’s smile warms our heart!*

*Lucy with her beautiful art.*

Nairobi, managed by Huruma Sisters from India. It is there that she lived until she passed away due to complications attributed to many years of strong medicine to ease the problem of her rheumatoid arthritis.

Lucy’s Onaway brochure was one of her most treasured possessions, and her feelings of gratitude for what the Girls of Onaway provided for her were evident in the beautiful “thank you” flowers she drew each year. “Let your light so shine... so that they may see your good works...”

Thank you, Onaway.

*Alison Von Clemm Curtis – Wamba Hospital Project*

## Onaway Ingenuity – Flower Crowns

Onaway ingenuity has always made me smile. Both my daughters, Miss Merry and Kim have “Onaway” walls in their bedrooms where they display their certificates, pictures, notes and Taylor Colors. There are bits of letters or Pixie week gifts, and I am always touched by the sincerity and kindness AND creativity of so many hands and hearts. The messages might be misspelled, but the joy and positive energy is boundless. What a collage of spirit and how reaffirming that Onaway is with you even in the months when you are not there!

Last summer my father asked me what to do with the four or five large Lucite boxes of silk and artificial flowers he had in the garage. My mother had passed away the year before, and he was keen on “clearing out” the house but was stumped as what to do with these many very large boxes. (My mother was an art teacher for our school system in MA for 35 years.) I lugged them to the Jeep and up to Onaway Fair Weekend thinking the girls could use them for one of Miss Catherine’s dance pageants or perhaps the crew could use them for the outdoor theater. Anna and Janice Lindbloom helped me carry them up to the Arts & Crafts room, thankfully, and I headed home on Sunday.

A few weeks later I received a photograph from Meredith Funston of three counselors with flower circlets. I immediately forwarded the picture to my dad. How very pleased he was. How very touched.

Two weeks later, I arrived for Trustees’ Weekend. I stood in the center of camp and observed girls of all ages wearing flower crowns of daisies, ivy and blue asters. It was like stepping into a painting, and I felt a tug...as three younger campers explained to me at lunch how they too were making the crowns for themselves and what flowers they had chosen from the many Lucite boxes in the Arts & Crafts room. A flower crown day had been declared, and they were excited to finish their circlets in order to participate.

My father passed away this past Thanksgiving. When I arrived with my family at my parents’ home, the picture was still on his fridge. He had his own “Onaway” wall. Thank you girls of Onaway for giving a former Pasquaney boy the opportunity to engage in your fun. Thank you for keeping my mother’s artistic spirit alive. Thank you for YOU!

*Betsy Haggett Moschella*



*Counselors: Charlotte Matthai, Catherine Ostholtzoff, and Chealsey Bartow*



*Lola and Catherine Thompson*

## Circle and Onaway – Better Together

Lea-Ann, a Circle Program teen, completed her fifth and final summer as a camper at Onaway thanks to the support of the Circle of Hope Scholarship. This scholarship, initially seeded by Art and Mary Mudge, provides tuition for a Circle girl to attend Camp Onaway. The scholarship award was named in memory of Hope Smith Emery, Onaway alumna and trustee, a founder of the Circle Program and the first President of the Circle Board of Directors.

Lea-Ann continues to enjoy the support of a Circle mentor during the school year. And she is excited to join the OWLE (Onaway Wilderness Leadership Experience) program this coming summer. At the same time, another Circle girl will receive the support of the Circle of Hope Scholarship to attend Onaway for the first time. This means two Circle girls will be a part of the Onaway tradition in the summer of 2016! The Circle board and staff are delighted with this collaboration and grateful that Circle girls are being offered these tremendous opportunities to be a part of the Onaway family.

*Kathy Kearns, Circle Program E.D.*



*Lea-Ann Downs at the Onaway Fair with counselor Miss Meghan McNierney.*

# Miss Barrie the Beaning Fairy and Her Sidekick, Tinkerbeth

*Investigative interview by the Mary Lamb Lady*

I was recently sent a photo revealing the identity of a former Onaway Beaning Counselor and I seized the opportunity to learn the secrets of why it is so darn hard for an Onaway camper to get the Mary Lamb! Years have passed since the wand-waving fairy wielded her power, so perhaps she would spill the beans today. At the Bryn Mawr Onaway office, I found new Office Manager Beth Beckman tinkering at her desk:

**Mary Lamb Lady:** Beth, what are you tinkering away at there? And what do you think of Onaway so far?

**Tinkerbeth:** I like to multi-tinker, actually. I am updating alumnae records, entering Onaway Fund gifts and preparing a parent mailing. With all this tinkering I'm doing, I really hope I get to try my pixie dust soon! I have been itching to use it! But I don't have to look far to see magic at Onaway. When I see the smiles and embraces of campers, alumnae, and parents at reunions, I know Onaway is special. When I hear anyone close to Onaway talk about their experiences on Newfound, I can hear the magical lake calling their names. I can't wait to see, listen, and feel the spirit of Onaway for myself.



*The Beaning Fairy in 1990 with Patty Rockensies and Alana Jones Dros*

you trying to put the Mary Lamb out of business? Do you not LIKE candy? Or campers?!

**Miss Barrie the Beaning Fairy:** Hmmm, Ms. Lamb, you're quite the sleuth - I was trying to keep that history under wraps! But, if you must know, the Beaners can be very sneaky. They have been known to bean AFTER rest hour and that is a time when campers forget to straighten their covers or give a quick sweep. If I was going to give campers one piece of advice for this summer, I would tell them to stick to the packing list - much easier to clean your cabin if everything fits! And it's easier to find your own magic without all the clutter. I guess I should probably come clean about something, too. It did take me five summers to finally get my beaning patch!

**MLL:** Well, that explains it. You had a little chocolate chip on your shoulder! What's your favorite candy or ice cream?

**Fairy:** I have a salt tooth, not a sweet tooth. But I have been known to eat peanut M&Ms, especially if you throw them in a bag of popcorn! I also love coffee ice cream.

**Tink:** My favorite sweets are marshmallows for s'mores and vanilla peanut butter cup ice cream. Why is it called Beaning? Too bad it's not Jelly Beaning!

**Fairy:** Okay, Tink, I guess we forgot to cover this during your training. Beaning is an early tradition at Onaway. The Beaning counselor used to put navy beans in each area of the cabin: the floor, the bed, etc. If you had a little pile of 5 beans, it was "perfect." At the end of the week, you could use the beans you earned at an auction to bid on little prizes. We have kept the name but no longer use the beans.

**MLL:** So Tink, how many beans would you give Ms. P. for her office today?

**Tink:** Well....., one bean off for her files being on top of the filing cabinet and not inside.

**Fairy:** (Indignant, waves her pencil at Tink who vanishes in a puff of green smoke!)

**MLL:** Tink? Tink! So what have we learned? Ms. P and Beth are destined for the Onaway stage. Beth is very likely to earn her Beaning patch this year; a gown and a wand can be magical teaching tools; pack a light trunk wherever you go, and you may find sweetness on your journey.



*Tinkerbeth and Tinkerbell - long lost cousins?*

**MLL:** So Tink, not to alarm you, but a faded photo unearthed from beneath a pile of beans under Woodland Hall has revealed that your Ms. Pendergast is actually the former Miss Barrie the Beaning Fairy, feared by campers for her tough Beaning standards...although she looked deceptively sweet in her green fairy gown. Does she ever wear it to work? Does she bean your office?

**Tink:** Multi-tinkering can be messy, but we try to keep the new office tidy and clean. Out of habit, I clear my desk of clutter each day. Bring on the Beaner! Now that I think about it, Barrie's mother just dropped off a deep maroon dress with billowing sleeves for Jenn's Closet. Could this be THE green fairy dress in disguise?! Uh oh, here comes Ms. P or should I say, Miss B the BF?

**MLL:** So, MISS BARRIE THE BEANING FAIRY, your true identity is out, and it was definitely not on your resume! The Onaway community is clamoring for answers. Why do campers have to work SO hard to get to the Mary Lamb? Are



*Laketops 2015 at the Mary Lamb*

# Thoughts from Parents of First-Year Campers

As many an Onaway parent can tell you, sending your child off to camp for the first summer is an act of faith - faith in Onaway, faith in the trusted staff, but also faith in their daughter to rise to the opportunities and independence of a seven-week summer away. Our campers come from a range of experiences of being away from home before their first summer. Regardless of whether they have tried sleepovers at friends' or grandparents' homes or a two or four-week residential camp, the weeks and months leading up to a first summer at Onaway are filled with excitement and, undoubtedly, some nerves for both the new camper and their families. Knowing how many parents and campers experience similar feelings in anticipation of camp, we thought we would share a few first-year stories.

I recently spoke to Jen Russell and Brooke Bulkeley Peterson who were gracious enough to share what it was like to be parents of first-year Onaway campers. Jen is the mother of Ava Russell, and Brooke is the mother of Greta Peterson. Both girls started their Onaway journeys in 2015, Ava as a Wendy and Brooke as a Hilltop, and they will be back for the summer of 2016.

Jen's daughter Ava has three older siblings, none of whom had any interest in camp. As with so many of new families, the Russells heard about camp through a personal connection with an Onaway family, in this case the Saltonstalls. The Russells were reassured by their report of a great experience. Understanding what to expect helped to minimize their fears and reassure them about sending Ava. But Ava was the driving force behind their decision, and once Ava decided she wanted to go to Onaway, she never looked back. She was excited to get there and stepped right in from day one, barely saying good-bye to her parents! Jen admits that Ava has always been very brave and independent and willing to take on new challenges. The Russells themselves have minimal camping experience, so they didn't really know what to expect. They are thrilled that Ava has found her happy place.

Jen reports that one of the most helpful factors in orienting Ava was Onaway's Big Sister program, whereby Ava received calls and letters before camp from a special older camper who was there to meet her when she arrived. Jen also mentioned that Ava, who is adopted from Ethiopia, serendipitously had some very serious and helpful conversations with other adopted girls at camp. These conversations came up naturally, and Jen shared that this was the first time Ava had this opportunity.

Brooke and her mother Ouisie Freeman Bulkeley are both Onaway alumnae, and Greta has spent a significant amount of time on Newfound Lake and at Onaway. Despite this deep heritage and the fact that Greta wanted to go to camp, Brooke admitted she was actually quite nervous about Greta's first summer. This was partly due to some of her local friends questioning her decision to send Greta away. Week one seemed to go okay, but week two was horrible - Brooke and her husband received several tear stained letters. Brooke was quite upset and was ready to fly up to NH, but then she heard about Greta joyfully participating in a Tae Kwon Do evening program, which put her at ease. From then on, Greta was completely happy, participating in everything, volunteering to play the flute at chapel, enjoying the dance performance, and making

her mark with a role in the Lower Camp Play. Brooke is a very outdoorsy, athletic person with favorite Onaway activities like hiking, camping, canoeing and trips. Greta is more the artistic soul, so Brooke was thrilled that Greta found so many creative outlets at camp. Brooke was also quite impressed that Greta was able to make friends with girls from every age group, not just her own. She feels that Greta gained independence and confidence, and all while having a wonderful time.

When asked for advice they might give to first time parents, their comments remind us of the many resources our new parents have within the Onaway community. Both Jen and Brooke suggested linking up with other Onaway families to talk about questions or concerns or speaking to friends and family who send their children to similar residential camps that focus on independence. Brooke also wonders if sending letters to Greta every day may have made it harder for Greta to settle in, and she advises not to worry too much about homesick letters from the first few weeks. And for the practical advice on what to send in your daughter's trunk? Just follow the basic packing list - the campers really do not need many extras!

*Rosemary Moukad*



*Greta Peterson, Ouisie Freeman Bulkeley and Brooke Bulkeley Peterson*



*Ava Russell with Cassandra Stromstad and Sophie Blessing at the Onaway Fair*

## ALUMNAE & CAMPER GATHERINGS

Our eleven camper and alumnae gatherings this winter were a wonderful success and a highlight for all! What a pleasure to see campers and alumnae greet each other and relive memories from the past summer. Thank you to all the campers, families, alumnae and friends who helped me introduce new girls to Onaway! See if you can spot the three reunion hoppers in the VA, MA and NH photos. A special thank you to the Supples, the Tombs, the Finneys, the McElroys, the Merediths, the Sanford/Bonnet-Eymards and the Berls for opening up their homes and hosting the camper reunions.

*Barrie Pendergast*



Brooklyn reunion held at the Supples: Front Row: Charlie **Watson**, Gabrielle Ringe, Carter Riggs, Maddie **Robb** Middle row: Barrie **Pendergast**, Maria **Camejo**, Samantha Ringe Back Row: Taylor Denby, Claire Nick, Bailey Rice, Sam Walsh, Liz Angney, Lydia MacDougall, Sara Van Schaick, Margot Supple, Becca Supple



Franklin reunion held at the Sanford/Bonnet-Eymards: Outer Row: Sadie Southall, Robbie Southall, Audrey Harris, Charlotte Bonnet-Eymard, Anna Lindbloom, Charlie Powell, Jocie Quinan, Sarah Quinan, Abigail Hanson, Sarah McGee, Rachel McGee Middle Row: Lee O'Reilly, Ally Bonnet-Eymard Front Row: Sally Nagle, Maita Mungah, Miss Brookie **Lanigan**, Gracie **McElroy**, Eliza Wilson



West Hartford reunion held at the Tombs: Front Row: Alex **Tomb**, Mimi Tweedy Second Row: Gabriella O'Reilly, Gigi McWhorter, Emma Tomb, Isabel **Ruane** Top Row: Lola **Aldrich**, Sophie Blessing, Sarah **Robart**, Caroline Blessing, Catherine Tweedy, Kailey Kriesen, Barrie **Pendergast**, Blakeley Brown Crevoiserat



Baltimore reunion held at the Finneys: Front Row: Claire "Miss Ebess" **Eberhardt**, Josephine Finny, Laura Fitts Shepard, Lily Talieh, Barrie **Pendergast** Back Row: Caroline Blue, Shelby Waters, Alice **Matthai**, Hailey Waters



Durham reunion at the home of the Merediths: Front Row: Susan **Dietz** Ramquist, Carter Ramquist, Caroline Baynham, Nonie **Williams** Kcen, Cecile Meredith, Phyllis Supple Back Row: Meredith **Funston**, Lauren **Williams** Baynham, Barrie **Pendergast**



Delaware/Pennsylvania reunion held at the Berls: Jenny Ammon, Wilder Berl, Barrie **Pendergast**, Allaire Berl, Charlotte **Berl**, Abby Stambaugh



New Hampshire reunion held at Onaway: alpha order: Beth Beckman, Mackenzie Bohlmann, Malina Bohlmann, Terri Carter, Nici Ash Colby, Jennifer Crane, Sarah Crane, Caroline Caballero, Lea-Ann Downs, Miranda Eisenman, Paula Ferenc, Meredith Funston, Liz Hallen, Abigail Hanson, Janet Brown Hopkins, Jennifer Hopkins, Shea Hughes, Gracie McElroy, Barrie Pendergast, Meg Platt, Jennifer Ringe, Eliza Wilson, Lizzie Wilson, Morgan Zimmer



Richmond reunion held at the McElroys: Front Row: Meredith Funston, Isabelle Cloe, Cooper Akerley, Kate Hanson, Sumner Kerr Second Row: Michelle Kreisen Pressley, Hailey Waters, Shelby Waters, Anna Lindbloom, Eliza Wilson, Gracie McElroy, Richie McGuire Third Row: Ingrid Miller Hale, Julie Thorp Kerr, Brooke Carmody, Katrina Hale, Abigail Hanson, Gardiner McGuire, Barrie Pendergast

## And Further Afield...

### Ladies of Lugano

Onaway alumnae and one future Onababe gathered for a luncheon in beautiful Lugano, Switzerland. The group's combined 55 years at camp covered seven decades from the 1960s, '70s, '80s, '90s, 2000s, '10's and Emily will be a camper in the '20s! Onaway alumnae live in 18 countries around the world including Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Nepal, Spain, Switzerland, Venezuela, and the USA. Are we missing any? Please let us know if you've moved, in the US or abroad.

### OWOW!

Onaway Women of the West, initiated as OWOW, gathered for a mini-reunion in Vail, Colorado this winter when Anne Peterson Conolly headed west for a ski vacation. Liz Porter Hawkins hosted a weekend gathering of Colorado alumnae, an honorary husband, and Onadog. Kath Keen, Joe Di Biasi and Windsor came from Colorado Springs along with Sarah Scott. Ashleigh Finn and Merrick Stein came from Denver.

In addition to some good skiing, several traditions kept us in the Onaway spirit: singing grace, writing postcards to earn dessert, and a special G.O.R.P. making station before skiing. As it happened, all attendees work in education, and there was a great deal of discussion about education at all grade levels.

It was a great beginning for the OWOW alumnae chapter. The enthusiasm and fun we had will translate into many more gatherings in the wild, wild west!

Liz Porter Hawkins



Meredith Funston, Leslie Stimmel Guggiari, Allie Keen Vassalli holding Emily, Robin Wheeler Bognuda, Catherine Ostholthoff



Liz Porter Hawkins, Ashleigh Finn, Anne Peterson Conolly, Kath Keen and Sarah Scott

### Onaway Luncheon in the Sunshine State

It was a multigenerational gathering in Naples, FL on a beautiful day. Carol, Jeannie, and Priscilla all have homes in Florida, while the rest of us were delighted to be visiting! Kathy was on break from Holderness School in NH and Sara came from their home in Santa Fe, NM to visit her mother, Jeannie. We enjoyed meeting Jendaya and hope to see her at camp in her Brown & Whites in a few years!



Priscilla Gemmill, Kathy Liech, Meredith Funston, Carol LaFontaine



Jeannie Malone, Sara McFarlane and Sara's daughter Jendaya

## ALUMNAE CORNER – *Miss Gevvie, Rio Bound!*

If you follow Camp Onaway on Facebook, you may have noticed some posts lately about Miss Gevvie. For those of you just tuning in, Gevvie Stone is Onaway's own Olympian, and she will be representing the United States at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics this summer.

But what you might not know is that Gevvie actually first set foot in a rowing shell at Onaway. She was exposed to the sport as a young girl thanks to her parents' history rowing and their continued involvement in the sport, and, following her introductory experience at Onaway, she began rowing competitively as a sophomore in high school.

Gevvie's rowing career has had many highlights along the way. After winning the US Rowing Nationals her junior year in high school, she was hooked. Her first international experience in the Under-23 eight in Belgium resulted in a gold medal. Her final in a single at the London Olympics was another great moment for her. "I had the best race of my life up to that point," she said. "And the Olympic final is where you want to have that race!"



*Julia Hoffman Camarco, Gevvie Stone, Jen Blessing Popp, Kaitlin Walsh Saltzman and Meredith Mantik*

But throughout this incredible journey, Gevvie has always had Onaway as a touchstone in her life and an important community of support during the ups and downs of her rowing career. She credits Onaway with helping to shape her character and personality, and specifically with helping her keep perspective and gain confidence after being cut from the Beijing Olympic team in 2008. She returned to camp as a counselor that summer, feeling like a failure, but her campers helped her remember that getting to the level where she was able to even try out for the Olympics was an accomplishment in and of itself. She thought that 2008 was the end of her elite rowing career, but her campers had something else in mind. Her final pixie present that summer was a paper single scull with a rower and oars; on the bow was written "2012 Olympian." Thanks to her campers' and co-counselors' belief in her, she began to believe in herself again.

In recent summers, Miss Gevvie has been giving back to Onaway whenever she can, returning as a "guest counselor" for a few days each to help out at the waterfront (especially rowing!) and soak up the Onaway spirit after very intense international competitions.

"Being at camp is always an incredible reminder of the importance of small daily wonders," Gevvie told us. "I find it easy to get single-

minded about rowing results, and it is great for me to be reminded of all the living that life has to offer and to reconnect with the vibrant emotions of camp- the thrill of a cartwheel or a dry capsized



*Gevvie Stone will compete in the Women's Single Scull in Rio for the 2016 Olympics.*

and the disappointment of a bean off or having trouble with ten backhands in a row. Camp is a place to feel truly alive and to embrace the ups and downs. It's also a place to do activities for the pure joy, including rowing. Teaching rowing at Onaway brings me back to the basics and the excitement of just being in a boat."

Gevvie also shared a poignant story from last summer, which really highlights the strength and spirit of the Onaway community. A lower camper approached her after Circle and told her that she had been nervous before her visit. The camper expected Gevvie



*Miss Gevvie making her famous Blondies with Miss Alex Hulme*

the Olympian to be some sort of celebrity, something unusual that would throw camp out of its normal orbit. Instead, the camper told her, she was amazed to learn, as she put it "you're an Onaway girl, just like us!"

We are so proud of Miss Gevvie's successes and look forward to cheering for her as she rows her way through Brazil this summer. Her story reminds us that Onaway girls really are capable of anything. On-On-On!

*Maura Leary*

## SUMMER 2016 – *Is it June 25<sup>th</sup> yet?*



Isabel **Ruane** and Nancy **Conolly** as Radley and Mrs. Connolly about to be dunked!

I have been thinking about the summer of 2016 for over a year now. Since the interview process and my week at camp last summer, this group of girls and young women has been in my mind's eye. I really cannot wait to be walking around camp, hearing their laughter, and feeling the Onaway spirit in full force.

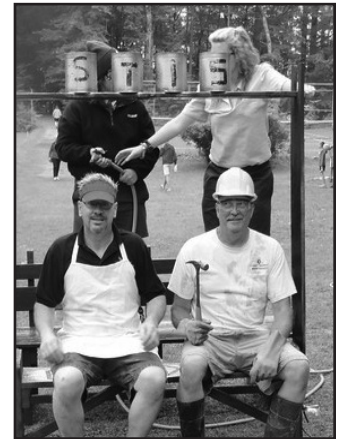
Camp is shaping up nicely with 87 campers and a full session of nine OWLES. In her second summer as Assistant Director, Miss Isabel "Is" **Ruane** will ably lead 26 counselors and a record-breaking group of Aides – likely 10! Miss Jennifer McGonagle and Ms. Weesie **Stengel** Barton plan to return as nurses and that gives me, and I am sure all the campers and parents, great confidence! I am very sad to report that Mr. Bruce has made a decision to move on from his current job, and his new role does not allow for him to return to Onaway this summer. We will miss him dearly! He has promised to pass on all that he knows (including all-important recipes like Mt Washington Hot Bread) to Mr. Jack, our new chef. I know Onaway will welcome Mr. Jack warmly. 95% of our 2016 Counselors and Aides are Onaway alumnae who will help carry on the important traditions and values that their counselors passed on to them. We also have 18 counselors returning from last summer to welcome and support our eight first-year counselors. That continuity will no doubt be a gift these counselors give to Onaway in the director transition.

Mr. Gene held down the fort all winter and is waking up camp as the weather warms. The cabins were still snugly tucked in for a long winter's nap on my trip to camp in March! Among his countless projects, repairs and care of Onaway, Mr. Gene helped coordinate the refurbishing of our 420s and is overseeing the rebuilding of Hawks Nest, a cabin that will house senior staff on the hill rather than in the Infirmary apartment this summer. A number of returning counselors have expressed that sleeping in a

cabin near the girls truly feels like camp!

Beyond preparation for the summer, much of my off-season time is spent connecting with alumnae, current families, and friends of Onaway. While the summer session may be the liveliest aspect of being a director, what I have learned about our larger community this winter has warmed my heart. Connecting with old friends, hearing after 30 years from women from my camper days, and listening to stories about Onaway in the 1940s has been a joy. We hope this newsletter, which represents stories from just a small fraction of our wider Onaway community, draws you back to your own Onaway days.

As final preparations are made for the summer, I feel enormously blessed and have been buoyed by all of your warm wishes and kind words. As a new director, I stand on the shoulders of giants. I am grateful to my own counselors and both Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Southall who first showed me the way, and to all who make the care and keeping of Onaway a priority. I will delight in passing on my love for Onaway and leading this next generation with a deep respect and gratitude for those who led Onaway through the first 104 years.



Mr. Bruce makes a splash with Mr. Gene

Barrie Pendergast

## Rental Property at Onaway: The Lake Calls!

Contact the Onaway Office for information about renting **Hollister House** this summer. We still have a few weeks available. You can also enjoy Onaway in the fall, winter or spring by staying at our off-season rental, **Northpoint**. More information can be found at [www.camponaway.org](http://www.camponaway.org) or just give us a call!



Find/like **Camp Onaway Alumnae & Families** on Facebook and be kept informed of Onaway news and events in your newsfeed.



Join the **Camp Onaway Alumnae** group on LinkedIn and connect for professional networking and career oriented news and events. Onaway Parents welcome too!



Beautiful view from the Hollister House porch

[www.camponaway.org](http://www.camponaway.org) password: 40winks



How do we repair those well-worn sailboats, and rebuild broken benches and cabin shutters?  
 How do we keep camp tuition down, offer scholarships, and make camp available to everyone?  
 How do we retain such talented counselors and ensure they are competitively paid?  
 How do we pay for 910 Chipwiches and 1820 pieces of Mt. Washington Hot Bread?

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 We thank everyone who has donated this fiscal year already, since October 1, 2015.  
*We appreciate receiving your contribution by August 30th.*

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Memorial Onaway Fund gift acknowledgements missing from the 2015 Honor Roll of Donors, with our apologies:  
 Sarah Storrs Lind, *in memory of Kitsy Baird Smith* and Jane Freeland Williams, *in memory of Virginia Willey Birmingham*

### Campfire Rock Society



Kay Francis Graff celebrating the Onaway Centennial in 2011.

Several years ago, I felt a need to acknowledge the institutions that have given my life meaning. My school and college, my church, and my favorite library were obvious choices. Camp Onaway, though, was the most important for a variety of reasons.

I began my Onaway career as a day camper in 1944, continuing as a "real" camper until 1950 and then as a counselor in 1954 and 1955. But that was only the beginning. My two daughters were at Onaway in the 70's and 80's, I joined the Onaway Board of Trustees in 1991, and now I have four Onaway granddaughters. The Onaway bond is a strong one in our family and has brought all of us close together.

As a young girl at Onaway I was encouraged to develop my sense of honor, my sensitivity to others, and my love for the out of doors. The mountains, the lake and the pines are part of me, as they are also part of my daughters, granddaughters and maybe, down the road, my great granddaughters. Including Onaway in my estate planning enables me to feel that I am helping Onaway to continue for many generations to come.

Kay Francis Graff

To learn more about planning a legacy gift and joining the Campfire Rock Society, visit [camponaway.org](http://camponaway.org) or call us at (610) 525-0676.

## Mrs. Conolly's Endowment for Counselors

Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far to this special fund in honor of Mrs. Conolly. The purpose of Mrs. Conolly's Endowment for Counselors is to provide support for the professional development of Onaway Counselors. Funds may be used to enhance their compensation, working environment, materials, or opportunities for specialized training. The fund has reached \$29,246 and future gifts are most welcome.



## CAMP DUTIES – Work Weekend June 10-11, 2016

Alumnae, join us for a weekend of light camp duties and plenty of fun. The Saturday schedule will include camp duties to spruce up camp after the long but mild winter, lunch, and a cookout Saturday evening at Northpoint with s'mores, singing and camp stories. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The lake calls, for those who wish to brave a dip in clear June waters. Come for the day or stay overnight. See the website and Facebook for details.

### *“Cheer Squad”* by Sadie Southall (Laketops 2015)

I know that most of passing week is passing, but how can you pass if no one is cheering or encouraging you? It would be harder than it already is, I think. On the first day of passing week, I was assigned to “Cheer Squad” for the first time. I wasn’t sure what it would be like, but I had so much fun cheering for all the White Chevrons [highest level in canoeing] who were working on dock landings and for Audrey, who passed her Second Crescent [second highest level in boating] that morning after working really hard. I got to see the whole waterfront full of people excited about passing different levels. It was fun to make up different cheers and to cheer all the way from Jenn’s Closet [where we dressed up in fun costumes] to the waterfront.



Sarah Egan Hebert



Jess Hebert and  
Claire “Miss Ebes” Eberhardt

### *Updated Mt. Washington Hot Bread*

2 cups of flour  
1 cup of sugar  
6 teaspoons of baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
4 teaspoons cinnamon  
2 eggs

1 cup of milk

Rather than using vegetable oil – substitute ¼ cup applesauce

Mix altogether

Sprinkle the top generously with a sugar and cinnamon mixture

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes



Liz Porter Hawkins

*Does anyone have a SkyTops 1966 Photo? If so, please let us know!*



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# Alumnae News

## In Remembrance



Anne Marshall Gieryn and her mom,  
Betty Hayward Marshall

Elizabeth (Betty) Hayward Marshall passed away peacefully on February 29, 2016. Betty was born June 25, 1931 in Youngstown, OH. Her family was among the original founders of Youngstown where they had interests in iron, coal, steel and banking. Betty was an Onaway camper from 1944 through 1948 and a counselor in 1951. She always remembered being on the top of Mt. Washington with the Senior Hiking Club in 1945 when it was announced that WW II was over. She loved Onaway and was a very loyal Onaway Fund supporter and, fortunately, passed this love of Onaway on to her daughter, Anne Marshall Gieryn. Her memorial service included a favorite song, "Onaway, A Promise." Betty enjoyed attending the 2011 Centennial Celebration with her daughter. She was sorry her Onaway friend Winkie Chase Almy couldn't attend, so she and Anne drove straight from camp that weekend to Dedham, MA to deliver a Centennial fleece jacket to Winkie. Winkie always called her "Miss Batty" and Betty was never convinced that this was just Miss Winkie's Boston accent.

Betty graduated from National Cathedral School in Washington, DC in 1949 and attended Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY. She met and married the love of her life, Richard Marshall, in 1953. The couple moved to Oberlin, OH in 1961 where Dick held various administrative positions with Oberlin College. Betty was an active participant in her children's activities, enjoyed knitting and other crafts and co-founded Oberlin Samplers, a counted cross-stitch business. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requested that donations may be made to Onaway Camp Trust, 26 Summit Grove Avenue, Suite 130, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.

Anne Marshall Gieryn

## News of the '20s and '30s:

Kathy "Kakie" Westfield Pond and Barrie Pendergast had a delightful phone call this winter. Kakie remembers taking the train to camp from Grand Central in NYC when she was 11 years old. She also recalls Molly Williams Frazier, her Tiptops roommate was from Bryn Mawr, PA and enjoyed hearing about the Onaway office's new home. Kakie and her husband enjoy their retirement community where they stay busy. Her family continues to grow including a great granddaughter.



Kathy Westfield  
Pond at the 2011  
Onaway Centennial

from the '40's can barely remember where I am much less camp experiences! I lost my husband to a massive heart attack last March 31st, and since then have been trying to adjust. My daughter thinks I should have adventures, so she and I and a college friend of mine went to the Galapagos. It was an amazing experience, and I managed to fall both into and out of zodiacs with no damage done. I just returned from a trip to Mexico with son, daughter-in-law and 2 of the 3 granddaughters. The oldest was in Florida with her lacrosse team. I only managed to fall OUT of a boat there. Otherwise, I play tennis 3 times a week and take a tap class, but none of this seems to prevent me from making a fool of myself."

Tina Hunter Logan as shared by her son: "She lives with me in smallish Southern country-college town ~Statesboro GA~ along with our rescue dog "Daisy." Mom goes to the local gym/health club in town 3x's a week to work out with her personal trainer, a young GSU graduate. We travel into Savannah often and go to SCAD Museum openings. Lastly, mom is hopefully starting an art project with a GSU fine arts sculpture major who knows how to weld. The goal is to remake a 12 ft. giraffe for outdoor garden use that she made years earlier in the 8' and 16' sizes."



Seton Lindsay O'Reilly  
and Anne Thompson  
in Centennial Garb

Seton Lindsay O'Reilly states:  
"It brings me great joy to have three

granddaughters in camp this summer, and there are another two in the pipe line! This rich tradition goes on. I am thrilled to watch Onaway's initiative, The Circle Program, grow in strength and scope."

Anne Carter Peck Zadig writes: "I moved to Hinesburg, VT in June 2015 to be near my son Dexter and his family, and I love it! I am staying busy volunteering at the local Food Shelf, going to stitching group, yoga classes, and enjoying my grandchildren. I hope to get to Newfound Lake this summer as my grandson Carter Langen will be at Pasquaney."

## News of the '50s:

Mary-Stewart Baird: "My recently published book, He Wanted the Moon, the Madness and Medical Genius of Dr. Perry Baird and his Daughter's Quest to Know Him, has just come out in paperback. My father was a doctor who during the WW2 years suffered from manic depression. He wrote about his experiences in mental institutions and performed the first experiments on the concept that this illness was biochemical and not psychological. His writings are pure manic in expression because of the lack of medicine in that time."

Sandy Trimble Enck is glad to report: "Fortunately, we were able to send our daughters, Betsy and Suzanne (third generation) to camp. Now we are proud grandparents of Abby Enck. I have been working seasonally for L.L. Bean for the last 17 years and love it. I love gardening in vegetables and flowers. My husband and I were sailors for 24 years, and we sailed from Maine to Cape Cod and up to St John, Canada. Our favorite vacation is to head south to the island of Saint



Meredith Funston,  
Jane Norris Meckling  
and Sally Jones Orr

Jane Norris Meckling, camper 1929 - 1931, is getting settled in her new home in the Philly area. She is doing well and has so many fond memories and funny stories to tell of her Onaway days! When we visited her last, she greeted us at the door singing, "As Onaway Goes Marching Along!"

## News of the '40s:

Elizabeth (Betsy) Marshall Games shares:  
"I can only speak for myself, but I, as an alum

Maarten. We go in January and April.”

Ellanor (Ellie) Stengel Fink: “I have been traveling. Matt and I visited our daughter, Nina Fink, in Paris where she is a freelance interpreter and translator. We went to a new museum, the Foundation Louis Vuitton, which is in a breathtaking building designed by Frank Gehry with great views of the Paris skyline. We barely looked at the current exhibit of modern Chinese art (meh) but couldn't get enough of the building. Nina's sister, Emily Fink, is going to visit her in April to celebrate her 40th birthday. Emily is in her ninth year of teaching 12th grade English at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School in NYC. Great students, great teacher. At home, I have been working with college friends to organize our 50th reunion in the summer of 2017. Susie Nichols Smith, whose daughter went to Onaway, is a classmate who I look forward to seeing then.”



*Ellie Stengel Fink, Bobbi Childs Sampson at the Centennial*

Elizabeth Studley Nathans: “I was a happy and enthusiastic Onaway camper from 1950 through 1954, from Bunker Senior through Skytops, and am still in touch with some longtime Onaway friends. After doing graduate work in history in the 1960s, I taught as a “trailing spouse” at UNC-Chapel Hill for six years and then moved as an academic dean to Duke, where I remained until the early 1990s. By then, my husband had left our family, and my children had graduated from Dartmouth and Wesleyan, respectively. I returned to my New England roots in 1992 to accept a deanship at Harvard and remained there until 2005. In “retirement” I accepted a short-term position to oversee a start-up academic office at Boston College, and then finally retired in 2010. Currently, I volunteer in patient and family service with a local hospice, serve on the board of a national foundation headed by one of my former Duke students, and serve as board member, adoptions director, and corporate secretary for a non-profit beagle rescue organization, Beagles of the New England States. I live in a small 200+ year old house in Wayland, MA.”

Caroline (Carol) Morgan Southall shares: “The people I am in touch with are Judy Jones Babcock and Liz Waterworth Russell from my era. We can still laugh about our camp days. I love having my granddaughters there now and serving on the Board with another friend, Kay Francis Graff and one of my counselors Alice Merwin Tweedy, not to mention a group of my

campers. Seeing one of “my” girls serving as our new director is particularly exciting!! I continue to work with troubled 9th grade girls, play some tennis, walk a very big dog and try to be a good grandma.”

### News of the '60s:

Mary (Polly) Crawford Burr: “I have recently retired and am now busy with my three grandsons, 2 1/2 year old Caiden Crawford Burr, Orrin Andrew Burr (born 2-2-16) and Dana Aaron Ceallaigh (born 1-1-16). They all live within 10 minutes of me here in Eugene, OR. Happiness is being a Nana!”

Anne Peterson Conolly: In December, I attended a dance recital at Emma Willard School featuring Jess Hebert (Aide in 2015) and Helen Quinn (camper in 2013). I started retirement with an extended ski trip to Colorado over the winter, a luxury I have never had. I am loving my leisure time but still have my fingers in a few Onaway pies which is fun and helps reduce the symptoms of camp withdrawal. Looking forward to a visit this summer!



*Ashleigh Finn, Sarah Scott, Anne Peterson Conolly and Merrick Stein in Colorado*

Elizabeth (Betsy) Hurd: “I am retired and living in Tucson after 10 years in biomedical research at the University of Arizona and 20 years as a medical technologist at hospital and reference labs. I would like to be a docent at our city zoo and help kids with homework. Any friends from my Onaway days are welcome to look me up when in Tucson. I have a guest room, two cats and Benadryl.”

Ursula (Sue) Merwin Vocca shares: “I am living in Kittery, Maine now and love being on the water. One Ona nearby is Annie Wemple Marks. She's great, just as she was way back. Spends as much time as she can in a kayak on the ocean! I'm enjoying retirement. I can't wrap myself around turning 70 this year! I also teach knitting at my local knit store.”



*Helann Sweeney, Sue Merwin Vocca, Mary Rodenburg Allen*

### News of the '70s:

Cynthia (Cindy) Mulliken Drew: “Six months ago, my husband and I started traveling in our 27 foot Airstream trailer full time. We had sold our house, redistributed most of our belongings and quit our jobs prior to this. My husband retired, and I thought I would return to working after one year, but now I think I am just getting the hang of this!”

Elizabeth (Beth) Gray-Nix: “A group of Master Gardener friends are starting a new project. We are building and staffing a vegetable garden for a food pantry in Medford, MA. We are hoping to involve local residents and food pantry participants to help learn how to grow their own veggies.”

Marianne Noble: “I have just won a Fulbright Fellowship to spend a semester in Korea. I'll be teaching at Sogang University in Seoul from September-December 2016. My kids, Arden (8) and Geoff (10)

were both adopted from Korea, and this is our opportunity to help them get to know their birth-land. I'm also excited that my own beloved Skytop camper, Barrie, will be the new director of Onaway! What a fabulous choice!”

Leslie Stimmel Guggiari, Robin Wheeler Bognuda and Meredith Funston reunited in Lugano, Switzerland! Skytops '70, see you at our 50th reunion at Camp Onaway in summer 2020!

Emmy Olmsted Wyatt: “I ran into Leslie Miller Zimmer and her husband Mike at Logan this winter. We were all on the same flight to Salt Lake City for a few days of skiing. Both the pre-boarding wait and the flight were actually fun since I could spend time with Onaway friends!”



*Emmy Olmsted Wyatt with her daughter, current counselor Miss Caroline Wyatt, and her mother Mary Zisette Olmsted*

### News of the '80s:

Katrina (Trina) Saltonstall Currier's eldest son, Luke (13), will join Pasquaney for his first summer this year! She is excited for him and can't wait to be back on the lake this summer. She has four sons - no girls - so having them at Pasquaney will be the next best thing to Onaway!!”

du Vergne Gaines: "How I miss Onaway! I am happy to claim two of Onaway's most wonderful campers/counselors as cousins: Ellen Rosewell Langford and Virginia Hill! My husband David has to put up with me singing camp songs year-round. On Christmas Eve, in addition to the requisite Yuletiding, my family sang along to "Mr. Moon, Moon, Mr. Silvery Moon!" Hope to visit your magical shores soon."

Alison (Ali) Babcock Phillips is an event planner in Chicago. She also volunteers her time as the National President of Wish Upon a Wedding, a nonprofit granting weddings and vow renewals for couples facing serious illness and life-altering circumstance.

Karen Manherz Powell moved to Kansas City, MO in April 2015 and then moved again in November into a house. She and her husband Chad quickly decided to get married in December less than three weeks after the move! Their daughter Ella is now 3 years old and lots of fun. They've been having fun visiting with many relatives and are looking forward to being joined by family for their small wedding vow renewal ceremony this summer on the 9th anniversary of their first date.



*Karen Manherz with Chad and Ella*

Rebecca Smedley is currently the Director of Spiritual and Ethical Education at Middlesex School in Concord, MA - and remains so grateful for her three summers at Onaway, which have had a powerful and lasting influence in her life. She often recites the breakfast prayer ("Lord, in the quietest morning hour..." on her drive to work each morning."

### News of the '90s:

Audrey Aponte: "I'm in NYC working for Murray's Cheese, supplying cheese to restaurants across the northeast. I love it, and hard to beat a job that has me eating the world's best cheese everyday :) Excited to see other Onas over the holidays!"

Carroll Barrett shared that her daughter, Kathryn (Kate) Barrett, a camper in the 1990s is getting married in May 2016.

Lauren Klein Beresford: "Life is good! We left Boston for Concord, MA over 3 years ago and haven't looked back. I'm taking care of my boys full time, Jack (age 5) and Ben (age 3). There's NEVER a dull moment!"

Michelle Brown: "My oldest, RB is getting ready to start KI in the fall, and my youngest, Eddy may be training to be a FI driver! They are madly in love with their cousins, whose mom, Kelly Brown-Doucette, makes sure they have lots of time to play together. I am still great friends with Allie and Polly Burke and visit often when I go home to Maine to visit. We moved to Roslindale last year from Jamaica Plain, and I am still working at Madison Park Vocational High School, in Roxbury. If any alumni are trying to get jobs in the Boston Public School system, I am happy to be a resource for them!"



*Michelle Brown and her boys!*

Laura Barton Larson: "I recently got married (August 29, 2015) in Keystone, Colorado with many "Onababes" in attendance - Sarah Rienhoff, Allie Sweeney, Lindsay Barada and Emily Grogan! My husband and I just bought our first home in San Francisco...on the same street as my sister, Kristen Barton Eyler (!) and her husband, Ethan. We all look forward to many happy memories on the block. Any and all Onaway visitors welcome!"

Elizabeth (Liz) Lucarelli: "I'm settling into my third year at Second Nature Blue Ridge where I am a wilderness therapist for middle school boys and girls. So glad I had three years of experience as a counselor when I was younger because they really prepared me for my work with this population. They are such a silly, innocent, curious, and also impressionable age which is something I love about them! I continued to run ultra-marathons in my time off. I will run my second 100 miler in April. Notice... I said I WILL run my second 100 miler. Not finishing is not an option :) so I am pretty jazzed about that. My husband and I always enjoy seeing Juli Mahoney Ryan - she was a Skytop/OWLE/

Aide/Counselor) with me, her husband Brent and their sweet little girl MaKenzie several times a year since they live only a few hours away. We frequently go to the mountains to hang out, walk and talk. Camp always comes up! I am consistently doing the things that I love and that also challenge me daily!"

Anna-Binney (Binney) McCague: "I am working as a primary care physician in a residency program near where I live. I am enjoying spending time with my daughter as well!"

Paige McGinley: "Pannill, big sister June, and I welcomed Willa Bennett McGinley Camp on November 21st. We can't wait to share Onaway with both of our girls!"

Alexis Pew: "I married my husband, Kevin Kaminski, on March 21st, 2015. We just celebrated our first anniversary. We currently work and live in Philadelphia. Together we run an architecture & interior design firm called Kaminski + Pew. We have been in business for 2 years, and we just opened a storefront office this past fall. We're hoping to make a trip up to Newfound Lake soon!"

Jocelyn (Jocie) Mueller Pruitt is now happily transplanted to Butte, Montana with her wonderful husband, Derek. They met back east when she was living in Vermont and he in New York, and they got married on the coast of Maine in September 2013 - a very New England romance. They feel very blessed by the Lord to have found each other and to be able to be



*Jocie Mueller Pruitt and Derek in Jackson!*

closer to family. Jocie is currently teaching low income and first generation individuals job readiness skills and training - and loving it. They are both finding Montana's gorgeous landscape and weather perfect

for hiking, cross-country skiing, and trail running fun. :) Their door is always open for any Ona-alums passing through too!

Genevieve (Gen) Luippold Roge is married and works in Boston with an international public health organization called, Partners in Health. She traveled to Liberia for a month to do a Community Health Worker training. She credits so much of her Onaway experience with leading her to her love of international work and service.

Laura Fitts Shepard: "I have two daughters currently attending Onaway. My news: I will finish my VA Career-Switcher Program in May with a dual-endorsement teaching license in Middle School Social Studies and K-12 ESOL. I will be teaching at an elementary school in Prince William County in Northern Virginia starting next August. First time working for a paycheck in 14 years!"

Anne Thompson: "I am still loving life in Minneapolis - working for General Mills on new products for Larabar (give an On-On-On cheer when you see my new Organic Superfoods Bars at Whole Foods). Charlie is 4 and going to Camp for the first time this summer ... he is most excited about singing his favorite song "Flicker" by an actual campfire.

## Opening Day Celebrations!

Watch for email and Facebook notifications about Opening Day Parties in cities around the world!

**NYC, DC...Boulder? London? Lugano?**

Contact us if you want to organize an alumnae meet-up in your city.

**Opening Day is Saturday, June 25th.**

Trixie is 2 and a total ham ... she will bring lots of laughs to the Woodland Hall stage in summer 2023!"

Meredith Grenier Weis: "I am living outside of Nashville, Tennessee, raising my 3 girls with my husband, Chris, and teaching art and music at a private school. My daughter Natalie, is still crazy with excitement about returning to Onaway for her second summer."

### News of the 2000s:

Lauren Chandler: "I studied Exercise Science and played 4 years of lacrosse at Hofstra University in Long Island. Now I am a Graduate assistant for Adelphi University conducting research studies and running an Adult fitness program and overweight teenager exercise program at the university. I am receiving my Masters in Exercise Physiology and graduating in May. I then hope to go to Physical Therapy school in the next year or so! My sister, Lindsay Chandler, lives in Fishtown, Philadelphia, where she is a co-founder of an art gallery called FJORD. She graduated from art school at RISD in 2009 and has been in Philadelphia ever since!"

Nancy Denious: "I am living in Manhattan, endlessly entertained by my first graders!"

Elizabeth (Liza) Wallis Damm: "I recently got married to my husband, Josh Damm, in August 2015 (hence the name change)! I'm now living in New York City and working for Citibank to support their community development finance efforts."

Jennifer (Jen) Smith Farb shares: "I have been working for Disney, since my time at camp ended, as a Resort Manager and am currently at Disney's Yacht and Beach Club resorts. I am staying very busy down in Florida! I recently started a small business on the side of my Disney gig working with Rodan + Fields skincare and am also helping my husband who is creating an Animal Education and Training show to take to schools and corporate events around the area."

Alexandra (Alex) Hulme made a Disney trip over New Year's, and it was great to meet up for a few minutes to catch up and reminisce about our Onaway days! I am not sure if my sisters will be sending updates but Allie Smith (Camper 99-04, Aide 2006) is currently living in Japan working for a gaming company. Kelly Smith (camper 2001-2007) just moved back to Florida to be closer to the family and is expecting her first baby in the middle of June!"



Goofy and Jen Smith Farb

Jessica (Jess) Feldman's poetry has appeared in *Vinyl*, *HOUSEGUEST*, *Transom*, *Tuesday*; *An Art*

*Project*, and elsewhere. Her manuscript, *Call is a Premonition*, was chosen by Zachary Schomburg as winner of the 2015 BOAAT Winter Chapbook Competition. Jess received her MFA from the University of New Hampshire. She now lives in Brooklyn, NY. Of her chapbook, Schomburg says, "Here, in Jess Feldman's *Call is a Premonition*, you get to finally read the Voynich Manuscript, but through one of those red cellophane decoders. There's something behind the language that we can't see, or maybe in front of it, that we can't see, but what lights up in between is an enigmatic pain that proves the most beautiful translations are the impossible kind--there's only truth in those." Her partner & talented singer-songwriter Mike Luz of Mercy Wizard has released his newest album "Dream Awake." The album features 9 songs written, sung & played by Mike Luz with back-up vocals by Jess Feldman. The cover photo referred to as the "Holga Shot" was photograph by Jess.

Stacey Funston is currently the Associate Director of the CONNECTIONS After-School Programs for the Holyoke Public Schools. She coordinates 7 after school programs for students in grades 2-12 and still uses many of the skills I used as a counselor! She is headed to Harvard Graduate School of Education next for a Masters in Education Policy and Management.

In June, Julia Harris will graduate residency in OB/GYN from Drexel/Hahnemann in Philadelphia. Then she is moving back to NY to work at Mt. Sinai as an OB/GYN faculty and run a global health program. She hopes to have the opportunity to rub shoulders with Margaux Vose, another '00 Skytop who is a Physician's Assistant in the OB/BYD department. I am super excited to visit my cousin, Audrey Harris who will be a Laketop this summer."

Caroline Howe finished up a year in Madrid researching informal sector waste management and is now based in Fredericksburg, Virginia, where she's working with local food banks and schools to get fresher produce directly from farmers to folks who need it. She is also starting an organization to process agricultural seconds into popsicles and baby food, while training unemployed young people in culinary professions. At the same time, she's been enjoying the Rappahannock River all fall. Caroline is hoping to celebrate Natalie Howe's PhD in summer 2016 by paddling the 120 miles of the river from headwater to Chesapeake Bay. MidAtlantic Onas are welcome to join for a weekend on the river, too!

Congratulations to Kathryn (Katie) Jackson whose book *Hand-Built Outdoor Furniture: 20 Step-By-Step Projects Anyone Can Build* is now available for pre-order from all booksellers. Please support your favorite local or independent bookstore! She is very excited for this book's launch party on Sunday, June 5 at Westport Arts Center in Westport, CT. All Onas are welcome! She became interested in woodworking at Camp

Onaway. Those who were at camp when she was a woodworking counselor may recognize some of the projects in the book! More details about the launch party and other upcoming events are on [katiejacksonwoodworks.com](http://katiejacksonwoodworks.com) and [facebook.com/KatieJacksonWoodworks](https://facebook.com/KatieJacksonWoodworks). The Jackson's recently celebrated past trustees Bill's and Mary's 90th birthdays and look who's cookin'!



Fred Jackson,  
Past Trustee



Bill and Mary Jackson,  
Past Trustees

Naomi Nakai is currently living in Montclair, NJ. "My husband's name is Gabriel Hughes, and I haven't taken his name just because my last name is the only thing that reveals my Japanese identity! We don't have any children yet! I am working as an ER nurse and going to school full time for my Family Nurse Practitioner degree. I will be finished next year."

Catherine Ostholthoff reports: "I'm happy living over here in London, studying and working! I've seen Miss Laura Ware, Isabel Langen, Miss Charlotte Matthai a few times, as she's studying abroad in Edinburgh, Miss Annie George in Barcelona, where she is studying, and Miss Merry Richter who was at Winter Term in Switzerland. So many Onaways over here!"



Merry Richter,  
Catherine Ostholthoff

Gevvie Stone: "I spend my days rowing, eating, and sleeping. Actually. I was in Austin, TX and Seville, Spain for the winter months, getting some good training in the warmer climates. I'm now back in Boston doing a last month of prep for Olympic trials, which are April 21-24 in Sarasota, FL. Crazy that they're already that soon! I very much appreciate how supportive the Onaway community has been! Yeah...that's it. I have a one-track life right now. Fortunately, I love rowing."

Laura Ware married Edward Adlington on Oct. 26, 2013.



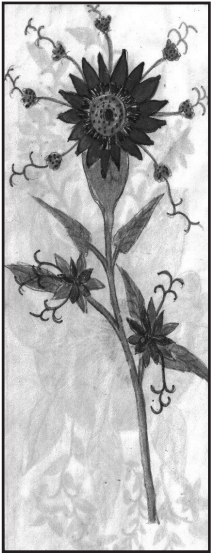
Laura Ware Adlington  
at Work

She and Ed live in charming New Eltham, England (outside London) with their cat, Turtle. Laura is working on her PhD in archaeological science at University College London.



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