

# THE ALUMNAE CIRCLE

## ONAWAY

Fall



2015

### A TOAST TO MRS. CONOLLY: THOUGHTS FROM THREE ASSISTANT DIRECTORS

In her first and last chapel sermons of 2004, Mrs. Conolly asked the camp to reflect on what they had packed in their trunks. In June, she pointed out that everyone's trunks held not only the necessities of living at camp for seven weeks, but also their hopes, dreams, and fears about the summer. In August, she pointed out that in addition to woodworking projects, wet towels, and smelly socks, everyone would be packing memories, a sense of pride, friendships, Onaway values, and lessons accumulated over their seven weeks at camp. It was the intangibles that had to be packed most carefully, but they were also the things that had to be unpacked and used the most when we got home. Mrs. Conolly said, "Promise me that you will not leave anything in the trunk that you can use during the year." And so, we would like to keep that promise by sharing some of the lessons that we have unpacked after our summers with Mrs. Conolly and how we have used them in our lives.



*Kath and Anne prepare for the summer with an all-day hike.*

Even in the face of the many unpredictables that can occur over the course of a summer at camp - microbursts, head lice, homesickness, bear sightings, pranks - Mrs. Conolly was unflappable. She approached each situation with a level head and

a sense of humor, and solutions were generated with both safety and Onaway's mission in mind. The three of us often find ourselves wondering how Mrs. Conolly would react to situations and problems as we navigate our own teaching, counseling, and social work careers.

Honor is an Onaway core value and something that campers and counselors frequently refer to and strive for throughout the summer. Honesty, integrity, trust, loyalty, and responsibility are the qualities the board chose to describe honor. While it is the campers who are rewarded for their honorable behavior throughout the summer with patches, it is Mrs.

Conolly who set both the example and standard. She approached relationships with campers and counselors from a place of trust and loyalty and encouraged us to take on increasing responsibilities. She taught the value of hard and honest work and provided opportunities for personal and professional growth. Mrs. Conolly inspired us to incorporate honor in our jobs, schooling, and lives outside of camp.



*Centennial Dunk - 100 year old camper, aide and counselor - Miss Ebes, Mrs. Conolly, and Miss Liz*

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

## A Toast to Mrs. Conolly: Thoughts from Three Assistant Directors

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Mrs. Conolly taught us about healthy, balanced leadership. We all feel we try to emulate her leadership style in our own lives, one that embraced growth, creativity and risk taking. Mrs. Conolly's confidence in her counselors encouraged them to develop their programs creatively and understand their personal strengths and challenges by just getting out there and trying it. Always a supportive voice, she encouraged her counselors especially (although this applies to campers and aides as well!) to understand themselves better through their work, always providing a safe place to fall. It was through that continuous support that Mrs. Conolly so deeply impacted our roles as Assistant Director, and also helped us each carve our own professional path.

When preparing a toast this summer, we managed to get our hands on some of Mrs. Conolly's activity reports from her camper days. Miss Stiles and the counselors did not mince words. Her dance counselor wrote, "Anne does not have good control of her body. She has trouble coordinating her arms and legs and needs to build up bodily strength. Anne though uncoordinated tries hard. Anne is not a graceful dancer. Her sense of rhythm is fairly good, but I imagine she looks much better on a tennis court." Reading these reports reminded us

that we are all works in progress. Moreover, camp asks us to do things that may be out of our comfort zone, but it is in those moments that we grow the most. Both of these lessons are so important in a world that too often prizes immediate gratification and results over hard work and growth. Mrs. Conolly always embraced a growth mindset when working with campers, aides and counselors alike, accepting that through our challenges in life (both in and out of the Woodland Dance class), we all deserve that opportunity to learn and grow.

The three of us feel extremely grateful for the opportunity to work so closely with and learn from Mrs. Conolly. We could go on forever sharing stories and lessons we have learned but would be remiss not to include fun. Working and spending the summer with Mrs. Conolly was a blast. She was able to laugh at herself, made jokes in meetings, and truly appreciated the humor of those around her. We are confident that she will continue to share her fun-loving and eager spirit throughout her retirement and are extremely grateful for her dedication to Onaway and her campers and counselors, for the lessons she taught us, and for the joy she shared with us. Cheers to Mrs. Conolly! □

*Kath Keen, Liz Angney, Claire Eberhardt*



*Dedication ceremony with Jarvis family, designer Sarah Mudge, project manager Gene Ronikier and Board president Susi Mudge.*

When you reach the center of camp these days there is something new to see, but many people don't notice the difference. That was just what we hoped for when we replaced the old counselor office with a new building. Sarah Mudge's beautiful design fits in so well with the rest of the buildings at camp that the same warm, welcoming feeling occurs as you approach. But come inside and you will find an airy, open space that has made office work more efficient and more pleasant. The office was made possible through the generous bequest of Lisa Jarvis, a camper in the 70's, who passed away last year. We were pleased to have members of the Jarvis family join us in August for the dedication of this beautiful building. □



*Inside the office.*

# GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD

It is with so many emotions that we enter this fall, knowing we will be finalizing a director transition that started this time last year. Watching Barrie Pendergast take the reins as director, ably supported by Anne Conolly and Regan Horike and members of the Board, we are ever more confident the Board has found the right person to lead Onaway going forward. We are also so thrilled that Onaway had an incredible summer, which was the best way to send Anne on to her next adventure. We are so thankful for all she has done for the camp, leaving it in such a strong position, with such a supportive and diverse group of campers, aides, OWLEs, counselors, parents, trustees and alumnae, which bodes well for a healthy and sustainable future. Thank you to all who helped support the transition, who joined us in the celebration of Anne's tenure at the end of the summer, and who have helped seed Anne's legacy, Mrs. Conolly's Endowment Fund for Counselors.

This year is also a year of transition for the board, as we said thank you and good-bye to four dedicated and amazing board members at our summer meeting, while also welcoming three new trustees at our fall meeting, held in Washington, D.C. First let me introduce our new members.



*Susan Dietz Ramquist, Meg Platt, Liz McClelland*

Elizabeth (Liz) McClelland, also known as Beanie when she attended Onaway during the 1960's, will bring her more than 33 years in the financial services industry and experience serving on other non-profit boards to the Board. A graduate of Boston University, Liz currently lives in Branford, Connecticut. She was excited to return to camp this summer in honor of her 50th Skytops reunion, where she found Camp unchanged in all the right ways. Susan Dietz Ramquist attended Onaway as a camper, aide and counselor throughout the 80's and currently has a daughter at Onaway and a son at Pasquaney. She and her husband own a house on Newfound Lake. Susan graduated from Gettysburg College and is passionate about learning, Latin, and classical studies. She currently teaches Latin and resides with her family in Raleigh, North Carolina. Margaret (Meg) Platt is our new Young Alumna Trustee. Meg's family

has ties to Onaway, Mowglis and Pasquaney. She was a camper, OWLE, aide and counselor at Onaway between 1999 - 2011. She graduated from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland in 2012 and is currently residing in New Hampshire and working for the Political Committee of New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan, where she is Deputy Finance Director and Call Time Manager.



*Onaway Trustees at the August 2015 Meeting.*

At our summer meeting, which is always held at Onaway, we were able to fete Anne in style, while also using the occasion to celebrate and bid a fond farewell to four dedicated board members. Sally Jones Orr, whose experience and skills in effective development work has supported Onaway for many years, is stepping down as she concludes her tenure. In addition to leading our advancement work, she also served as Vice President. Tad Davies, a critical member of the advancement committee, was also one of our parent representatives. We could always count on Tad for thoughtful advice, amazing spirit to engage alumnae to support Camp, and his laugh. Kurt McCandless, who served as the chair of the facilities committee and as Clerk, worked closely with Gene Ronikier, our gem of a maintenance director, to ensure that Camp had the required equipment and that our facilities were in top shape, which they are. Finally, Alex Hulme, who was our Young Alumna trustee, provided such support to a multitude of committees and initiatives, from finance to the Search Committee to Alumnae outreach. We so valued her insightful comments and ever-present commitment to camp.

The Board is always interested in hearing from you, so please do not hesitate to stop and talk to us, whether during Camp events, or via email, to ensure we hear your thoughts, comments and aspirations, for what Onaway can and should be in her second century. Thank you again for your support, your commitment, and your willingness to share your family with Onaway. □

*Susi **Mudge**, President, Onaway Board of Trustees*

# A LOOK AT THE SUMMER OF 2015

I approached this summer, my last as Director, with the goal of making it feel “normal” - like every other summer. Enthusiastic campers, dedicated staff, appropriate challenges, and simple living are all core ingredients to an Onaway summer and all were present in full force. Our 88 campers were from 21 states and 5 foreign countries. We had 26 counselors, 99% of whom had Onaway backgrounds, and 9 Aides were practicing and learning to be counselors in just a few years. For the first time since 2008, two OWLES sessions went out with a total of ten girls. There were 19 pairs of sisters and over 50 members of the community had a mother, grandmother or aunt who attended Onaway.



After a cool start, the summer was sunny and warm so I believe we may have had only one red dot day all summer. Winds were variable and kept the waterfront staff guessing which boats should and shouldn't be out on the water, but there was always someone launching from a very busy beach. Four girls swam the length of the lake, six passed their 3rd crescents in boating, five became captains in sailing, one passed her white chevron and eight girls passed their sharks, the highest swim level. Three amazing productions were put on by the campers: *And Then There Were None* by the Upper Camp over Fair Weekend, *Peter Pan* by the Lower Camp over Cup Weekend, and *Songs from Wicked* as the Dance Pageant. Such talent everywhere!



*Peter Pan*

We had many alumnae visitors this summer and quite a few prospective campers toured. Miss Valerie Farias Newton's dancers came to perform, the Circle Camp used our lean-to several nights for overnight trips for their girls, and Miss Gevvie Stone took a few days off from her intensive Olympic training to help out at camp. The rowers loved getting pointers from a pro and of course her blondies at dinner were welcomed with shouts of delight. Mrs. Hollister (aka Helen Stokes Greven) visited on Tradition Day and confused campers and counselors alike with her realistic account of how “she” started camp 105 years ago. On Sunday she invited campers to have tea in Hollister House. Two members of Skytops 1965 returned to camp for a first ever 50th Skytops reunion. What fun stories they had to share.



*Mrs. Hollister's tea party*

With so much going on, I still could not completely ignore that the summer for me was different and in a mid-summer chapel talk I addressed this with the girls:

*The idea of change has come up over and over this summer but I hope not in a bad, scary or overwhelming way. The counselor office changed and we are all thankful for the airy, open space. Ms Pendergast spent the week with us preparing for her new role as Director. That's a change for me, for her and for the entire camp. Miss Ebes will go from working with lucky girls like you to infants and toddlers at risk in Baltimore. Counselors have returned to camp in changing roles. The old counselor cabin in the woods has been converted to a much appreciated technical theater space. The wood shop has some new tools so many new projects are underway. And I have a new chair thanks to the craftsmanship of Mr. Gene.*



*New Chapel Chair*

# A LOOK AT THE SUMMER OF 2015

We welcomed the new campers and what they added to the community. We welcomed the spontaneous moments of laughter and of awe. And we appreciated all the things that were not new and that made us feel at home and safe at Onaway. From the same chapel talk:

*We think of Onaway as a place that does not or should not ever change and in some ways that is true. We never want the simplicity and beauty of the property to change. Seeing the tall pine trees and the tiny cabins in the woods when we arrive at camp is comforting – it makes us feel safe. We work hard to make sure the lake does not change – that it continues to be clean and clear. Our traditions at Onaway rarely change and also make us feel secure. Bedtime would not be the same without Circle. Meals would feel different if we didn't sing grace. How could we change beaming to Camp Inspection? What would Fair be without the dunk? Our core values of honor, respect and community have not changed. Mabel Hollister articulated them over 100 years ago and we continue to build our summer around them.*



And so I am grateful for a summer that was both “normal” and “new.” By the time of this printing, the office will have moved to Philadelphia and Ms Pendergast will be on her way to creating the magic for the summer of 2016. I know that everyone will welcome her and offer the same support that I have enjoyed for the last twelve years. On-on-on! □

Anne **Peterson** Conolly

## NEW ONAWAY OFFICE CONTACT INFO

Barrie Pendergast is up and running in Bryn Mawr. The Onaway office can be reached at:  
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## WE CAN ALWAYS USE YOUR HELP

Our photography program needs some more 35mm film (yes, film!) cameras.

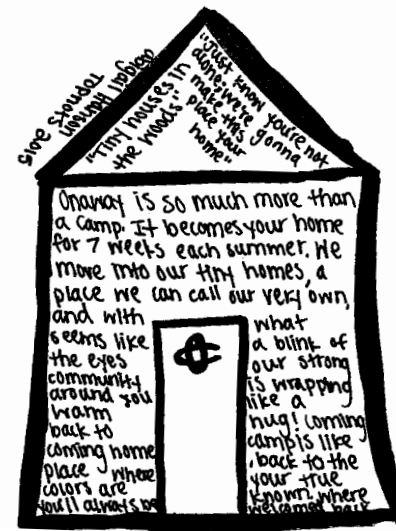
Our sailing program is looking to replace our 420's. If you know of a school or sailing program who might be updating their fleet, we would be interested in hearing about their old 420's.

Word of mouth is our best recruitment tool. Let us know if you know a family interested in hearing more about Onaway.

If you can help with any of these please contact the office at [bpendergast@camponaway.org](mailto:bpendergast@camponaway.org).

*Thank You!*

## Onaway Times



## Birch Box

It's a little ironic that leaving on a trip and seeing the beauties outside of camp helped me see the beauty that lives in camp. It lives in hugs after Circle, in cheering someone on their time row, in comforting a friend because she seems sad. The beauty of Onaway is the Onaway spirit that lives in every one of the girls here.

Tessa **Vetter**, Skytop



## THE ONAWAY FUND

Thank you to our generous 2015 Onaway Fund donors! Your gift to the Onaway Fund made a significant difference to Camp Onaway and the campers of the 2015 season. Tuition alone does not cover the cost of a camper's Onaway experience. We are grateful to the 282 alumnae, 160 parents (non-alumnae), and 23

friends and relatives who made our 104th season possible. All told, the 465 of you gave \$149,252 to the Onaway Fund, which together with tuition and a draw on our endowment covers our operating expenses. We couldn't have done it without you!

## ONAWAY ALL YEAR

Last night, I was fortunate enough to be the one to take our daughter to bed. It's been a bit trickier these past few weeks, as Marina has sometimes been slow to succumb to the idea of sleep. It's during moments like these that I search my memory for certain songs: camp songs. Songs that have always given my heart a sense of calm as the day comes to a close. These songs are now becoming familiar and welcome to our little girl as she settles down to rest.



Tracy Settle and Katie Christenberry with their daughter Marina

It will be several years before Marina officially dons her browns and whites, yet we think about the girls who will arrive at Onaway for the first time this year. With clean uniforms and organized trunks, they may be experiencing their first summer

away from home. If a new camper has an experience like mine, she will arrive with songs in her head and a mild understanding of Onaway's traditions. My mom and aunts paved the way for me by constantly reminiscing about their summers on Newfoundland Lake. They were so eager for Onaway to begin to build my character as it had for them.

Because of the girls about to embark on their first summer on the hill, my family and I donate to Onaway. We donate just a little every month, using the user-friendly program "Onaway All Year" on the Onaway website. Every month, we know that we are giving back to the place that has done so much for me, and to the place that will continue to do so much for so many. It's a remarkable feeling to know that small donations can make a big difference to the camp we love so dearly. It's exciting to think that these contributions will play a part in the young girls' lives who are just starting their Onaway journey!

So as we sing to our little ones, and begin to tell them of the treasure that is Onaway, consider joining Onaway All Year. It's a wonderful way that we can praise thy name once more! □

Katie Christenberry

## 2015 Honor Roll of Donors

Christopher and Gloria Acker  
Kathryn Sulloway Adams  
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Riley Bright

## Alumnae Events



**NYC Cocktail Party:** Front row: Nancy Denious, Marisol Maddox, Caitlin Mixter, Margaux Vose Turchiano, Polly Peterson Wright, Sophie Jacobi-Parisi. Back row: Rosemary Moukad, Sam Walsh, Liz Angney, Charlie Watson, Tyler Dillard, Megan Underwood, Anne Peterson Conolly, Nell Ethridge, Alex Hulme, Elizabeth Marshall Leeds(host), Holly Brittingham, Julia Cox.



**Onaway Work Weekend:** Some of the crew: Front row: **Stephanie Anderson**, **Anne Peterson Conolly**, **Lee-ann Downs**, **Claire Eberhardt**, **Babs McKenzie**, **Anna Lindbloom**. Back row: **Gene Ronikier**, **Kurt McCandless**, **Fred Jackson**, **Carol Morgan Southall**, **Meg Platt**, **Bruce McKenzie**. Way back: **Meredith Funston**, **Janice Lindbloom**.



**Onaway Work Weekend:** **Gevvie** and **Phoebe Stone**, along with **Mrs. Conolly**, clip the invasive vines from the tennis courts.

Bing Broderick  
Mary Broderick\*  
Vinnie Broderick  
Joan Beyer Bromley  
Ellen Brooks  
Alison Brower  
Jordan Brown  
Anne L. Bryant  
Charles C. Buell  
Allie Burke  
Helga B. Buss (Miss Buzz)  
Caroline Mabon Cadwell  
Maria Laura Camejo  
Angela Carini  
Mara Carini



**Opening Day Parties:** In NYC **Natalie Howe**, **Laura McGinley**, **Japril Barrett**, **Liz Angney**, **Caitlin Mixer**.

Peter J. Carini  
Vicky and Nate Carmody  
Sasha Carter  
Pauline Carrigan Charles  
Carol C. Cherin  
Bob and Tibby Bolton Christenberry  
Katie Christenberry  
Martha and Peter Clark  
Elizabeth Hoogenboom Clary  
Catherine Blessing Clear

William and Judith Clements  
Terry Clerkin and Elizabeth Sycamore  
Barbara M. Clothier  
Nicole Ash Colby  
in memory of Susan Cragin  
Woody Comstock Family  
Anne Peterson Conolly  
Nancy Conolly  
Carl and Sarah Woodring Cooper  
Cris Costa



**Opening Day Parties:** In Colorado **Molly Baird** and **Liz Porter Hawkins** hiking.

Edith McFerran Courtenay  
Julie Lloyd Cowles  
Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm Cox  
Edwin and Virginia Cragin  
in memory of Susan Cragin  
Mary and Buddy Crane  
Jennifer Crane  
Sarah Crane and Sam Gough  
David and Patrice Cromwell  
Ann Pew Curran



**Opening Day Parties:** Young alums in DC: **Lucy Rice**, **Alice Matthai**, **Mariah Sanguinetti**, **Isabel Rollison**, **Lena Rice**, and **Shelby Barada**.

Katrina Saltonstall Currier  
Allison von Clemm Curtis  
Judith A. Curtis  
in memory of Curtis Gaysie  
Shirley Bemis Daigneault  
John Davidge and Deborah Lott  
William D. Davies Jr.  
Tad and Tricia Davies  
Carol and Charles Decker  
Katharine Decker  
Kendra Motley Demopoulos  
Robert and Katharine Wilson Denby



**50th Skytops Reunion:** Small but enthusiastic, **Kathy Broderick Baird** and **Liz (Beanie) McClelland** celebrate at camp. Get ready Skytops '66; we're next.

Nancy Denious  
Rob and Cathy Denious  
Mr. and Mrs. William T. Denton Sr.  
in honor of Lacey **Denton**  
Todd and Laura DeSisto\*  
Joseph Di Biasi  
Mario and Margaret Diaz-Cruz  
David Dietz and Jane Kendall  
Christopher and Antigone Doucette  
in honor of Kinley **Doucette**  
Jane and Gordon Downing  
Meg Tweedy Drazek  
Cynthia Mulliken Drew  
Saranne Borda DuBois  
Ruth Johnson Duckworth  
Ellie Stiles Dumdi\*

in honor of Carol Morgan Southall  
Sally Vaughan Eagle  
Robert and Barbara Egan  
Kate Emmons  
Sandra Trimble Enck  
Elizabeth Eppolito  
Ali Ogelsby Farrell  
Michele Lamedica Fennell



**Conolly Celebration Weekend:** A festive send off. Saturday hike up Sugarloaf.

Matthew and Ellanor Stengel Fink  
Paul and Jan Finn  
on behalf of Ashleigh Finn  
Stewart and Cheryl Finney  
Gary and Amy Fitts  
Rebecca Rice Flanagan  
Elizabeth Clark Freierman  
Emily Troth Frick  
Meredith Funston  
Ashley Garver  
John A. Garver  
Elizabeth H. Gemmill  
Helen Gemmill  
Anne Marshall Gieryn  
Nathan and Teresa Gilliland  
Leigh and Sandy Goehring  
Goodrich Foundation, Partners In Giving Plan  
Jim and Lynne Graff  
Katherine Francis Graff  
Shirley Grange  
Chris and Bradi Granger  
Jen Graves  
Robert D. Gray  
Elizabeth Gray-Nix  
Thomas and Margaret Greene  
Marion Greene\*  
Meredith and Louis Grenier  
in honor of Natalie Weiss  
Helen Stokes Greven\*  
Stephen and Beverly Gunther  
Joan Jeffries Hafner  
Everett and Nancy Haggett  
Ingrid and David Hale  
Michael Hanrahan and Aimee Wadeson  
Anne Hansen  
in memory of Helen **Tyson**  
Doug and Elizabeth Hanson



**Conolly Celebration Weekend Evening  
Program: Paperbag skits**

Anne Davidson Hardy  
Barbara Brown Hardy  
Matthew Harris and Elizabeth Tobin  
Shelley Ames Hartz  
Ellen Harvey and Tad Sperry  
Phil and Liz Porter Hawkins  
Jamie and Cristi Gunther Head  
Jess Hebert  
Ted and Sarah Egan Hebert  
Emily Heinlein  
Jennifer Thorp Hemann  
Carole and Ken Heuser  
Joshua Hickman  
Sandra and John Higgins  
Lee Higgins  
Tommy and Kemp Hill  
Virginia Hill  
Priscilla Hindmarsh  
on behalf of Sarah Hindmarsh  
Mary Ann BonDurant Hodgkins  
Cindy Hoekstra  
Buell and Lee Hollister  
Peter and Ann Holman  
Hugo and Edie Hoogenboom  
Jimmy and Marcia Hooper  
Dorothy Hopkins-Youngquist  
Regan E. Horike  
Simone and William Clay Howe  
David and Martha Howorth  
HSBC Philanthropic Programs  
Elizabeth Crawford Hucker  
Alexandra Hulme  
Alison and Andrew Humphrey  
Vivien Hunnicutt  
Betsy Hurd  
Meg and Charlie Hurdman  
Virginia Quay Hutchison  
Frederick E. Jackson  
Kathryn Jackson  
William and Anne Jacobi  
Joan Costikyan Jarvis  
in memory of Elizabeth Jarvis  
Charles and Jean Jeffress  
on behalf of Ashley Jeffress Craighill  
Bettina Lindsay Jenney  
Helen Lippincott Jennings  
Hannah Johnson  
JP Morgan Chase Foundation  
Katherine Keen  
Cassandra March Keith  
Jane Johnson Kent  
Julie Thorp Kerr  
Dale and Kay Keyser  
Michelle Keyser  
Amanda Fisher Killen  
Dennis and Gwendolyn Kirby  
Lance and Angie Klingler  
Jo Ann and Jay A. Kranis  
Art and Carolyn Kriesen  
Jill Kantrowitz Kunkel  
Lauren Lanza  
Maura "Mo" Leary

Elizabeth Marshall Leeds  
Sarah Storrs Lind  
Janice Lindbloom  
Rick and Sharon Linder  
Jane Lindstrom  
Leila Jones Linen  
Ellen Hawkes Little  
Judy Lo Jacono  
Aldie Jennings Loubier  
Elizabeth Lucarelli  
Lydia MacDougall  
Elizabeth Stevens and Norman MacLeod  
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Charlotte Matthai  
William Matthai  
Chip and Cindy Matthes  
Binney Rankin McCague  
Sarah McCague  
Kurt and Katherine McCandless



**Directors Past, present and future...:**  
*Nick Robbins (Mowglis), Jane Kent, Barrie Pendergast, Anne Conolly, Vinnie Broderick (Pasquaney).*

Susan Piercy McCarthy  
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Dolores Miller  
Lizza Miller  
Jocelyn Low Miller  
Margaret Milliken  
Marie Lamedica Mitchell  
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The Grant Mudge Family  
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Mary Mudge  
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Susanna Mudge and Raul Sanguinetti  
David Nagle and Siana LaForest  
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Blair Newcomb  
Lyn Atteberry Nolte  
Amy Kemmerer Nonnenmacher  
Carl and Melissa Nordstrom  
Lisa Higgins Null  
Seton Lindsay O'Reilly  
Charles and Carol Ogelsby  
George and Mary Zisette Olmsted  
John and Sally Jones Orr  
Sally Osberg  
Catherine Ostholtthoff  
Christopher and Deirdre Schaus Painter  
Leslie and Ernie Palmieri  
Elizabeth Reigeluth Parker (and Sarah and Clare Trautvetter)  
Paola Parodi



**Head of the Charles:** Cheering on 14 Onaway rowers (parents, campers, and alumnae alike). Back row: Meredith **Funston**, Vinnie Broderick, Blakely **Brown** Crevoiserat, Fred Jackson, Susan **Dietz** Ramquist, Alison **Reed** Quinan, Carter Ramquist. Front Row: Anne **Peterson** Conolly, Brookie **Lanigan**, Emily and Sarah Quinan.



**Head of the Charles:** *Gevvie Stone takes a break from signing autographs (!) to get some Onaway cheer before her race. She won for a sixth time and continues her pursuit of a second Olympic appearance.*

Lisa White Pelikan  
 Barrie Pendergast and Thomas Stambaugh\*  
 Midge and David Pendergast  
 Erik and Brooke Bulkeley Peterson  
 Elisabeth Thomas Peterson  
 Samantha Pfeifer  
 Chris and Katie Phaneuf  
 Katherine Philip  
 Tom and Lela Schaus Philip  
 Bill and Jenny Brainard Philip  
 Paige Pierce  
 Sara Pilling  
*in memory of Kris Harvey Rouff*  
 Nancy Maresca Piper  
*in memory of Glen Maresca*  
 Charles and Liz-Anne Platt  
 Jennifer Blessing Popp  
 Brentnall and Wendy Powell  
 Michelle Kriesen Pressley  
 Sarah Dolan Price  
 Joseph and Alison Reed Quinan  
 Mary Birdsall Raiken  
 Neil and Susan Dietz Ramquist  
 Annie Stover Reece  
 David and Enid Reed  
 Sharon Reed  
 Morgan Reese  
 Caroline Reigeluth  
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Camp Onaway became a non-profit educational institution in 1960 and has built an endowment of over \$3 million which gives Onaway some security in the event of difficult economic times or a costly property expense. The interest from the endowment, along with gifts to the Onaway Fund, supplements tuition to help cover all the expenses of running the camp program, scholarships and staff training, and capital improvements, while keeping tuition at a reasonable and competitive level. We thank our past and present Trustees for their good stewardship of the endowment, and we are grateful to everyone who has contributed in years past, present and in the future.

This past year, the Onaway Trustees were pleased to create a new endowment fund in honor of Anne Conolly in her last season as Director. Mrs. Conolly's Endowment for Counselors will provide support for the professional development of Onaway Counselors. Funds will be used to enhance their compensation, working environment, materials, and opportunities for specialized training. We are grateful for the generous donors who have already contributed to this fund. These initial gifts reflect an outpouring of gratitude for Mrs. Conolly's 12 years of leadership and mentoring of all of the girls and young women whose lives she has touched with her love and laughter. Future contributions are welcome.

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## The Daughters of Onaway Scholarship Fund

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In her wisdom, thoughtfulness and loyalty to Onaway women, Jane Johnson Kent (Mrs. Warner W. Kent, Jr.), alumna, Trustee, and Director '73 – '77, has generously seeded a brand new scholarship fund for campers who are daughters of Onaway Alumnae. After Mrs. Kent spoke with some alumnae who were grateful for their Onaway experiences, she realized that many of them did not have the resources to give their own daughters that same wonderful opportunity. This new fund, aptly reminiscent of the spirit of earlier pioneering women and their dedication to education and tradition, is called **Daughters of Onaway**. We are deeply grateful for Mrs. Kent's pioneering Onaway spirit – she was in the hard-working, crop-tending, inaugural crew of Onaway Aides in 1941 - and we welcome your support of this new scholarship in helping future generations of Onaway girls.

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For a complete list of Onaway Endowment Funds and more detailed descriptions, please visit our website, [www.camponaway.org](http://www.camponaway.org).

This is our first Honor Roll of Donors since using our new Onaway database. Please let us know if you notice any errors or omissions. Thank you!

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# IN MEMORIAM



**Marilyn ("Kim") Heller Strong** (Skytops 1966) died unexpectedly of heart failure on June 23, 2015. Kim leaves behind many well-loved friends and family (including this writer). Getting started in high school as a candy-striper, Kim went on to become an RN, a therapist a Reiki practitioner and, last but not least, a volunteer with

Hearts and Noses Hospital Clown Troupe, visiting hospitalized children. She was a delicate but strong reed caring for others with every ounce of her being. She treasured nature and was a student of wild foods and beekeeping. She was "a joyful swing dancer and also enjoyed cajun and zydeco music and dancing."

At a celebration of Kim's life in July in the Virginia Thurston Healing Garden in Harvard, MA, to which Kim dedicated much passion and energy, Kim's husband Steven, sister Linda, brother Doc and Linda's daughters spoke sweetly and tearfully, as did friends from Canton, MA and from the Healing Garden. Kim was described as playful, caring, free in spirit, and confident in her ability to interact positively with others. She really came through in the words of those so close to her. One of Kim's nieces mentioned a quote that came in an email from Kim: *There are three bones you need for life: a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone.* It was a very moving afternoon, and the gift of Kim's life was palpable. Butterflies were released at the end, and that was incredibly moving, beautiful and so Kim. Kim is also survived by her son, Hunter and mother, Sally. □

Kathy **Broderick** Baird

**Mary Zisette Olmstead** passed away on October 23, 2015 after a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. Mary was a camper in the 1940's and a loyal supporter of Onaway as she shared her love of camp with her daughter, Emmy Olmsted Wyatt, and her granddaughter, Caroline Wyatt, a current Onaway counselor. Following

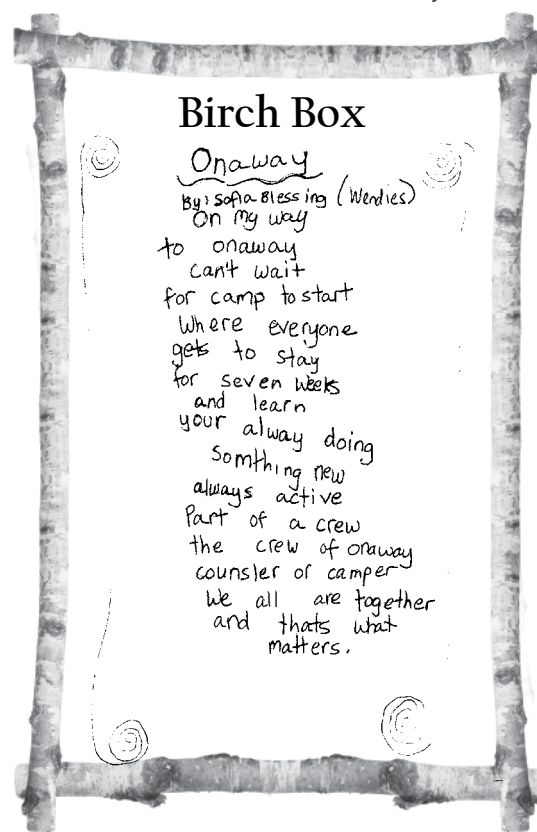


Mary with daughter Emmy **Olmsted** Wyatt and granddaughter Caroline **Wyatt** at Onaway's Centennial in 2011.

Onaway's Centennial celebration, Mary wrote, "They say that change is inevitable and certainly the world has shrunk and changed in myriad ways since I first set foot on Onaway soil in 1945. One thing that never seems to change, however, is life at Camp Onaway. The cabins are the same, the uniforms, the trip songs, the sunsets at Campfire Rock, the chapel service, the Circle at the end of the day. Onaway is a place where tradition reigns and values remain steadfast."

Mary was not only a loving wife, mother and grandmother, she was also an athlete and a business woman. Following a career at IBM, she attended graduate school in accounting and used her knowledge to help non-profits and individuals. Mary played almost all sports throughout her life, trading a field hockey stick for a golf club and continuing to play tennis and ski. She traveled worldwide with her family and friends, and she volunteered at home for many local organizations. There is no doubt that she led a very busy and fulfilling life. Emmy shares how important the Onaway bond has been for the three generations. She adds, "We shared an unspoken but very evident approach to life." □

Anne **Peterson** Conolly



## Girls of Onaway Donations 2015

The campers, aides and counselors donated to over 14 organizations this year. To see the list, visit the website under About/Onaway Gives Back.

## Recent Counselors College Attendance

Our current and recent counselors are attending or have recently graduated from over 30 different colleges and universities. If you would like to speak to them about their experiences, please contact the office and we will put you in touch. The list of schools is on the website in the Alumnae Section.



## ALUMNAE COLUMN

### Onaway around the World

Our Onaway community knows no borders- as evidenced by two of our alumnae living life abroad as part of the U.S. Foreign Service. We asked **Meg Tweedy Drazek** and **Ecy McIlvain Hughes** to tell us a bit about their experiences, and how they've both stayed connected with Onaway and brought pieces of Onaway with them on their travels.

**Tell us a bit about where you live now and where you've been posted in the past.**

**Meg:** I joined the Department of State in 1999 and since then I have lived in Moscow, New Delhi, Prague, The Netherlands, Baghdad and Luxembourg (where I am now), as well as DC. When I joined I loved the idea of living overseas as a lifestyle; immersing oneself in foreign cultures and regular personal and professional changes. Ultimately I've found that, for me, change itself has been the real opportunity. Opportunity to try new things, learn new languages, take jobs that are both fascinating and tough. This job gives you the ability to keep challenging and reinventing yourself. My two favorite tours were Moscow and Baghdad and they were the hardest in many ways, but the most rewarding professionally as they punched me right out of my comfort zone and were, consequently, so rewarding in success. Trying new things and being open to the good, bad and ugly about yourself, and learning from it, using it, and moving forward strong were things that Onaway first showed me how to do.



*Meg **Tweedy** Drazek with her family in Amsterdam. Joining them Onaway alumna and special Trustee Alice **Merwin** Tweedy.*

**Ecy:** I have lived in the tiny little capital "city" of Belmopan in the Central American country of Belize on the Caribbean Sea for nearly two years. In a few more months we will move again, but we won't know where for another month at least, right now we are "worldwide available" and it is both unsettling and exhilarating. Before moving here we spent 7 months right outside DC in Rosslyn, Virginia while my husband Mr. Matt, who studied for the Bar Exam in the Onaway dining hall and drove a

van to Catholic Mass while I was the nurse in 2006 and who is now a Foreign Service Officer with the US Department of State, learned Spanish and I became a Co-active Life Coach! Before that we lived in Kathmandu, Nepal for two wonderful years.

**How have you kept connected to Onaway?**

**Ecy:** Onaway is the most important thing in my life after my family. Since joining the FS I haven't been back to Camp but my very best friends are my Onaway friends. I always say that the boating and improv and knots and camp craft skills are really wonderful takeaways from our years at camp, but the adult women friends are my absolutely priceless gifts from Onaway. I am very grateful for Facebook connections and the Circle Facebook group which have made it so that my adult women Onaways are not only friends from my Camp years but also new connections I have made with women who were at Onaway at other times. Helen Greven's gorgeous book was my favorite Christmas present this year, and I am excited for my daughters



*Ecy **McIlvain** Hughes and her family at Xunantunich Maya Site in Belize.*

to go to Camp in a few more years.

**Meg:** I haven't really stayed as close to Onaway as I would have liked to. And in fact, I think that's a wonderful part of our community: inclusion. Ideally we'd all be in the loop with camp and each other through each stage of our life, but our lives run on so many rich, interesting, diverse paths, that's not always possible. My experience in being away and "returning" to camp was a warm and welcoming one, and I love that about the community of women who founded their lives on the values we learned together around a campfire. Onas shouldn't be afraid to come back and contribute, reconnect, support Onaway or just reminisce if they've been away. I hope this makes us a richer community, and accepting of the many choices women make in their lives.

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What Onaway lessons or traditions resonate the most with you?

**Ecy:** In the Foreign Service we talk a lot about “home” being a state of mind, and Onaway is absolutely the name of that part of me that feels like home. When I am feeling off balance because of cultural differences, distance from old friends, the constant effort of self-employment or the demands of motherhood, I can connect to the Onaway inside of me. It is calm there and beautiful and tidy and joyful and it gives me the strength and resilience to face the next big or little challenge. So much of my life can be about remembering what was or anticipating what’s next and Onaway (“To us your name means Wide Awake, Means better girls of us to make”) reminds me to stay present and mindful and grounded. No matter what my circumstances in this crazy life of nomadic exploration, I am always happiest when I am remembering to stay Wide Awake.

**Meg:** Onaway taught me to fail. Yep. To fail and in so doing, to try again and build success. I was a terrible camper my first summer, and a legacy to boot. I was afraid, and I failed in big

ways and small because of the fear. My next three summers as a camper got successively better and contained key moments which changed the essence of who I am today. Really. But guess what, in my first summer as a counselor, I failed again. New stage in life, new misunderstandings, and I fell short. But again, I got my second, third and fourth chance and each summer was better and better. I’ve never really been afraid to fail since. I have tried to avoid it, certainly, but because of Onaway I knew that even if I did fail, it was a waypoint, not a definition. Taking away the fear brought freedom to succeed. And ultimately, this taught me to forgive as well, and support others through their failures and onward. I believe that I would not have the life I do without this major lesson from Onaway and I’m so glad camp is still there, untouched, for others to mine for their own lessons and be supported at such a deeply developmental stage in life. Girls, now more than ever, need to remember to “be strong” and carry on. Thanks Onaway, may you strong and ageless be! □

Interviewer **Mo Leary**

## ALUMNAE NEWS

### News of the 40s

Carol Morgan Southall shares, “My news is more about my Onaway Family. My daughter Cordie Southall (70s) was an oarswoman on a Master woman’s crew shell from Yarmouth, ME and competed in the Head of the Charles in mid-October. My granddaughters (current campers) Robbie and Sadie Southall have been on an undefeated 8<sup>th</sup> grade soccer team this fall together!! It has been a beautiful and active fall for our family. I dog walk most days with my Onaway pals, Weesie Stengel Barton (60s) and Polly Burke (90s), we love to talk about old times!!

### News of the 70s

A group from the 70s had a spontaneous mini-Onaway reunion in Kennebunkport, ME.



Valerie **Farias** Newton, Lisa **Sarno**, Anne **Wemple** Marks, Margaret Ewell, Rosemary **Moukad**, Liz **Porter** Hawkins, Shelly **Ames** Hartz

Frances Hoekstra’s second novel, *All The Way Home*, is coming out on Amazon in November. According to those who have read it (including her sisters Helen and Lisa), it is absorbing and poignant. Lisa writes, “*All The Way Home* explores, over a period of twenty years, the effects of an unexpected tragedy on the members of the two families involved. Set in the spectacular landscape of the Absaroka mountains in Wyoming, and in a sleepy town on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, the author uses the two locales as vivid backdrops for the struggle of her characters to move forward in their lives.”

Rebecca Rice Flanagan has twin granddaughters, born this past June.

Kristen Sycamore writes that she has “numerous Onaway ties as my mother is Nancy **Mudge** Sycamore, and many cousins are quite active with Onaway activities. My husband and I live in Seattle with our 3 sons, where I am a professional photographer. Sadly, my sons can’t attend Onaway but have loved their experiences down the road at Pasquaney (Avery will start summer 2016). As my parents continue to call Hebron home (the little white house next to the church), when I am home for

the summer I get to relive my Onaway days listening to the girls sing next door at the church and watching my niece, Maddie Clerkin, thrive on the waterfront, the dance theatre, or in chapel as she just finished her Tiptop year. Any opportunity to experience the refreshing Onaway spirit is one that I embrace whole heartedly! If you’re ever in Seattle, feel free to contact me: kristensycamore@gmail.com.

### News of the 80s

Nici Ash has had a busy year! In December, she and Chris Colby were married in Pittsburgh, NH. In August they traveled to San Diego, CA to see Miss Jessie D, and then went to the rodeo in the stockyards of Fort Worth, TX over Labor Day Weekend.



The family of Nici **Ash** Colby at her wedding

# ALUMNAE NEWS

Emily (2000s), Sarah (current camper) and Alison **Reed** Quinan had a great day spending time with Ona-friends and cheering on all of the Onaway rowers at the Head of the Charles.

Rebecca **Smedley** has moved to Concord, MA because of a new job. She is the Director of Spiritual and Ethical Education at Middlesex School. She adds, "I credit my camper summers at Onaway with fostering my interest in spiritual and ethical matters." Rebecca was a counselor the year Director **Barrie Pendergast** was Head of Scheduling.

## News of the 90s

Kristen **Eyler** shares, "Ethan and I are still living in the Bay Area, and bought our first home in Mill Valley last Fall. In February, I gave birth to our second son, Bennett Ethan Eyler! Bennett joined big brother Hudson, who is almost 3 years old. Bennett arrived with bright red hair and an incredibly strong spirit. He was also born with several congenital heart defects and has fought his way through 5 open heart surgeries in the first 5 months of life. He's thriving at home now, and we give thanks for his health every day!"



Hudson and Bennett (aka Braveheart) Eyler, sons of Kristen **Barton** Eyler



Weesie **Stengel** Barton with her daughter Laura at Laura's wedding.

Laura **Barton** was married to Andrew Larson, on August 29, 2015, at the Keystone Ranch in Keystone, CO. Sarah **Reinhoff**, Emily **Grogan** and Allie **Sweeney** were all bridesmaids with a big assist from Lindsay

**Barada Bayley**! Kristen **Barton** Eyler was the proud matron of honor.

T **Feldman**, Jess **Feldman** and mom Nancy **McGrath** provided some fun Ona-news:

Miss Jess F. published her first poetry

chapbook, *Call It a Premonition* through BOAAT Press this year. Her manuscript was chosen by poet Zachary Schomburg as winner of the 2015 BOAAT Winter Chapbook Competition. Copies are available through the BOAAT Press website: <http://www.boaatpress.com/store-limited-editions/call-it-a-premonition-by-jess-feldman>

Miss Nancy, Miss Jess and Miss T spent a week together at the Northpoint Cabin this September. They slept out in the lean-tos, swam in the lake, spied a flock of merganser, and sang camp songs together on Campfire Rock.



T and Jess Feldman, Liz **Clark** Freierman and Lizzie **Conolly**

Miss T and Miss Jess got to catch up with Miss Lizzie **Conolly** and Miz Liz **Clark** Freierman this October. They hiked Foss Mountain,

and stayed up late sharing their favorite camp memories.

Miss Nancy is running her second marathon this year! She ran the Boston Marathon this April, and will be tackling the New York City Marathon this November. Miss Nancy is running for Fred's Team to help raise money for cancer research.

Miss T attended Zeno Mountain Farm Ski Camp in VT for people with and without disabilities with Miss Laura **Davis** this year and had a blast!

Ashleigh **Finn** lives in Denver, CO. She had been teaching 4<sup>th</sup> Grade at Graland Country Day school, but recently became the lower school librarian. She teaches library classes to Grades K-3, and, "I love sharing my love of children's literature with the lower school!"

Katie **Jackson** writes, "This summer, I spent a restful weekend with Miss Stacey **Funston** on the beautiful Massachusetts shoreline. I was also delighted to help my Skytops and Aides roommate and my former co-head of Drama in

2004, Miss Kaitlin **Walsh** (now Kaitlin Saltzman!), celebrate her wedding, which included everyone's favorite tearjerker, "Give Yourself to Love".

My book, *Hand-Built Garden Furniture: 20 Step-By-Step Projects Anyone Can Build*, will be released spring 2016 with Timber Press. It will be available in bookstores and



I am looking for locations for events on my book tour this spring: please contact me if you know of a bookstore, workshop, library, or art space that would like to host a book signing, talk, or woodworking class! More information and photos of my book are at [katiejacksonwoodworks.com/book](http://katiejacksonwoodworks.com/book)."

Ecy **McIlvain** Hughes announces that the next assignment for her family is in Munich Germany, beginning June of 2016.



Kaitlin **Walsh** Saltzman and her sister Sam **Walsh**

Kaitlin **Walsh** married Michael Saltzman at the Waveny House in New Canaan, CT on September 26, 2015. Samantha **Walsh** was the (perfect!) Maid of Honor. Katie **Jackson** and her boyfriend Joe were in attendance... and Kaitlin teared up at

the altar when she looked out and saw Miss KJax in the crowd after having not seen her for years.

Kata **Nadas** lives in Budapest Hungary and was visited by Onaway friends, Allie **Keen** Vassalli and Leigh **Bulkeley**.



Kata with Allie



Kata with Leigh



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Jane Shiverick started a new job in Denver, CO after graduating from Tuck Business School. She is looking forward to lots of skiing this winter.

### News of the 2000s

Kala Bolton is approaching her 3<sup>rd</sup> year working at ESPN and is currently working as an Associate Producer on Monday Night Football. She travels all around the country to the game they are broadcasting and works with different teams, players and coaches which makes the job very exciting. She is "loving every second!" She was recently in Philadelphia to cover a game and was staying a couple of blocks from Gevvie Stone who was in town for a race. They had breakfast together and caught up.



*Nancy in Australia*

Nancy Conolly went from summer to summer by moving in September to Australia for a year. She is an au pair for a family outside Sydney and very excited to be back Downunder.

Virginia Hill graduated from Colorado College this past May. She then spent

two months traveling through Eastern Europe with friends and recently moved to Boston, MA where she will be working at MIT's geochronology lab. She will be taking a 3 month hiatus from her job to work at Winter Term in Switzerland.

Alex Hulme ran in the NYC Marathon as a member of Team Fox for Parkinson's Research. She moved to NYC in August to start a new job as a Director of Health Care Quality with the American Heart Association. She focuses on a suite of the Heart Association's cardiac care programs at hospitals in the NYC and Long Island region focusing on quality of improvement of services delivered and patient health outcomes at these hospitals.

After being part of the 2015 Council, Michele Keyser moved into her new home in Vero Beach, FL. She is enjoying the weather, but misses the cool NH nights! Her home is right next to the beach and she has been enjoying spending any free time walking along the beach and enjoying the ocean. She is working towards her teacher certification in Florida and has meanwhile been substitute teaching and working at a local ice cream and fudge shop.

Nellie Knox moved back to the San Francisco Bay area. She attended Smith College for undergraduate and graduate school. She is a first grade teacher at Greenwood School.

Jenny Morehouse took some classes at her local community college this past

summer and had a few jobs, one being an intern with her congressman. She is now back for her second year at Michigan Tech. She loves the beautiful Upper Peninsula and says that it reminds her of camp – limited cell service and beautiful scenery.

Paige Pierce is studying in Rome, Italy. Eliza Amory (2000s) is visiting her this month. Paige is studying tourism, Italian and food and loving it!

Sarah Robart got engaged to be married this past summer! She celebrated with Onaway friends Lola Aldrich and Kaitlan Biondi. Kaitlan will be a bridesmaid.



*Sarah's proposal*



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