

THE ALUMNAE CIRCLE

ONAWAY

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ONAWAY, A LABOR OF LOVE: LET HER STRONG AND AGELESS BE

An interview with Helen Stokes Greven, Author

With a publication date of January, 2011 just around the corner, I wanted to hear from the author of the Onaway history about the years she spent working on this special book. Helen Stokes Greven began attending Onaway while a student at The Shipley School. She was a camper from 1945-1948; a counselor from 1954-55 and 1961-1963. She served as a member of The Onaway Board of Trustees from 1960-1978 and returned in 2003 in part as the Onaway Historian. Helen began her project of love and devotion in the late 1990's. She began collecting materials in 2000 while attending Board meetings and recognized that the project had adopted her rather than her pursuing the project! Most notably, many may remember Helen for her reenactment or portrayal of Mrs. Hollister. We all look forward to the return of Mrs. Hollister at the Centennial!

What inspired you to take on the Onaway history as a project and when did you begin the collection of information and memorabilia?

In 2000 I thought I had "plenty of time" but soon learned that sources were scattered and the task monumental! The disorganization alone was painstakingly addressed, and it was my great fortune that Miss Margaret Stiles had carbon copies of all her correspondence and letters from early trustees to draw from. There are numerous photographs. Jane Johnson Kent provided plenty of memories and correspondence to

corroborate the data gleaned from the surplus of information! Thank you Jane!

I know that you have learned a tremendous amount about Onaway, but what struck you as the most surprising?

It is fascinating to me that what was important 100 years ago to an Onaway camper is still important today. Also, the tremendous struggle and dedication certain individuals undertook to make Onaway a non-profit with a Board of Trustees to guarantee Onaway's future. Many camps folded when original founders or their immediate descendants died or lost interest. There are very few, today, that offer summer long experiences to girls. Another reason why Onaway is unique!

While we all know on the Board that this has been a labor of love for you and your unflagging dedication amazing, what has kept you motivated as you have surmounted obstacles? You glow whenever you are updating the Board.

Onaway means a great deal to me as I experienced it from camper to Trustee. It was where I was the happiest and while I loved school too, Onaway is special to me. I felt fulfilled in this and it was almost a miracle to me to find evidence of so many like minded experiences in an unbroken line. The tremendous influence of an institution that is able to balance tradition and



Helen Stokes Greven: historian, author, Mabel Hollister impersonator!

necessary changes is powerful. The experience shared by so many young women who go from 10 year olds to senior counselors and trustees resonates with me strongly.

Year after year as the story unfolded, I have been struck by the feeling of being lost in the experience of writing- a kind of creative euphoria. The delight of the Trustees' interest in the project kept me going!

What would you say to someone who is interested in pursuing a project of this kind?

My best advice to anyone seeking to undertake a labor of love like this is to have lots of time and large chunks of it! This is true because of the need to fully research and write without interruption

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Camp Opens:	June 25
Fair Weekend:	July 16-17
Cup Weekend:	August 12-14
Centennial Weekend:	August 19-21

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What is your favorite section of the book and why?

It was a great deal of fun to write about my own memories combined with those who were my friends at camp: Kay Francis Graff and Carol Morgan Southall come to mind immediately. I loved each part for what it contributed to my story. The least recognized era in terms of grit and determination was 1966-1984. It was a difficult time to keep the camp going during these rocky times of leadership and Onaway's endurance was tested.

How did you meet Susan Jackson (editor) and Lucian Burg (publisher) who partnered with you in the editing and publishing of the book?

Susan has had unbridled passion for this project. Both her parents (former Board members), and her brother Fred, who sits on the Board, provided strong influence I am sure! Susan, herself, is an Onaway alumna and her connection to Onaway is felt even today as the aunt of "Miss KJax". Susan is a NYC editor with a unique combination of skills and experience. Her professionalism and Onaway experience during the years under Jane Kent and Lisa Taylor (Directors) have augmented many sections reflected in the 1970's and 1980's. Her role as "editor in chief" made for many fun and helpful conversations as the book took shape.

I met Lucian through a friend in Vermont. Lucian had just set up his own book designer business and offered to take me on as an early client. I consider it providence that we connected because I had just learned that our previous publisher was stricken with an illness and could not fulfill the role. As an artist, and master chef, he has transformed the history through his computer expertise,



Designer and printer, Lucian Burg and his wife Marie visiting camp in 2010.

his brilliant use of photographs and his artistic eye. He was so taken with the materials and project that he and his wife visited camp in 2010 and took over 300 pictures!

It seems that a higher power intervened near the end, just when needed, to take the text and make it both readable and memorable. I consider them friends and ours a true partnership.



Susan Jackson,
Editor
Extraordinaire.

What resources have you found the most helpful and how did you "vet" the information that you collected? Were other camp histories available to you and did they influence you in anyway?

I read other camp histories such as Pasquaney's by Charlie Stanwood. I was very aware of accurate historical detail, but this was more of an effort to capture the spirit of Onaway and to use Onaway voices wherever possible. My hope is that even if people begin looking at their own years, they will also be drawn into the story and want to know what came before and after. It helped that I am a trained historian when judging the value of source materials. It is always good to remember that history can depend on memories and that memories of the same event can differ. I had to take the time to cross check information.

(Note: The Schlesinger library at Harvard University has recognized the historical importance of these "all girls camps" by agreeing to be our official archives.)

Finally, what message do you hope the book inspires in today's campers, counselors and aides? What message do you hope the book inspires in alumnae?

To campers: To have a better understanding of how Onaway has made you stronger and more self aware. To be aware of the value of being part of the Onaway family and how important it is to laugh, cry, struggle together and support each other. These are skills that are invaluable in life.

To aides and counselors: To realize once again that the success of Onaway does not just "happen." Counselors and aides are the backbone of each summer and beyond. Your awareness of your own growth into a strong adult is because of the Onaway experience that encourages responsibility and creativity.

To alumnae: A message to those alumnae who haven't spent 15 summers at Onaway, maybe just four as a camper, and have only vague memories of good summers in their past. Hopefully, reading this history will awaken a sense of what Onaway did for you without your realizing it. My wish for you is that you will realize that Onaway alumnae have so much in common. Even if you were not at camp together, it is a shared experience. Perhaps reading the history will make coming back and visiting less 'scary,' will remind you of important moments in your growing up, and inspire you to think of sending your daughters or granddaughters.

This history has been at many levels an Onaway project I could not have done without all the contributions of so many. I hope each Onaway reader KNOWS that she is an integral part of the story. It is important that we keep the history alive!

Let Her Strong and Ageless Be will be available for purchase in early 2011. □
Betsy Haggett Moschella

THE GIRLS OF ONAWAY

The Girls of Onaway once again chose to support both local charities and causes around the world. They were particularly pleased to be able to increase their gifts to some of their favorite organizations.

Appalachian Mountain Club
Camp Onaway Scholarship Fund
The Circle Program
Heifer Project International
Newfound Lake Region Association
Paradise Point Audubon Center
Pemi-Baker Hospice Program
Society for Protection of NH Forests
Camp Sunshine
Watoto Charitable Trust (Wamba Hospital in Kenya)
Nothing but Nets Foundation
Camp Carefree
Spectacle Pond Restoration Project
Squam Lakes Association

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

My dear friends,

A big cheer and thanks from all on the Onaway Board for your part in the success of the 2010 Annual Fund. Together, we met our goal of \$90,000, which constitutes a critical element in our budget. Contributions came from all corners of our community in amounts ranging from \$10 to \$5000, and we are moved by each and every one. The Girls of Onaway, themselves, directed a portion of the funds they raised through their rice meals, in chapel contributions, and at Fair to the Annual Fund, and the Board gratefully sent a delegation of Trustees to this summer's talent show to say to the girls, as we do to all of you, "Thank you. You are an inspiration to us!" Watch for Anne Conolly's letter announcing the start of the 2011 (100th Year) Annual Fund.

As we celebrate the *fiftieth* anniversary of the Onaway Board and of Onaway's conversion from private ownership to a non profit corporation, I would like to thank and honor the individuals who set the course for that, many of whom have generously supported Onaway through the vicissitudes and challenges of the years. Some have been visible leaders and some have chosen to support Onaway anonymously. We would not be here today without them. There have been many great leaders in the intervening years, but in honor of this anniversary, I would like to thank in particular our founding leaders and the Director who sought their support:

Eleanor Beitler Cortright
Nathan D. Cortright
Margaret ("Miggy") Dewing
Wilma Thompson
Henry C. Hollister

Hon. George N. Hurd, Jr.
Meredith Clark
Frederick B. Hufnagel
Frederick H. Brownell, Jr.
Mary Brainard Hewes

Margaret F. Stiles
John R. McLane, Jr.
Helen Stokes Greven
Gaius W. Merwin
Arthur Gardner

Onaway's gifts come in many forms, and one incredible gift nears fruition in the form of an Onaway history lovingly coaxed by Helen Stokes Greven over the last ten years from ancient photo albums, diaries and letters, sermons and songs. Helen has been involved with Onaway in many ways since her days as a camper and counselor. She served on the Onaway Board in its infancy, and has been back on the Board as a Trustee since 2003. Her humor, common sense and intimate knowledge of Onaway have provided invaluable guides for the Boards of her service. *Let Her Strong and Ageless Be* is a work of art bringing forth the stories of Onaway leadership and brilliance through interviews with directors, their chapel talks, the carefree writings of campers, words from our favorite songs and photos and artistic renderings of all sorts. The book's design by Lucian Burg is a joy for any Onaway to behold. Susan Jackson, camper and aide in the late '70's, has devoted countless hours as the editor of this Onaway jewel. I thank and honor Helen, Lucian and Susan for this great expression of Onaway's essence.

This is a time of thanks on the Onaway Board. We have much to be grateful for as the stewards, with all of you, of our little summer camp for girls: the strong and inspired leadership that has carried her this far, the loyal alumnae and parents and friends who want to see the legacy of helping girls develop their best selves continue, and the joy and optimism of the girls themselves. Thank you for your role in this story!

Kathleen Broderick Baird President, Onaway Camp Trust

ONAWAY RENTALS 2011

Hollister House



Weekly rates: (Saturday to Saturday)

June 1st - 25th \$ 800

June 25th - September 5th \$1350

September 5th - October 31st \$ 800

Reservation Deposit \$250.

Prime weeks available July through September.

Northpoint Cabin



Weekly rate: (Tuesday to Tuesday) \$500

Reservation Deposit \$100

Call 518-443-0004 for availability.

A Week at Hollister House

The last week in July was a glorious one! The heat and humidity disappeared just as we arrived, the sun was bright and the fresh breeze was a welcome treat.

Our decision to rent Hollister House was a good one. The bedroom was spacious and comfortable; the bathroom recently renovated. The kitchen was well equipped, with a toaster oven, a microwave, a brand new stove and dishwasher, and a relatively new refrigerator. I found all the pots and pans and dishes that we needed, and a good supply of bottled water was readily available. The living room was very comfortable, with two nice chairs and a sofa. Cable TV and an internet connection were most welcome. Upstairs, there is plenty of room for additional family members and guests.

Larry and I particularly enjoyed sitting on the porch, overlooking the Onaway waterfront. We counted the early morning swimmers and watched the boating, canoeing and sailing. We took a huge interest in the campers' efforts to pass dock landings and time paddles. Onaway's waterfront program is truly amazing!

Our geriatric life style is a quiet one, but we spent time at the Hollister House's private beach every day during rest hour, and we enjoyed several local restaurants, particularly The Italian Farmhouse and The Lucky Dog. All in all, our experience was a good one, and we hope to be able to rent Hollister House again next summer. We recommend it highly! □

Kay and Larry Graff

CREATIVE WRITING AT ONAWAY

Girls have many opportunities to try their hands at poetry, story-telling and song writing during the summer. The following pieces were written during the summer of 2010. Regardless of their spelling or grammar skills, the girls' writings always reflect their love of camp, their sense of humor, and their appreciation for the adventures they are having.

Welcome (Birch Bark Box by Jess Hebert)

Your hair is all tangled
Your shoes really stink
Your zit-spotted face
Really doesn't help you think.
Your towels are wet
Your cabin's a mess!
Once white was your
Pretty lace chapel dress.
Your nails aren't worthy
Of a one on the chart;
Your pictures aren't exactly
What you would call art.
Your beanie's not perfect
Your bathing suit's damp.
Your sneakers are muddy.
Welcome to camp!

Topnots Chapel Sharing (excerpts)

I feel connected to something bigger than myself when:
...I am on top of a tall mountain that I just hiked and am looking at the view that I could only get after I worked hard. Allie Davidge
...when I am sitting on Campfire Rock singing "Flicker" with friends. Jeanne Valk
...after Circle on the rock, I look up at the stars and feel as if I am the only one who can see them. Phoebe Spare
...looking at the cabin walls and seeing the names of girls here before me. Elena DeLaCancela
...when the Skytops sing to us on a sleepy Sunday morning. Maddy Noonan
...seeing a White Chevron, exhausted and dripping with sweat, learn she has passed her time paddle. Miss Ellie Shepley

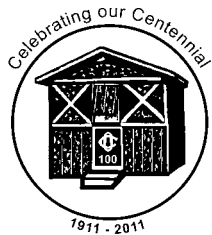
Just for Fun Adventure Trip Tripsong (excerpt to the tune of Manana)

Before I went on JFFAT
I thought I could canoe
But Squam Lake proved me wrong
With its winds that blew and blew.
My arms are really tired
And my back is really sore.
Let's get to Bowman Island where we can go explore.

Canoeing, canoeing; we'll get to Bowman just you wait and see.

Friendship (Birch Bark Box by a group of Birches)

A friend is someone who is always there for you; happy, kind and caring.
A friend can always keep secrets.
A friend is not always perfect but makes you laugh at simple things.
A friend is someone found at Camp Onaway.
Friendship is a ship that never sinks.
Friendship never ends.



Centennial "Attendance" List

The following alumnae indicated early on that they are planning to come. Now that you have the official invitation, please let us know your plans! Our apologies if we have missed your name on the unofficial list.

30s and 40's

Jane Ludlow Bowne
Sally Brine Broderick
Ellie Stiles Dumdi
Helen Stokes Greven
Kay Francis Graff
Virginia Quay Hutchinson
Jane Johnson Kent
Elizabeth Hayward Marshall
Seton Lindsay O'Reilly
Elisabeth Waterworth Russell
Carol Morgan Southall
Alice Merwin Tweedy
Anne Carter Peck Zadig

50s

Chickie Rupp Bayer
Sandy Trimble Enck
Tessa Stanwood Davis
Ellie Stengel Fink
Ramsey Stuart Hawkins
Scottie Stiles Howard
Lisa Johnson
Sarah Langdell Lambdin
Lala Mapes Maresi
Elizabeth Reigeluth Parker

Bobbi Childs Sampson
Olivia Barbour Tarlton
Margaret Bodine Wallis
Nonie Keen Williams

60s

Kathy Broderick Baird
Weesie Stengel Barton
Midge Bemiss
Mary Broderick
Tibby Bolton Christenberry
Anne Peterson Conolly
Mary Park DeSalvo
Kathy Wilson Denby
Jo Wolbach Devlin
Ruthie Johnson Duckworth
Michelle Lamedica Fennell
Anne Marshall Gieryn
Shelley Ames Hartz
Phil and Liz Porter Hawkins
Libby (Jimmy) Hillhouse
Cindy Tucker Merril
Rosemary Moukad
Anne Finn Nelson
Sally Jones Orr
Anne Legg Reigeluth
Laura Bemis Rollison
Lisa Sarno

Stephanie Smith Stein
Marilyn (Kim) Heller Strong

70s

Blakeley Brown Crevoiserat
Carolyn Ellis
Meredith Funston
Debi Jenkins Frankel
Susan Jackson
Lucy Mahaffey
Kate Graff McNierney
Nancy Winship Milliken
Pam Woods Mosdale
Betsy Haggett Moschella
Susi Mudge
Marianne Noble
Rebecca Rice
Jennifer Ringe
Anne Scribner-Hopkins
Mary Finn Wood
Emmy Olmsted Wyatt

80s

Lauren Williams Baynham
Laura Chisholm
Sarah Woodring Cooper
Kendra Motley Demopoulos
Alana Jones Dros
duVergne Gaines
Sue Hatch
Jennifer Thorp Hemann
Sophie Jacobi Parisi
Katherine Keen
Ellen Langford
Sara Martin
Amy Cragin McWhorter
Lizza Miller
Monica Montiel
Sharon Reed

Alexandra Ringe
Patty Rockensies
Anne Thompson
Sarah Trautvetter
Laura Fitts Waters
Julie Raboin Willis

90s

Liz Angney
J'April Barrett
Angela Carini
Katie Christenberry
Helen Gemmill
Cynthia Gorman
Sarah Hindmarsh
Katie Jackson
Lauren Lanza
Mo Leary
Elizabeth Lucarelli
Paige McGinley
Claire Nick
Sarah Quigley
Elizabeth Reese
Caroline Reigeluth
Emily Roth
Caitlin Sweeney
Jane Shiverick
Allie Strawbridge
Meredith Stein
Margaux Vose

Onaway Friends

Elaine Carlson
Ed and Ginny Cragin
Carole and Ken Heuser
Fred and Linda Jackson
William and Mary Jackson
Mary Joyce

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SUMMER 2010

While everyone I know was home complaining about the heat, we at Onaway were celebrating the hot, dry summer we had missed the last couple of years. Never have there been so few excuses about getting in the water for swim class, and skinny dipping before bed was very much in fashion.

This summer we had 90 campers from all over the United States as well as several European countries. We had 9 pairs of sisters and one family with three members at camp. Fifty-seven members of the community had a mother, a grandmother or an aunt who attended Onaway in the past. There were 26 counselors all with Onaway backgrounds; nine were new and the rest returning. Once again the total number of Onaway years on the council was close to 200 – every counselor received a cake on Cake Night! We also benefited from some extra resources with some part-timers enriching both our Sailing and Nature programs. We had eight full summer Aides who added their spirit, their strong work ethic and their artistic talents to the summer. Seven OWLES went out in one session and they too experienced the wonderful sunny weather.



Miss Liz Angney prepares for the dunk.

Miss Liz Angney was Assistant Director for her third summer. She added both her sense of humor and professionalism to the job. Miss Riley Bright returned after some time off to do the schedule and Miss Alex Hulme also returned to run our trip program. Miss Ebes (Claire Eberhardt) was Waterfront Head and each waterfront department was led by an experienced counselor.

While no summer is without its challenges, some homesickness, some head lice, this summer was mostly marked by amazing accomplishments by the campers: 3 White Chevrons, 3 Captains, 2 Sharks, 2 Spruces, 3 Third Crescents, 7 girls swimming the length of the lake and 3 girls reaching the 175 mile mark in hiking. The Skytops had perfect bearning for the whole summer so earned the first new line on the plaque since 2000. Drama productions under Miss Meg Platt and Miss Ellie Shepley were spectacular. *Alice in Wonderland* was performed by the Upper Camp over Fair Weekend and *Honk!* was performed by the Lower Camp over Cup Weekend. The dance pageant was *Peter Pan* followed by a variety of jazz dances.



The Madhatter confuses and annoys Alice.



Jack-o-melon carving.

Tradition continues to be important at Onaway and we celebrated many of those traditions in preparation for the Centennial next summer. We also had some fun with some new programs. Halloween in July included a haunted house in the Log Cabin, trick or treating to the counselors' cabins, jack-o-melon carving, costume judging and scary stories in Woodland Hall. The girls

participated in the Audubon Society's Fairy Gnome House Tour and created scenes from Camp Onaway on slabs of pine all made from natural elements. Chapel, Campfire Rock, and the Waterfront were all depicted with pine cones, acorns, twigs, and leaves. In Arts and Crafts, the girls painted small murals of scenes from camp with the hope that we can transform them next summer into a more permanent Centennial display. During the last week of camp, a very competitive round of Tug-of-War challenges raised the loyalty of Brown and White team members and tested the strength of the Skytops versus the counselors.



Chapel rendered in Fairy Gnome House style.



Tug-of-war.

Every summer is special for me in one way or another. In addition to enjoying all of the positive energy and enthusiasm, I introduced Radley, my new lab puppy, to the camp world. He isn't quite the model camp dog yet, and he has big paws to fill after Willie, but he is well on his way to winning the hearts of the community.

As always, I am so grateful for the support from the wonderful Council, from Mr. Bruce our chef, and Mr. Gene, our property manager. Regan keeps the office running back in Albany so I can be fully engaged at camp, and the members of the Board of Trustees are always looking out for Onaway's future. It is truly a team effort and seeing the smiles on the faces of both the girls and their parents helps us know that the work is well worth it! □

Anne Peterson Conolly

ALUMNAE CORNER

SKYTOPS '69 – Where Are They Now?

A mere 41 years later, I set out to reconnect with my fellow Skytoppers and see what everyone is up to and to ask what Onaway memories they still hold dear after all these years.

When I spoke to **Shelley Ames Hartz** she was about to set out on a five day solo hiking trip on the Long Trail ... how's that for keeping up the Onaway tradition? After a career in medical nursing, Shelley now has her own practice as a clinical psychiatric nurse. She and her husband Rob (also an Onaway Alum) now live in Littleton, MA, and are the proud parents of three children in their 20s. One of Shelley's fondest memories of Onaway was playing Tic-Tac-Toe with M&Ms during rest hour with her roommate Ruth. **Perry Bristoll Stephenson** has been in Dallas since college, working at Bank of America as a commercial banker to health care companies. One of her lifelong passions is hiking, which she credits to Onaway. In fact, hiking has taken her to Kilimanjaro, Bhutan, Patagonia and Nepal (she climbed all but the technical part of Everest). We discovered that Perry will be in NYC with her book club early in December so we are already plotting our pre-Centennial mini-reunion!

I had fun tracking down **Kim Coleman** in Barcelona where she is teaching architecture. Kim and I were surprised to reconnect on our first day of freshman year at Smith, after our parents found each other at the parents' reception (of course they recognized their singing buddies from the Pasquaney Inn porch). Kim and her husband Mark teach at the University of Southern California and have two children, in addition to their own architecture practice. For Kim, Onaway will always conjure up memories of endless games of Jacks on Woodland porch.

After 30 years in the Magazine Publishing Industry, **Anne "Finny" Finn Nelson** now works for a management consulting firm for non-profits. She and her husband Mark Nelson live in Brooklyn, NY. Anne remembers watching the moon landing on a little black and white TV in



From left: **Liz Porter**, **Stephanie Mulliken**, **Anne Wemple**, **Kim Coleman**, **Ruth Johnson**, **Perry Bristoll**, **Rosemary Moukad**, **Anne Finn**, **Sandy Rosen**, **Shelley Ames**

Counselors, l to r - **Margaret Hawkes**, **Janet Milne**, **Ellen Jacoby**

Woodland Hall and playing "God" in the waterfront show, but her proudest remembrance is of bringing the aides to work with the underprivileged kids at Mayhew when she was a counselor. **Liz Porter Hawkins** and her husband Phil recently moved to beautiful Evergreen, CO. Liz still loves to sail and thanks Jane Kent for hiring her as a sailing counselor (the sailing program began at Onaway our Skytops year). Liz so loved her summers at camp that she and Phil built a gorgeous log home on Newfound Lake which they just sold this year. Liz and Phil have two children. Liz stays in touch with Ruthie and me through SCRABBLE on Facebook.

Ruth "Ruthie" Johnson Duckworth now spends her mornings working with preschoolers and her afternoons spinning, weaving, sewing and felting. She and her husband Mike live in Black Mountain, NC and have two children. Her proudest achievement at Onaway was being elected to hiking club after arriving at camp (in her own words) the "skinniest, scrawniest, weakest kid ever." She claims that the triscuits, cheese, raisins, Hershey Bar and orange combo is still her favorite hiking lunch. Most of all, she recalls the strength and endurance of the friendships made at camp: "We can see each other after

all these years and just pick right up and feel so comfortable together." I (**Rosemary Moukad**) live in New York and work as legal recruiter. I have five godchildren (two are Liz's daughter and Shelley's son), many varied interests, and lots of friends all over the place. So I am often either on vacation (a particular talent I have developed), visiting friends or entertaining friends in NYC. One of my best memories from Skytops year was performing in the play "Antic Spring" with Miss Kitty. There were only six of us in the production and Miss Kitty really treated us like professionals.

After spending almost her entire life on the East Coast, **Stephanie Mulliken** moved to Las Vegas about three years ago to be nearer her sister Cindy, also an Onaway alum. She is now working at the Nevada Cancer Institute and really enjoying it. Steph fondly remembers our nature class with Miss Airy where we made witch hazel and teaberry tea (from local plants) and had a breakfast of day lilies (I think there were a number of eggs thrown in). She has been back to Onaway many times and always savors the smell of the pine needles.

After doing the corporate grind in NYC for about ten years after college,

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Anne Wemple Marks (now Annie, but formerly known as "Agile Anne") fulfilled her "Onaway, A Promise," and escaped to New Hampshire. She is now living in Maine doing all things artistic, in addition to biking, hiking or kayaking just about every day. Annie remembers the intrigue of our Aides trip to Acadia in Maine, which was known as "Operation Pitchfork" (so-named and planned by Miss Phyllis, aka "Physical Phil") and involved an early morning getaway from camp with all the other "Little Devils." Annie and I couldn't stop laughing, remembering how "cool" we were. Ellen Jacoby Stalter, Margaret Hawkes ("Miss Peggy"), and Janet Milne ("Miss Jenny") were our Skytops counselors. Ellen comes from a multi-generational Onaway family – her mother was the camp bookkeeper and her daughter Katie was a camper. She now lives in Needham, MA with her husband, and they enjoy being grandparents to 8 month old Tyler. For Margaret, being a Christian has been a huge part of her life and she met her husband John through the church. They have been married for 16 years and live in Florence, Oregon. Margaret's favorite memory of Onaway is the Chapel and in particular the bible inscription at the entryway from Matthew. For many years Janet practiced law in DC, but then she and her husband John decided to move north to Etna, NH. She is now a professor at Vermont Law School.

Sadly, one of our fellow Skytoppers, Sandy Rosen, died not long after camp from a rare blood disease. She and her warm and enthusiastic parents loved Onaway fervently.

I think our group will make an excellent showing at Centennial. Liz, Shelley and Rob, Ruthie, Anne Finn and I are all committed. Steph and Annie Wemple are strong possibilities. For Kim and Janet, it really depends on their academic schedule, which tends to be in full swing by the end of August. I think everyone else is a maybe. We're shooting for the highest percentage participation of any Skytops group. Can you beat us?

□

Rosemary Moukad

ALUMNAE GATHERINGS



Kathy **Wilson Denby**, Page **Warren**,
Marianne **Noble**, and Margarita
Collantes.



Geoff **Noble**, current camper Cate
Chapin, and Miss Mo **Leary** look at
Onaway slides.

In May, Ellie Stengel Fink, an Onaway camper in the 50's and mother of Nina and Emily Fink, hosted a gathering of DC area alumnae in her home in Bethesda, MD. Maura Leary (Miss Mo), camper and counselor in the '90's and '00's and now in graduate school in DC, and Kathy Wilson Denby, camper in the '60's and Onaway Trustee, helped organize the event. Anne Peterson Conolly joined the group and showed slides from the past summer. There was great excitement about Onaway's Centennial plans for August, 2011. In addition to those named in the photos Dorsey Davidge, Cristi Gunther Head, Susi and Katy Mudge also attended.

This summer saw many Onaway alumnae visitors. Both parents of current campers, parents of future campers as well as alumnae of many ages visited during the summer. A gathering in the library over Fair Weekend of alumnae generated Centennial ideas and enthusiasm.

On November 6, 2010, NYC area alumnae will be toasting Onaway on the eve of her 100th birthday at a Special Onaway Wine Tasting at Vestry Wines in Tribeca where Onaway alumna and expert sommelier, Elizabeth Hoogenboom, will guide the group through an afternoon of learning and tasting some of her favorite and great wines from around the world. Elizabeth earned her Sommelier-Conseil degree at the Suze-la-Rousse Universite du Vin in France. From there, she worked on the retail side of the business at Rockefeller Center's Morrell & Company and is currently on the wholesale side of the business with Michael Skurnik Wines, where she has been for eight years.

Boston area alumnae are planning a gathering for this winter, and early in the spring Philadelphia will host a book reading and signing from *Let Her Strong and Ageless Be: Camp Onaway's First Hundred Years* by Onaway's soon to be published historian, Helen Stokes Greven (see article page 1). We look forward to seeing many of you at these events in 2011! □

Kathy Wilson Denby



1st row: Edith **Mahaffey**, Karen **Hamilton** Ammon, Susan **Dietz** Ramquist,
Alison **Reed** Quinan, Sarah **Woodring** Cooper.

2nd row: Lucy **Mahaffey**

3rd row: Anne **Carter** Zadig, Kate **Graff** McNierney, Fran **McNierney**, Sarah **Egan** Hebert,
Emmy **Olmsted** Wyatt, Dorsey **Davidge**, Meredith **Funston**, Anne **Peterson** Conolly.

NAME THAT DECADE

The following photos represent ten decades at Onaway. Can you identify the decade or even exact year of each of the photos and what is going on in the photo? Onaway souvenir for ten correct answers!



PARENT COLUMN

MOWGLIS and PASQUANEY DADS on ONAWAY DAUGHTERS

Chris Phaneuf (daughters Emily and Abbey): As a camper and later a staff member at Mowglis in the 1970's, I was lucky enough to experience the benefits a traditional summer camp provides. The rich traditions, the friendships, new challenges and opportunities, and the space to grow in a safe, nurturing environment was a gift that I continue to appreciate today. More recently reconnecting with Mowglis after many years when I joined the Board of Trustees, I was struck by the fact that the program and its mission, essentially unchanged since the camp was founded more than 100 years ago, is even more relevant in today's world than when I experienced it as a camper nearly 40 years ago.



Abbey and Emily Phaneuf.

community are skills that are too often not part of their world outside of Onaway.

Re-living many of my camp experiences through our daughters has been wonderful. The anticipation of an upcoming summer and the mixed emotions of the final day at camp wondering how seven weeks could go by so fast; a moving chapel talk, a hiking trip that didn't go quite as planned, the excitement of a letter from home.

It's been five summers since my oldest was a Wendy and, as her Skytop year approaches, she's beginning to understand that the days of coming to Newfound Lake won't last forever. I've no doubt though, that she will carry Onaway with her for the rest of her life.

Bill O'Reilly (daughters Elena and Maddie DeLaCancela): As a Pasquaney boy in the mid-1970's, I was naturally curious about Onaway girls. My sister, Ann, was an Onaway girl, but she didn't count. Naturally.

We had scarce interaction with you brown-shirted Bonnies: Fourth-of July fireworks, Fair (for those of us lucky enough



Maddie, Georgia and Elena DeLaCancela.

to have kin down the Lake), and the occasional passing on a Cardigan trail, with us doing our best to appear Teutonic as we marched by.

So imagine my wonderment 35 years later to be on the inside – smack dab in the center of Camp – watching the Onaway operation in full live color, this time with three daughters in tow. I was not the only one transported. Scattered throughout – down on the Waterfront, up in the cabins, and in Woodland Hall – were many of my former Pasquaney compatriots – Kurt McCandless, Bill Matthai, Rick and Rod Crevoiserat, et al – looking largely the same as when Gerald Ford was President and belatedly soaking up the full atmosphere of our sister camp.

It was not at all what I expected. For one thing, Onaway is far more Spartan than I imagined. While we shivered in our bunks on the Hillside above Lake Pasquaney, we fully believed that Onaway girls had heat. At least I did. And I expected that you all slept in until around nine.

What I saw instead were strong and becoming-strong young women scurrying about in full industry, lifting 75-pound chapel benches and even-heavier canoes over their heads. I saw order, discipline, and purpose, and my 1970-era dreams of Onaway were shattered.

It took three full parent weekends for me to shake off the blow. But then I began to get it. And I liked it even more than I had imagined.

Onaway is as special a place as Pasquaney is. Yet while the smell of the pines, the crunch of their needles underfoot, and the crispness of that New Hampshire air bring long-misplaced Pasquaney memories rushing back to the forefront of consciousness, the two camps are incomparable. The values they instill are the same – honesty, friendship, hard work, perseverance – but Onaway's tones are all her own.

There is spirituality at Onaway I could not have imagined or appreciated before. It is carried on a song in Chapel and in Circle at the close of the day. It now resides in my two elder daughters, and I pray my four-year-old, Georgia, will carry it one day, too.

It is the Onaway I never knew.

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Many thanks to our Onaway community of alumnae, family and friends who generously supported the 2010 Annual Fund. We made our \$90,000 goal! We would also like to thank the founding members of the Campfire Rock Society, our planned giving program, for their foresight and commitments to future generations of Onaway girls. We invite everyone to consider a generous 2011 Annual Fund contribution to honor Camp Onaway on her 100th birthday and hope to see you at camp this summer for the Centennial Celebration, August 19 – 21, 2011.

ALUMNAE NEWS

News of the 40s

Ellie Stiles Dumdi is enjoying spending time with her 4 year old grandson. Unfortunately her husband had a stroke this past August. He's made a pretty good recovery but life's much quieter than it was before. She hopes to be at the Centennial celebration in August.

Mary Zisette Olmsted writes, "What a treat it is to have a grandchild at Onaway. It's a joy to watch her loving camp and maturing into another Onaway girl. Camp Onaway remains a perfect mix of fun and values. Thank goodness some things don't change."

News of the 50s

Alison Von Clemm Curtis is still our Onaway link between Lucy in Kenya and the Girls of Onaway. She writes that, "Lucy will not ever be 'cured' but she is safe, is being educated and cared for thanks to your donation. The impact of your help is huge. Lucy is so proud to have so many girls as her sponsor. She knows you as I have given her a camp brochure that is in her special box she keeps locked on a shelf."

Sarah Langdell Lambdin visited camp over the summer and spent time with her husband taking photos. She is excited to be returning next summer for the Centennial.

Caroline Morgan Southall caught up with 90s alumnae Laura Barton, Kristen Barton Eyler and Chris Marks Quist in San Francisco, Calif. this October.



Chris Marks Quist, Laura Barton, Caroline Morgan Southall, Kristen Barton Eyler at the FiSH restaurant in San Francisco, Calif.

News of the 60s

Virginia Whitney Bradley writes, "What a blast to see Miss Chickie and Miss Bobbie in the last newsletter. Two of my favorite counselors although they may have felt differently towards me as a camper. Nina Bradley Smallhorn (80s) and I are trying to figure out coming to the Centennial Celebration.

News of the 70s



Sylvia Frayne

Consulting business. If anyone knows a talented Development Director who would like to live in beautiful New Hampshire and work at a fabulous Music School, she'd love to hear from you.

Betsy Haggett Moschella shares, "The planets were aligned when a few weeks ago on 9/11 Merry Richter and Kim Moschella with their parents went to South Street Seaport in NYC for an afternoon of just "wandering around." Suddenly they heard a shout! Looking up through the throngs of tourists, crowds, demonstrators and buses, they ran smack into Miss Caitlin Carini and her mom, all the way from Oregon! They were at the Seaport to cheer Gaby Carini who had flown in earlier to NY to compete in a swim across the Hudson. Their plans included college visits for Gaby on the east coast. We all laughed that we ran into each other at the precise moment when both groups were crossing a crowded street! You NEVER know when you will run into an Onaway friend or parent! Oregon met New Jersey in New York because we are connected by New Hampshire!"

Marianne Noble decided her son Geoff needed to stop fearing bugs and worms and sent him to a wonderfully outdoorsy day camp this summer. It brought out his inner camper! She plans to send her daughter Arden to camp when she turns 5 years old, "Prepping her for summers on Newfound Lake."



Andrea Sorenson and her cat Gracious.

Sylvia Frayne visited Portugal last year.

When Meredith Funston isn't doing development work for Onaway or volunteer work for the Circle Program, she continues to run her Executive Search

Catherine Turnbull writes of her husband Jeff Wescott's (counselor 2000s) sabbatical. "Yes, we're revving up to wave Jeff onto a plane to London next Monday, where he'll stay a few days before he travels to Oxford to board a few days at Jesus College and explore their famous collection of antiquities, and then he'll soar over to Athens, where I and the girls will meet him a couple of days later. Then it's some marvelous time sightseeing (The Acropolis!!) before we take a boat to Hydra for some sunbathing (we hope) and then we'll send our way to the Peloponnese before we return home right after Thanksgiving."

News of the 80s

Kristen Lewis Axton is actively pursuing her growing esthetician business and took some time off to return to school for a degree in massage therapy so that her clients can combine both services.

Nici Ash Bohlmann and her family moved to White River Junction, Vt. in August. She now lives even closer to Onaway and only 40 minutes from her parents in Wentworth, N.H.



Jessie Daigneault, Nici Ash Bohlmann, Isabel Rollison, and FuRen Bemis at a family reunion.

Michelle Brown has lived in Jamaica Plain, Mass for the past five years, and in Boston, Mass. for the 10 previous years. She finished two years in the Peace Corps and then earned her Masters in Education at Boston University. She is now a Special Education ELA teacher at Madison Park High School for the Boston Public Schools. Michelle is the proud aunt of a niece and nephew, her sister Kelly Brown's (80s) children. She also sees Allie Burke (80s) and her mother Polly Burke.

Allie Burke and her husband Jeremy announce the birth of their daughter, Eliza Brooke Nellis. Born on October 26, 2010, Eliza is 6 pounds 4 ounces and 19 inches long. Big brother Parker (3 1/2 years old) and Grammy Polly Burke are very excited.

Kendra Motley Demopoulos and her husband James announce the birth of their son John James Demopoulos on

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March 25, 2010. He joins sisters Cate (age 5) and Alexandra (age 3).



Kendra **Motley** Demopoulos and her family.



Joe and Anne **Frost** Morse

Anne Frost and Joe Morse were married on August 28, 2010 in her hometown of Bronxville, N.Y. Joe is a Sales Engineer at Salesforce.com and a San Francisco Bay area native. Anne continues to run

her garden maintenance business but is contemplating a career change. Cabinmate Christi Sizemore Behrend (80s) couldn't attend the wedding, but her parents (Tina Wick Sizemore (50s) did! Their parents became good friends when Anne and Christi bunked together.

Hannah Greven Hock's daughter Julia turned 4 years old and started school this September! Her son Ethan is almost 18 months and walking.



Hannah **Greven** Hock with children Ethan and Julia.

duVergne Gaines had a family reunion of all the female descendants of her great-grandmother in Virginia. Two of her favorite cousins, also Onaway Cup Girls, Ellen Langford (80s) and Madge

Bemiss (60s) attended as well. duVergne writes, "Ellen and I always talk about how much we LOVE and cherish Onaway."

Jennifer Thorp Hemann coaches the middle school soccer, basketball and lacrosse teams at her son Sammy's day school.



Jennifer **Thorp** Hemann's and Julie **Thorp** Kerr's children: Michael Hemann (3), Sammy Hemann (7), Griffin Kerr (2), Lauren Hemann (2), Sumner Kerr (4), not pictured is Jackson Kerr.

Jennifer shares that her sister "Julie (Thorp Kerr), a surgeon in the US Army, is in Afghanistan. She has been there one month and has 5 left to go. She is missing her family (husband Glenn, Sumner 4y, Griffin 2y, and Jackson 5m), but is so proud to be serving. She loves getting emails (bachkerr3@gmail.com) and letters and packages are always welcome. Since she is on a mostly-marines base, most of the things are geared toward men. So any girly stuff is nice to get. She also takes care of local children in the hospital, so stuffed animals and blankets are good ideas. Julie would be a great contact for people in schools or organizations that would like to do a Christmas drive for soldiers who are in theatre during the holiday season. Her address is: Julie Kerr, Camp Dwyer, 31st CSH, APO AE 09373. Julie hopes to make it to the reunion next August!"

Sarah Martin has returned to Santa Fe, N.M. and is loving it! She is studying Art Therapy and Eco-Psychology at Southwestern College.



Gigi McWhorter and Andie Sullivan

Amy Cragin McWhorter and Patty Rockensies (80s) were both at New-found Lake this summer and had a wonderful time catching up, and introducing their

daughters Gigi and Andie who are sure to be future cabin mates!

Lizza Miller writes that her 6 year old daughter knows so many camp songs already, and that if she could only get her on board with beanie, she'd be ready for camp. Her life in Seattle, Wash. keeps camp close with lake swims, canoeing, hiking and other great adventures.

Dana Lewis Reyes views Tampa, Fla. from her living room but has little time for admiring it. She is busy managing her husband's office and chasing her two little boys!

Carter Wood Sartor and her husband Patrick recently celebrated the birth of their second child, Lunsford Charles Bousard Sartor on June 21, 2010. Big brother Roberts (2 3/4 years old) dotes on his younger brother.



Roberts and Lunsford Sartor



Sierra Semsak

Jennifer Lind Semsak, her husband Dr. Eric Semsak, and their 4 year old daughter Sierra have been celebrating the season with festivals and costumes near their new home in Issaquah, Wash.

Elisa Vocca writes, "I would like to let my Onaway friends know that I graduated from The University of New England's Physician Assistant program in May and I will soon be working at The Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston with the infectious disease/transplant team. They were part of the "first" face transplant procedure completed in the world! I am excited and look forward to many new opportunities! Onaway taught me anything is possible if I put my mind to it!"

ALUMNAE NEWS

Laura Fitts Waters and her mother Amy visited camp last summer with her three future Onaway daughters.



Amy Fitts and Laura Fitts Waters and Laura's daughters visit camp.

News of the 90s



Laura Klein Beresford and her son Jack

Lauren Klein Beresford's son Jack is five months old. Lauren has decided not to go back to work to be with him full time. She adds, "It was a major transition for me at first but now I am very content and enjoying every minute with the

little guy...I am also a lot less stressed!" Lauren and her family continue to live in Charlestown, Mass.

Cecily Brewer writes, "I think of Onaway often and even find myself saying the Morning Prayer and singing a song or two these days. I'm in Kabul, Afghanistan working for the U.S. Embassy for a little while. I'm not sure why exactly it reminds me of camp at times, but it does (it might have something to do with the tennis court and early morning swims)!"

Tiffany (T) Feldman works as a cardiac nurse in Burlington, Vt. and is getting her yoga teacher training this year. She plans to see Liz Clark (90s) who works for the Appalachian Mountain Club in N.H. over Halloween. In January she's going to St. Lucia for two weeks to work on community projects with UVM students.

Helen Gemmill and Dan Yechout eloped in London in June, 2010 and then hosted a wedding reception in September, 2010 at Crooked Willow Farm in Colorado. It was a wonderful weekend of celebrations. They incorporated as many camp elements into the weekend as pos-

sible, such as s'mores around a campfire after the dancing on Saturday night, many outdoor lawn games, lots of singing, a slide show and "announcements." They were joined by a wonderful group of Onaway alumnae, and officially conferred an Honorary Alum status onto Vin Broderick, Director of Camp Pasquaney. Helen and Dan and their two dogs are happily enjoying the Colorado autumn.



First Row (L to R): Japril Barrett, Katharine Decker, Helen Gemmill, Kath Keen

Second Row: Vinnie Broderick, Sophie Jacobi-Parisi, Liz Angney

Third Row: Laura Davis, Kate Newick, Paige McGinley, Lael Cragin Bilzor, Diana Norris, Anne Thompson



Mo Leary at a practice 10K

On December 5th, Mo Leary is participating in the Las Vegas Rock 'n' Roll half-marathon with Team Challenge, to benefit the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. To learn more (and donate, if you so choose), their website is www.active.com/donate/lv10dcvirginia/LVMLeary.

Caroline Nutt Linz and her family moved to a new home in Wayne, Pa. right



Caroline Nutt Linz and her sons who are dressed in CPC!

around the corner from their old house. Her children, Charlie and Teddy love their new house because it has a trampoline. They also love their babysitter, current camper, Carly Marshall! Caroline has been busy with her children's clothing company, CPC Designs. It is now in over 18 stores. She frequently sees Elena Carini Williamson (80s) and Ali Ogelsby Farrell (90s).

Binney McCague married Abdesalam Soudi On October 9, 2010 at an arboretum called Welkinweir in Pottstown, Pa. in an interfaith, intercultural ceremony. Her sister, Sarah McCague (90s) was her Maid of Honor. Binney met her



Abdesalam and Binney McCague Soudi

husband, who is from Morocco, when she was a medical student in Pittsburgh, Pa. She is currently in her third year of residency in Combined Internal Medicine & Pediatrics in Cleveland, Ohio. Soudi is completing his PhD in sociolinguistics at the University of Pittsburgh.

Lexie Rich Mills and her husband Tyler welcomed their first child, Alexander Gestal Mills, on June 28, 2010. She is working for Bank of America.



Lexie Rich Mills and her son Alex.

Caitlin Mixter is living in New York City and working for a private investment firm, Oaktree Capital. She raced in the Head of the Charles Regatta with an alumni boat from her college, University of Virginia.

Emily Roth is attending the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Gevvie Stone is taking time off from medical school to focus on rowing. She



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won the women's champ single at the Head of the Charles Regatta "which was a tough race in headwind but fun all the same." Gevvie ran into Scottie Thompson (2000s) and Caroline Baker (90s) at the race. Nancy Conolly and Anne Peterson Conolly saw the race and took this picture. Gevvie works in a sports medicine biomechanics lab studying anterior cruciate ligaments (ACL), and feels "lucky to have Riley Bright, Bailey Rice and Alex Hulme in Boston now in addition to Phoebe Stone who stayed around town. It's great to have dinner with Onaway friends."



Stone

Clare Trautvetter married Nicolas Garceron on Venice beach in Calif. on October 14, 2010. Her sister, Sarah Trautvetter (80s) was her Maid of Honor. Clare is a member of the Edgemere Theatre Company in Santa Monica, Calif.



Nicolas and Clare
Trautvetter Garceron

News of the 2000s

Catherine Blessing is teaching 1st grade at an elementary school in Nashville, Tenn. while finishing up her Masters Degree in International Policy and Management at Vanderbilt University.

Andie Cockerill is doing her gap year in Mumbai, India working as an industry analyst intern for a private equity firm. She will be moving to Boston, Mass. after Christmas.

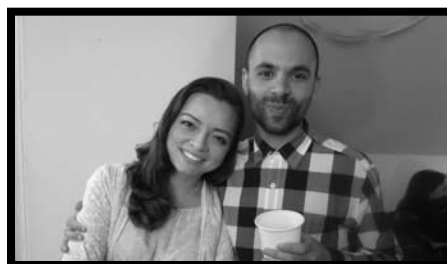
Alex Hulme moved to Boston, Mass. and started graduate school at Boston University, working towards a Masters degree in Public Health.



Byrnes
Mailloux

Marisa "Miss Mars" Byrnes (90s), attended the wedding and taught her table, "Round the dining hall you must go." Jess and her husband also caught up with Emily Heinlein (90s) en route to their honeymoon.

Naomi Nakai and Gabriel Hughes were married on October 10, 2010. They met through a mutual friend two years ago and maintained a strong relationship with frequent visits to London and America. Gabriel works in the fashion industry and is also a musician. Naomi is a registered nurse and plans to pursue a Masters Degree this January.



Nakai

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Kathy Wilson Denby,
Campfire Rock Society Member

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