

Camp Onaway



Summer 2018

"Tiny Houses In The Woods Lift Their Latch For You!"

Each summer, current campers, aides, and counselors introduce new prospective campers and families to Onaway. Our older campers, who are truly our best ambassadors, give tours and answer a host of different questions. After the tour, we regularly see a somewhat timid girl return with a sparkle in her eye letting us all know that she wants to come to Onaway. The easy friendships, kind hellos, exciting activities, and beautiful campus are all top of the list, but our unique cabins are almost always a point of conversation. Our small little villages up on the hill have just the right combination of privacy and



community - the girls are outside, visiting on their little porches or playing in the center of the group, almost more than they are inside their cabins. But, if a camper needs a quiet moment and a cozy bed, she always has that comfort.



Onaway's tradition of small cabins in the woods, goes back to our earliest days. Helen Stokes Greven recounts in *Let Her Strong and Ageless Be* that in 1915 when sleeping space was needed beyond Perches and the Woodland Hall Annex (current Arts and Crafts room), "a group of four little canvas houses called Wendies were added. (Presumably the name came from the very popular Peter Pan stories, books and plays that were written in the early 20th century. The term Wendy House still means a playhouse.) The first Wendies cabins had hardwood floors while the sides and roof were of heavy canvas, with large mosquito netted windows and drop curtains. Mr. Hollister

and camp cook Sarah Long, a Welsh woman of impressive size and strength from the Hollister household, erected these structures in the spring, and took them apart for storage over the winter. By 1918, the cabins were all-wood, permanent structures; also by then there was a second cabin group, Hilltops."

Simple living is a foundational value at Onaway. As it was in the early days of Onaway, one of the primary benefits of our cabins is that our campers learn how to go without in a world that continually tells us how much we need. For seven weeks, Onaway girls live simply and are happier for it.

Tiny Houses, A Century Later

The tiny houses I'm working with today have electronic keyless entry systems rather than latches, but the minimalist, eco-conscious lifestyle involved with tiny house living comes from the same place.

During my six years as an Onaway counselor, I was the head or co-head of the Drama, Select Choir, Choir, and Woodworking Departments. After camp, I was the owner of Katie Jackson Woodworks and author of Hand-Built Outdoor Furniture: 20 Step-By-Step Projects Anyone Can Build



Tiny Houses... (continued)

(Timber Press/Workman Publishing). I'm now working at B&B Micro Manufacturing, a company in North Adams, MA that designs and builds tiny houses on wheels and on foundations.

My first summer as an Onaway camper (Topnots 1998!) I decided that when I grew up, I'd either live in the fire tower I'd seen on the all-camp hike on top of Mt. Cardigan, in a houseboat, or in a tiny cabin in the woods (where I'd safely hide any bunnies that might be hopping by). Mrs. Southall gave a chapel talk on the joys of simple living at camp, where we can abandon our "stuff" in favor of real-life, fullypresent experiences. There



was something enthralling about that talk, as well as the cute little cabins we stayed in, all in circles facing other cute little cabins which housed like-minded friends. That's stayed with me for life.



Twenty years later, I'm selling tiny houses and working on starting up tiny house communities in the Berkshires and surrounding areas. One community will be luxury, net-zero energy, small homes on a former golf course that has beautiful valley views; one will be a subsidized, supportive community of simple, low-cost tiny houses on

wheels for men in recovery from addiction; and one will be a co-housing community of accessible small houses geared toward those with chronic illnesses and their families.

I love selling tiny houses. I especially love when I get inquiries about our tiny house kits for DIY builders, because those DIY builders are almost always women. I'm so happy to see the world is catching up with Onaway's values by encouraging girls and women to learn skills like how to build with wood. When I started my woodworking business less than a decade ago, it was unusual to see a woman woodworker. Now, I'm happy to say, people like me are a dime a dozen. Although that gives my book less press hype now than it did when I started writing it, normalizing women who are confident and capable in the building trades is exactly what I've been working towards.



In my six years as a counselor, I was rarely involved with waterfront activities, but I was always blown away by the waterfront show. Watching young girls capsize and right sailboats—in unison!—was always an incredible moment for me. Likewise, all the other Cup Weekend showcases: the dance pageant, the crafts show, the play, and the Select Choir concert—not to mention the intangibles: clean cabins, table manners, thoughtful and generous Girls of Onaway donors—showed just how much girls can accomplish when we let them. In a world that is only just now catching up with the fact that if given the opportunity, girls will be strong, capable, creative, independent, compassionate, and innovative—Onaway has given girls that opportunity for over a century.

Katie Jackson, Skytops '00



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The Family Hike

At one point or another, Sunday afternoons in the Wallis household usually involved tears. Not about homework. Rather, about The Family Hike. The conversation usually went something like this:

"Girls, we're going for a hike," my parents would announce. "Whyyyyy? We don't waaaant to go," my sister Anne and I would protest.

"Because. We are. It'll be good to get outside. You'll enjoy it "

"No. We won't," we'd reply sulkily as we dragged our feet toward the car.

For the first half hour Anne and I would pout, purposefully giving one-word responses to our parents' questions. As we meandered along the trail, these interactions inevitably progressed into lengthy conversations, with much laughter sprinkled throughout. Hopping into the car at the end of a hike, either Anne or I would usually proclaim, "That was such a great idea!" Unfortunately my younger self would never remember this sentiment when it was time to depart for the next hike, and so I continued to protest these family outings for many years.



If it weren't for Onaway, perhaps my contentious relationship with hiking would have continued. In the Onaway spirit of trying new things, one summer I signed up for Junior Hiking Club. I loved it. The next year I signed up for Senior Hiking Club. We got lost, and I still loved it! During OWLES I didn't mind putting on that same lime green t-shirt day after day, and I looked forward to going to sleep under the stars and waking up with the sun. Something peculiar had happened: I now enjoyed hiking. I even looked forward to it! My husband, Josh, and I even chose to celebrate graduating college by hiking along Pictured Rocks in Michigan. Despite the traumatic Black Fly Incident, we remember it as a fun-filled trip and often talk about going back (strictly outside of black fly season, of course...).

After college, I moved around between various East Coast cities, enjoying the public transportation options that allowed me to avoid buying a car while still being able to access a multitude of weekend activities. Notably, these activities didn't include hiking, as the majority of nearby

trails were only accessible via car. I didn't think much of the fact that hiking had faded from my life, treating it as a phase that had simply ended. But I did spend time wondering why I never felt truly content or settled in the cities in which we lived. Something was missing.



Then we moved to Hong Kong, the land of teeny tiny apartments ... and, as it turns out, the land of accessible hiking trails. During one of our first weekends, we decided to take advantage of the nice weather and check out a nearby trail. Soon after leaving our apartment, we arrived at a lookout offering magnificent views of the city below. We were astounded at how easily we had been transported from the hubbub surrounding our apartment to the tranquility of the trail. Throughout the hike, we kept commenting to one another, "I feel great. Don't you? We should do this again next week." And so we did. As our weekends have become focused on finding the next trail to explore, we've noticed a gradual transition. We haven't just settled into our new city. We feel settled. We have found the missing piece: The Family Hike.

Liza Wallis Damm, Skytops '01



Onaway Trip Program

Trips this summer will take an exciting turn! But before I dive into all the new plans we have for the 2018 season, let's take a look at all the adventures from the summer of 2017!

Last summer was a fun-packed, excursion-heavy season for all. Onaway girls summited many mountains including Mt Washington, Mt Osceola, and the always popular Mt Morgan and Mt. Percival Loop! Girls camped out under the stars in our lean-tos, across Newfound Lake at Paradise Point and along the banks of both the Androscoggin and Saco rivers. Each summer, the girls return from these trips feeling energized and proud of their accomplishments, always eager to share both the mishaps and tales of conquering a difficult paddle or stretch of terrain.



After leading the nature program for two years, I was excited to take over as Head of the Trips. I had ambitious goals to revamp the trip program and offer new and intriguing adventures for all experience and interest levels at camp. With the support of the 2017 Council, I incorporated more trips into the summer season than ever before, sending out weekly hiking trips of varying difficulty and mileage, as well as peppering in some other types of excursions, including





woodland walks, museum visits, farm frequents, and the exploration of local swimming holes and jumping rocks.

The intention behind the revamp was to introduce campers to the wider New Hampshire community and landscape in which we are fortunate to be encamped. Not every camper is a hiking fanatic, although each camper is encouraged to give it a shot since we know hiking can be an acquired interest. That being said, trips can be intimidating. Our goal last summer was not only to offer approachable opportunities for adventure but also to provide campers, aides, and counselors with tools to feel empowered while in the outdoors. With the help of some eager Skytops, the trips room received some much needed TLC and was then opened up to the camp. The trip room is now a space for girls to study maps, read about the outdoors, and plan their own adventures - which,



with the help of counselors, can be materialized during the summer. Marrying adventure and education, Onaway's trip program offers an outdoor experience for every girl.

I am excited to return to camp this summer, and to share with you all the juicy details of Trips 2.0! Although thrilled with our two weeks of major trips following Fair weekend last year, we are determined to turn "Trip Week" into, well... one week. In past years all the campers have gone on some kind of outdoor overnight trip during the second half of the

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Onaway Trip Program (continued)

summer. This two week period of girls coming and going has left Camp in a bit of a disarray, calling for altered scheduling and a pause in most activity lessons due to odd camper



numbers and difficult staffing. Following the two weeks of trips, Camp has a shortened week of normal scheduling and then dives into passing week and all the excitement of wrapping up the season. It can feel overwhelming for the

girls and counselors alike. The solution: make trips week only one week long.

After dedicating time to organizing, taking inventory, fixing gear, and researching the cost of a robust and intensive single trip week, I was able to propose the required gear and funds necessary for this revamp. Presenting to the Onaway Board of Trustees during their August meeting at camp, I laid out my vision for the remodel and received welcome support from the board. In addition to their support and encouragement, Camp received a generous gift from Betsy Haggett Moschella (Skytops 1973) to jumpstart the project. The funds made possible new tents, camping stoves, and additional gear to help realize this dream. We are excited to report that the 2018 season will be full of new adventures, both locally and across state-borders, as we will implement the new Trip Week! It has been through the unwavering support of Ms. Pendergast, loyal donors, and our 2018 assistant director, Miss Merry Richter, that I have been able to see this through. Ona-girls, are you ready for the next adventure? We sure are!

Mara Carini, Skytops '09

Onaway, Nature's Classroom

I and and lake are both vital to the Onaway experience. To help us better understand, protect, and defend our Onaway wilderness, camp has retained Dan Geiger, a wetlands scientist with Oak Hill Environmental Services. Dan is surveying our 29 acres and overseeing projects that impact our wetlands and Newfound Lake.

Dan has over 23 years of experience as a practicing wetland scientist in New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, and Vermont. After receiving a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology/Botany from the University of Montana, Dan went on to study Wetland Science at Rutgers University/Cook College and University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He began his career in the U.S. Forest Service as a fire control smokejumper before serving as a senior environmental manager at New Hampshire Department of Transportation's Bureau of Environment. Nowadays, Dan runs his own business and volunteers with the Osprey Nesting Sites program at New Hampshire Audubon where he was awarded a lifetime membership. He has also held several public service positions, including an appointment to the State of New Hampshire Joint Board of Natural Scientists.

But what Dan loves most is being outdoors year-round. While we've all been eagerly awaiting warmer weather and sunnier days, Dan says April is an important time for him to survey properties like Onaway. "Rainy nights and early mornings, I'm outdoors because that is the best survey time," Dan said when interviewed in

mid-April. He is busy this time of year observing and recording rainwater flow, snow melt, and vegetation

growth – all active parts of springtime on Newfound Lake. Dan's work will not only educate all of us at Onaway, but will also demonstrate to the State of New Hampshire that Onaway is serious about preserving the land and Newfound Lake. "We'll make sure the file on



Camp Onaway has a gold star on it," he explained. New Hampshire has long been a leader in environmental preservation, and in his opinion, has one of the most organized and updated systems for regulating and protecting the environment.

While assessing the acreage of Onaway in the off-season and tagging the wetlands for protection, Dan is helping us identify areas safe for building projects - such as a changing area and toilets near the waterfront. He will also design a much needed new septic system for the campus, a project which will require extensive pit testing, permit applications, and surveying. Dan will work with Mr. Gene to identify the most sustainable location for the new

Onaway, Nature's Classroom (continued)

system that will be environmentally safe and efficient, yet does not interfere with camp activities.



Dan will also help camp apply for permits to restore the bank where the stream and lake meet at our waterfront, often causing significant beach erosion. Working with Mr. Gene, the two will design a new stream bank that is environmentally sustainable, aesthetically pleasing, and incorporates shrubs and bushes attractive to native birds and animals. Dan is excited to lend a hand in helping preserve and protect Onaway and the Newfound Lake Watershed. "Not that Mr. Gene isn't capable," Dan was quick to point out. "But he's one man against nature. We can do a lot of things to make his life easier."

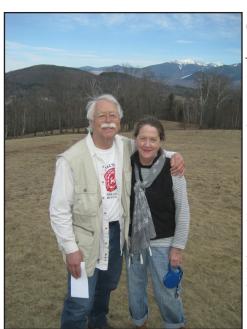
Committed to ongoing environmental education, Dan has volunteered to lead a couple of nature classes and activities on conservation this summer. Campers will have the opportunity to "get all their senses involved" and learn from an expert about the camp environment. He'll share his extensive knowledge of aerobic and anaerobic wetlands, bird species, and the types of plants that are protective or invasive to Onaway's ecosystem.

We're thrilled to welcome Dan to camp this summer to engage the girls in this environmental work, fully utilizing our beautiful outdoor classroom and elevating our nature program. "The opportunity exists to do a lot of enhancement and protect the natural resources we have," Dan concluded. And who knows, there may be some future wetland scientist careers in the works!

Isabel Rollison, Skytops '07



Onaway's Kitchen is Cooking!



Onaway is excited to welcome our new Head Chef, Nancy Gerhts, to camp for the 2018 season. We learned of Nancy through Onaway friend, Mary Joyce, and we couldn't be more thrilled that Nancy is taking the reins in the kitchen. Nancy recently moved back to Sanbornton, New Hampshire with her husband Richard after living in Oregon where together, they ran Red Hills, a provincial fine dining restaurant.

We have no doubt Nancy's expertise will elevate the quality of food served as she focuses on highly nutritious, family style, delicious meals. She is eager to source food locally, create new camper-friendly offerings, and even educate campers in the kitchen periodically. Nancy has a stellar staff that includes the return of Maddie De La Cancela as Head of Flex and new flex counselors Annie Rotch, and Rachel Freedman. All first-year counselors will have some hand in helping in the kitchen. Longtime kitchen staff favorite June Adsitt and second year staff member Daryl Mills will support Nancy as well. As we seek ways to further embed the dining services into our program, who knows, maybe there will even be future chefs that come out of Onaway! Welcome, Chef Nancy!

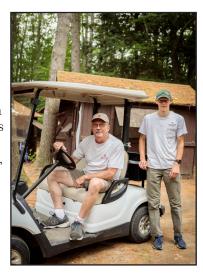
Behind the Scenes with Mr. Gene

It's late August or early September, all the campers have gone home, counselors back to college, and as Ms. Pendergast and Georgie head south to Pennsylvania, the Onaway campus becomes my responsibility for the next three seasons. But it's not a bad situation, nor an overwhelming task anymore. With 90 buildings, 6 vehicles, 48 boats, and 30 acres of property to maintain, the time is well used.



Each season of the year has its own character. Fall is the time to shut down the camp systems, prep and store the equipment securely, and most of all, do repairs and new construction projects. This is when I have the time to scan the whole of camp facilities, evaluate the needs, develop a plan to address them, and within the funding granted by the very supportive Board of Trustees, implement those approved by the Camp Director. Of course, weather and time are factors that are unknown, but progress is made each and every day. Even when things are torn down or removed for a good reason, the resulting replacement is I believe a change for the good.

Our facilities need to be protected from the harsh winters we endure in New Hampshire. All windows are covered in a protective wooden shield (shutter), cabins and building locked, water systems drained, and I start the never ending battle to keep the mice and squirrels from doing too much damage over the next six months!



Winter season at camp is quite peaceful, with snow covered pines and deer wandering around the campus. To keep busy, I work on projects in my maintenance shop, manage the rental of Northpoint cabin, prepare documents and permits for upcoming construction projects, and work on projects that keep me indoors. My main winter project during this past winter was the construction of a new enlarged, well lit dark room for the photography program. It's all ready for the shutterbugs!

In addition to these task, the snow also needs to be handled. This winter, we had twelve significant storms, and all the roofs need shoveling when the depth reaches greater than three feet. Too much weight can cause damage, thus best to avoid that! Winter came on early and harsh this year. Newfound Lake froze solid on earliest date ever according to the local residents.



And, spring came too slowly with snow on the tennis courts and ice still covering the lake in mid-April. But as the season warms, it's time to "undo" all that I did in the fall. Open the buildings, prep the vehicles and boats, reactivate the two water systems, clear the lawns and cabin groups of all the limbs from fallen trees, and repair the damages they may have done. The clock is ticking, time is limited, the Opening Day deadline approaches now measured in just weeks. Days are busy, tasks prioritized, and supplies ordered.

In a short time, Onaway will welcome the summer community back to camp. Things will be up and running, and I will feel satisfied that I did my part to sustain the tradition for another year.

Mr. Gene Ronikier, Property Manger



2018 Annual Brown & White Alumnae Challenge

O-N-A-W-A-Y!

This shall be our standard cry, Ringing clear for brown and white, Loyalty and might, rah-rah-rah!

 \mathbf{I} elp us reach our Onaway Fund goal by making a contribution by August 1st, and win a point for Π your team. On Sunday, August 3rd, Trustee Weekend, the winning alumna flag will be raised along side the winning brown or white camper flag. Don't recall which team you were on? Call or text referee, Meredith Funston, at (603) 491-9908.

Already donated this year? Thank You! You can still play by giving again in any amount - even a \$5 gift wins a point. Are you an ONAWAY ALL YEAR member? Fantastic! Your point is as automatic as your monthly giving. Consider it done! And thank you!

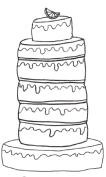
It's easy to donate online at www.camponaway.org where you can make a one-time gift, or join ONAWAY ALL YEAR (automatic recurring gifts) or mail your check to 26 Summit Grove Ave, Suite 130 Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.







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Tn the Fall Alumnae Circle, on the Onaway Fund Cake Night Club Honor Roll, a list of very $oldsymbol{1}$ special donors with seven layers on their cakes, was accidentally baked into the six layer list. These supporters have donated to the Onaway Fund for 28 or more years! We are so grateful for their loyalty.

Mary Broderick Bob and Tibby Bolton Christenberry Allison von Clemm Curtis Elizabeth H. Gemmill Katherine Francis Graff Buell and Lee Hollister Lucy Mahaffey

Binney Rankin McCague

Dolores Miller

in honor of Leslie Miller Zimmer

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Tori Bolton Rice

in memory of Nicole Burns

Elisabeth Waterworth Russell

Lisa Sarno

in memory of Ann Muffin Lowery

Caroline Morgan Southall

in memory of Louise Roberts

Stengel and Ellanor Stengel Fink

Margaret Bodine Wallis

Michael and Julie Raboin Willis

Susan and David Wood

Additional Corrections:

Betsy Haggett Moschella generously donated to the Onaway Trips Program Phyllis Woestemeyer dedicated her gift in memory of her brother, Newton

Onaway Open Houses



Northpoint at Camp Onaway: We kicked off the open house season at camp!



Ardmore, PA: Director, Barrie Pendergast, Georgie, and 2018 Tiptop, Abby Stambaugh, hosted the Pennsylvania open house.





Brooklyn, NY: Thank you to our hosts, the Teegarden/Supple Family. Record turn out!



Richmond, VA: Thank you very much to our longtime hosts, the McElroys for another fun reunion and Superbowl party.



Fairfield, CT: Thank you Tweedy Family! We loved your rowboat cake!



Chevy Chase, MD: Thank you to the Talieh Family for having us back! We even had alumnae from New Hampshire in attendance!

Franklin, MA: Thanks to the Bonnet-Eymard/ Sanford family for hosting again! We were all way to busy having fun and forgot to take a photo!

Recent Alumnae Events

The third annual OWOW (Onaway Women Out West) reunion took place in the majestic mountains of Vail, Colorado, the weekend of March 3rd. Gracious

host, Liz Porter Hawkins, welcomed returning OWOW veterans Bunny McClave, Meg Tweedy Drazek, Sarah Scott, Maddie Bright, Riley Bright, Anne Peterson Conolly, Nancy Conolly, Merrick Stein, Allison Scott, Kath Keen, and her husband, esteemed OnaBro Joe Di Biasi. I was honored to join this year's OWOW weekend as a roaming correspondent for the Alumnae Circle newsletter!

the 50-degree sunshine, there was decidedly an excess of cheer as we enjoyed a beautiful day together on the slopes.



We met up in the afternoon at the base of the mountain to relax and laugh at the attention from fellow cafe patrons after a rousing Onaway cheer. In the evening, we enjoyed Bunny's delicious Chicken Marbello, and Nancy's birthday cake only after we wrote letters to Onaway friends. We ended our perfect day watching Brookie Lannigan and Alex Tomb's stunning video documenting the magic of Onaway.

Friday night, we enjoyed a delicious dinner of chicken tortilla soup as we caught up and settled in. Saturday morning, we gobbled up Liz's delicious breakfast casserole before heading to the mountain for a day of sun & ski. Miss Riley, in top form as our de facto Head of Ski Trips, routed us around the mountain and shared highly-coveted water from her backpack; if we had a counselor checked uniform on hand, she would have certainly deserved to wear it! Though there was a slight deficiency of fresh snow in

We reminisced on camping days and memories true, and discussed our hopes for the future of our beloved camp, and our commitments to stay involved. The joy we felt throughout our weekend is a testament to the indelible mark that Onaway has left on our hearts. Though far from her shores, we find ourselves forever connected in the strength and love of Onaway's ever-expanding Circle.

Annie George, Skytops '09

New York, NY: Following the Onaway Board of Trustees April meeting in NYC, Onaway Trustees hosted an alumnae reunion at BEA, a restaurant in Midtown Manhattan. Alumnae spanning seven decades, from the 1950s through the 2010s, were in attendance, along with several Onaway Trustee Dads. It was the end of a perfect day, as we met new alumnae and reconnected with old friends. And we enjoyed a little Evening Program as our youngest alumnae presented a trip song about their day in New York City. Thank you to Onaway Dad Rick Supple for hosting the meeting at his office and to everyone who helped make this fun alumnae and trustee gathering possible.









Recent Alumnae Events (continued)





Los Angeles, CA: Alumnae in LA area reminisced at Cafe Bizou in Sherman Oaks, north of central LA, arranged by Debi Frankle



San Francisco, **CA**: Lots of future campers hosted by the **Barton** sisters, Laura Larson and Kristen Eyler

To be sure you hear about all upcoming alumnae gatherings, be sure we have your email address and join our private Onaway Alumnae & Families Facebook group!



Charlotte, NC: At Nonie William's house, hosted by three generation Onaway family, Nonie Keen Williams, Lauren Williams Baynham, and Caroline Baynham.



Fairfield, CT: Joint Mowglis-Onaway Alumnae St. Patrick's Party in CT hosted by the Tweedy Family.

"Glad to see you, yes we are..."

Alumna are most welcome to visit camp in the summer. Most times, the Alumnae Log Cabin is available for an overnight stay if you're coming from far. But please call ahead to let us know you when you are visiting.

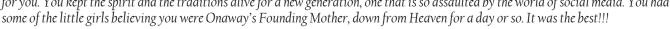


In Remembrance of Onaway Friends

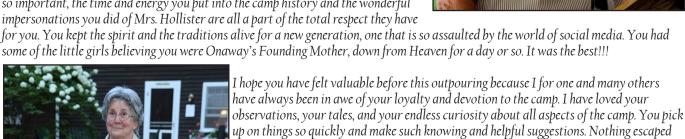
Helen Stokes Greven, Onaway camper 1945-1948, counselor 1961-1963, Trustee 1960-1968 & 2003-2013, passed away on March 3, 2018. In addition to her 70-year love affair with Onaway, Helen enjoyed a career in higher education and earned advanced degrees in history and social work. Helen's Onaway roots were deep and substantial. She shared the experience and deep connection to camp with her sisters Frances Stokes Hoesktra and Lisa Stokes Taylor (Onaway Director, 1978-1983) and her cousin Kay Frances Graff. Since those days, her daughter, nieces, and countless cousins have enjoyed summers at Onaway.

When we learned that Helen was in hospice, Carol Morgan Southall wrote a beautiful letter to Helen, read to her by her family. We share excerpts from the letter here, to both honor Helen and remind us that it is never too late to send our love and appreciation to a friend:

You are such an Onaway legend for so many of the younger trustees now. Your love of the camp, your interactions with many of them or their children has been so important, the time and energy you put into the camp history and the wonderful impersonations you did of Mrs. Hollister are all a part of the total respect they have



you as a child or an adult.



Being a camper with you was fun. When you think how we shared Miss Tommie, Miss Clarkie, Miss Baldy, Miss Buzz, and Miss Stiles and thought they were all the best. We even met Mrs. Hollister and sang to her- "Mrs Hollister, dear"!! I was always so impressed with the creative writing of all the Stokes girls. I felt my humble Birch Bark Box offerings were so inferior. Look what we got from it---the Onaway history, Let Her Strong And Ageless Be!!! You were blessed with a sense of humor and the ability to laugh at yourself. The sparkle in your eyes would give you away, and we would know that something funny was about to come out. Your storytelling was so polished!! At the same time, you were always a sympathetic listener who remembered things later on.

Helen, you have lived a very rich life and have given so much of yourself to so many communities--schools, churches, dog groups, your children, your grandchildren, to Philip and to Onaway. You should feel very much at peace right now as you can look back and trace a life that has enriched so many other lives. As a good friend and a fellow lover of camp, I speak for all of us on the Board and in the broader community when I say "Be

Strong, tomorrow comes the song" and it is a song you so well deserve.

Helen's legacy will live on at Onaway in both her storytelling of our camp history and her indomitable spirit. We look forward to celebrating her life at camp with the 2018 camp community, including several campers who will fondly remember having tea with Mrs. Hollister at Hollister House.







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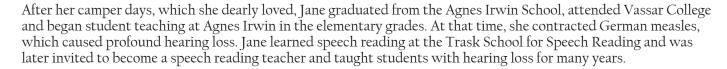
In Remembrance... (continued)

Jane Norris Meckling passed away on January 25, 2018. At 99 years old, Jane was our most senior alumna, as far as we knew, and a camper from 1929-1931. Staff will truly miss visiting with Jane and her daughter Judith, where Jane would regale us with hilarious Onaway stories.

With remarkable clarity and an occasional song, Jane recalled the overnight train rides to camp with delicious meals served by fun and friendly waiters, and a bugler on board (Miss Cinders)! She bunked in the "Annex" (now Arts & Crafts) before moving up to Wendies. When she spilled something in the dining hall, she had to "meditate on her misdeeds and miss dessert," but she remembered Mary the cook would notice if you looked hungry and take you into the ice house for a snack. Jane had a bowl and pitcher in her cabin for bathing and enjoyed Sunday Soapy-Soap in the lake. She recalled lining up for "teeth and nail inspection" and "priming the pump" outside the dining hall so they could have water. Jane loved hearing the lovely bugle calls around the lake at night from her cabin.

Jane recalled a sculptor named Mr. Bortz who sculpted a statue of a camper, Sally Ballard, and they called it "Spirit of Onaway". We wonder where that sculpture is today! Anyone have a clue? Jane was creative herself, and a bit mischievous, recalling the time she drew a portrait on the ceiling of Bunker Sr.

of one of her counselors smoking a cigarette. Mrs. Hollister was not amused, and more "meditation on her misdeeds" was required!



Jane is remembered by her family and friends as a woman full of joy and gratitude, radiant and beautiful right up to her last day, even with the challenge of dementia. Her daughter, Jude, recalls her mother teaching her to "focus only on those things that are true - honest, pure, and lovely - to think on those things." Jane modeled this in all her relationships, lifting others up with her enthusiastic appreciation of life and people, respecting the dignity of every human being. As Jude so lovingly described her mother, "Jane was a woman with profound spiritual awareness, a poet, deep thinker, and mother to all. She was truly an Explosion of Joy!"



Sojourn by Jane Norris Meckling

My years-longed-for weeks are halfway gone now, and there remain only a few days.

It's astounding how, from my age-view, time simply whizzes....or does it?

Could it be that Time itself is like a lake:

And that we. in its midst, feel only ripples at places of relaxed stroking in our swim toward the "farther shore"?

Or perhaps we allow ourselves to be eddied a little off course With a bit of a whirl of passing scenery...

Again, we may be drawn into the vortex with the speed of an express train -

wild with excitement over new creation, stranger beings, different life -

Way down to THE SPRING... Until we surface again and go slowly, very slowly, While new knowledge shapes - and - we hand it on..

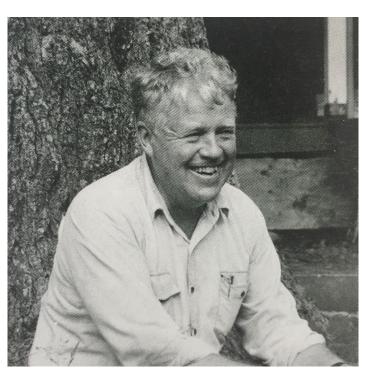
In Remembrance... (continued)

Shirley Grange, Onaway camper 1956 - 1958 and mother of alumnae Charlie and Alex Watson, died on April 21, 2018. Shirley had a curious mind, adventurous spirit, and a fun and dry sense of humor. In addition to the joy and challenge of raising her daughters, she had many hobbies and cared for a variety of basset hounds. Alumna, Helen Lippincott Jennings recalls what a good tennis player Shirley was at camp, and their shared love of hiking and canoeing trips. Helen shared "the trip on the train up to camp was lots of fun with little sleep. I know that I discovered my love of the out-of-doors at Onaway. I think Shirley did also." In a beautiful memorial service fashioned after Celtic Eventide, rich with contemplation, prayer and music, Charlie and Alex stood together, strong and brave, and shared funny stories and deep insights as well as the bond they shared with their mother around their Onaway experience.



Rod Scheffer passed away December 21, 2017. Rod was the Onaway Property Manager from 1979 to 1990, a gift passed on to me by Lisa Stokes in 1983. From the very beginning, Rod took me under his wing and was determined to teach me everything he knew about the workings of Onaway. His formal title was property manager but I considered him my teacher and often my mentor. He called me "boss lady"!!!

Rod lived in Campton, N.H. in a wonderful old farmhouse with Claudia his lifetime wife and two sons who also helped him at times, Todd and Tucker. Rod had a teaching background mostly at the Tilton School and was well versed in recruiting, development, curricula, all forms of sports, and teaching. Early on he encouraged me to start a capital campaign as he saw so many needs for the camp. He was helpful to the trustees as he kept a priority list for them each year which was so important for overall maintenance.



At camp he was situated in the basement of Woodland Hall, home of the photo lab more recently, but never a very warm or attractive spot. He created a desk there and enough space for his many tools and kept a remarkable log of all he did. He made maps of septic systems, water systems and all major repairs that needed attention. His goal was passing all that knowledge on to me.

Rod was a born educator and wanted all of us to know how to cope with any emergency that might arise—one of the most common being the overflowing toilet!! He led the counselors around camp early in the summer and tried to instill some confidence in them to take care of things as he really didn't like to be called on weekends—but he always responded when we really needed him.

I enjoyed many hours with Rod and was inspired by his devotion to his job. He gave his all and he set high expectations for both the camp and for all of us that were involved there. He kept Onaway in excellent shape as a result of all his hard work. Thank you, Rod.

Carol Morgan Southall, Skytops '51



In Remembrance... (continued)

Jane Carlson, Onaway camper 1935-1942, counselor 1950, died on April 19, 2018. Jane was an international teacher and caller of square dancing and was inducted into the Square Dance Foundation Hall of Fame in 2001. She volunteered at camp several summers teaching square dancing to Onaway campers and counselors. Barrie Pendergast recalls Jane's last visit to camp in 2017, when she was visiting her grandson at Pasquaney. While sitting on the office porch, observing our happy camp community, she expressed how Onaway made her the person she is today.





Mary Hunter Logan, Onaway camper 1941-1942, aide 1943, died on February 23, 2018. Affectionately known as "Tina," her son Hunter recently shared how fond Tina's memories were of camp, particularly of her fellow campers March Enders and Mary "Mame" Hewes Reynolds. She loved the out of doors, art, especially sculpture, and her family. Tina's spirit and energy were an inspiration to many, and she was a frequent gym participant, sometimes sporting her Onaway T-shirt!

Gerald A. O'Reilly, Onaway Trustee 1975-1987, died on May 5, 2018. Onaway Alumna and former Trustee Kathy Broderick Baird, who served with Gerry on the board, shared "Onaway has lost a beloved member of its community: Gerry was an enthusiastic Onaway spouse, parent, grandparent and former trustee. He was always a model of diplomacy, generosity, and infectious good humor. Gerry chaired the Board's Fundraising Committee. He and his wife, Seton Lindsay O'Reilly (also a trustee), rescued the Board from meeting in airport hotels, warmly hosting many board meetings in their homes in Pelham, N.Y., Connecticut, and on the shores of Newfound. Onaway is very fortunate to have had Gerry's unwavering support through the years, and his legacy lives on through his family, including five granddaughters at camp in 2018!





Rodman Funston, Onaway Trustee 1981-1987, died on August 1, 2017. Rod's executive search and human resource skills were invaluable on the Onaway board. Lisa Sarno, Onaway Alumna and former Trustee, served with Rod on the board and shared "I had the pleasure of serving on the Onaway board for several years with Rod Funston. He was truly a man of his word. When he spoke in his quiet way, people always listened. I looked up to him professionally and considered him a mentor. His wonderful daughter Meredith has been a pal of mine over 50 years!" Rod's dedication to Onaway lives on through his two daughters and two granddaughters, all of whom have spent many summers at Onaway.

Alumnae News

The 1930s

Betty Swartz Birdsall: All four of our daughters spent many happy summers at Onaway. Sandra's daughters went many summers. Tim's daughter, Cassie Birdsall attended and Mary's daughter, Dannielle Raiken also attended. Three of my great grand daughters live in the Midwest. Their schools interfere with the camp season. Tim and Chris attended Pasquaney and Tim's son Mowglis. I enjoyed all the water sports while at Onaway and the beauty of New Hampshire. My best to Jane Kent and other campers who were there in the '30s. I am in quite good health but I do need help with errands. I drive very locally and play lots of bridge. Celebrated my 75th reunion at Shipley in May. I am truly blessed with a huge loving family. Most of us will be together in September for Dannielle's wedding.

The 1940s

Seton Lindsay O'Reilly: Can anyone top having 5 granddaughters in camp this summer?!? (Onaway think this may be a record!)

Iris Mitchell Bolton: Years ago, during World War II, an Onaway camper, İris Mitchell, and a Pasquaney camper, Jack Bolton, were introduced on a train headed for summer camp. It was love at first sight! We married in 1953! Today, after 65 years of marriage, the birth of our four sons, nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren, we are celebrating Jack's 90th birthday!

In 1977 tragedy hit the Bolton family when our 20-year-old son 'Mitch,' ended his life after breaking up with a girlfriend. This devastating event happened



'70s when the stigma and shame had a hard grip on the American culture. Jack and I decided to speak openly about our loss. After a period of unbearable grief, we became unwitting pioneers in the field of suicide prevention and aftercare, advocating for suicide loss survivors in this country and abroad.

My first book, "MY SON...MY SON... A Guide to Healing after Death Loss or Suicide," was written after receiving a Master's Degree in Suicidology from Emory University. It is known to be one of the most helpful books to read soon after the loss of a loved one to suicide. My second book, "VOICES OF HEALING AND HOPÉ: Conversations on Grief after Suicide," was recently released. Both books are available at BoltonPress.com. The Boltons are honored to have been present for countless people through the painful loss surrounding suicide. Our work can be summed up by the following anonymous poem:

"These days are the winter of the soul, But spring comes and brings new life and beauty Because of the growth of the roots in the dark."

Wheels For Mary of Wamba - Thank You, Girls of Onaway!

pdate from Alison Von Clemm Curtis (1950s): I have just returned from Wamba, Kenya. In September 2017 The Girls of Onaway began supporting Mary, who attended the same school for the handicapped that Lucy attended. Unfortunately this did not work, as it is a boarding school and Mary and her Mum could not cope being separated. After a month, Mary came back to Wamba and continued in the Primary school where she had been before, with her mother carrying her to and from school. Her mum helps at the school with the littlest students and cares for Mary as needed. Now this is all going well except that carrying her 3 kilometers to and 3km back from school is not going to be possible as Mary grows.

The best solution is to have a tough working type of wheelchair that can handle the Wamba paths. This will fit her even as an adult! Mary will learn to

walk alone with good care but not

for the long 3kms from her hut to Wamba schools. It will be made in Nairobi at a workshop which builds customized means of transport for the handicapped. I have requested a bar be put at the back so Mary can use it as a kind of "walker" to push it herself as she practises her walking every day. It will have the minimum of screws to rattle loose over the bumps and solid tires, so no punctures!

The cost will almost be covered by the \$400.00 Girls of Onaway donation from the 2017 camp community, and the Curtis Onaway alumnae will make up the difference (Jenny Curtis Fee and Alison von Clemm Curtis). We will paint it Brown and White....Onaway colors!





Alumnae News (continued)

The 1950s

Barbara
Deeds Schaus:
I was in
Newport, RI
for Nick's 85th
sailing with all
except Margot
Painter
(Onaway girl).



Here is me sailing (I got my boating patch at camp); me and granddaughter, Alex Painter (Onaway Cup Girl); our 3 daughters Wendy Brown, me, Deedo Painter, Lela Philip (3 Onaway girls.) Just so you know..Onaway taught me all the things important to know. I am forever grateful!!!





The 1960s

Louise Stengel Barton: I am moving in June from Maine to Mill Valley, CA to live near my two Onaway daughters, Kristen Eyler and Laura Larson, and to enjoy my 3 adorable grandchildren. (Samantha Louise Larson is our "Onababe", now 15 months!) My long run as the camp nurse has ended, but my wonderful, happy memories will remain. I will also miss my annual winter adventure to Northpoint with Carol Southall and Polly Burke. Camp is so peaceful at that time. However, I will always stay in touch and hope for visitors after I get settled. love, Weesie Stengel Barton (and her Golden dog friend, Lucy).



Robin Rice: I retired in 2017 from 30+ years of teaching at Pine Point School in Stonington, CT and look forward to spending more time with my twin grandchildren, Sophia & Louis, and another little grandbaby girl born in January, looking after my 92 yr. old dad, and getting back in shape!



Stephanie Smith: Having stepped out of my work here in California, my plan is to spend more time in Maine. When in Marin County during the school year, I volunteer as a mentor to parents of children with special needs, helping them advocate in the schools so their children's needs are met.

The 1970s

Amanda Acker Rice: My daughter, Lucy Rice, married her long-term beau, Chip Culp, on New Year's Eve. He's a fabulous guy and they are a great couple! My years at Onaway were: camper '71, '72, '73, Counselor '78 and '79. Lucy was a camper, aide, and counselor in the 2000s.

Rosemary Moukad, Valerie Farias Newton, Meredith Funston, Lisa Sarno, Shelley Ames Hartz, and Annie Wemple Marks reunited in South Boston for tennis lessons and a lobster dinner followed by evening program of games and singing.



Kristina Mead Vetter: I continue to teach Biology at the Stanford Online High School and at Ohlone College. I also compete in Scottish Highland Games, and had a chance to go to Iceland this summer to compete in the Master World Championships.

Phyllis Woestemeyer: Enjoyed spending time at the Hollister House with Mrs. Kent last August as well as seeing so many friends at the Onaway Reunion. Spent time at my Log Cabin in Maine. Ramsay, Jon and Kirk were able to join me at the Cabin for a little while after the Onaway Reunion as well. Loved seeing everyone!!

The 1980s

Tennessee Jaques Callie: It was my pleasure to be the Camp Nurse last summer, and can't wait to return this summer.

Nicole Ash Colby: We are SO ready for summer in New Hampshire! It was snowing yesterday (April

10th), the lake will be cold in June. The spring was such a BUSY time of year with both MacKenzie and Malina playing AAU travel basketball, both on student council and both doing school softball. 7 out of 8 weekends we traveled to tournaments and while fun - a little crazy. Both girls teams won championship in the first tourney so that was



great. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on opening day! Attached a pic of MacKenzie and Malina after the Vermont tourney.

du Vergne Gaines: Overjoyed to participate in Onaway's 2017 August Reunion with my beloved cousin and cup girl Ellen Langford as well as Marianne Noble, Jennifer & Alexandra Ringe, Susan Cherin, and more! LOVED meeting the extraordinary and wonderful Meredith Funston. And a special thanks to the spectacular counselors that stuck around to make it a fabulous weekend for our motley gang our spirited and slightly mischievous former campers!

Cristina Anez de Gomez: I went with my

daughters: Laura and Daniela
Gomez to Orlando and then we did a road trip to
Omaha Nebraska for spring break.
We recommend to visit the Omaha zoo which is the number one in the world we loved it.
Unfortunately this summer Laura and Daniella will not



come back to on Onaway, but hopefully next year they will. It's a promise!!

Amanda "Mandy" Fisher Killen caught up with Ellen Langford at the Double Decker Music & Arts Festival in Oxford, MS where Ellen's beautiful art was showing. So much fun!



The 1990s

Lydia **Ramano** Barhight: We welcomed Annabel Brynn on 1/22/18. Big sister Caroline is doing a great job and we are all smitten.



Ashley Garver: I'm currently working as the marketing manager at Lonely Planet in Oakland, California and am enjoying encouraging the next generation to travel, see the world and to become engaged global citizens.

Alumnae News (continued)

Laura Davis: Here is a photo from my wedding (to Langley Bowers) from August 20, 2017 in Vermont. We met at a camp called Zeno Mountain Farm for people with disabilities, and we got married there. We had an Onaway sing-a-long after the ceremony, (featuring 3 prior choir directors). From left to right: back row Emmy Mudge, Emily Heinlein, Elizabeth Angney, Laura Davis, Allison Davis, Tessa (Stanwood) Davis, Fiona Buell Front row: J'April Barrett, Jessica Buell, Meg Platt.



Anna-Binney McCague: Binney became a big sister last summer when we welcomed a baby boy named Laith. Binney loves being a big sister and Laith adores her. We are still living in the Pittsburgh area, and I am teaching in a residency program outside the city.

Alexis Pew: Christina and I stayed at Onaway last August. The Northpoint cabin is lovely and it was so wonderful to walk around the campgrounds again after so many years. Despite the rainy weather, we

had a really fantastic trip through the White Mountains. We weren't able to make the Mt. Washington summit due to thunder - but, we stayed at the



Lakes in the Clouds hut on our second night, and I was able to find the Senior Hiking Trip entry in the 1999 hut log!

Clare Trautvetter: I got married on Jan 21 2018 to Manny Parodi! I ran the Boston Marathon and loved seeing my family and old boarding school friends! Now my cousin Caroline Reigeluth and I are planning my grandmother's 100th birthday party!



Meredith Grenier
Weis: Natalie cannot
wait to return to
Onaway this summer.
She just performed in
her school's production
of The Little Mermaid
as 'Jetsam the Eel.'
We credit Onaway
for nurturing Natalie's
love for theater and
music!



The 2000s

Lexi Merwin Bakri (who attended Onaway as both a camper 2001 to 2003) and then as an OWLE 2004) was married to Hamza Bakri on October 9, 2017 at the Greentree Country Club in New Rochelle, NY. The Rev. Peter Flores presided. Lexi



and Hamza met through mutual friends, and their romance was storybook. The couple honeymooned in Miami Beach. Lexi is one of many Merwin gals who have attended Onaway over many decades, starting with Alice (Merwin) Tweedy in the late 1930s or so.

Catherine Blessing Clear: Christa White, Alex Hulme Keane, Riley Bright, and Bailey Rice Pulde visited me and baby Nora in Seattle in April. We enjoyed some sightseeing and wine tasting in the beautiful spring weather.





Elizabeth Codd: Still working for the Arizona Coyotes NHL team, and missing the East Coast very much.



Nancy Conolly: Currently living the OWOW life in Denver, CO- if any Onababes are ever in the area, please let me know!

Nancy Denious: I was married in New Hampshire on Squam Lake in August and had 60 of my friends staying at Pasquaney!

Elizabeth Clark Freierman: Liz and wife, Rachel welcomed their son, Asa in December! Asa is fitting right in with the dog, cat, and chickens and loving his New Hampshire home. He's already been on many adventures including his first 4,000 footer! Asa's looking forward to meeting some of his favorite Ona's-Jess and T Feldman and Lizzie Conolly in October!



Alexandra Hulme Keane: I married Ryan Keane last June in Newport, RI with God Only Knows as our recessional and The Invitation as one of our readings. I was so glad to share the day with several Onas including: Bailey Rice Pulde, Riley Bright, Sam Walsh, Claire Nick, Gevvie Stone and Catherine Blessing Clear! We moved to Fairfield, CT in December!



Emmy Mudge: I'm loving my new job as an in-house composer at Jingle Punks, and I'm always happy to talk to other Onas who are interested in the music/film industry!

Lucile Rice: I married my best friend, Chip Culp, in Philadelphia on New Year's Eve! My sister, Lena Rice, Skytops '07, was my Maid of Honor. Some of my closest friends from my Skytops '05 group were able to attend. Photo (L to R): Nancy Denious Brewer,



Victoria Schramm Della Torre, Lucy Rice, Hope Shiverick, Dana Staley.



Alumnae News (continued)

Kelly Smith: Had my amazing wedding this past January and I was lucky enough to have 2 Ónaway sisters attend to help me celebrate! Chealsey Bartow & Emily Vaughn made the trip to see me and be there on my big day and it could not have been more amazing to have them there with me! It was so special to share the love I've found with my husband, with my Onaway family







that was with me when I was growing up and first discovering how to love myself.

Genevra **Stone**: Began my emergency medicine residency at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center last June. Still getting rows in on the Charles

Megan Underwood: My husband and I welcomed future Onababe Emma Gamez Underwood on November 1st, 2017. We live in Linares, Spain where I currently teach a combined Year 3&4 class at the British School. Any Onas looking to travel off the beaten path are always welcome!



The 2010s

Caroline (Ren) Bemis: I was in Granada, Spain for the fall semester which was such an incredible experience! Back at UConn finishing up my junior year. I'll be working for the Fund for Public Interest this summer in Boston! Definitely going to be hanging out a lot with Miss Serena Saini!

Anna Bolton: I graduated from Auburn University in May, and then went on to participate in the Winter Term n the Spring!

Brooke Carmody: I had so much fun at Stotesbury Regatta, seeing friends for the first time in months!



Charlotte Matthai: I'm living in Chicago and working as a cheesemonger, and this fall I'll be starting my Masters in Architecture at MIT.

Mary Stuart
McGuire: Miss
Richie and I are
graduated from
college this May!
I am moving to
Boston to be a
Match Corp in
Match Education's
Middle School
this year. In March
I saw Miss Kara
Merryfield in
Chaple Hill, NC



and Miss Chealsey Bartow in Nashville!

Kara Merryfield: I graduated from Salve Regina University this May with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and will be taking my NCLEX exam this summer. After I pass my exam, I will move down to Richmond, VA where I will work as a Registered Nurse at MCV VCU Medical Center. I will be living in the same city as Ms. Richie McGuire and am looking forward to seeing all of the other RVA Onaways around town!

Sarah Quinan spent her April vacation week on a whirlwind East Coast college tour but was excited to be able to enjoy a couple of mini reunions with fellow Skytops '17 Margot Supple, Lola Thompson, and Ashley Galdamez in New York City and Abigail Hanson and Katrina Hale in Richmond, VA.

Carter Ramquist: I finished my first year at Wellesley! I rowed, played double bass, and took a variety of classes. I am still thrilled to be close to so many Onaways in the Boston area!



Serena Saini: I finished my junior year at Boston University and studied abroad in London during my spring semester! I am currently interning at the Massachusetts State House with Massachusetts



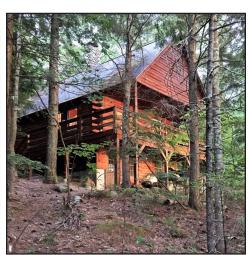
Rental Properties at Camp Onaway: The Lake Calls!

ontact the Onaway Office for information about renting Hollister House this summer. As of this printing we have the following weeks available for Hollister House:

July 7- 14 August 18 - 25 August 25 - Sept 1

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lumnae often ask, "What ever happened to the Mill Stream $m{ extstyle cream cones on parent visiting weekends?" It burned down years ago, leaving behind a vacant lot along a beautiful stretch of the stream, just north of Bristol. It is about to become the Newfound Watershed's newest park, Mill Stream Park, a parcel of great beauty, rich local history, and easy public access. This very special place will have a new welcome and information kiosk, a project spearheaded by the Newfound Lake Region Association.

Other future improvements may include new landscaping to control stormwater runoff and a "permaculture", or low-impact, approach to site development. People can stop at the Mill Stream Park to sit by the river, walk or bike to Newfound Lake along the pedestrian pathway, and learn about the natural wonders of

Newfound. With the seasonal Farmer's Market and food trucks already part of the Park, a little bit of work will go a long way! You can check it out this summer, if you visit. But you'll have to BYOIC.