



THE KNOLL NEWS

William Lawrence Camp
96th Season 1913-2008

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President's Message:

After a deep winter and short spring, opening day at William Lawrence Camp is just around the bend. Having visited Camp in May, it appeared in very good condition and I have never seen the Knoll look so green! No doubt Nat Crane and staff are ready for the arrival of campers for this season.

We intend to continue to offer all of the learning, growing, activities and fun which William Lawrence yields to boys every summer. Anyone who has attended, or had a son, nephew, grandson or friend attend William Lawrence Camp, recognizes the value of the Camp experience. There is a reason boys and young men continue to return to Camp year after year. It is our hope that new campers and their families have an opportunity to share that wonderful experience in the coming years.

Enjoy your summer and I hope to see you on the Knoll.

Charlie Cleary, President

Director's Message:

As our 96th year gets underway, I am looking forward to another great season. We have a record return rate for staff. Our counselor corps is not only made up almost entirely of returning counselors, almost all were once WLC campers. Spirit and loyalty are alive and well. Recruiting new campers continues to be challenging, as anyone who has tried on behalf of camp likely realizes. In spite of this, the enrollment situation is good.

Many of you would have recently received a letter from the new WLC Parents Organization. I am grateful for their efforts in engaging our alumni and friends to help with camper recruiting. I encourage you to take the time to send us the contact information of boys you think will benefit from a wholesome camp experience. Those who have benefited from their experience here are the best ambassadors for William Lawrence Camp.

I am also excited about the improvements made since last season. Our preparation for camp includes putting the finishing touches on the expanded counselor quarters on Osceola cabin, the new Chocorua cabin and the awesome new street hockey arena. All of these improvements will be of great benefit.

Please visit this summer if you can.

Nathaniel S. Crane, Director

Need a quick WLC fix, go to the camp's website at "www.wlcamp.org". In particular, check out the videos within several of the pages. They include great shots of the dining hall, the waterfront, and most other areas of camp. As an extra added bonus, by visiting the web site you are helping the camp by increasing the web site's popularity and prominence. The videos on the site were produced by the noted graphics guru and thespian extraordinaire, Scott "Goose" Giessler, they really give you a "feel" for Camp that words alone cannot convey. Thanks also to Andy Amiri for keeping our website on the cutting edge.

William Lawrence Camp 2007-2008 Annual Fund and Scholarship Fund

Copp Knoll Society \$1,000 and over

George W. Butterworth III ('50s-'60s)
John Compton and Josee Bissonette-Compton
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Chris Rae ('80s-'90s)
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Captain and Mrs. Robert G. Walker ('30s)
Steve and Mary Weeks ('00s)

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Thomas G. Speth ('50s)
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 The Weslowski Family ('90s-'00s)
Richard and Lucille Wetherald ('50s)

Other Contributions

William Pollard Bartlett ('30s)
 Bruce Barton ('80s – '00s)
 Charles Bearce
 Nick Berents ('70s)
 Kim and Andrew Brennan
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 Anne and Jim Bullitt
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Eben W. Graves ('60s)
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 John K. M. Hayes ('40s)
Richard E. Hersee ('50s)
 James Mackall
 Susan M. Moor ('90s)
Greg and Sarah Noble ('90s – '00s)
 The O'Malley Family ('90s – '00s)
 Alice and Richard Osgood, Jr
 Fan Lucy Pope
 Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Pratt ('40s-'60s)
 Frank, Janet and Michael Proctor
 Jim and Barb Warner

Note: Years listed after names are approximate years of personal or family attendance at Camp.
 Under-lined names indicate membership in Braves. This also applies below in "Alumni Notes."

Gifts In Memory of Edwin Beecher Pratt

<u>Richard C. and Donna L. Brown</u> ('50s-'70s)	<u>Arthur E. Curtis</u> ('40s-'60s)
Lucy and Skip Hancock ('90s & '00s)	<u>Craig S. Curtis</u> ('50s)
<u>Alden Johnson</u> ('50s-'60)	<u>Tom and Dorena Speth</u> ('50s)

Thank you to Richard and Donna Brown for their continuing gift of magazine subscriptions to the Library including Boys' Life, Highlights for Children and National Geographic for Kids.

Thank you to the Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities (Rick Brown's employer) for the donation of a used computer.

ALL contributions, great and small, are appreciated and important to us. If we have made an error of omission or in listing, please contact the Camp office so that we may make a correction. Thanks to the many of you who leave gifts in kind for the Camp..., magazines, household items, pictures, etc.

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Future Communications: If you do not wish to receive future communications from us, we understand. Please contact us by e-mail, snail-mail, fax or phone with your request, and we shall comply.

We would like our 100th Anniversary Reunion to be a very special event. Please help. Thank you.

Alumni Notes

•40s

Dirk Bollenback recently contacted camp. He has many fond memories of camp, especially playing third base for Owen Carle.

•50s

David Farrow and wife, Joanie, enjoyed a week of fun family visits at Highland Lake in Bridgeton, ME for the Farrow Family Reunion.

Phil Temple and wife, Diane, celebrated Diane's retirement from the school system in Pepprel, MA by buying a new camper. Both are very busy with their hobbies.

Jim McIntosh regrets he was unable to attend the 95th Reunion last August but hopes to visit with us this summer.

Craig Curtis is enjoying retirement with his two wonderful grandsons. They fish, swim, hike and bike together on Block Island each summer.

Bruce Marston and wife, Doreen, enjoyed their visit to camp last summer after being gone for so many years. Their nephew, **Ben**, has been at camp many years and is currently on the Camp Staff.

Jim Lousch, **Roy Henderson** and Jeanette Kuhl attended the Funeral for former Director, **Edwin B. Pratt** on April 18, 2008 in Richwood, West Virginia.

Skip Beltz sent a long "rememberance" letter to Carol stating her Dad, Mr. Pratt, was "always larger than life, all dressed in white". He loved his time as camper and counselor and especially the "The Carroll County Boys" singing.

Madaline Pratt sends her best wishes to our Director, Nat Crane, all the Staff and Campers for another great summer on the Knoll.

'80s

Jon Neske, is in South Korea, where he teaches English as a Foreign Language to some of the cutest students in the world. He currently lives and works in Seoul.

Bruce Barton teaches at the Holderness School in Plymouth, NH. He resigned from the WLC Board of Trustees but will still visit at camp whenever possible. Thanks, Bruce, for your many years of dedication to the camp. He's been spotted on the Internet. For a great pic, check out: <http://www.holderness.org/academics/faculty.asp?ID=20>.

Geoff MacIntosh had a great time at the 95th camp reunion last August.



Derek and Michelle **Brown** proudly announce the birth of a son (and future camper) Brock Edmund Brown (left). Master Brown entered this world on December 20th at 7 pounds 6 ounces, 19 inches. Derek, Michelle, and Brock make their home in Alpharetta, GA. The proud grandparents are Rick and Donna Brown.

Beatrix Asher Monday Yankus was born on Feb 11, 2008 to Rachel Monday and **Willard "Will" Yankus**. She weighed in at 7 lbs 10 oz and a very tall 21 inches. Baby and mom are doing great and Will absolutely loves being a dad. The whole family is well and living in Sonoma, CA. Will is in frequent contact with **Sean Haughey**, **John Avery**, and **Chris Rae** discussing the amazing victory of the New York Giants over the Patriots. Sean is also winning their fantasy NASCAR League.

Chris Rae is pleased to announce the birth of his daughter Grayson Virginia Rae.

Derick Kopff and his wife live outside of Albany, N.Y. He has two sons, both current campers, and has been a teacher for the last 4 years. He loves getting to come to camp every summer.

David Helgeson shot us an e-mail. He reports that he is doing well and has two sons, Gabriel (2 years) and Oliver (3 mo.) He said we can expect both on the knoll in a few years. David's brother Mike is also married with 2 boys. Finally, David ran into **Brendaen Makechnie**, who is currently working at Upromise in Newton. David is a Sales Executive at BuyDomains.com and lives in Framingham, Mass.

'90s

Nate Sargent hopes to be at camp for the 100th Camp Reunion in 2012. He is traveling the world for Uncle Sam.

Congratulations to **Howie Lubinger**! He got married in June 2008 in South Orange, NJ. Howie works for Citigroup in Marketing and sends a big WLCS to all! **Chris Smith** was Howie Lubinger's Best Man.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Don** and Terrilyn **Dermond** on the birth of their son, Donald Michael Dermond III. He was born May 30, 2008, weighing 6lbs 9 oz, 20 inches long. Mom and son are home from the hospital and everyone, including the proud Dad, is doing great!

Ryan Hewitt now has a son, Kade John Hewitt was born on 17th December, 00.04hr, 8lb 13oz. He is absolutely adorable and Ryan is loving being a parent.

Jay Chuck visited camp for afternoon last summer and was delighted to be back after many years.

Gail Avery, former Waterfront Director, was ordained by The Right Reverend V. Gene Robinson to the Sacred Order of Priests in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at Saint Andrew's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church located in Tamworth, NH. She and her husband have sons who were and still are campers at William Lawrence. Our sincere Congratulations to Gail.

Johnny Batten informed us that after 4 years working in student affairs at Fordham University, he is in his second year of teaching at a high school in South Carolina.

Nick Morisi has been accepted at Northeastern University with a scholarship - Congratulations, Nick.

Matt Caliendo lives in Davis, California and works at a 100% ELECTRIC Car Dealership. He is obsessed with whitewater kayaking.

Dan Vassallo works in New York City for a Corporate Investigation Company

Dan Harrison is back in Australia studying at University to be an account. He sure wishes he could have returned to camp this summer.

Curt Bardelli is a student at the University of New Hampshire.

Kate (Unpronounceable) and Tom Oxtoby are doing great in Scotland. Kate celebrated her "big" birthday in February and still works at Dell Computers.

Daniel (DJ) Jordan is in his last year of University studying Geology and Geophysics. He is President of the Auckland, NZ Ice Hockey Club and plays on two of the teams. He hopes to come to the 100th Camp Reunion.

Donald Dermond and his wife are expecting their first child in June.

Dan DiCamillo graduated from the University of Michigan and now lives in Chicago. He works for Barclays Capital. Included in his favorite memories of camp (of which there were so many) he especially remember beating Belknap in Hockey and the first awkward minutes at the beginning of each dance. All his memories are "amazing". Go Blue!

Liam Neish and **John Swanson** are excited about coming back to camp this summer to be on the 2008 Camp Staff.

'00s

Drew Hawkes - Congratulations! Drew is getting married July 2008. **Skippy Rayner**, **Rob Saunders**, and **George Barbour** will be attending the wedding.

Ricky French really misses camp and hopes to be back summer 2009.

Kyle Henry Page started his first "real" teaching job at Otumoetai Intermediate in New Zealand this winter. Plan on seeing him at the 100th Camp Reunion.

Rodney Carroll - Happily married on August 3, 2007. Hopes to return to camp in a couple of years.

In Memoriam

We sadly report the passing of Edwin B. Pratt, former Director of William Lawrence Camp from 1941; 1946-68, on Tuesday morning, April 15, 2008.

Mr. Pratt was the Director of William Lawrence Camp for my years as a Camper and a Counselor, and I could speak for hours and days about this great man and the influence for good he was to the many of us who were a part of his time at Camp. Instead, I wish to refer you to Phil Temple's most eloquent description of Mr. Pratt's years at Camp contained in the 75th Anniversary 1913-1987 Program Book. We have a scanned copy posted to the "Knoll News" page of our website at www.wlcamp.org (look under the Details tab), or we would be glad to mail you a copy.

Carol told us that at his wake he would be "wearing his Red Sox tie, he will hold in his right hand the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer I gave him his first Christmas I was born, in his left hand he will hold a Camp birch holder and candle, and laying on his navy blue suit jacket, on his heart, will be his original Braves' patch."

During my years at Camp, at the conclusion of each day, the entire Camp would gather with Mr. Pratt on the Knoll for a song and a prayer. When finished, Mr. Pratt would say, "Goodnight, boys," and we would reply in unison, "Goodnight, Mr. Pratt." Goodnight, Mr. Pratt, and thank you for teaching us, by your example, the William Lawrence Camp Spirit.

Richard C. Brown Camper, Counselor, Parent and Trustee

Carol Pratt Zimmerman and her Mother, Madaline, would like to sincerely thank the entire William Lawrence Camp Family - Director, Board of Trustees, Staff, Campers, and Alumni for the beautiful huge basket of Blue and White flowers that sat in the Place of Honor in front of the casket. On the card was written "Loyal and True are The Boys of White and Blue" "Deepest Sympathy and Gratitude to a Great Man".

Carol and Madaline would also like to humbly thank the many, many members of the Camp Family who continue to send notes, letters, and cards filled with stories and remembrances of "The Man In The White." William Lawrence Camp was his passion for so many happy years. He was so proud that Carol continues to be a part of this Camp he loved with all his heart!



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