



THE KNOLL NEWS

William Lawrence Camp
93rd Season 1913-2005

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President's Message: Immediately following our Annual Meeting of the Corporation and Board of Trustees' Meeting, I was off to Sturbridge, MA to attend the Spring Conference of the New England Section of the American Camp Association. Joining me were Trustees Lucy Hancock, Lexi Hoffman and Alan Harding; Derick Kopff; and staff Members, Nat Crane, Lara Crane, Norma Gore and KV King. William Lawrence is always well-represented at this event, and other organizations are amazed at the level of our Board participation.

I enjoy this event on a number of levels. First, there is the energy of camp people gathering together to kick off the new season. Friendships made and renewed; ideas shared among peers; vendors with new and exciting goods and services for camping. Secondly, there's the reunion with Liz Young and the Fleur de Lis group and our annual supper-out. Finally comes an appreciation for what we have at William Lawrence. We are indeed fortunate to have a Board, Director, staff, campers, families and friends committed to ensuring the continued success of our Camp. It's been working since 1913.

"Long may we cherish her, faithful we'll be. Lawrence, our Lawrence, for you and for me!"

Richard C. Brown, President

Director's Message: As we approach our 93rd year, I am encouraged by the loyalty of so many camp families. Once again, our return rate for campers will be very high. Clearly we are doing something right on the Knoll. This is particularly critical in today's world where families are fearful of entrusting their children to the care of others. Recent trends in camping indicate a marked decrease in demand for residential camps. This makes it that much more important that past and present families communicate to others their faith in William Lawrence Camp and the benefits of a camp experience. With everyone's help, we can anticipate continued strong enrollment.

I am also pleased with the loyalty of our staff. Most of our counselors will have been with us in the past, including key senior leaders. It looks to be a spirited and dedicated group. I am sure they will be ready to give the campers all the fun and value possible from an exciting WLC experience. We will also run two Leader in Training sessions with over 20 total participants. This is a very healthy program that allows campers to transition to being members of the staff. Of note, our nurse Lynda Goldkamp will be back for her 10th consecutive year. Thanks and congratulations, Lynda.

I look forward to another great year on the Knoll, one that I am sure will be filled with fun, friendship, spirit and sunny weather.

Nathaniel S. Crane, Director

William Lawrence Camp
2004-2005 Annual Fund (ends 09/30/2005)

Copp Knoll Society (\$1,000 and over)

George W. Butterworth, III ('50s)
Linda Ducruet ('00s)
Susan and Alan Harding ('50s)
Neil and Martha Hulbert ('50s)
Mark J. Michaud ('60s)
Scott and Deborah Spencer ('60s)

Director's Society (\$500 - \$999)

Richard C. and Donna L. Brown ('50s-'70s)
Derick and Heather Kopff ('80s;'00s)
Robert G. Walker ('30s)

Sponsor (\$250 - \$499)

Loring and Katinka Coleman ('50s & '90s)
Lori and John Crimmins ('00s)
Peter H. Dodson ('90s)
Lucy and Skip Hancock ('90s & '00s)
Paul Hellenen ('00s)
Lexi and Ben Hoffman ('90s & '00s)
Robert A. Mackie ('90s)
E. Lester "Les" McDowell ('50s)
Lisa G. Bisaccia & Robert P. Naparstek ('00s)
Malcolm C. and Joan D. Newell
Harry Peebles ('70s)
Ellen Porter ('90s & '00s)
Stephen Weeks ('00s)

Friend (\$100 - \$249)

Peter W. Allen ('00s)
Steven E. and Jane M. Bailey ('00s)
Paul and Sarah Bardelli ('90s & '00s)
Dominique Boutaud ('00s)
Susan P. Brown
Owen M. Carle ('60s)
Peter T. Case ('40s)
Dennis Ceru ('04s)
Nathaniel S. Crane ('90s-'00s)
Arthur E. Curtis ('40s-'60s)
Craig S. Curtis ('50s)
Laurence M. Curtis, Jr. ('50s)

Libby and Joe DeMarco
Thomas J. Engram ('50-'60s)
David Farrow ('50s-'60s)
William D. Gaver
CJ and Bill Gladstone ('90s-'00s)
Chapman B. Greeley
David Hartwell ('60s-'70s)
Andrea and Mark Hauser ('00s)
David Helgeson ('80s-'90s)
Alden and Margaret Johnson ('50s-'60s)
William J. Kirby / Mathis Pfohl Foundation
Ekaterina Kovganova ('00s)
Helen and Dan Levenson ('80s)
Michael Miles ('00s)
Eric Miller ('00s)
Tom "Grinder" Myers ('80s)
The Rosen Family ('90s-'00s)
John S. Rudberg, Jr. ('70s)
Anne and Dick Rush
Ed and Kitty Smith
Tom Speth ('50s)
Bill and Dianne Taylor
Joel and Christine Thompson ('00s)
John L. Thorndike
Nancy and Thomas Westbom ('00s)
Paul and Patti Wesolowski
Richard and Lucille Wetherald ('50s)
Dr. Matthew P. White ('80s)

Other Contributions

W. Pollard Bartlett ('30s)
Nick Berents ('70s)
David and Jennifer Blythin ('90s)
Francis and Jean Cleary
Rebecca Crocker ('90s)
Dick Emerson ('60s)
Jonathan Engram ('60s-'70s)
Micelle and Tim Faselt ('00s)
Tobey and Mark Fidler ('00s)
Hugh Fredrick ('90s)
Laura Geary
Margaret Gillis
Neil Gladstone ('90s-'00s)
Rev. Robert W. Golledge ('70s)
Eben W. Graves ('60s)

Bradford T. Greason ('30s)
Roy Greason ('30s)
Scott Griggs, Esq. ('70s)
John K. M. Hayes ('40s)
Alan R. Higgs
David and Miriam Horton
The Kean Family ('90s-'00s)
Asher and Patricia Kramer ('90s)
Susan Moor ('90s)
The Analytical Group for Mark J. Michaud
William and Leola Moss
Helen Fuller Nichols
Jonathan C. Page ('90s)

Seth Pasakarnis ('90s)
Clark W. Patteson ('60s)
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Pratt (1945-1968)
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore G. Rand
Robert Schwartz ('00s)
S.R. and Marilyn Stivers ('90s)
Jim and Barbara Warner ('90s)
Orrin G. Wood, Jr.

Note: Years listed after names are approximate years of personal or family attendance at Camp.

Gifts in Memory of John and Paul Loughlin not previously acknowledged:

Wendy and Arthur Broadbent
Tom R. Myers
Sarah and Patrick Rohan
John S. Rudberg, Jr
Dianne and Willard Taylor

We'd like to acknowledge the gift of a 14' catamaran from Tom Wesolowski. Tom is the uncle of former camper and counselor Dan Wesolowski. Nat hopes to have it up and running this summer.

Thanks, also, to the Adams Family (friends of Rick Brown), for the generous donation of a Gateway computer system. We'll use it to replace one of our existing "antiques."

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, also, to the many of you who leave gifts in kind for the Camp..., magazines, household items, pictures, etc. They are all appreciated, and when we cannot find a use for gift, we give it to someone in the local community who can.

Continuing thanks to W. Alan Harding, Trustee, Annual Fund Chairperson, and to all of you for making our fundraising efforts a success. William Lawrence Camp, Inc is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation, and all gifts to the Camp are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Website: We are considering a "by invitation only" chat site at this time. If this is something that you might be interested in, drop us a line at wlc@worldpath.net and let us know. If you're looking for a specific friend, you can always contact us by e-mail or phone, and we'll let you know if we have information on them.

Please check the Missing Alumni page frequently and let us know if you know where some of these people are. We continue to pick up alums who find us on a Google search.

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Members of the Corporation of William Lawrence Camp:

All of the Trustees and Carol Pratt Zimmerman

Want to Make a Kid's Summer Wonderful? Suggest William Lawrence Camp: Give us a call, and we'd be happy to send brochures and a DVD about our Camp. We can even meet with families or put them in touch with current campers and families.

Weddings: We always have a few in the Fall and Spring. No surprise there. Can you think of a more beautiful place? But what you probably didn't know is that our Director, Nathaniel S. Crane, is a **Justice of the Peace**, and, as such, may perform the ceremony himself! Kind of like being married by the Captain of a ship, wouldn't you say? Something to think about!

Calendar:

June 26	Opening Day - First Session
July 10	Visiting Day - First Session
July 16	Meeting – Board of Trustees
July 23	Closing Day – First Session
July 24	Opening Day – Second Session
August 07	Visiting Day – Second Session
August 20	Closing Day – Second Session
August 23-28	Family Camp

See the 'Calendar' page on the website at www.wlcamp.org/calendar.htm for more details and the latest information along with viewable/downloadable informational pieces.

Back On The Knoll:

What an exciting time of year this is! Pratt Hall has just been scrubbed clean (after a long very snowy winter) and ready for the first big event of the season - Service Week-End - when staff, alumni, parents, campers, friends will gather to remove brush, paint buildings, air out the cabins, do all sorts of jobs to get the Camp up and running again, and gather in the library in the evening to talk about summers gone by and enjoy the fireplace! How quiet it is in here today as I clean the last of the winter dust from all the tables - I just yelled "HEY OTHER SIDE" I waited, and there was no answering, "HEY WHAT?" I tried "BOSTON RED SOX" clap clap, clap clap clap. I waited..., no answer, nothing but silence. Where is everyone???

Then I remembered - I have to wait six more weeks for the start of singing, chants, laughing, pancakes being flipped over the rafters, Mississippi Mud and Jello eating contests, Jump Shake Your Bootie, "I Am Camper #1, Who Is #2", Shotgun Jack bursting through the door, Gary and Chris cooking those delicious meals, the "Ring That Bell, Hey, Ring That Bell, Hey", followed by announcements from all department heads telling the kids of all the fun activities available to them - classes in archery, riflery, climbing tower, outdoor living, arts & crafts, swimming, tennis, soccer, water skiing, ropes course and so many more. And how about those evening programs? Braves, Capture the Flag, All Camp Counselor Hunt, Skit Night, Toga Night, Dress As Your Favorite Movie Star, Fourth Of July games and fireworks, Battle of The Bands, etc. Then, there are the games with other camps like Belknap, Northwoods; the long anticipated rifle match with the girls from Fleur de Lis; boarding the bus for a sun and sand filled day at Hampton Beach, Fischer Cat and Sea Dog games; hikes up Mt Washington, Red Hill and Mt Shaw; canoe trips to camp out and ride the rapids.

Now, back to reality. I listen to the quiet. I try singing, "FOR LAWRENCE WE STAND, IT IS THE BEST CAMP IN THE LAND." I look around Pratt Hall, and I am the only one in here to stand! I have on my Camp sweatshirt. I smile! Won't be long now until we are all rocking the rafters of this dining hall with the joyous sounds of campers and staff having the time of their lives once again! Nothing will make me happier than hearing all the noise these happy children will bring to the Knoll for the 93rd Year at William Lawrence Camp! I'll be standing in the road, as usual, on Opening Day waiting for you! See "y'all" real soon!

Carol Pratt Zimmerman

Alumni Notes

'30s

Roy Greason is enjoying retirement, travel abroad and his volunteer work. He recently returned from a trip to England. After attending Wesleyan University (Phi Beta Kappa), he received a masters and doctorate in English from Harvard. He went on to teach and eventually become President of Bowdoin College in Maine. He has received numerous awards and honors. He has fond memories of camp where as staff he was a waterfront swimming instructor. He still keeps in touch with **Pollard Bartlett**.

'50s

Arthur E. Curtis is technically retired, but has been keeping himself very busy. He is currently President of the Old Age Center in Worchester and Treasurer for the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Dyslectic Children. He is also Past-President of the Worchester County Shrine Club. Arthur has fond memories of camp, and recalled having to pump the water for each meal in the dining hall. Mr. Curtis's camp experience was briefly interrupted by his military service in the army.

'70s

Nick Berents recently relocated from New Jersey to Boxford, Mass. He'd love to get in touch with old friends.

Scott Griggs is practicing healthcare and real estate law at Lawson and Weitzen, LLP in Boston. He hopes to send his sons Axel (4) and Marshall (1) to William Lawrence. Scott also has a daughter Dagny (2 ½).

Harry Peebles has 8 year old twins (one boy and one girl) and they are riding without training wheels. He works for IBM and is still living in Massachusetts. Harry recalled spending his time backpacking and shooting at the archery and riflery ranges. He is considering sending his son to William Lawrence.

'80s

Tom Kopff has started a new business 'Iron City Self-Storage' with its first location in Pittsburgh, Pa. He'll soon be branching out to other locations. Congratulations Tom.

Tom recently spoke to **David Helgeson** at Monster.com. Tom was looking into Monstermoving.com, and David recognized Tom's name. It's a small world.

Tom'Grinder' Myers went to games 3 and 4 of last years World Series, and was in Boston for the Parade. He notes he'll be here (from California) for the 100th reunion 'for sure'. We hope to see him on the knoll long before then.

Pat Rae has his own martial arts school in the Buffalo NY area. In addition to the martial arts school, Patrick also handles security for bands, and has worked with Bill Larry alum. **Matt Nathanson**.

Jonathan Yardley was married in 2000 on Cape Cod and has a young son (Calvin). He is currently the V.P. of Client Services with a software company in Atlanta. He hopes to send Calvin to camp in a couple of years.

Kent Zambelli was recently promoted at George Weston Bakeries and is relocating from North Carolina to the Philadelphia, Pa. area with his wife and 2 kids. His brother **Paul Zambelli** has returned from Iraq, where he was sent after being recalled by the Marines.

Pablo Morenilla recently contacted us from Spain. He currently resides in Madrid. Pablo blames his English on the summers he spent at camp. He is currently a Law Professor working in the Spanish Courts as an assistant Judge, and has two daughters.

'90s

Neil Caswell, grandson of **Robert G. Walker** ('30s) is a Specialist 1st Class with the 2nd Infantry Brigade. Mr. Walker reports that Neil is doing well, and has been serving in Iraq.

Jonathan C. Page is now studying to become a minister at Yale Divinity School and having a blast!

Seth Pasakarnis has started his first year at Suffolk Law School in Boston.

'004

Kevin Porter has successfully completed 40 months of treatment for his Leukemia and will be back for his CIT year this summer.

Ben Poole has been enjoying his freshman year at Middlebury College. His roommate was from Senegal on the West Coast of Africa. Ben was on the school swim team over the fall and winter. Next year he hopes to do more skiing and ice-climbing. He's currently planning to major in Film and Media Culture, with a possible double major in English.

E-Mail Polls – To get on our e-mail list, e-mail: friendsofwlc@earthlink.net

Most Generations for a family at WLC: Tied at 3 - Johnson, Hulbert, and Walker/King families. If you know of another 3 generation family, or one with more, please let Derick Kopff know.

Most Family Members at Camp (Total): Johnson Clan (6), Hulberts, Jessups, Angelis and Walker/Kings - 5 each. If you know of more, let Derick Kopff know. (inc. campers, staff, etc.)

E-Mail Puzzle Answers – To get on the e-mail list or for the puzzles, e-mail Derick Kopff

1. "There's a new lake heater."
2. The Crossword – E-mail Derick Kopff for answers

Knoll News Word Find											
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E	A	A	P	N	T	S	A	W	S	Basketball	Play
V	S	Y	R	P	O	I	R	A	O	Waterfront	Cabin
A	E	V	A	N	S	L	K	H	O	Kayak	Moose
R	B	U	N	K	I	Y	L	S	G	Barn	Shaw
B	A	S	K	E	T	B	A	L	L	Taps	Log
Y	L	P	L	A	Y	G	A	O	F	Lake	Oar
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