



The Log – Camp Runoia Alumnae Organization

Letter from the President

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Dear Alums,

April 2019

At this time of year, we begin to see wonderful evidence of what a difference your contributions make. Returning families and campers are grateful for continued generosity. New Runoia girls join the fold. We receive notes from excited campers and grateful parents. Their gratitude make us thankful for you — for every contribution, large and small. Each

Here is just one excerpt of a note we received from the mother of a returning camper who will receive a riding scholarship in addition to regular tuition assistance:



“ . . . I have witnessed the impact having a place to belong has had on my daughter. I have witnessed the difference in confidence that being a part of Runoia has brought to/for her during the school year...and now I learn you are adding access to riding.

and every gift to CRAO makes camp possible for young women who otherwise would not be able to afford to spend part of their summer on Great Pond.

I hope you know how special a gift this is, because I had explained to my daughter, when she first was able to attend camp that we already owed so much to CRAO’s efforts and assistance that if I was able to raise any extra resources - those resource should be used toward the costs of attendance - and not for those things that are special - such as riding - no matter how much she would love to have access. She of course understood but was quite dejected.

This spring we awarded our first scholarships for horseback riding. This assistance comes from a new scholarship fund established by the Board to honor Pam’s 30 years as a director. The response has been tremendous.

Tonight the only real gift I can give you is by telling you about the actions of my daughter. Who when she heard she would be able to ride more at camp responded by dancing in excitement down the hallway. And who just called me into her room several times to talk and dream as she sorted through her clothes - stating repeatedly don’t you think this would look cute at camp?

It is CRAO and all your hard work that has made these moments happen and so tonight my heart overflows.

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I know the words thank you will never adequately express the gifts you have brought into my household but perhaps someday my daughter - will be able to write about the impacts CRAO’s gifts have had on her life or perhaps even find a way to demonstrate... As I have no doubt once set free - those gifts will help my daughter to actively shape the world that is yet to be.

Thank you once more for all you do.”

Can’t you remember that dance down the hall you did when opening day was approaching? Thank you, generous supporters, for making such moments and memories possible for so many. Since its inception, CRAO has awarded nearly \$600,000 for tuition assistance. Starting in 1997 with a \$500

As May approaches and I share about what's up at camp, there is still snow on the ground and ice covering the lake. By the time you read this letter, the ferns will be pushing through soft earth and pollen will be bursting on the towering pines, campers and families will be packing trunks and feel a growing excitement (and perhaps nervousness – perfectly normal!) of camp.

Lucky us! The generations of alumnae continue at Runoia! We have a large amount of alumnae daughters and granddaughters at camp including **Kara Greer's** and **Harriet Hubbard's** nieces, daughters of: **Nina Frank, Jai Cobb Kells, Jessie Hoffhine Angus, Emily Hoffhine Wilson, Nina Ferre Cohen, Ann Gradman, Ayaka Komiya, Ali Wissinger, Jane Rines Marone, Amy Cook-Wright, Mitra Morgan, Hilary Peck, Camilla Meyers Winkler, Eve Wollman, Besty Nicholson, Liz Dubin Nadzo** and granddaughters of: **Jane Orbeton, Kathy Fuller Nicholson, Betsy Speicher, Nancy Master Wissinger, Pam Cobb Heuberger.**



Missing Camp?

Here's 10 ways to fix being "campsick":

1. Check out the CRAO official FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/Camp-Runoia-Alumnae-Organization-40098132608/>
2. Call us for a tour and come visit us this summer #207-495-2228
3. Join in on July 27, 2019 for the CRAO annual meeting at camp.
4. Join in at Matti Williams Bradley's on July 26th at 5:30 pm
5. Visit the Runoia website and check out the Camp Logs! <https://runoia.com/camp-logs/>
6. Make a donation so other girls can have the Runoia experience
7. Let your friends know about Runoia for their daughters and live vicariously!
8. Attend the next CRAO gathering in your region
9. Read our weekly Runoia blog, share/like our posts & grams (thanks!)
10. Plan on returning for the 115th reunion in August 2021!

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donation and building to almost \$70,000 in 2019 with the new riding campership adding to the awards. Hundreds of young women have joined the Runoia family and reap the benefits of a summer of priceless experiences, filled with new skills and interests, new friendships, and sunsets on Great Pond through the lens of a crackling campfire.

If you're hankering for a visit to Maine this summer or want to learn more about how you can help support CRAO, consider attending our July 26 regional gathering, hosted by Matti Williams Bradley at her beautiful home on Echo Cove. There will be food, drink, an even an optional evening dip in the lake. You will also have the chance to learn about local conservation efforts of the 7 Lakes Alliance. See the details below! The next morning is the CRAO annual meeting. Please join us!

Bo Bos to all!

Boop Tabell Jordan

lets get together!!

*July 26 regional gathering in
Belgrade Lakes, Maine hosted by
Matti Williams Bradley in Echo Cove*

Connect! Swim! Cocktails! Dinner!

- *Also meet Laura Rose Day of the 7 Lakes Alliance to learn about local conservation efforts*
- *CRAO Annual meeting at Camp Runoia July 27 -*

all welcome

Thanks to Runoia friend and Belgrade neighbor, Elisabeth Wells, who left a \$10,000 bequest to Runoia. Betty was a true believer in outdoor education and helping others to experience the beauty of Maine. She enjoyed playing paddle tennis with Betty Cobb and friends in the 1980s and was a dear friend of Betty Jo Howard. Those Bettys stick together! Rest in Peace Betty Wells. Her donation to the CRAO will grow and help many girls attend Runoia over the years.



Liza Stewardson Connolly and Susan Vaughn connect in CA:



And **Harriet Hubbard and Chippy Sherman** in WY:

These great alumnae gathered in Philly in early November:



pictured above: **Jennifer Sachs Dahnert, Laura Kind McKenna, Samantha Britell Levine, Valerie Kind-Rubin, Sharon West, Cindy Bortman Boggess, Marie-Claude Francoeur, Andrea "Nandy" Bradford, Meg Tabell Kasprak, Alice Brebner Ruiz, Jody Rowell Dixon, Britt Long, Barbara Trager, Jennifer Corson Lebow, Roberta "Boop" Tabell Jordan, Susan "Yatsey" Yates**

Cathy Fuller Nicholson is thrilled to have granddaughter **Sayles Thieschler**, Betsy Nicholson's daughter at Runoia's Harmony Land Camp in 2018 and returning as a full Runoia camper in 2019. Cathy enjoyed traveling in 2018 including trips to hers and husband, Tom, 50th college reunions at Skidmore and Williams and a barge trip on the Scottish Highlander through the Calendonian Canal. They were visiting Jewish friends in Squirrel Hill the very day of the Pittsburgh massacre and directly felt the horrendous impact of the cruel act. Cathy aptly writes "For 2019 we pray for a national climate of sanity and safety, decency and cooperation as each of us strives to make a difference in a world that cries out for kindness." Cathy – thank you for that and let us all carry your thoughts in our minds for the remainder of this year.

Ellie Spaulding is 30 and getting married this fall. Her dad says "she is hot shot fundraiser for Harvard University. **Skyler Spaulding** is now 16 and is in school at Andover."

Julia Knight lives in Brooklyn, New York and is working as a corporate lawyer at Cleary Gottlieb in Manhattan.

Helen Knight graduated from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and is doing her residency in Boston at Brigham and Womens Hospital in oncology.

Jenny Sachs Dahnert sends us news about her adventures for the year, including celebrating **Ali Dahnert's** 21st birthday at Lewis and Clark as she enters her senior year in International Affairs. Last year Ali completed a three month NOLS course in Wyoming, Colorado and Utah. Jenny and Steve vacationed at Joshua Tree, in Virginia and drove cross country.

Also thanks to Jenny Dahnert who co-hosted the CRAO Philly reunion with **Jennifer Corson Lebow**. Thanks to the Jennifers!!!

Ellie Wencker: I'm now living in Fort Worth, Texas finishing up my second year of Teach For America and also applying to medical school.

Annie Carney continues to live and work in the Boston area and recently moved to a new company Sosolimited "We are creators of sensory spaces driven by design and technology".

Caroline Knights is in Taiwan on a Fulbright teaching I'm a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in a rural school in Taitung, Taiwan for the year, teaching 2nd-6th graders and leading teacher and student English clubs!



On March 31st **Betsy Nicholson** hosted a gathering in Massachusetts that included:

left to right in back row: **Cathy Prodo Hamm, Jody Sataloff, Britt Long, Sue (Yates) Yates**

left to right in Front row: **Betsy Nicholson** (with **Sayles Thieschler**), **Cathy Fuller Nicholson, Heather Duckworth Smith** (with **El-lie**), **Krissy Auns Oliver, Melissa Gary Gabriel, Nandy Florey Bradford, Sarah Tabell Nocka, Meg Tabell Kasprak, Cindy Bortman, Jennifer Corson LeBow.**

Sarah Tabell Nocka shares she is still working at Charles River Center, a human services agency serving adults and children with developmental disabilities, primarily assisting with fundraising, marketing and development.

Kristen Nocka earned her Masters in Public Health from Boston University last May. She worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts collecting and analyzing mosquitos in order to detect the presence of mosquito borne illnesses like Zika, West Nile and Encephalitis. She is now working as a Research Assistant at Boston University studying the HIV virus.

Callie Rae Johnson writes from Harmony, North Carolina "Harmony Land! I miss you! I'm dreaming of Fine Maine Days out on the blue waves and returning to work with **Abbie Marone** on Harmony Land Camp at Runoia this summer!"

Jane Gair Praire: "I still live in Maine, working as a social worker at The New England Eating Disorders Program for 20 years. My son is all grown up and enjoying his two jobs. Hubby plans to retire in a few years and is embracing the performing world now more - folk musician. He plays the hammered dulcimer. I'm a photographer for fun..."

Susan "Yatesy" Yates "I just attended the NE gathering held by Betsy Nicholson. It was fantastic to see old and meet new friends!"

Jody Sataloff says "I'm so happy to spend the entire summer at Belgrade and so near to Runoia. During the rest of the year I can be found singing camp songs to grandchildren Rose (7), Fred (4) and Josie (3 1/2) and Avi (5 months)."



The following Alumnae (plus one) were at the small April 7 gathering in MD!

Jody Dixon, Sharon West, Tracy Diamond, Nandy Florey & her friend Phoebe and Amy Rosenberg.

Amy and Tracy discovered they are distant cousins!

Viva Voce!!! The best Runoia advertising is through word of mouth. Alumnae, please share and talk it up with your family, neighbors, friends and co-workers!

Dont forget? If you want to save paper, please send us your email and a note reminding us you'd like to go green and still keep up with the news. Our beloved Betty Cobb, would love you for it! Email pam@runoia.com

2019 marks a banner year of alumnae returning as staff to lead activities and start as general counselors including:

- Nine CITs were accepted to Runoia's CIT program and will join us for the full summer with their CIT director, **Kate Neal**, returning for her sixth summer on staff.



- **Jen Dresdow** returns for her 10th summer to oversee the Equestrian Program. She also recommends candidates for the new riding campership program, coaches staff running Evening Programs and helps with transportation logistics and camper programming.
- **Barb St. Peter** will be returning for her 10th summer as Director of Waterfront with **Mark Heuberger**, 14th summer, supporting her in the wings.
- We are thrilled to have other long time returning staff like **April Marini**, 6th summer, returning to head the riding program, "**K**" **Bolduc** returning for over 20 summers as JMG coach as well as expert whittler, wood burning, song leader and guitar player!
- **Alex Jackson** is in her 24th summer at Runoia and works year round as a co-director with a focus on hiring, program, staff training and helping with camper recruitment and continual improvement, transportation and more.
- **Jai Cobb Kells** returns for her 7th summer as Assistant Director supporting counselors and Director of Food Services.
- **Abbie Marone** returns for her 14th summer and 4th summer of Director of Harmony Land Camp for younger campers who want a shorter sample of Runoia.
- **Eliza Brown** returns for her 6th summer as Head of Target sports as well as an administrative staff helping to support counselors in residential life.
- **Amelia Clancy** returns for her third summer and will be Director of Wilderness Trips and Camper Behavioral Specialist.
- The list goes on including alumnae: **Eliza Quinones, Eva Kranefuss, CJ Thacker, Lily Grace, Gerty Flagg, Grace Pratt, Maria Atienza** are all returning on staff. And teachers: **Barb St. Peter, Callie Rae Johnson, Abbie Marone, Tiffany Smith, "K" Bolduc, Jen Dresdow, Amelia Clancey, April Marini** join us with their professional expertise.

We are fortunate to have such longstanding people on our Runoia team!

In addition to our staff, we are grateful the alumnae who serve on the board of directors and help raise money for over 25 campers to attend camp each summer. Thanks to president Boop who is helping organize the terms and positions of trustees to make serving on the board more structured and opening up the possibility for more people to join in the future.

REMINDER: Mark August, 2021 on your calendar for the Runoia 115th reunion at camp. Plan to bring friends and family and stay for the weekend!

Warm Wishes from Great Pond,

Pam Cobb Heuberger

Owner/Director



Passings:

Mary Bauman Gates passed away July 15, 2018

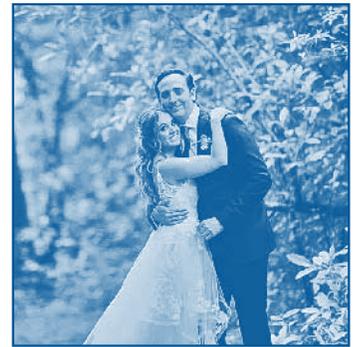
Mary was born in Lock Haven, PA, on October 27, 1927, she was the daughter of Dr. Clair and Mary Bauman and grew up in Waterville, ME. She attended Northfield School for Girls in Mount Herman, MA and received a bachelor's degree from Colby College.

After raising her family in White Plains, NY, she was the well-known business owner of "Mary of Westchester", specializing in estate sales.

Mary enjoyed skiing at Sugarloaf in Maine, spending her summers at the family camp at Lake Winnepesaukee, and wintering in Longboat Key, FL.

Mary attended Camp Runoia for ten summers from 1933 – 1942. Runoia was part of her life experience and she never forgot. Thanks for your many donations over many years. Rest in Peace.

Weddings



Liz Carney married Brian Bryson on August 4, 2018



Births:

Gwen Duren Jacques and Mike Jacques welcome Samuel "Sammy" Michael Jacques, November 2, 2018

Katy Biddiscome McKillop And Donny had a baby girl last June, Phoebe Gorton McKillop



Find your favorite camp songs in this essay about Runoia:

Hail! Hail! Comrades all!

It won't be long before we'll be gazing at sunlight on the water and hearing the wind blow mid pine trees by the waterside. Where does the wind come from? We often ask ourselves in our leisurely tech-free time at Runoia. For many girls these days it's a long road to freedom to detach from their cell phones and screen time.

But it's like a cowboy's lullaby to give in and unplug for a few short weeks as each campfire lights anew.

When the girls arrive and turn down Point Road you can hear the ring of oh here we come as campers burst with excitement. It's been months they've been dreaming of sailing out on the blue waves and canoeing with paddles softly dip, dip and swing-ing across the cove. Whether they've come from out in Wyoming or near a little town.

It's that first sunset at camp where we shout give me the light of the campfire so we can continue our evening as darkness descends. That's' the moment when mmm-mmm I want to linger is audible across the beach and we leave our hearts with Runoia.

The summer flies by in a flash and it's not long before girls are leaving on a jet plane. Reflections of something special there at Camp Runoia stand out as girls return home to study hard and then, back to canoes and paddles as we want to go back to camp again!

Love, Aionur

P.S. If you'd like to refresh your memory and sing along with camp songs online, you can find them here thanks to the generous donation for the professional recording from Jane Orbeton a few years ago:

<https://runoia.com/alumnae/camp-songs/>

Rangeley \$5,000+

Anonymous, Estate of Elisabeth Wells

Great Pond \$1,000 - \$4,999

Melanie Dow, Marie-Claude Francoeur, Kara Greer and Ava Collins, Liberty Mutual

Katabdin \$500 - \$999

Matti Bradley, Susan Gurganus Drackett, Diane Dorsey Edwards, Nina Frank, Ann Greene, Kara Greer, Sarah Hommel, Jane Orbeton and Jim McKenna, Margaret Rader, Jody Sataloff, Tabell Family Foundation, Susan Yates

Bigelow \$250 - \$499

Ann Sophia Greene, Boop Tabell Jordan, Ann Kilian, Elizabeth Nicholson, Jennifer Alford Seeman, Asha Wills

Mt. Blue \$100 - \$249

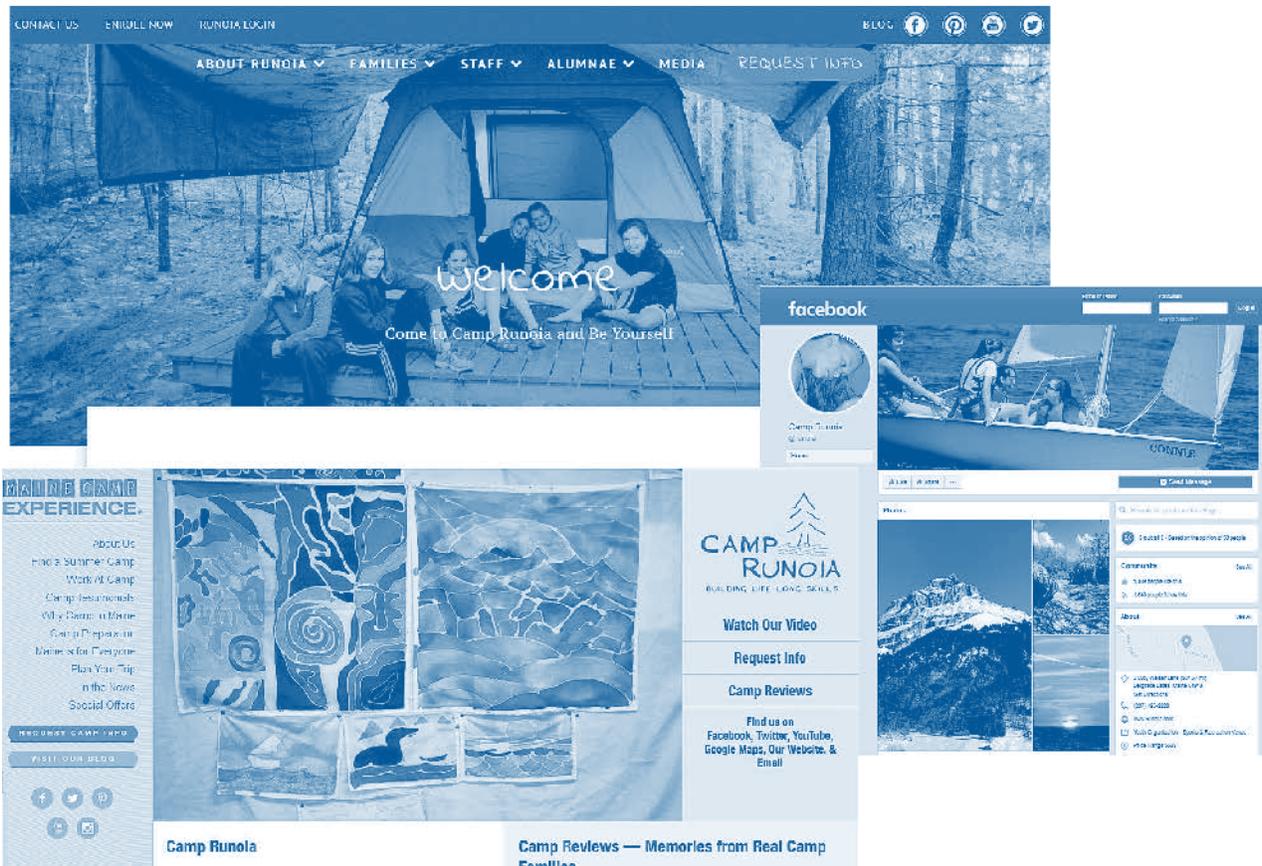
Berna (Bunny) Andrews, Lucy Baruch, Jamie Cluchey & Angela Marzilli, Patricia & David Critchfield, Jennifer Dahnert, Virginia Egan*, Hatherly Foster, Abigail Gorton, Sarah Sortel Looper, Angie B. McGinnis, Barbara (Bobbie) Miller, Judith Oliva*, Perry Phiney, Jane Master Rohback, Antoinette Seymour *donation made on behalf of Margaret M. Loiselle

Tumbledown \$50 - \$99

Mary Anne Cook, Alfred Gates, Jean Goldsborough, Blair Griffin, Madeleine MacNeil, Polly Willard Marvin, Jane Prairie, Barbara Warren Reed, Louise Shaw

Mt. Phillip \$10 - \$49

Chad Diamond, Kara Greer*, Caroline Knights, Mary Anne Larzelere, Karen Allen Mynes, Patricia Renzetti, Reece Roth, Valerie Kind Rubin *donation made on behalf of Eliza Quinones



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