

Dear Camp Runoia Alumnae,

I am writing this introduction just a few short weeks before camp opens for its 115th consecutive season. It's always a very busy time for Pam, Alex, and the staff, and this summer will present another set of unique challenges as we emerge, cautiously, from the pandemic.

It was a disappointment this spring to postpone the 115th celebration to 2022. However, we're not looking back, and only moving forward! The 115th in 2022 will be even better because we waited. Save the date: August 12-14. Our newly updated web page will have schedules and registration information by the fall. Start reconnecting with old camp friends now and make plans to join us for the celebration.

I will look back just for a moment to share what we've accomplished in this very difficult year:

- Since last August we've raised over \$63,000 for camperships. That's about double what we raise in a normal year.
- We've awarded \$55,000 in camperships for the upcoming 2021 season, making it possible for 26 girls to attend Runoia.
- We provided an additional \$3,500 in riding scholarships, a tradition we began in 2018 to honor Pam's 30 years as camp director.
- We underwrote \$1,500 in required COVID testing fees for campers who are attending camp on scholarship so their families would not have to bear this additional cost.

We started our campaign for the 115th last year hoping to attract new donors to CRAO. Our goal: 115 new donors by the 115th. We have another year to achieve this, and it is a bigger challenge than we realized, so we need your help. If you have never given to CRAO, help us reach this

goal. Send your pocket change, \$10, \$50 -- whatever you can spare, and let us know it's a first-time gift.

And, for those of you who give so generously on a regular basis, we'd like to up the ante. If we raise just over \$50,000 this year, we will have raised \$115,000 by the 115th. This is a very worthy and achievable goal. 115 new donors and \$115,000 by August 2022. We can do this. Our success will make such a difference in the lives of all the girls who can attend camp -- this summer and many more summers ahead.

Send your gift to:

Jody Dixon, Treasurer
Camp Runoia Alumnae Organization
P.O. Box 344
Belgrade Lake, ME 04918

You can also donate on-line:
<https://runoia.com/alumnae/donate/>.

Thank you, and chadiyah!

Roberta "Boop" Tabell Jordan/CRAO President

*The annual meeting of the CRAO
will be held at Camp Runoia on
August 14, 2021 at 10 am.*

All CRAO members welcome

Please bring a mask 😊

CRAO Spring News

So many young professionals have made their first ever contribution to CRAO with the board's goal of 115 new donors for the 115th season. So awesome – thanks to all of you. We continue to encourage people to give any amount to reach our goal of 115 new donors. Spread the word! The Dishners share that **Robin Dishner** and her fiancée Cyp were engaged last Christmas. **Kelly Dishner** and Jeff are moving from Florida to Rockport onto the Dishner's land. **Ted Dishner** has been using his tractor to build the driveway. **Kathy Dishner** retired in April 2021 which feels bittersweet as she loves the work she does. Ted exclaims 2020 was the first time in 42 years he never left the state of Maine. **Siobhan, Maeve and Hannah Morse** are all living in the Boston area and have been working from home during the pandemic. **Hannah Morse** and her parents ran into **Ted Dishner** at a mutual friend's wedding last year. It's a small Runoia world!



Jenny Sachs Dahnert and **Ali Dahnert** photo (left) from their family holiday card. Jenny continues her role at Princeton University from Landers, WY. Ali is in Oregon and has been coaching sailing.

Ellie Werner teaching 4th grade in Cape Elizabeth and living in Portland, Maine.



Matti Williams Bradley – “I have been immersed in my new affiliation with Life e Foils out of Puerto Rico. It's been great fun introducing others to e-Foiling. I'm still busy supporting the 7 Lakes Alliance conservation efforts in the Belgrade Lakes, Maine community.” **Maggie Bradley** is overseeing projects DEKA using her engineering skills and stepping up into management. Maggie on Great Pond. (right)



A big shout out to **Asha Wills** (photo left) Head of our CRAO Diversity Advisory Committee, a sub-committee of the board helping to support and advise Runoia on staffing training, hiring and policies. Asha is an HR Business Partner for Engineering at Bloomberg LP, Dartmouth grad and was a camper and counselor at Camp Runoia. Joining her on DAC is **Yuki Moore Laurenti** (former camper and counselor, works at Princeton University in Development), **Kendall Wilson** (former counselor and attorney at Holland & Knight) **Thandi Scott** (former camper and student at Columbia University), **Claire Williamson** (former camper and counselor UT, Austin, Society for the Performing Arts/Houston) and **Erin**

Lasher (former camper and counselor MSW, Aurora CO public schools, Providence College and U of Denver grad school). **Kiera Hackett** (teen rep on the committee who is a former camper). Thanks for your work supporting camp be its best self!

It's graduation season in an ongoing global pandemic. Congrats to our Runoia alumnae High School and College graduates for perseverance! Here are a few representatives:



A group of the 1976 Aides of Camp Runoia surprised **Diane Smith** thanking her for her guidance and warmth as the head counselor of the Aides. She was surprised at a Zoom gathering with **Jenny Sachs Dahnert, Pam Cobb Heuberger, Maggie Stainton Lynch, Trudy Rutherford, Lydia Griffith Morrissey** joined in the fun. Lydia surprised us all with a 4-page trip story from 1975, mimeographed in purple ink about our trip on the St. Croix river with Ginny Geyer and Diane. We shared loads of memories. Have you thanked someone lately who helped you grow into who are today?



Roberta "Boop" Tabell Jordan president of the CRAO and lifelong Runoia gal, (pictured far right with sisters, **Sarah Tabell Nocka** and **Meg Tabell Kasprak**) continues to put together Runoia family trees. Check them out here:



<https://runoia.com/alumnae/runoia-family-trees/> Thanks **Boop** for your volunteer work as president of the CRAO during times of Covid. These have been trying times, but you continue to pull people together and do amazing things to help support CR.



Anna Bastidas – (mother, **Connie Burton** – photo left) Has a new position at Bowdoin College as the Associate Director at the Bowdoin Outing Club. **Anne Rittershofer Neumann** is in touch to say, "Thank you for two good summers in Maine: 1948 and 1949. Summers at the time of the 7-8 grades. Wonderful times! I learned to canoe in Maine. We learned many life enhancing skills and had good friendships! We learned to canoe with Miss **Marian Johnson "Johnny"**: our Math teacher at The Hillsdale School in Cincinnati (Algebra and geometry). Remembering many friends in those two summers! Thank you so much for everything Camp Runoia did for us as young women!

Congratulations to **Jody Sataloff** (photo right): The Maine Jewish Museum Board of Directors has recently voted to name the third floor of the museum the "Jody S. Sataloff Art and History Pavilion" in honor of Jody's tireless leadership, creative vision and generosity of spirit! Jody, the founding President of the museum has stepped down from the board after 12 years of serving as a founding board member. "We are greatly in your debt for making the Museum what it is today."



You may know the 115th reunion was postponed back in late April due to the guidelines at that time. Here is the official announcement from co-chairs, **Betsy Nicholson** and **Marie-Claude Francoeur** 115th Runoia Reunion postponed until 2022". Thanks for all your hard work organizing the reunion for NEXT summer. See you here!

In an effort to keep our alumnae safe and adhere to the State of Maine guidelines, we regrettably realize that we have no choice but to postpone the 115th Runoia Reunion until August 12-14, 2022. The State of Maine CDC released new guidelines for overnight summer camps on March 24th stating that there will be “no large group gatherings of non-camp members.” We want to couple this news with our excitement in anticipating a wonderful and inclusive celebration in 2022 that will allow us to travel from far and wide safely, share shacks with other families, and sit shoulder to shoulder to sing around the campfire. We will be in touch in the months to come about efforts to continue connecting our Runoia family and raising funds critical for camperships, which is the core mission of CRAO. Thank you for your flexibility. “Oh here we come with fife and drum” to be together in August of 2022!

Thanks to **Glenn Kibler** (photo left) for years and years of service to Runoia. Glenn retired as the site and facility director of Camp Runoia in December 2020. We wish you the best in health and happiness and are grateful for all you brought to Runoia over so many years – including your daughter, **Colleen Kibler** and spouse, **Maureen** who helped us in the office and often joined Glenn in serving special Kibler root beer floats! **Emily Sears** is living in Portland Maine and is a cardiac RN. Thanks for your front-line work during the pandemic, Emily!



Piper Blackburn writes, “I finished my master’s program at CSU, and I accepted a position as a structural engineer at Keiwit. I will be working in the Denver office with the bridge design group.” We look forward to seeing Piper’s

little sister, Olivia, in camp again this summer! **Maggie and Chris Lynch** - We have made the move to Annapolis and love it here though I miss the farm. We now live in an historic house right across the street from St. John’s College and it’s beautiful 17th century buildings. We sail a lot! Congratulations to **Dr. Crystal Cobb** (photo right, left side) as she will be chief resident at Baystate Medical Center in Massachusetts starting in August for her final year of residency in the internal medicine/pediatrics program. Congrats and thanks for your frontline work during Covid.



Greetings from Great Pond!

No matter what happens, the seasons still turn. Here we are in a gorgeous Maine spring with trees flowering, temperatures



evading logic and sunsets to die for over Great Pond.

In the midst of the ongoing pandemic, with a little hope and light shining in, we are opening camp for the 115th consecutive season. Our “practice run” from last summer gave us a chance to navigate Covid with a smaller

yet mighty group. This summer we are, in Betty Cobb’s words, “packed to the gills”. So many families are interested in the camp experience to help balance children’s social and emotional development. This summer we have over 100 new campers joining us at camp. Our 2019 campers who couldn’t attend in 2020 are also returning. It’s quite exciting!

In addition to Covid protocols and navigating camp program with cohort groups and feeding people with health and safety in mind, we continue to work on our DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) work at camp. We are fortunate to have our **CRAO Diversity Advisory Committee (DAC)** to share ideas and hold us accountable. We have hired our DEI consultant, Mary Franitza, who helping us with training and support. Mary is a PhD candidate at the University of California, Santa Barbara and was a counselor at Runoia in 2020. Our DAC Chair, Asha Wills, invited Mary to join the DAC committee in April. At our last DAC meeting, Asha asked Mary to share about the DEI training in 2020 and what the camp counselor experience was like in 2020. Thanks to Mary, new in 2021 we will have a Camp Runoia Hate/Bias Reporting form available to campers and staff similar to colleges and schools, a leadership training session in DEI work

and a counselor training session as well. Any reports of Hate/Bias incidents will go to Mary and she will advise camp administration of reports. We continue to add to our Runoia library with a diverse selection of books and welcome donations of new chapter books inspiring diversity.
<https://theeverymom.com/diverse-childrens-books/>

Just today, at the end of May, our first 2 ponies of 15 arrived. All the docks and three boats are in the water. Both the Big Float and Marjorie are happily floating in the cove. Bit by bit we wake up camp “wakey-wakey!”. We have some staff here now and more arriving over the week. We are keeping track of vaccinations, PCR tests, arrivals dates and more as we set up our health systems for 2021.

We wish you a happy, safe and glorious summer wherever you are and hope you might visit us around our camp dates (June 17 – August 10) as during that time we are not accepting visitors. Meanwhile, here’s to the 115th summer at Camp Runoia and cheers to when we see you in August of 2022 to celebrate together.

From the Runoia Team,

Pam Cobb Heuberger
Owner/Director



Milestones – Camp Runoia Log Spring 2021

Hannah Wythe married in October 2021 – congrats Hannah!

Gwen Duren Jacques and family welcomed Benjamin “Bennie” November 9, 2020.



Chad and Shawna Diamond married November 6, 2020.



Katie Roberts Dineen and Brian Dineen welcome their fourth!

💖 Willa Elizabeth Dinneen - 12/17/20 💖 (below)



Ellen Pierce Jenks and Elliot Jenks welcome Walter 12/26/20 (right)



Liz Carney Bryson and Brian Bryson welcomed Paige, born Nov. 25, 2020



Katie Fell married Chase Begore - March 1, 2021

Milestones – Spring 2021 (continued)



Jude O'Brien Hertaus –
Mary Alice Hertaus exclaims, Ben and I are officially outnumbered! December 26.



Kyleigh Spitz marries Matt Guy, December 20, 2020



Liza Cole-Brant (grandmother **Rosie Cole**) welcomes Rosalee in August 2020



Tory Curtis Jose (grandmother, **Audie Lauer**) Henry born March 31, 2020



Randi McClure and Tim Reinardy's new additions
Twins! April 8, 2021. Congrats!

Donations – Thanks to all of who make camp possible for more girls!

Great Pond \$1000-\$4999:

Laura Kind McKenna, Marie and Anne McKenna, Maggie Robertson Rader, Cynthia Lawry*, Canning Robb*

Katahdin \$500-\$999:

Network for Good - thanks to an anonymous fundraising effort (please let us know if you made this great effort!!)

Bigelow \$250 - \$499

Erin Lasher, Yuki Moore Laurenti, Sarah Hommel

Mt. Blue \$100-\$249

The Spingarn Family*, The Critchfield Family, Barbara Bleeker Carlson*, Gabriella Casagrande*, Antoinette Seymour Farrar, The Isabelle Gilman Family*, Joan Tipper Allison, Caitlin Bowler, Blair Griffin

Tumbledown \$50- \$99

Susan Griffith Lisheron, Sadie Fitzgerald*

Mt. Phillip \$10 - \$49

Amazon Smile* (you too can shop on Amazon and donate to Camp Runoia Alumnae Organization)

**Special thanks to our new donors helping us strive for the goal of 115 new donors in the 115th year of Camp Runoia*



Bobos to the Camp Runoia Harmonyville campers and staff who contributed to the CRH 2020 remembrance quilt. The people who made a square put something that represented their summer at camp in 2020. And the entire quilt represents the summer we ran camp safely during a global pandemic (for the first time since the Spanish Flu).

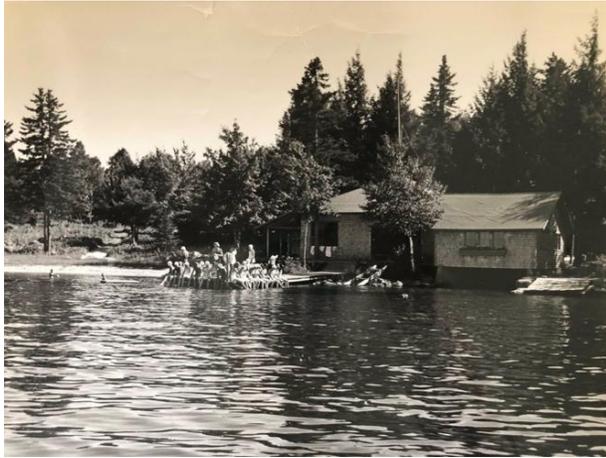
We were thrilled to find a local quilter, Kate Gawler, mom and aunt to the McConnell/Gawler alumnae, to help us complete the project.



The quilt hangs in the Lodge at camp!



The Camp Runoia Boat House



From 1960 and 2021



Thanks to the Executive Board and Board Members of the CRAO!

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115th Reunion Chairs
Marie-Claude Francoeur
Betsy Nicholson

See you in 2022 for the "115th" Reunion!

Postponed till the 116th season when we can safely gather together by the shores of Great Pond, August 13-15, 2022