



The CRAO Log – Fall 2022 Volume XXXV Issue II

Letter from the Co-Presidents of CRAO - Dear Runoia Alums,

As the winter chill sets in and days become shorter, we are still feeling the warmth from our wonderful 116th reunion this past August. More on that success in a moment.

First, we'd like to thank Boop Tabell Jordan for her incredible commitment of six years as our CRAO President. Under her tenure, we raised funds that, combined with Runoia's contributions, provide 140 camper sessions! We also reconstituted our board with several new members and changes in duties. These are signs of good health and high interest in being a part of this important organization. We are so grateful to you, Boop, for your steady hand on the tiller through these changing times, including the pandemic! Your wonderful inclusive approach to running CRAO has prepared us well to take the reins.



A perfect segue for a chance to introduce ourselves as your new CRAO Co-Presidents! This Marie-Claude Francoeur (left) - a camper, CIT and counselor through the 1978 into the 90s "The years have not taken their toll on my enthusiasm our camping days! Most importantly, giving the opportunity to a new generation to experience what it means; to share an invisible bond with a group of truly amazing people, that time leaves unbroken, is priceless." ...



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...and this is Betsy Nicholson (center on right), a camper through the 1980s (Marie-Claude was her sailing



instructor!) and part of a 3 generation Runoia family with Betsy's daughter, Sayles, having just enjoyed her fourth summer. "The bonds I made with my Runoia sisters have lasted through life and to enable other girls to make those same bonds is so worthwhile." We are excited to team up and lead CRAO and are deeply committed to CRAO's continued success over the next several years.



Our big news points to the 116th reunion! Over 120 Runoia alums and their families came together in August for a magical weekend on the shores of Great Pond. After two years of planning, it was almost surreal to drive through the gates and into the arms of our summer sisters, reliving some of our most cherished memories. We created new ones as well on the tennis courts and sailboats, learning from our charismatic sommelier alum about wines, and braving the white caps on the swim to Oak Island - an important first for some and lifetime achievement! All of these events and your generous donations leading up to the reunion enabled us to **exceed our fundraising goal of \$115,000** to support Runoia campers in need of tuition assistance. Thank you for your generosity that helps to make Runoia even more inclusive so all can benefit from the experience we were so fortunate to have.

Looking ahead, we hope you can count on your continued support. Please see our web page to [donate](#) or keep an eye out for our annual appeal letter, arriving electronically or by snail mail before the end of the year.

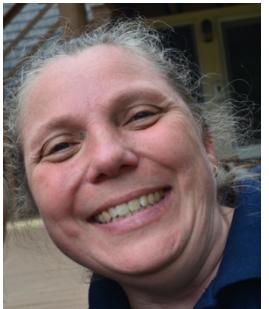
Bobos again to you all for helping us reach our reunion fundraising goal and we look forward to keeping in touch as we take the helm.

Marie-Claude and Betsy - cralums@gmail.com

Letter from Camp 2022 from Pam Cobb Heuberger



The headlines from 2022 read: Summer Three of the Pandemic, Trips Returned to Camp Program, Ginny Geyer and Meg Tabell Kasprak Work with JMG Candidates, Bees and Elephants "Ellies" an Easy Transition for Runoia Campers, Amazing 115th Reunion Held at Camp with subheading: run by amazing co-chairs Betsy and Marie-Claude (now co-presidents) with support from many and lots of help from past-president Boop Tabell Jordan and drum roll, Camp Runoia Acquired by [Canyonlands](#) Camp, Pam Cobb Retires, [Alex Jackson Becomes Camp Director](#).



That's a lot to take in but hopefully you've been following our [Blog](#) and our posts on social media, direct emails and all of our communication.



*Pam and Alex hosting Cotillion
in Senior End on the grass!*

*Alex, 15 years co-directing
with Pam and 28 years at
Runoia is "ready to roll!"*

Change is constant and Runoia remains steady and strong. Check out Assistant Director's, Colleen O'Malley, dedication to the 2022 Log, written on [change](#).

At Runoia we constantly nurture change and adapt with world changes. The pandemic has brought about a lot of positive changes from children's needs and staff hiring challenge yet in 2022, we had a well-staffed packed full camp with lots of firsts for campers and lots of achievement and loads of outdoor fun.

Keep reading to find out some things about camp you may not know!

We hold assembly outside under the Oak tree on "the Hill". The location is on the nearside of the kickball field, outside of Alex's cabin renamed The Cobb House in honor of Betty and Phil. We saved the iconic enamel sign Shelley made years ago that was on the Cobb House and it has returned to don the entrance. In addition, we brought in (literally on a truck!) a new cabin for CITS and it is called Pincushion – Betty Cobb's name for the little island on the south of Oak Island.



Pincushion in Jr. End

Cotillion was held this past summer on the Senior End lawn because it was 88 degrees and well, there are a lot of us these days. With 150 campers and 85 staff, Runoia still feels like a family but is growing strong.

Over 20 campers attended camp because of CRAO, and 8 campers received riding camperships. Thanks to you and your continued support, we have campers receiving and accepting awards now for 2023.

Achievements from Advanced Equestrian to American Archer, Advanced Skipper to Wind Surfing Queen might sound new to you but have been continuing throughout the three summers of the pandemic.

2022 brought back connections from around the world: France, Spain, Mexico, Canada, Columbia and the UK. Assistant Director, Jen Dresdow, ran the camp kitchen with

14 staff from Mexico and two US staff. Lots of cultural exchange thanks to the J1 visa program continuing due to camp advocacy in DC. Jen has already hired a crew from Pueblo, Mexico to return to camp in 2023!



Donating to the CRAO helps youth get outside, unplug, make lifetime connections, build lifelong skills. You'll be happy and proud to

[donate](#) to the Betty Cobb Memorial Campership Fund by year- end 2022. The fund has been providing camperships for over three decades.



Hello Runoia alums near and far,

For many of you this is not a new introduction, more a friendly 'hello' and an acknowledgement in a shift of responsibility. Since 1995 I have spent 28 summers at Runoia and have been fortunate enough to work and play alongside so many of you. Others I have met through our amazing CRAO and have got to know better through reunions and events. If I haven't met you yet, I look forward to doing so and am happy to share a little about me and my Runoia background in this note.

I am originally from Manchester, England. I came to the US as a Camp Counselor with the BUNAC cultural exchange program back in 1993. Luckily, I found my way to Runoia as Betty and Phil were beginning their retirement process and Pam had returned. First as waterfront director, then guiding five years of CIT's before spending most of my time managing and growing our program, it has been an incredible camp career so far. I love relationship-building with

campers, staff and families and like nothing more than to get out of the office to teach a class on the ropes course or at the waterfront.

*My home at Runoia I've found
Now director I have been crowned
To our heritage true
Though this chapter is new
Our CR team will always astound*

easy transition into my new role. The strong and skilled Runoia team is ready to continue providing amazing opportunities on the shores of Great Pond for all of our Runoia campers.

I look forward to welcoming you back to the 'camp we all adore' sometime in the near future.
Bobos to all,

Alex



It is with great excitement that I jump into leading the next chapter of Runoia history. I have been lucky enough to have learned from the best leadership that Maine camps have to offer and feel incredibly well prepared for the journey ahead. Having co-directed camp with Pam for around the past 15 years it is an

CRAO Milestones

*So many things happen in the lives of busy Runoia alumnae.
Please send us your news!*



September 24, 2022 **Anne McKenna** married Ryan Smith in Charlottesville where they met at Darden School of Business at UVA. They live in Washington, DC.

Proud mama
Laura Kind McKenna
with the bride.



Congrats to **Eliza Mae Brown** now Eliza Schechter – Matt and Eliza married 11.26.22 Eliza is the Director of Residential Life at Camp Runoia in 2023!

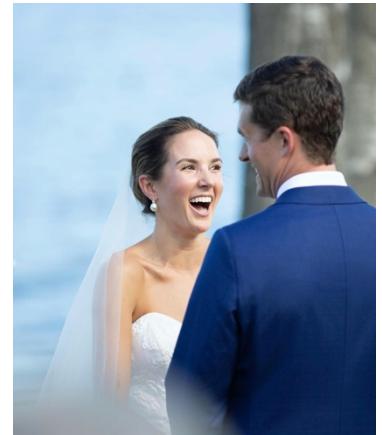
October 26, 2022
Sarah Jordan and Elle Yesnes married in California.



We extend a special shout out to our recent past-president of CRAO, **Roberta Boop Tabell Jordan** and her family on Sarah's marriage.



Katie Fell and Chase Begor
married in Maine
August 27, 2022
Congrats Katie and Chase!



Hannah Heavenrich and Trisha Daughtrey
brought Henry Asher into the
world on September 27, 2022.
Congrats to all!



Kimberly Koines Vargo and Andrew
Welcomed twins, Sadie and Wesley,
to their family July 11, 2022
Double the excitement!

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Welcome Charlotte!
Born September. 8, 2022 to
Ally Leighton and husband, Tyler Moragne



Hello Runoia Family,

Happy Fall! In the spirit of Thanksgiving and giving at the year-end, the Camp Runoia Alumnae Organization (CRAO) wanted to reach out to say thank YOU - campers, counselors, Alumnae and families for your unwavering friendship and loyalty to Runoia over the years. Near or far, camp is home for all of us and its magic lasts from the sparkling summer months throughout the entire year.

In that spirit of being connected, we are looking to collect updated contact information from all of you and were hoping you would take a moment to fill out this brief form. We don't want to lose track of you!

And, as always, if you are interested in donating to help future campers have a summer of a lifetime, we invite you to support our cause. Last season, generous gifts to the CRAO enabled 24 campers to experience Runoia – campers whose families would otherwise not be able to afford it. Again, in the spirit of the holidays, please consider a year-end donation. Check out this [link](#) where you can contribute with a few easy clicks.



Thank you again, Alumnae and friends for all you do for Runoia!

Love and Bobos,

Camp Runoia Alumnae Organization (CRAO)
Fundraising Committee

CRAO Donations May 4, 2022 – November 29, 2022

A Super Big Shout-out to all of our donors helping to get campers to Camp Runoia. To all of our Board Members who all donated to CRAO in 2022.

Rangeley \$5000+

Allison		Chase
The		McKenna Family
The		Heubergers
Betsy	Nicholson	
Marie-Claude		Francoeur
Yuki	Laurenti	Moore
Leigh & Cheryl		Williamson
Ellen		Tabell
Jody	Dixon	Rowell
The		Tabell Family Foundation

Katahdin \$500-999

Joyce		Leader
Krissy		Oliver
Shelley		O'Brien
Diane	Dorsey	Edwards
Cindy		Bortman
Mary		Kishel

Bigelow \$250-499

Asha		Wills
Kendall		Wilson
Jen		Sachs
Sharon		West
Katharine		Bowring
Sarah		Bradford
Nancy		McConnell
Lucy		Baruch
Diane		Sammer
Trudy		Rutherford

Mt. Blue \$100-249

Roger		Spingarn
Kara		Law
Jan		Ahern
Daniella		Cavenagh
Chad		Diamond
Caroline		Knights
Asha		Wills
Matti		Bradley
Hatherley		Foster
Asha		Wills
Sara		Hommel
Elizabeth		Roberts

Anonymous Donations from Facebook Fundraising and Amazon Smile totaled \$2,635

Mt. Blue \$100-249 (continued)

Sharon		West
Kathleen		Dishner
Alice		Rothland
Susan		Yates
Meri		Wicks
Helen		Youngman
Laura		McKenna
Melissa	Gabriel	Gary
Liz	Smith	West
Mary Jane		Auns
Yuki	Laurenti	Moore
Jennifer		Morris
John		Biddiscombe
Perry		Phinney
Daniella		Cavenagh
Krissy		Oliver
Jennifer		Morris
		Michener
Anna		O'Keefe
Christina	Ferre	Cohen
Roberta	Jordan	Tabell
Catherine		Hamm
Mitra		Morgan
Catherine		Hamm
Shelley		O'Brien
Betsy		Nicholson
Leah		Pepe
Rebecca		Freedman
Jody	Dixon	Rowell
Madeleine		MacNeil
Hatherly		Foster
Mitra		Morgan
Krissy		Oliver
Katharine		Coyle
Sarah		Nocka
Nancy		McConnell
Shelby		Morris
Diane		Smith
Shelley		O'Brien
Emily		Lisheron
Caroline		Solimine
Jamie		Clutchey
Melissa		Gabriel

Tumbledown \$50-99