

The Log – Camp Runoia Alumnae Organization

Letter from the President

Hi all,

At this year's annual meeting of the CRAO, we realized it was a perfect time to honor a great woman. Believe it or not, it is Pam's 30th year as the director of Camp Runoia!

We quickly decided to recognize this milestone year through our annual appeal, and set a goal of raising \$30,000 to honor her 30 years of service. The board kicked off the effort with pledges totaling \$1400 in honor of the 'graduating' senior campers, a tradition we hope to continue in the years ahead. At the end of August, over \$3,000 was added to the total through a "virtual" Oak Island Swim (after the weather failed to cooperate on the planned date for the event.)

We now appeal to you, loyal alums, to help celebrate and honor Pam. We see this effort as an opportunity to reconnect with everyone who has worked with her over the last 30 years, or who grew up with Pam during her many years at camp prior to assuming her leadership role (that's a LOT of years and a LOT of alums.)

Since its inception, CRAO has contributed almost \$325,000 to help scores of girls and young women journey from junior to senior end, and ultimately to become the CITs and counselors who carry on our traditions. Your gift will help honor Pam, the Cobb family, and all that summer camp provides to those lucky enough to experience it on the shores of Great Pond.

I'll close with a tribute from immediate past president Jody Sataloff, who was Pam's counselor in her adolescent years and worked with her as Board president for the last five years:

"I got to know Pam Cobb Heuberger when she was a thirteen-year-old and my camper in 7th shack. She was a good kid, albeit a bit of a prankster with her shackmates who would occasionally all torment me. Fast forward forty years and I got to renew my acquaintance – and ultimate friendship – with Pam as I became

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the President of the CRAO working with her as camp's director. Pam has been an invaluable asset to the traditions, heritage, legacy, and goodness of Camp Runoia. She has directed from the heart. This is no more apparent than in her own personal donations to the scholarship for countless numbers of campers who've walked through the Runoia gates. In addition to the CRAO's contribution, Pam has generously supplemented the scholarship fund so that many more young girls would be able to benefit from a summer at camp. Her organizational skills are nothing compared to her spirit, her philanthropy, and her big heart. It will be my honor to pay tribute to Pam's 30 years as director of Runoia with my own major donation, and I hope you all will join in with me. We owe her so much for ensuring that Runoia remains the special place today that it was when all of us were walking its paths in summer."

Here's hoping many of our paths cross in the year ahead.

Bo-bos to all!

Boop Tabell Jordan

P.S. We're trying out a new outreach tradition this year. We've organized regional gatherings for Runoia alums in Boston (December 1), Maryland (January 20), and New York (date TBA, spring 2018). We hope they will provide a time and place for alums from all decades to gather, reconnect, and remember the best part of our Runoia days. Being part of an active network of alums is another great way to honor Pam's years of dedication to the place we hold dear. So . . . round up a group of your best camp friends and join us for one of these events! Keep checking our Facebook page for the details.

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*Pam in her first summer at Camp Runoia
pictured with her mom, Betty Cobb!*

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Many exciting things happened at Runoia this summer. First and foremost, our campers and staff grew through the camp experience and comments like, "she transitioned into middle school with confidence" or "everyone in the family now sings the Runoia songs" or "her camp friends are her real friends" or "I had the best summer of my life" are comments we hear from campers and families after the summer season. Camp continues to be a profound experience for girls and women to build lifelong skills.

Joining us in 2017 is seasoned director MJ Parry who brought her director expertise and calm presence to our leadership team. We have a wonderful team of directors and assistant directors who all play vital parts in running camp, keeping children and staff emotionally and physically safe and helping campers to grow and learn through the camp experience. Welcome MJ!



In 2017, with the help of co-director MJ Parry, we reworked the Runoia mission statement **"Building lifelong skills and empowering campers and staff to live in harmony with themselves, each other, and with nature."** The ways we saw this take effect was counselors reflecting in activity areas and cabin areas on the missions statement, supervisors working with counselors revisiting the statement as we worked on goal setting and continual improvement and campfire and assembly reflections by campers and counselors alike on how the mission statement guided their Runoia experience. Posters of the statement around camp and beautiful signs in the Dining Hall and Lodge helped to keep us focused on the simple yet powerful experience camp provides.

Thanks to a long time friend of Pam's, Ann Coster, a librarian and enthusiast for Runoia (sister Martha Wilson Lyon is an alumna and brother Dave Wilson worked at Runoia), we have a completely renovated children's library at camp. Big bobos to you, Ann, and here's to out of school time reading and literacy – including time reading aloud by counselors at night, rest hour and bed time reading and the Runoia Book Club. Our assembly tradition of "word of the day" continues and a daily poem and often a quote of the day are part of our assembly routine.



This summer we hosted Young at Art youth camp from New York who filled Runoia buildings and campus with music, dance and creative writing. We were inspired to see this group join us at Runoia and hope to see them again in 2018. We also hosted the weddings of Rachel Gaddes and Mark Jablonowski in September and Vince and Karen Dostie in October. Congratulations to both couples!



In honor of the 2017 graduating seniors who are now Runoia alumnae, the board of directors raised \$1400 for these graduating campers. Welcome to the CRAO ladies!



Maria Atienza
Amy Barratt
Anna Bettigole
Isabella Chiodi
Isabel Eccles
Lilly Grace

Signe Granese
Jane Hardy
Abby Harris
Charlotte Hoopes
Abby Lorenzini
Valeria Morales

Valentina Moreno De Barreda
Lize Murphy
Vanessa Pasquarelli
Caroline Russo
Amelia Urquhart
Sophia Winkler
Sophie Yang

With the 111 years of Camp Runoia in the history "logs", we are looking forward to our 112th season, more achievements and accomplishments, world-wide friendship, memories to last a lifetime and stories to pass to the next generation.

Bobos and Waddas to all,

Pam

On behalf of the Runoia Director Team

*First Session 2017 Camper Graduation
– Welcome to the CRAO!*



Camp Runoia, Building Lifelong Skills

Sue Dickson: I attended camp 1970 and 1971 where sailing, swimming and riding were my favorite activities. I used to beat many Pine Island boys in the sailing races that we had with them. I used to give my counselor **Jody Sataloff** a back massage every morning. I won a certificate one of my summers for skinny dipping every single day of camp rain or shine, ha! Hiking and being in the woods are still my insatiable loves. My love for nature started a very early age and I now I am a full time professor of horticulture at Northern Virginia Community College which includes tree identification courses.



Sue sent us this photo from her mom's collection of the Runoia cove circa 1935



Sue Dickson pictured with visiting brother and sister at camp.

Kate Maple and **Kara Greer** met up in London and sent this "cheers" picture:



Emily Pendergast I've just recently become engaged to a great guy named Reed Laverack. We bought a farm house in Maine and I hope to have horses there someday!

Zareen Taj Mirza "Enjoying being back in Maine. Attended seminary and worked for 7 years doing church services, now enjoying my mother"



Anne McKenna started MBA program at UVA.

Thyra Heder, alumna and author living in Brooklyn, NY, published her third children's book, "Alfie". It comes highly recommended by our young readers young and old!

Anna Bastidas, alumna and daughter of **Connie Burton**, visited camp after hiking Bigelow Mountain this summer. She is working at Bowdoin running wilderness trips. Pictured here with counselor, **Kate Neal** (left)



Caroline Knights writes us from Oklahoma:

I hope you all had the most wonderful summer of fun, laughter, and personal growth! I loved seeing occasional updates online, but it was weird knowing that it was the first summer without a Knights/Francis camper since 2002!

I'm back in Oklahoma for a third year of teaching and my last year of grad school, and I am really enjoying my time in the classroom. This year I looped up to second grade with my students from last year, and it has been amazing so far. Being a counselor at camp definitely helped my transition to the classroom!

I was in Maine at the end of the summer visiting my aunt and uncle, and I was reminded of the amazing summers on Great Pond (not that I'd ever forget, but it was nice to relive Maine summer!) Sending positive thoughts to you and Mark for this upcoming year, and I hope to find a time next summer to visit Harmony Land!

There is a camp, in Harmony Land!



“Harmony Land Camp” at Camp Runoia, for 7 and 8 year olds, has been a huge success. Run by alumna, Abbie Marone, a school teacher and seasoned counselor, this program has grown to three sessions a summer. We built a new cabin “Harmony Hut” on the lake side of the Dining Hall. 10 and 12 day sessions available. Find out more: <https://runoia.com/about-runoia/dates-rate>

Harmony Land Camper from our July 2017 session: Angela (from Shanghai), Ava, Sylvie*, Maggie, Sophie, Maggie, Molly*, Maddie* *Alumnae daughters!*

Runoia Reunions for the CRAO Membership

Runoia alumnae reunions are being planned for Boston and DC area plus New York in the spring (TBD)

Boston details are as follows: **December 1, 2017** starting at 6 pm, food and drinks will be served! A silent auction will be held and all proceeds will benefit the Runoia Campership fund. We can't wait to see you! Marie-Claude Francoeur and Kara Maple, 1 Warren Street #103, Charlestown, MA RSVP before November 17 mcfrancoeur@hotmail.com

Jody Rowell Dixon will be hosting a **Mid-Atlantic** gathering of alumns on **January 20, 2018 from 1-4pm**. Jody's address is: 612 Brownstone Drive, Severna Park, MD 21146. Bring your spare change for the “JAR COMPETITIONS” with blue and white teams competing to fill jars with donations.

Contact pam@runoia.com for more info on CRAO reunions – connect with camp friends and help further the mission of CRAO through the silent auction in Boston or the Blue vs White Jar Competitions in Maryland!

Other ways to help campers get to camp are: <https://runoia.com/alumnae/donate/> for a pay pal link or address to mail a check, the year end appeal, donating in the enclosed envelope, spreading the word and cheer about Runoia to potential campers and staff, and estate planning.

Coming Up Next!

- The next meeting for all members July 28, 2018 at Camp Runoia
- And the summer of 2021 is the 115th Reunion at Camp!

Don't forget to “like us”

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Find yourself missing camp?
Check out our Blog!



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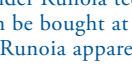
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and more!

www.runoia.com



A reminder Runoia tee shirts and clothing can be bought at Lands End and vintage Runoia apparel at Amerasport.com

With Appreciation from Aionur:

Thank you to the CRAO executive board and board of directors for the work they do to help campers get to Runoia. Additionally, special thanks to the board members who wrote welcome letters to counselors this summer – they were meaningful and appreciated! Also, a shout out to **Chad Diamond** for involving our campers in the Belgrade Lakes July 4th parade (pictured here outside of Day's Store) and to **Matti Bradley** for caring for the camp piano, Ann Coster for her incredible library donation, **Diane Smith** for creating the traditional Runoia ribbons for cotillion and for the good will and good words and songs all of you spread about Runoia! A special thanks to **Cathy Prodo Hamm** for coming to spend time at camp and helping support our camp mission mid-summer. Also, thanks to all alumnae who participated in the Oak Island Swim 2017 and raised \$3,299.30!



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Recruiting all Campers and Counselors!

Do you know a great Runoia gal who is looking for the Runoia camp experience? Contact Camp Runoia at fun@runoia.com

Do you know a college student or graduate student in education – we would love to have them apply for a staff position at Runoia! www.runoia.com/staff



CITs Eliza, Zipporah, Rose and Charlie wearing their “staff teaching shirts” and presenting to the CRAO Board of Directors “How Camp Runoia has made a difference in their lives”.

Weddings – Congratulations Newlyweds!



Runoia Gals at Kim's wedding: Katie Robb, Kim Vargo, Rachel Albershardt, Holly Foster



Kim Koines married
Andrew Vargo July 1, 2017

Katie Robb married
Riley Meehan
October 21, 2017



Mollie Kravitz and Dominic Jones
married September 2, 2017

Claudia Black married
Jason Bernstein
May 28, 2017



Births:



Kate Biddiscombe McKillop
and Donny McKillop
welcome Donald Robert
McKillop III, May 15, 2017

Marlee Leveille and
Alissa Bourque share
the birth of their
son Adlai Joseph
Bourque, May 1, 2017



Tori Curtis Jose and Eben Jose,
celebrate the birth of Ebbe Jose
August 25, 2017

Ainslie Fagan Mintz
and Nathan Mintz
announce the arrival
of Ella Bliss Mintz,
July 30, 2017



Leigh Duren Henderson and JR
Henderson, share "a Runoia girl!"
Lillian Henderson, August 21, 2017

Passings:

Nancy Jane Friedman, married to Martin Meagher, passed away in Medford NJ. Nancy was a Runoia camper in the early 1970s and battled breast cancer for four years before passing in 2013.

In memoriam Jean Price Dickson from her daughter Sue Dickson:

Mom always said that Camp Runoia was one of the best thing her parents ever did for her. So many of our conversations were about camp in her last days. She attended camp 1935, 1937, 1938, 1940-1943 as a CIT and counselor. She was a Blue! As a CIT and counselor she taught sailing and played the piano for singing times. She kept up with several of her camp friends all her life. The photo of her and Connie Payson was taken her first year 1935.



Jean & Connie Payson

Spotlight on Alex Cavoulacos



My summers at Camp Runoia, first as a camper, then as a CIT and JC, are some of my happiest memories. I pushed myself, learned teamwork and leadership, and accomplished things that rounded me out as a whole human outside of school. One of my biggest accomplishments and favorite memories was becoming a JMG, inspired by "K" Bolduc and my many, many canoeing trips with her; one summer I spent more time afloat than in camp!

Today, I'm the founder of The Muse, <https://www.themuse.com/>

a company that helps people with their careers and co-author of **The New Rules of Work.**

<https://www.themuse.com/thenewrulesofwork>

I live in NYC with my husband and still love the outdoors, reading and being on a lake.



Alex and her CIT group at Camp Runoia

Donations

Chesuncook \$10,000 - \$24,999

Laura Kind McKenna, Anne McKenna and Marie McKenna, Jenny Alford Seaman (110th fund raiser)

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

Cathleen Bailey, Zareen Taj Mirza (in honor of parents Dodie and Humayun), Network for Good, Tabell Family Foundation (Oak Island Swim matching)

Katabdin \$500 - \$999

Diane Dorsey Edwards, Marie-Claude Francoeur, Sarah Hommel, Cheryl, Leigh and Claire Williamson, Sally Wolf, Susan Yates

Bigelow \$250 - \$499

Elsa Master Hoppman, Mark Jablonowski and Rachel Gaddes (Thanks to Runoia - wedding), Ann McCreary Kilian, Cathy Fuller Nicholson, Trudy Rutherford, Kerry Donahue and Guy Story

Mt. Blue \$100 - \$249

Anonymous, Bunny Thibodeau Andrews, MJ Auns, Andrea Bradford, Margaret Bradley, Jennifer Dahnert, Chad Diamond, Jody Dixon, Sandy "Jo Rinehart" Famous, Jane Hall, Roberta Jordan, Yuki Laurenti, Anne McKenna, Kate Biddiscome McKillop, Christine Oliver, Jane Orbeton, Perry Flynt Phinney, Jody Sataloff, Diane Smith, Elisabeth Wells, Asha Wills

Tumbledown \$50 - \$99

Ginny Geyer, Eva Potter Lee, Maddie MacNeil

Mt. Phillip \$10 - \$49

Mary Gates, Kate Ensign



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