

The Log – Camp Runoia Alumnae Organization

Letter from the President

Dear Alums,

The Camp Runoia Alumnae Organization holds its annual meeting every year on the last Saturday in July. This year's meeting was memorable because we had the opportunity to honor Pam for her 30 years as a camp director. As you all know, Pam has had an enduring impact on the camp we all adore; she has carefully and skillfully maintained Runoia's most important traditions and values while addressing competing needs for growth and vitality.



Pam pictured with CRAO board members
Asha Wills and Claire Williamson.

her honor this year, helping us reach (and exceed) our \$30K for 30 years fundraising goal. Bo-bos to Pam, and to you all!

The Board made a number of other important decisions this year. After our three regional gatherings last year (in Boston, Maryland, and New York), we realized that there are many alums who would love to be a more active part of our organization. We decided that we needed to "grow" the board in a number of ways: first by allowing more people to serve on the board; and second, by having a more

To help us express the love and gratitude we all feel, we presented Pam with three gifts: a beautiful bench made by board member Chad Diamond; a silver pendant with the "old school" logo, and a \$3,000 commitment to establish a scholarship fund for aspiring equestrians. We so appreciate the many alums who made gifts in

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active group of non-board committees so that we always have an active pool of future CRAO trustees.

Thanks to Asha Wills, Claire Williamson, Jody Dixon, and Jenny Dahnert for agreeing to serve on our new Nominating Committee, which will come up with a slate of new members for our July 2019 meeting. They will be seeking not just potential new board members, but alums who would be interested in serving on the following committees: the 115th Reunion Planning Committee, a History Committee, and a Social Media Committee.

We also elected some new officers to address board vacancies and to prepare for future growth. Marie-Claude Francoeur was elected our new Vice-President, and will assume the presidency in the summer of 2020, and Kara Greer is the new Board secretary. Thanks to outgoing board members Annie Kind McKenna, Krissy Auns Oliver, and Matti Williams Bradley. Matti will continue to serve as the clerk of CRAO; thank-you! And thanks to Diane Smith and Jody Sataloff for jointly handling the secretary duties, processing and acknowledging all our donations for many, many years.

We are planning another round of regional gatherings this year! By the time you read this, we will be reminiscing about great soiree hosted by Jennifer Corson LeBow and Jenny Sachs Dahnert in Philadelphia on November 3. You'll be hearing more through the Facebook page about upcoming gatherings as we get firmer dates and locations. If you live near one of the future locations, please do make a point of coming; these have been a wonderful way to connect old friends and different generations of alums all at once.

If you have an interest in joining our group in some capacity, or want to help us grow our email contacts list, please contact me at our new address, cralums@gmail.com. And re-member, the annual meeting in July is open to any and all alums who support our group.

As we talked about expanding the reach of the board this summer, I was reminded of the words in what is most likely now a long-forgotten camp song, but one I always find myself humming..

"Now wider and wider our circle expands,

Vive la compagnie . . ."

Can you remember the chorus? And some small group singing the harmony? And the warmth of the campfire on the beach? This year was a strong reminder for me of how summers on Great Pond connect a wider and wider circle of alums.

Have a wonderful fall, and don't forget to keep Runoia and our campership fund on your list of worthy causes when you make your year-end donations! Thank you!

Roberta "Boop" Tabell Jordan
CRAO President

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Heather Griffin Piper sends us a surprise this summer. She found two Runoia alumnae in Kennebunk, pictured with **Chloe** and **Grace Rayer** from Philly!

Reba Benedict Fournier I am still alive at 87. We have moved to a nearby retirement community, after major back surgery in 2016. I just on May 11 had a second back surgery -- this one enables me to stand erect. I am healing well.

Molly Rowland's mom writes about her grandmother **Darcy Scudder "Kirk"** who passed away at 90 in 2014 and how she loved Runoia so much. Her lasting friendships from the 1930s were with her all of her life. Molly was a camper in the 1990s and was a JMG. "Thanks for all you do to open the hearts of girls to the Great Camp Experience."



Alumna **Charlotte Lynch** and recent alumna **Zipporah Hommel** worked together in May on the Clearwater environmental/educational sailing ship on the Hudson River.

Linda Rosenberg Maguire This is way overdue to make this known BUT, Kip (my only guy still home) and I are moving to Alexandria, VA where I will be the Dean of Students at St. Steven's and St. Agnes School (a day school-no more nights and weekends). Right now it's a sea of boxes and bubblewrap, but we are excited for our new digs and proximity to DC.



Tracy Diamond Ehlers: Eli signed up for Camp All Star in Kents Hill, Maine. **Hannah Ehlers** is off the ice and taking a break from skating due to injury which is inspiring her to look at colleges with Athletic Training programs. Noah is focusing on undergraduate degree in exercise science and kinesiology. Tracy is still teaching pre-school and teaching an enrichment class of pre-k play skills.

Crystal Cobb's medical school graduation from Campbell University was celebrated with many family members including Jai Cobb Kells, Pam Cobb Heuberger and Marsha Cobb.

Shelby Morris (pictured third from right) I just wanted to say that I miss Great Pond very much, however my school schedule currently doesn't allow many free summers. I look forward to returning to the 8,000 acres of blue waves soon though. I'm currently in my junior year studying Music Education at the College of Music at Florida State University. My earliest musical memories are in the lodge during assemblies singing with the Runoia family, and I can thank those 9 full summers for helping build my love and appreciation for all things musical. I currently teach music lessons and am learning to be a classroom orchestra teacher as well, and can't wait to bring my new skills to camp in the future! Ted would be proud to know I still practice my target skills now and then at the range, and haven't lost my touch. Anyway, just received mail from Runoia and wanted to thank everyone for keeping me updated from so many miles away! With love, Shelby



Claire Williamson graduated from the U of Texas at Austin with a Master of Arts Degree in Art Education in May. I am excited to say that I have started work at a new job in Houston! I am the Education Coordinator for the Society for the Performing Arts, starting my second week in June 2018.



Ally Leighton stopped by camp in early mid June and after graduating from Columbia University MBA program was on her way to work at Tesla in the Bay Area. She brought news of **Leah Pepe's** wedding from a year ago that we missed. Congrats to Leah and Dane married in September 2017.

Nancy Roth stopped by camp to say hi and take her annual walkabout camp! We love seeing you Nancy! **Kay Noble King** from South Dakota who worked in the kitchen in 1972. Betty referred to the group of four in the kitchen as the South Dakota Coeds. **Ted Dishner** and **Kelly Sandman** came for an outdoor meal and volunteered to be serve beverages as they visited with campers. Thanks to **Kathy Dishner** for helping as an RN on our opening day in July again. Kathy has been volunteering her time on opening days for many, many summers. Pam recently had a cookout with these two alumnae: **Polly Parkhill Beatie** and **Sandy Rinehart Famous** pictured below.

Andrea Florey Bradford: Boop, Thank you for your report and your great work, along with the rest of the board, in keeping the CRAO going strong!

Fall is going well. I am continuing to travel back and forth to Nantucket working on renovating our old family home there, becoming an island regular. Sam is holding down the fort with our cat, Atticus, in CT. My parents are both well and living in Princeton. Dad's 100th Birthday is coming up this year! Gulp! Stephie, our eldest, finished law school and has moved to NYC for a position with Akin Gump. Sarah, middle one, is also now in law school in NY, and Lizzie is happily launched as a sophomore at Kenyon, Runoia gals, don't cha know! Looking forward to our gathering in Philly in November.

Chad Diamond took the Runoia Harmony Land Campers as Runoia candy throwers for the Belgrade Lakes Fourth of July parade in his antique truck. Thanks Chad! A great tradition continues! Staff alumna **Kara Benken Garrod** is pictured in truck with HLC campers.

Tracey Buckley Sobolewski "Still living near Lexington, Ky. Let me know if you are ever in the area. I have 3 grown sons, 2 grandsons, and a granddaughter."

Betsy Chominski "We still live in Urbana IL working at the University of Illinois. Their daughter, Beatrix, turned three this summer and loves swimming, eating ice cream and dancing. Much like me. We will be in DC for seven months this year while Nick works on agricultural economics with the government."

These Runoia alumnae had their daughters, granddaughters or nieces in camp in 2018:

Jessie Hoffhine Angus, Pam Cobb, Nina Ferre Cohen, Amy Cook-Wright, Nina Frank, Ann Gradman, Kara Greer, Harriet Hubbard, Jai Cobb Kells, Ayaka Okada Komiya, Maggie Stainton Lynch, Jane Rines Marone, Mitra Morgan, Liz Dubin Nadzo, Betsy Nicholson, Jane Orbeton, Hilary Peck, Lucia Stainton St. George, Rachel Sutel, Betsy Nicholson Thielsher, Emily Hoffhine Wilson, Camilla Meyer Winkler, Ali Wissinger, Nancy Master Wissinger, Eve Wollman.



"Letter from Camp"

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Greetings from Great Pond!

Camp Runoia is a blend of today's progressive educational values and Runoia's long-held traditions. These traditions include birthday songs at birthday suppers including the "Cake" song, Miss Tacky Runoia is a favorite Evening Program and Blue and White competition continues to be a highlight for campers.

Overall we had a happy, full, hot summer with lots of achievements by both campers and staff alike. Runoia continues to be a "special place to grow." Our social media presence will keep you connected to today's Runoia with images and memories of camp posted, grammed and pinned throughout the year. Our weekly blog will also keep you in touch with Runoia so you don't have to wait for 6 months to get your news from camp!

Thanks to all of you who contribute to the Betty Cobb Campership Fund. There are girls from around the United States who have the opportunity to make Runoia part of their growth experience because of generous donors like you. Any amount helps contribute to the fund and it's as easy as a click on paypal. Find the donor section of our website by going to www.runoia.com and navigating to the Alumnae page.

Thanks to the CRAO board of directors and their energetic and thoughtful approach to helping raise funds for girls to have the provide experience of going to camp.

With appreciation,

Pam

For the Runoia Team

Below are examples of reminders of Runoia traditions from yesteryear as well as some new initiatives at camp:

Let's cheer a "Bobo" to **Diane Smith** who helps celebrate Runoia's cotillion by hand-printing silk screen ribbons for our awards ceremony. Lining up outside the Lodge on this night is another tradition that continues as well as singing songs to the Junior and Senior team captains.



Trips are still a mainstay at Runoia. Each camper goes on a hiking or canoeing trip during their session at camp. Here a 6th shack group packs out their backpacks for a hiking trip sharing the load of food, water, tents and carrying their own personal gear as well.



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Harmony Land Camp continued at Camp Runoia for its third year. It offers three shorter sessions for younger campers and is run by alumna Abbie Marone (daughter of alumna Jane Rines Marone) who is a kindergarten teacher in St. Louis, MO. Alumnae daughters of Kara Benken Garrod, Rachel Sutel Sherman, Jai Kells, Betsy Nicholson, Melissa Lockwood and younger sister of Piper Blackburn attended Camp Runoia's HLC program in 2019



Diversity at Runoia

One of the long-term goals of Camp Runoia's leadership is to offer camp to a diverse group of campers.

Runoia continues to work with outstanding programs like REACH in Greenwich, CT and Prep for Prep New York City. Both programs help match stellar students with our camp program and through the amazing support of CRAO, these girls get to attend Camp Runoia.

In 2019, Camp Runoia has partnered with a program from Beijing China called IDEAS to help connect us with Chinese families interested in sending their daughters to camp in the United States.

Senior Village graduating campers continue the tradition of painting their plaques that get posted in the Runoia boat house.



We love to hear about your milestones! Please send us pictures and info on births and weddings of your camp friends!

Births:

Welcome Avi Lilah Marzilli born to Angela Marzilli and Jamie Cluchey - July 3, 2018

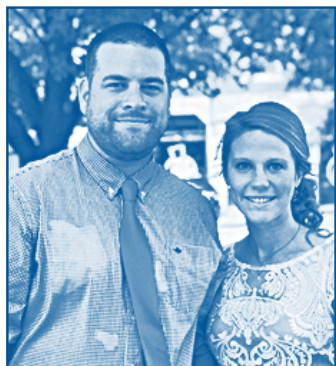


Weddings – Congratulations Newlyweds!



Hadley Bergh married
Margaret Moses on April 28

Suzanna Preston
married Alex Perry
on October 6



Gwen Duren and Mike
Jacques were married
on September 22



Hannah Jones married
Josh Barnes in New
Orleans on May 11



Charlotte McClure "I got to marry
my favourite person" Daley Parsons
September 2018



Emily Pendergast married
Reed Laverack September 2018

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

Matti Bradley, Kara Greer, Donna Halverstadt, Laura and Marc McKenna

Katabdin \$500 - \$999

Alison Chase, Diane Dorsey Edwards*, Reba Benedict Fournier, Cathy Fuller Nicholson*/**, Sally Wolf, Susan Yates

Bigelow \$250 - \$499

Holly Rutherford Bukacek*, Jennifer Sachs Dahnert*

Mt. Blue \$100 - \$249

Network for Good, Joan Tipper Allison, Bunny Thibodeau Andrews, Deborah Bernstein, Andrea Bradford, Daniel Candee, Amy Davis, Jody Dixon, Katie Ensign, Sandra Famous, Evelyn Comey Frost, Rachel Glube#, Pam Heuberger, Roberta "Boop" Jordan, Mark Lisher and the Griffith Girls* (Lydia G. Morrissey and Susan G. Lisher), Sarah Tabell Nocka, Penny Britell Sanders*, Jody Sataloff, Judy Reynolds Shaw, Diane Smith, Elizabeth Wells, Asha Wills

Tumbledown \$50 - \$99

Betsy Chominski, Catherine Hamm, Elizabeth Hamid Roberts, Elizabeth West Smith, Tracey Buckley Soboloewski, Barbara Reed, Alice Brebner Ruiz, Liz West, Susan Yates*

*In Honor of Pam's 30th Summer

**In Memory of Betsy Speicher

#In Honor of the wonderful counselors

A tribute to Pam by Diane Dorsey Edwards

1965—My first summer after high school graduation and I had a job in the state of Maine (first ever trip north of NYC!) taking care of a very energetic four-year old girl whose parents ran a camp for girls. When I met this blond bundle of energy and was introduced to Camp Runoia I knew adventure awaited me and was I ever right.

At four years old Pam was absolutely fearless. The first time we walked down to the lake and onto to dock, Pam simply walked to the end of the dock and jumped into Great Pond. Fortunately she bobbed like a cork and I learned I would need to be ever vigilant! It was a summer that changed my life.



Runoia was an amazing experience for a girl whose only experience of "camp" was the annual week or two at Girl Scout camp. I had grown up tent-camping, swimming and sailing with my family but the concept of a whole summer at an organized camp was as foreign as a summer in Greece or France. I loved everything about the people—campers, counselors, and support staff—and the activities of Camp Runoia and was thrilled when Betty and Phil suggested I get my WSI and return the next summer as a counselor to teach sailing and swimming.

As a counselor I was assigned to Second Shack so at age 6 Pam and I again shared a summer. This summer Pam was an "official" camper and with all of her Runoia experience was my "unofficial" assistant in helping acclimate new campers to their first summer away from home. She was the youngest of the Second Shack crew but that didn't slow her down a bit. I treasure my snapshots of my three years at Runoia. It is indeed a very special place where girls are free to be their best, to challenge themselves to master new skills and make new and lifelong friends.

I was delighted to see Pam follow in her parents' footsteps and continue to devote herself to Camp Runoia. She is a positive influence on the lives of hundreds of young women and carries forward the legacy of the founders of Camp Runoia.

Congratulations to Pam for these thirty summers! Cheers!



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Thank you volunteers to the CRAO!