

The News:



Emma Waddell and **Lily Waddell** spotted in Belgrade Lakes!

Ginny Geyer as well as "**K**" **Bolduc** are testers at Junior Maine Guide testing camp. Counselor and alumna **Grace Prattt** is shown on left. Our 2019 candidates included alumna daughter of **Emily Hoffhine Wilson, Abby Wilson** 2nd from left.



Sabine Fontaine in charge of the Belgrade Lakes Association Lake Smart program.

CRAO gathering at Chris & **Matti Bradley's** home in Echo Cove before the annual board meeting in July.





Charlotte Mullen, current camper has traveled to Japan twice to visit her Runoia friend, **Misuzu** (alumna daughter of Runoia alumna **Ayaka Komiya (Nee Okada)**)

Runoia Alumna Emma Schlauder Receives a Fulbright Award to the UK

Emma Schlauder, an alumna of Runoia has received an Open Study/Research Fulbright Award to enable her to study at the University of Sheffield to pursue a MSc in Human Osteology and Funerary Archaeology. Emma is a recent graduate of Boston University with BAs in History and Archaeology alongside a minor in Classical Civilization.



Kate Kester, Honor Petrie, Cate Tomlinson visited Runoia in July. Welcome back!



Her niece graduating from Colby College brings **Posie Carpenter** and wife, Moreen Pushkin, to visit camp from California



Liz Dubin Nadzo shares her story about **Sarah Nadzo's** connection to Lucy Weiser:

She was "Great Aunt Lucy" to us. I believe that my Nana, Elizabeth "Betty" Barr was Lucy's niece -- that is what sparked my Nana Betty to attend the newly formed

Camp Runoia and then, in turn, to send my mom, Betsy Speicher and her sister Ann Speicher Cahill. My Nana was adopted so this would not be a biological connection. I grew up hearing that "Great Aunt Lucy and her companion" founded Camp Runoia and, as is the way with kids, I probably tuned out the rest!



Besides being connected to **Lucy Weiser**, **Sarah Nadzo** is a fourth-generation camper! As is **Bella Shannon**, great granddaughter of **Helene Master**, granddaughter of **Nancy Master Wissinger** and daughter of **Allison Wissinger**. **Molly and Sawyer Kells** join in being fourth-generation with great grandmother **Betty Cobb** (who was not a camper), grandmother, **Pam Cobb Heuberger** and mother, **Jai Kells**.



Late in the summer **Jai Cobb Kells** was with Runoia staff **Kate Neal and Barb St. Peter** in Portland and ran into **Meri Wicks**, whose mom, **Prudence Taylor** came to camp and grandmother worked at Runoia.



Jane Orbeton and granddaughter and current camper **Lucy McKenna** visited after camp. Pictured with Janie-O on left and the **McKenna** family on right.



Jane Sullebarger was at Hello Good Pie in Belgrade Lakes Village on Indigenous People's weekend and said "Pam, Pam, is that you?". Well indeed, it was Pam disguised as a ray of sunshine washing dishes at her friend's bakery.

Pam spied **Tracy Diamond Ehlers** in the village as she was brining **Hannah Ehlers** to UNE to study OT and Sports Medicine.

Chad Diamond helped our Harmony Land campers attend the Belgrade July Fourth Parade in his antique truck. Thanks Chad! The girls always have a blast!



Jenny Sachs Dahnert (seated) sends us this luncheon photo from Princeton University where she **and Yukie Moore Laurenti** (standing right) work in Development with Linda (mom of alumna **Caroline Knights**).

Welcome New CRAO Board Members Erin Lasher and Blair Griffin



Erin Lasher: *I was a camper from 2004 until 2010. During that time I was a Blue team captain in Junior End twice and then again when I was in SV. Camp developed me as a leader and gave me the ability to speak my mind. I went back as a CIT. I took two summers off and returned as a counselor for two summers while studying at Providence College.. I graduated with my Bachelor's Degree in Psychology with a minor in business studies in 2017. I made the decision after graduation to attend the University of Denver to get my Masters in Social Work. I currently intern at Children's Hospital Colorado in the Neuropsychiatric Special Care Unit helping kids with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disabilities, and other Developmental Disorders going through behavioral or mental health crisis*

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Blair Griffin: *I've spent the past six years working for Demont Associates which is a Portland, Maine based philanthropic consulting firm. I also have a business with my sister, Hayley which is still in its start-up phase*

<https://eklundgriffin.com> *Now that I am in Pittsburgh, I'm shifting careers into the corporate world and I'm beyond thrilled at the possibility to maintain some involvement in causes that resonate deeply with me. Like you, Runoia has always been such a positive experience and memory!*



Milestones



Hannah Bolduc Jackson and Sam Hines welcome Wesley Jackson Hines June 24, 2019. Congrats to Hannah and Sam and grand-moms **Alex Jackson** and **"K" Bolduc**.

Emily Pendergast Laverack and Reed Laverack shout out: "She's here! Scout Pendency Laverack came into the world September 6 at 4:31am. She is very mellow and happy. I can't explain the happiness that I'm feeling. We can't wait for everyone to meet her."



Bria Rubie and Marcel Jean married September 15, 2019

Kelsey Golias married Jhonattann Revelo in July 2018





Molly Biddiscombe and Balsa Cavlovic married in Herceg Novi, Montenegro on June 29, 2019.

Allee von Stackelberg
and Eamon Murphy
wed on Sept. 28, 2019



Allee with Runoia friends,
Kate Neal, Karen Long and
Shelby Allen and
Gabrielle Trejo



Letter from the CRAO President

Dear Runoia Alums,

We've definitely turned the page on the season. The slow slide from summer into gorgeous fall colors, cool days, and crisp nights is a distant memory now that we live in early afternoon darkness. It's time to start your winter longings for a summer on the lake!

The Alumnae Organization is beginning its own slow transition with the newsletter. At our annual meeting this summer, the CRAO board decided to reduce the size and scope of our paper mailings. But don't worry! There will still be a full newsletter, twice yearly, that you can pore over for photos, news, and events to reconnect you to your camp friends and memories. It will be accessible via a link on our web page, or via email for those who provide a current email address. **(If you're not a computer person, we can still provide you with a paper copy.)** We've resisted change, but we realize it's time to go to an eNews format. [Here's the link to the CRAO news online:](#)

Why should you give us your email?

- To help us reduce paper waste, and our impact on the planet;
- To help us save money. We'll use the savings to provide more scholarships! (It costs over 5K to send out a paper newsletter twice a year.)

- To help us reach you wherever you live and through all your life changes;
- To help us grow the alumnae network, and connect alums from all over the world.

It's so simple: **include your email on the enclosed donation envelope and drop it in a mailbox** (preferably *with* a donation, but the gift of your email is important, too). Or you can just send us a quick note at cralums@gmail.com to opt in to future electronic mailings. Send news, too!

Speaking of which, remind me why I should support the CRAO?

-You will help make a camp experience possible for many, many families. Last year we gave over \$60,000 to Camp Runoia; this gift made camp possible for 28 girls to attend camp for the first time or to return for another summer. In our short history, we've provided over \$600,000 in tuition assistance, helping over a hundred girls reap the benefit of a summer (or many summers) at camp.

-You will help campers with bigger dreams. This past summer we enhanced our giving program with riding scholarships. For the first time ever, we donated \$3,000 to Runoia so that 14 girls could reap the benefits of more riding instruction — more than their families might be able to afford.

How else can I help?

Save the date for our 115th anniversary reunion! Start getting in touch with old friends and make a plan to return to the shores of Great Pond. It seems a long way off — **August 13-15, 2021** — but it is not! We will also need many volunteers to help make this the biggest alumnae gathering yet. Sign up to be on a reunion committee by contacting Marie-Claude Francoeur (marieclauderfrancoeur@gmail.com) or Betsy Nicholson (nicholsonbetsy@gmail.com).

Chadiyah!

Boop Tabell Jordan
CRAO President of the Board of Trustees

Remember the times you've had here,
 Remember while you're away,
 Remember the friends you've made here,
 And don't forget to come back some day,
 Remember the blazing campfire,
 The shining waters, too,
 For you girls belong to Runoia, and Runoia belongs to you!

If you prefer to continue receiving the CRAO "Log" by mail, please return this form:

Please mail the Log!

_____ (name) _____ (dates @ camp)

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Mail to: Camp Runoia Alumnae Organization
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 Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918

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SPECIAL THANKS TO:



Diane Smith for silk screening camp cotillion ribbons.

Matti Bradley for tuning the camp piano and hosting an amazing July pre-board meeting dinner and event in Echo Cove.



A Runoia "Bobo" and thanks to **Cathy Prodo Hamm** who volunteered at Runoia for 10 days last summer again to help in program and to support counselors in cabin responsibilities and residential life. Thank you Cathy – you are awesome!

A shout out and Wadas! To **Jody Dixon** who created her birthday fund raiser for CRAO!



*Do you want to feel connected to Runoia all year? Our weekly **blog** comes out on Wednesday & our **social media posts and grams** will give you a breeze of summer any day of the week! Connect at **www.runoia.com***

News Tidbits:

MJ Mott Auns: "My 8 year old granddaughters are at Harmony Land Camp this summer and are having a marvelous time. So happy to have the 3rd generation of my family enjoying Runoia!"

Mary Rhodes Larzelere "Such precious memories! We have 6 amazing grandchildren! We enjoy traveling, music, sports and waking up every day!"

Judy Reynolds Shaw: "I treasure my memories of summers at Camp- wonderful friends and experiences."

Alice Kirkpatrick: I enjoyed your recent newsletter and particularly moved by the quote from mom of scholar ship recipient!

Julie Stine: CRAO has been responsible for my daughter's incredible 5 years at Runoia. I want to contribute to its generosity and kindness by helping fund another deserving girl who can thrive on Great Pond!



Thanks to all the alumnae who visit and believe in Runoia who spread the word about camp and who donate to make camp possible for so many fortunate girls.

The summer of 2019 saw 29 campers with partial assistance provided through the CRAO and 8 Equestrian "Riderships" awarded through the CRAO.

Please consider the Camp Runoia Alumnae Organization and Betty Cobb Campership Fund in your 2019 Year End Giving.

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Mary Rhodes Larzeler



**Happy Holidays Runoia Gals!
Whichever way you celebrate, let's light up the darkness
and give to others!**