



# The Log

## Camp Runoia Alumnae Organization

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## Letter from the President

Dear Alums,

I have to admit, it was difficult getting started on an introduction to this edition of the newsletter. We're all sequestered at home, wondering what our lives will be like tomorrow, or a week from now, or even a year from now. We're all looking for ways to stay positive and remain hopeful, despite the incomprehensible time we find ourselves in.

This morning, I found both inspiration and hope looking back through old camp logs. I dug deep after a quick email exchange with Pam, in which she reminded me that "camp has been through two World Wars, polio outbreak and SARS, H1N1 and other tough times. Camp Runoia will continue to develop life skills for youth and bring people together to live and learn in the outdoors."

So true. As I looked through the logs of 1915 through 1920, 1942, 1944, 1945 . . . and so on, I found only tangential references to the World Wars. The biggest news in the 1942 log was that counselors couldn't have cars, and had to take their days off in camp. A tornado that hit camp during the summer of 1944 garnered at least as much attention in the log introduction as World War II. I found little to no mention of World War I, or of the Spanish flu, or polio.

Instead, I found pictures and stories that were calming reminders of the consistency and connection that camp provides us all, even in the most trying times. I am sure that the first campers must have complained about their uniforms (hideous!), as I remember complaining about mine. I found the first example of a "Last Will and Testament" by senior campers (1915); I found campers' limericks next to their photos, camping trip reports, reports about drama productions, evening programs, and sporting events. I found the shack "statistics" as they evolved from two columns to six. And I found lyrics to camp songs, many of which endure to this day. Continued...

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If I continued to browse, I am sure I would start seeing references to the bittersweet moments of Cotillion, the morning bell, the fourth of July festivities, Sunday morning donuts, Bishop's bread, Congo bars, and cinnamon buns. I would continue to find the lyrics of trip songs, pictures of the path and view down to the waterfront, the riding ring and stables, and the Lodge, of girls huddling together on rocks in the woods, or on the beach, at JMG test camp, or singing songs in front of a campfire.

Difficult times make the mission of the CRAO even more worthy of your support. Since 1988, when we first earned our non-profit status, we've been keeping the continuity of the camp experience possible, both for girls who wouldn't have had the opportunity to attend camp and for families who need temporary assistance during tough times like these.

Please consider a gift today to help us continue to make Runoia a place of constancy, connection, and tradition, as well as a continuing source of strength and hope. You can donate on-line through our website (<https://runoia.com/alumnae/donate/>), or by mailing your tax-deductible contribution to:

Jody Rowell Dixon, 612 Brownstone Drive, Severna Park, MD 21146-2328

With much gratitude,

**Boop Tabell Jordan**  
CRAO President  
[cralums@gmail.com](mailto:cralums@gmail.com)

## Thanks to the CRAO Executive Board of Directors:

***President: Roberta "Boop" Tabell Jordan, Vice President: Marie-Claude Francoeur, Treasurer: Jamie Cluchey, Acting Secretary: Jody Rowell Dixon***



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**Special thanks to: Matti Williams Bradley for being our Maine clerk.**

## Milestones



**Ainslie Fagan Mintz** and Nathan Mintz  
Welcomed Wyatt Stanley Mintz on March 22!

**Alicia Conway McGill** and Larry  
McGill  
welcome Penelope's sister,  
Daphne Caroline.  
Daphne was born 01-29-20  
Congrats to the McGills!



**Kipa Sharpfish** and Steven Tercy announce:  
Anoki Lochlan Tercy joined us April 13 –  
just minutes to midnight- at 11.56pm.  
He's a very quiet and super snuggly little guy!  
Tomi and his new little brother pictured left.

Edith Bergh Moses arrived on May 20, 2020.  
She was born in Asheville, NC,  
where **Hadley Bergh** and her wife Margot Moses live.  
Congratulations to Hadley and Margot!  
Welcome Edie B!



### **CRAO Tid Bits – Annual Meeting and 115<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

This year, the CRAO annual meeting will be on Saturday, July 25, 2020 starting at 10 a.m. location to be announced. With the Camp Runoia “Harmonyville” in a bubble, there will be no visitors at camp this summer while camp is in session. There may be a pre-annual meeting social hour at Marie-Claude’s camp in Belgrade the night before the meeting! RSVP: [cralums@gmail.com](mailto:cralums@gmail.com)

Planning for the 115<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Are you interested in volunteering? Contact co-chairs Marie-Claude and Betsy the co-chairs of the 2021 reunion:

[nicholsonbetsy@gmail.com](mailto:nicholsonbetsy@gmail.com) and/or [marieclaudettefrancoeur@gmail.com](mailto:marieclaudettefrancoeur@gmail.com)

## Letter from Camp



### Dear Runoia Alums and Current Families,

Greetings from Great Pond! Never in our wildest thoughts could we have imagined the state of the world today. In the midst of a global pandemic, everyone is trying to make sense of a new normal. Some families are dealing with devastating loss of a family member or friend, grieving the dropping of family events, having virtual graduations, missing the culmination of spring sports and much more.

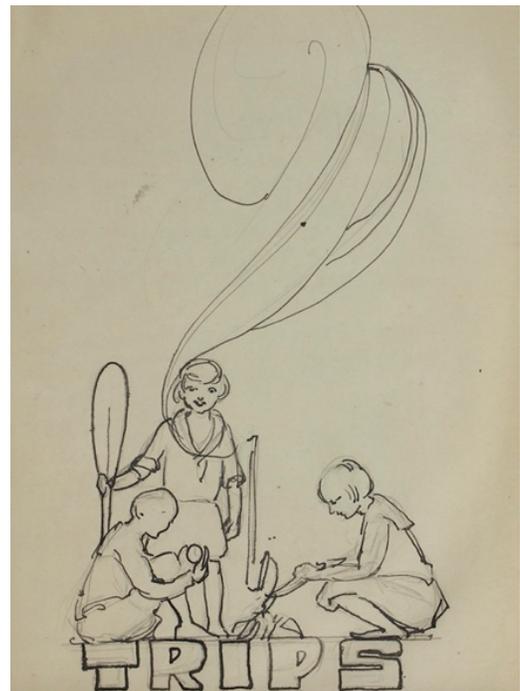
In the face of this crisis, Runoia has made the very difficult decision to open camp for one session in mid-July, 2020.

Our staff will arrive at the beginning of July and live in a “camp bubble” for five weeks. Many of our campers had to cancel for various reasons from family health risks to schedule changes to loss of jobs. Many are already looking forward to 2021 and are managing one more loss to the pandemic with boxes of tissues and family support.

Our “camp in a bubble” will mean there will be no outside visitors. We look forward to seeing you in 2021 as well. Our staff are committing to a new job, a new contract, a summer at Camp Runoia Harmonyville. They will have restrictions in camp like no other summer and yet we are going to slow everything down and chill out. They will have more demands in some ways and less in others.

We are accepting care packages for staff! Our counselors will welcome homemade surprises and certainly will deserve them. Please ship any amount of Congo bars or cookies to our coordinator of staff entertainment: **Tess May/for the Runoia Staff, Camp Runoia, 3 Lucy Weiser Lane, Belgrade, ME 04917**

This summer will be a *Camp Over Corona* attitude. We already have two camp parents who have jumped in to be resident MDs this summer. We will triple our health staff, use Harmony Land Hut as an isolation unit – just in case. We do not expect to be COVID-19 free but hope to mitigate spread through small group households expanding into phase 2 “neighborhoods” (Junior End would be a neighborhood), do a lot of disinfecting and schedule households for activities at least for the first week. Continued...



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We will still have our riding program and there will still be swimming and tennis and crafts and Evening Programs but it will all look a little different. For instance, there will not be Blue/White team picking for new girls and there will not be team competition. It may be a return to Crickets and Grasshoppers for one summer! There will be no trips farther than Great Pond and no day trips to the Maine coast, but we will be at Fairy Ring and Apple Island, cooking outside and experiencing the beauty of Maine outdoors.

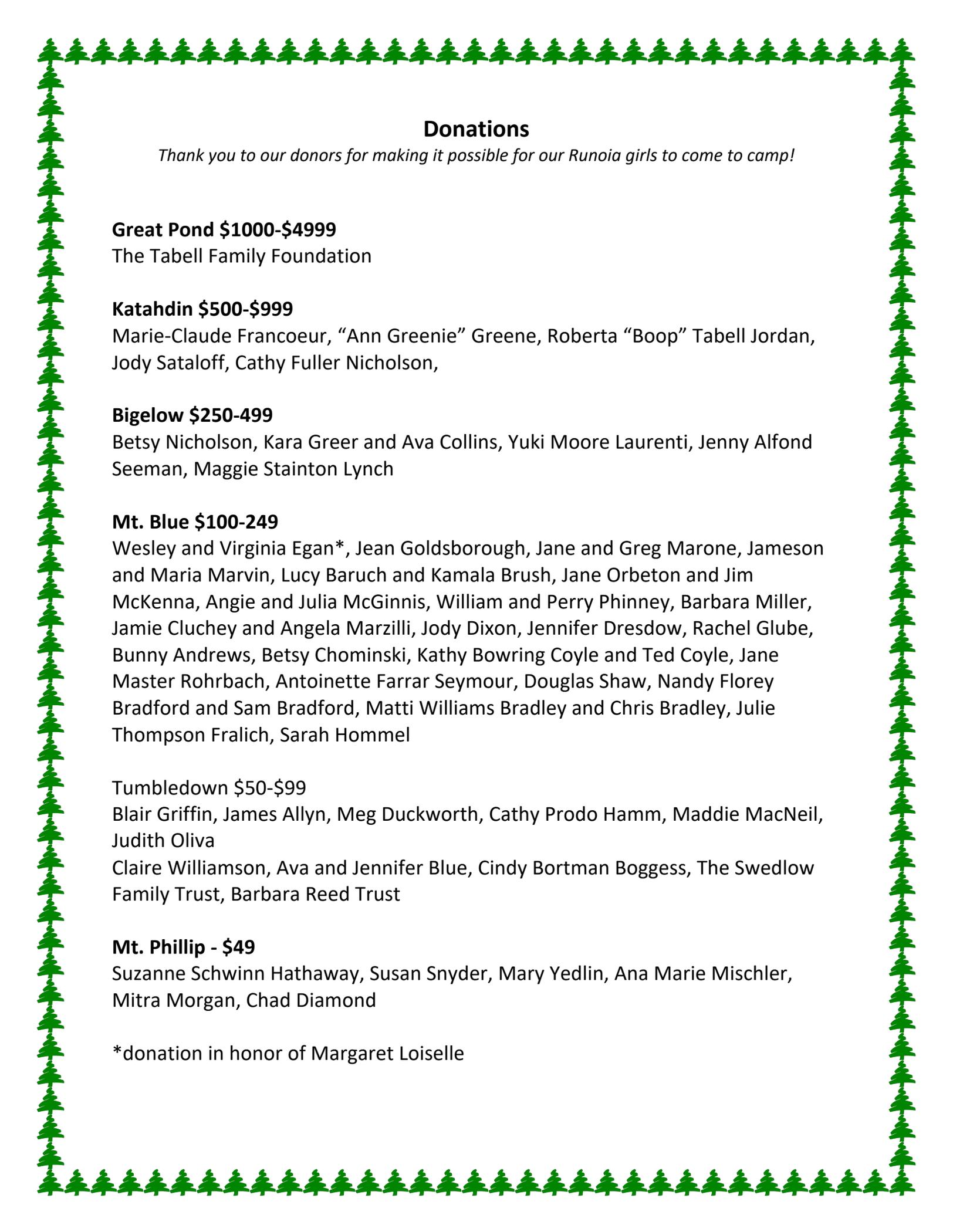
Thanks to the dream team of our co-director Alex Jackson, assistant director, Jen Dresdow and over a dozen key leaders in camp who are committed to make this happen. We will open the Runoia gates for our 114<sup>th</sup> season and we will create new traditions and have fun and never forget the summer that has not happened yet!

Children need camp more than ever this summer. A group of about 100 girls will gather for Camp Runoia Harmonyville. Some are invited on camperships provided by the generosity of you and the CRAO. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for helping them to get to camp this summer... and next summer, too.

With so much love,

*Pam Cobb Heuberger*  
Camp Runoia Director  
For the Runoia Team “we are a merry, merry crew”





## Donations

*Thank you to our donors for making it possible for our Runoia girls to come to camp!*

### **Great Pond \$1000-\$4999**

The Tabell Family Foundation

### **Katahdin \$500-\$999**

Marie-Claude Francoeur, “Ann Greenie” Greene, Roberta “Boop” Tabell Jordan, Jody Sataloff, Cathy Fuller Nicholson,

### **Bigelow \$250-499**

Betsy Nicholson, Kara Greer and Ava Collins, Yuki Moore Laurenti, Jenny Alford Seeman, Maggie Stainton Lynch

### **Mt. Blue \$100-249**

Wesley and Virginia Egan\*, Jean Goldsborough, Jane and Greg Marone, Jameson and Maria Marvin, Lucy Baruch and Kamala Brush, Jane Orbeton and Jim McKenna, Angie and Julia McGinnis, William and Perry Phinney, Barbara Miller, Jamie Cluchey and Angela Marzilli, Jody Dixon, Jennifer Dresdow, Rachel Glube, Bunny Andrews, Betsy Chominski, Kathy Bowring Coyle and Ted Coyle, Jane Master Rohrbach, Antoinette Farrar Seymour, Douglas Shaw, Nandy Florey Bradford and Sam Bradford, Matti Williams Bradley and Chris Bradley, Julie Thompson Fralich, Sarah Hommel

### **Tumbledown \$50-\$99**

Blair Griffin, James Allyn, Meg Duckworth, Cathy Prodo Hamm, Maddie MacNeil, Judith Oliva

Claire Williamson, Ava and Jennifer Blue, Cindy Bortman Boggess, The Swedlow Family Trust, Barbara Reed Trust

### **Mt. Phillip - \$49**

Suzanne Schwinn Hathaway, Susan Snyder, Mary Yedlin, Ana Marie Mischler, Mitra Morgan, Chad Diamond

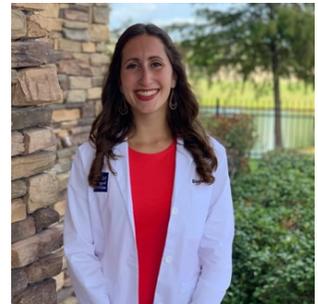
\*donation in honor of Margaret Loiselle

## The News

**Leigh Duren Henderson** is the Senior Reagent Planning Manager at IDEXX, a veterinary and water diagnostic company focused on enhancing the health and well-being of pets, people, and livestock with headquarters in Westbrook, Maine. Leigh is part of the supply chain where her team typically focuses on demand and supply planning for companion animal group point of care, dairy milk contaminant, and livestock and poultry tests. As the Coronavirus pandemic spread, IDEXX came together to leverage the PCR manufacturing and expertise already in place for livestock and poultry testing to develop a SARS-CoV-2 RealTime-PCR test. Leigh represented the supply chain on the team and her team is now responsible for planning the manufacture of the test. IDEXX donated 3500 tests to the Maine CDC and will supply enough tests for the state to triple their testing capacity. Being part of the team brings a whole new level of meaning to enhancing the health and well-being of pets, people and livestock and Leigh is really glad to be a part of the team and contributing to well-being of the Maine community and beyond.

**Judith Reynolds Shaw:** Her memories of wonderful summers at Runoia are lifelong!

**Ellie Wenneker** After years of working for Teach for America, Ellie is a first-year medical student at Baylor College of Medicine, Texas. Picture on right.



**Diane Smith** writes us about her adventures working with Pacific Golden Plovers from New Zealand to Alaska, her visits with **Todd Erier**, Alice and Samantha in WA and then in February sends this note: I have been traveling in Southeast Asia...Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. It's been a fantastic trip. People are wonderful, food is fantastic, and culture is fascinating! I am planning to be back in Maine the first week of March.



**Ted Dishner** shares this winter that this was his 42<sup>nd</sup> year in Maine and he still gets excited for snow storms! He and **Kathy Dishner** enjoy their home and family on the coast of Maine. Her lake house in Maine is her summer spot, canoeing and making the best cup of coffee. She loves her Runoia visitors. (Photo on left from 2014 with Robin in the Lodge.)

**Jean Goldsborough:** "each year that i grow older, i am more aware and appreciative of the experiences i was given in my childhood and youth. CR was a highlight without a doubt! I'd love to visit again soon if i can -- hello to all my camper friends from the early 70s!"

**Caroline Belinowiz:** I am so grateful for the seven years I got to experience at Runoia. Camp provided me with many opportunities I would otherwise not have experienced. Currently, I'm a freshman at Clarkson University. I am studying to be a Civil Engineer and loving every minute of my college experience. School has allowed me to revisit my passion for horseback riding. I am having a blast on my equestrian team showing in the IHSA around New York. I am excited for what is to come in the next few years at school and for my future. Unfortunately, this means I cannot return to camp as a counselor. This summer I have an internship at a Civil Engineering Firm. I am looking forward to gaining experience in an office environment. I will never forget my years at Runoia and will take every lesson from camp to my future



**Claire Williamson** is the Manager of School & Community Partnerships at Society for the Performing Arts. She organizes outreach programs in schools and for the public using the different artists that perform with her organization. She says, "It's a lot of fun!"

**Abbie Marone** – Director of Harmony Land Camp at Runoia <https://runoia.com/harmony-land-camp-at-camp-runoia-for-7-8-year-old-girls/> teaches Kindergarten in St. Louis and is finishing her graduate degree in educational psychology with an emphasis on student learning and well-being. Go Abbie. Abbie will be returning this summer to help us run the most unique summer of Runoia of our lives!

**Trissy Casserly Critchfield** and **Carol Lichtenberger Fishwick** (picture on right) met at Camp Runoia when they were 10 and 11. They are still the best of friends, even though they live miles apart from each other. They share memories and camp songs when they see each other. From Carol: "Thanks to Camp we celebrated our 50-year friendship a few years ago!"



**Julia Knight** is in her third year of corporate law practice at Cleary Gottlieb (NYC) where she is part of its financial institutions group. **Helen Knight** is at the mid-point of her residency program in internal medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital (Boston).



**Pam Cobb Heuberger and Katie Roberts Dinneen** at the Museum of Science last December. Katie and her family found Pam and Mark and grandchildren in the museum! Picture on left.

**Jenny Sachs Dahnert** I am grateful to Runoia for putting us on a path that has led us to this next exciting chapter of our lives as Steve is working for NOLS and we're moving to Lander, WY. I would not be the person I am without my Runoia experience all those years ago. Steve has been hired as the Chief Financial Officer of NOLS (the National Outdoor Leadership School). Ali spent the second semester of her junior year of college in the Rocky

Mountains on a NOLS program, which was a transformational experience for her. Jen, Ali and "Ellie" Eleanor Roosevelt. Picture on right.

After 30 years in the Hudson Valley, we are moving west to Wyoming! With this move, I am seizing the opportunity to throttle back as well, I have submitted my resignation to Princeton University. I have been working there for 5 years and overall working in development for nearly 40 years. I will be wrapping up my Princeton responsibilities over the next 3-6 months and following Steve to WY.



This move is truly rooted in our relationship with Runoia: my going to Runoia (48 years ago!) led Ali there, Ali's time at Runoia put her on a path that took her eventually to NOLS, and Ali's NOLS experience absolutely directed Steve to this wonderful career opportunity. So as if I wasn't already thankful enough for having Runoia in my life, I am even more so now. I still plan to return to Great Pond for my annual "Maine fix" each summer and to remain connected to the CRAO and my dear Runoia friends. I'll just have to travel a slightly further distance to get there!



## News from Camp

Our hearts go out to families and others outside of our camp community who have been directly impacted by the pandemic. Additionally, we cheer for our heroes on the front lines; alumnae and current staff who are EMTs, doctors, nurses, PAs, therapists, caretakers, scientists, firefighters, police and paramedics – a big “Bo Bo” from Runoia.

It’s in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, I look to Runoia history to help ground myself in what seems oddly surreal and yet so very real.

I searched in the 1918 Runoia Log to see what was happening with the situation with WWI and the Spanish Flu. Campers and counselors were gathered by and on Great Pond writing witty stories and jokes, taking trips, performing plays and doing their drill team drills. It’s not that they didn’t care what was going on, or were uninformed, but they seemed to have an escape in camp.



As our many campers continue to look hopeful forward to the summer of 2020, we are grounded in the reality that camp has survived the Great Depression, two world wars, polio, and the H1N1 virus. We are rooted in current events and preparing with new health initiatives, adaptive programming at camp and camp maintenance and improvements.

Ironically, last fall we added another addition to the Health Cabin (formerly known as the Infirmary) and it is currently 3 times the original footprint! Other improvements around camp include various waterfront improvements, arts areas and cabin and other buildings as well as ongoing work on our campus including caring for the many, many trees on site.



Did you know we have a number of varieties of mature trees and an heirloom tree - the famous Apple Tree. We estimate the oaks around the Farm House and PS (formerly the Cobb House) to be over 150 years old. That kind of staying power reminds us of all camp has been through.

Camp Runoia will survive this pandemic and carry on. Although hand shaking might be a thing of the past, Runoia cheers and songs will continue on forever. We know that no matter what happens this summer, the summer of 2021 will be unbelievable with our 115<sup>th</sup> camp season and our alumnae gathering at camp August 13-15, 2021.

For now, we look forward to things getting back to some semblance of normalcy and the images of camp come to life this summer.

With love from camp. *Aionur*

