

ICFC



Back Bay Bilge

(Or, what's around the point in the Back Bay?)

From Dan & Nancy Abramson:

Dan, Nancy and Daniel are counting the days until summer. Robert is counting the days until September when he starts kindergarten, much to his mom's distress☹. Our summer will kick-off Memorial Day weekend with a very special memorial for Nancy's grandmother, Eleanor Heath. We will scatter some of Eleanor's and Bob's ashes around Hedonia, their much-loved farm in Picayune, Mississippi. Most of the Heath clan, which includes 42 children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and spouses, will be together for the first time in 13 years. The 4 Abramson's will be in camp the last weekend in July through the first weekend in August. We look forward to relaxing and playing with family and friends.

From Joe & Kathy Alexander:

Kathy and I have had a very busy month of April. On April 11th we flew to Israel with a church group and toured the Holy Lands for 9 days. We had a wonderful time. We no sooner returned and we were off to King of Prussia last weekend for my 50th High School reunion at Valley Forge Military Academy. We hope for a quiet May.

From Peter & Cynthia Amerman:

Cynthia will take Lyn's daughter Sofia to Trieste to spend June and July in Italy with her dad and family, then will join Peter in Rome to spend a couple of weeks traveling by Eurail. Before coming back to the US, Cindy will fly to Norway as ALDA's delegate to the International Federation of Hard of Hearing People World Congress in Bergen—those Scott travel genes rise to the surface especially during the summer.

Lyn and Sofi will be coming to Iron City the first week in August, and we will join them there, we hope with Alex. As I write, Alex is in Washington, DC working with Casey Kelbaugh on the Slideluck Potshow, artists' dinner event. Alex edited a book for a friend this year that Barnes and Noble has decided to market nationwide.

Peter and I are sorry to miss seeing our Iron City Elders group in July. We hope some of you will return in August.

From Duncan & Janet Anderson:

The Duncan Anderson family has had a very busy year! Kristen has enjoyed living in New York City, with frequent trips to Baltimore to work on a major business intelligence project she is managing. Courtney has just finished a wonderful freshman year at Hamilton College where she was successful academically, joined a sorority, volunteered weekly teaching English to refugees in a nearby town, and participated in various athletic pursuits. Duncan and Janet worked hard, and played hard! Business is doing well, and vacations were fabulous: Sony Erickson tennis tournament in Miami, sailing trip to British Virgin Islands followed by a stay at Caneel Bay on St. John, and a wonderful Christmas week on the Keys. Look forward to seeing everyone at camp July 30 through August 5.

From Lainey Anderson:

I spent almost all the year doing rehab on my shoulder, hand and now hip. One of the joys of getting old. I did manage to attend a 47th year reunion in Leysin, Switzerland. I was a ski bum in my youth. We had old friends from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, England and Holland. It was a bunch of 60 year olds partying like it was the 60's. Like ICFC, the friendships made back then still remain strong.

From Manly & Cathie Applegate:

A.J. Applegate is the newest member of the Applegate clan joining his parents, Amos, Mary and 5-year old brother, Alfred on April 11th. Manly, Cathie, Sam and Oscar are looking forward to arriving in camp on June 30th to celebrate both Canada Day and Fourth of July.

From Dick Boak & Susan Ellis:

Dick Boak and Susan Ellis with daughters Emily and Grace will be breaking away from a crazy schedule in late June and early August for a much needed escape to ICFC. Dick's been traveling with an assortment of guitarists doing presentations called The Evolution of the American Guitar. Pittsburgh people should look for him at the Carnegie Science Center for two shows on Saturday and Sunday, August 25th and 26th. Susan is working full time and going for her master's degree, both at Lehigh University. Grace is playing a lot of trombone as she heads to 9th grade at Nazareth High School. Emily has been rowing hard on Blair's crew team and has applied for a summer job as a tour guide at The Martin Guitar Company. Hopefully she'll get it. She is headed into her senior year at Blair and seriously looking at college options. Rah rah ray!

From Braden & Monica Boucek:

We are settling into life in Nashville again, Braden's job is going well at the US Attorney's office. We are about to remodel our kitchen (new cabinets arrived today). We have joined a church called Grace Presbyterian and are really enjoying being back in Nashville. Our IC dates are most likely August 5-11.

From Ted & Darcy Branch:

Darcy & Ted will be up Memorial Day weekend. Ted's mom will join us for a few weeks at the beginning of camp. She is looking forward to more enduro-paddling so talk to her at breakfast if you want to go kayaking. Kelsey opted not to return to Staffland as she will be a counselor at Camp Seneca Lake in August. Riley will be up as work allows.

From Bob & Tracy Bushkoff:

The Bushkoff family will be heading up to camp July 14-July 24 and are excited about spending some quality time together on the bay. All is well in the Bushkoff household. Tracy is getting ready to walk in the 40 mile Avon 2 day walk to raise money and awareness to cure breast cancer. She has her walking shoes on and is ready to go. Jessie is busy finishing up 9th grade and her first year on the high school tennis team. Becca is finishing up sixth grade, playing soccer and really having a great time. Me, just working hard, cuttin' the grass and playing some hockey. We are looking forward to seeing folks in camp this summer. Best to all.

From Ben & Sharon Chapple

The Texas Chapple's are all great! Caitlin is living and working in Boulder, Colorado and still loving it. Bennett is finishing up his second year at Hendrix College, loving it as well. Ben and I entertain ourselves with tennis and golf. We look forward to ICFC in early August!

From Todd & Kathy Chapple:

Henry & Hannah will be on the staff this summer and can't wait to spend the summer on the bay together. Will (12) is the sweeper and defensive captain of his soccer team and preparing to graduate from elementary school. Oliver is playing flag football and last weekend won the coach's "hustle" award. And, as I write this update Oliver is celebrating his 9th birthday. The skiing was a big bummer in Colorado this winter, so for spring break we drove to Sandy, Utah and spent several days skiing and snowcatting around Alta with Rip, Cathy, and Megan Collins. It was so great to connect with ICFC friends during the winter!

We are planning on being in ICFC twice this summer. We arrive for Stay#1 around June 25th, departing on July 5th. Kathy's parents (Pat & Dick McGowan) will be coming to camp for the first time! Stay #2 spans the last two weeks of July. We look forward to seeing some of the record breaking number of new members, new babies, and newlyweds on the boardwalk this summer.

From Rip & Cathy Collins:

Our empty nesting days have come to an end ;(. Jen had to take a medical leave from college and have major neck surgery. She is recuperating and feeling stronger every day. She will be back in shape for Megan's graduation from University of Colorado on May 11th. The girls are going to Israel for 2 weeks in June and both Rip and I hope to meet them there for 10 days or so.

We will be coming to camp from July 9th - 31st. Can't wait to see everyone.
Rah Rah Ray.....

From Frank & Polly Coyle:

Frank and I will be in camp for the opening and then again for about three weeks starting the end of July. We will not see Joss at ICFC this summer because (and this is our BIG NEWS) she is having a baby the first week of September!! Pat and Maria's plans have yet to gel, but there should be a good showing of Martins the first week of August.

From Chip & Michel Crawford:

Chip will be in camp for a few days in early May, then either side of Memorial Day with Michel. We return for a week prior to camp opening, then for a couple of weeks in July with Shannon, Mira and an assortment of Strickers. Chip was a participant of Winterfest IX with Fred and Jay Crawford, Dylan Walker, Gregg Scott and Reece Jenkins. Prior to arrival at IC (snow shoe in from Moon River Marina) we enjoyed a Dog Sledding adventure south of Coldwater. The bay weather was warmer than the 8 prior Winterfests with open water showing between large areas of glare ice. In addition to snow shoeing we cross-country skied around camp and Reece took some spectacular videos with a camera strapped to his snow mobile helmet. Check out photos of the Winterfest IX on the ICFC web-site. See you on the bay!

From Fred & Sophia Crawford:

Fred and Sophia Crawford will be there for two to three weeks in August; David and Alis hope to join them; we're looking forward to seeing all our friends on the Bay.

From Scott & Marshall Creighton:

We are looking forward to being in camp, probably the last week of July, with all four of our children - the first time in several years that we have been able to accomplish that feat! Rah! Rah! Ray!

From Katryn Fritz:

The Fritz family will be at IC over the July 4 holiday week. All is well with the Philly group. David just finished another grueling tax season. He and his mom are looking forward to a great Memorial Day weekend on-the-Bay.

From George & Wendy Galleher:

Our most important news is that our family has grown by 2 since last summer. Lauren and Bill are having such fun with Will (William Miles Mulcahy) who was born on 10/28/11. Bill has just accepted the position as head of lower school at Fairfield Country Day School in Fairfield CT so they will be moving there around July 1st. They will be at IC the first full week in August. They are excited about this new adventure and being closer to many IC friends, i.e. Jay and Tina, the Coyle's, etc. George and I just returned from Sydney where we went to welcome Porter Crawford Williams who was born on March 16th. Reid tells everyone that Porter is HIS baby and that he is a "gift"! We hope that Porter survives Reid's attention!! Unfortunately they will not be able to join us at IC this summer. George and I will be there in late July for a couple of weeks and then back for Labor Day

From Jack & Russell Huber:

We are looking forward to being in camp over Memorial Day, at the beginning of camp in June through July 11 and then back August 6 until camp closes. It is feeling like summer in Atlanta and the cool breeze and waters of the Bay are calling. We enjoyed the visit of Eric Williams and Cynnie Rampelberg with Mary Ellen and Lee Alexander to come see our paintings exhibited at the High Museum this past fall. It was a great treat to see Iron City folks in Atlanta and also in Hanover, NH last summer while the exhibit was at the Hood Museum. Our "most excellent adventure" concluded in December when the paintings returned home.

Brian, Leslie and the boys will be in camp August 1-11, and we anticipate a lot of time fishing and kayaking with the boys.

From Jaime & Misse Hugessen:

The Hugessen family is all well and looking forward to a great summer at Iron City. Richard is especially excited to be on staff again this summer. All of our boys have been growing like weeds. Both Richard and Jeffrey are now taller than Jaime, and Michael is quickly closing in on me. All have been active on sports teams and keeping up with friends and homework.

Jaime and I are taking Michael to Iceland the first week of July! After that we look forward to a few weekends (hopefully long ones) at camp.

We are all so very lucky to have a special place like Iron City. As each year passes I am more and more grateful to belong to such a wonderful community. We look forward to being with all of you.

From Bill & Mary Clare Jenks:

We leave next week for the west coast for the first of three graduations for our grandchildren. The one at U of PUGET SOUND is the first, followed by one in Colorado Springs and then Clare Bogart in Ottawa Hills, Ohio. Bill and I plan to be at our cottage on June 16 accompanied by Ben Bogart who will be working again. We are looking forward to getting back to the Bay and all the ICFC people over the summer.

From Reece Jenkins

I relocated from Moscow at the end of last summer to Jackson, Wyoming for a 12 month adventure sabbatical. I participated in a successful expedition to Mt. Vinson in Antarctica in December and am currently preparing for a Denali expedition in Alaska in June/July. A major highlight of the year was the ability to join the Winterfest team in marching across the ice from Woods Bay to camp this winter. Am planning to be in camp the first 10 days of August, then I will be heading to Tokyo to get back to work with Ernst & Young Japan in September.

From Wally & Laura Jenkins:

If you read our Bilge entries from the last few years, not a lot has changed except for the fact that we're all a year older. Lilly (9) has had a terrific third grade year, while Kate (7) continues to impress as she completes first grade. Both girls are at O'Hara Elementary in the Fox Chapel Area School District. The girls' activities remain the same. Lilly is focused on horseback riding and softball, while Kate...well, we're still searching. All of us are looking forward to the summer, which will include trips to ICFC, Rehoboth Beach and Maine, along with a couple camp experiences. This will be our July year at Iron City as according to the Jenkins Family calendar, and we plan to join Wally's parents during the last couple weeks of the month, or thereabouts.

Speaking of Wally's parents, the big news in our family was the celebration of A.J. and Paul's 80th birthdays on April 12 and April 14, respectfully. They received many cards and well wishes from friends and family far and wide, including from many Iron City campers. The birthday celebration culminated with a private dinner on Mt. Washington with Laura, Wally, Ted, Davis, Marten and Gail. This site was chosen not only because of its fabulous view of downtown Pittsburgh, but its proximity to Chatham Village where dad was the first newborn inhabitant soon after it opened in 1932 (one of his many claims to fame). The special treat – for Mom especially – occurred the next morning as we were together again for worship at “First Church”; i.e. First United Methodist Church of Pittsburgh. Mom made sure that “Blessed Assurance” was on the hymn list. And with the Lord's blessed assurance, we look forward to seeing you on the Bay this summer!

[Editors' Note: We were so sad to hear of Paul Jenkins' death shortly before this newsletter went to "print". I know all of Iron City joins me in sending condolences to the Jenkins family.]

From Gary & Kathy Johnson:

We are looking forward to a few great trips to IC this summer starting with Memorial Day. We expect to be there for the opening of the season at the end of June and again for a few weeks in August. With some luck maybe Ben and Alex will be able to join us on one of those trips. Kathy and I had a delightfully snow free winter here in Boston. We took a few trips including one to Santa Fe and one to the mid Atlantic region.

Alex continues to live and work in Geneva, New York and is anticipating graduate school in 2014. Ben is hard at work at BU in his graduate studies in advertising and is looking forward to his internship program this summer. See everyone in late June.

From Sarah Keenlyside:

I'll be spending the summer directing the second season of a travel show called *Ship 2 Shore*, and with luck, lots of trips to the bay! I'm also working with Casey Kelbaugh to present the third edition of his Slideluck Potshow photography event in Toronto on August 1st. It would be great to see some ICFC faces there!

From Don & Lorraine Lawson

Lorraine & Donald Lawson are still refining their dates, but at the moment it looks like we will arrive in Camp on Thursday, July 5 and stay at least until Friday, July 20. As usual, Lorraine will have golf engagements on the 9th and 10th of July. Once we know Paul and Alice-Jane's schedule we will be better able to firm dates. We are still flexible on both ends of the July dates. We will then return to Camp on Wednesday, August 1st for the Adult dinner, and stay for most, if not all, of the rest of Camp.

From Nate & Nicki Lusk:

We've had a very busy and fun first year of married life. In November we took our belated honeymoon to Japan which was amazing. In March Nikki had a work trip to Switzerland so Nate flew out and we enjoyed a few days of skiing in the Alps and then a trip to Barcelona. We also had a great visit to Wilson, NC to see the Stronach's earlier this year.

Nate started a new job a couple months ago and he loves it.

We can't wait to get up to Iron City. We'll be there August 4-12 and Labor Day weekend - we look forward to seeing everyone!

From Betsy Martin:

By the time you read this, I will be on my way to my 65th reunion at Wellesley College with my freshman room-mate and we will be housed in the same dorm where we lived in our undergraduate years. We will have a pre-reunion with another classmate who lives in a large farmhouse in the mountains of New Hampshire. Alas this takes place at the same time as the Memorial Day gathering at Iron City which I hate to miss. However, I will be going before camp opens with son, Peter, and grandson, Ethan, who will be a waiter this summer.

HAPPY CANADA!

From David & Karen Mills:

We had an interesting and hectic year after camp closing last summer. Our home in Chile felt like something of a hotel with a sculpture student in residence for three months followed by our family gathering for Christmas/New Years with friends from Iron City and Vancouver. Jordan was busy building a studio for his furniture design business and David was getting ready for the adventure of a lifetime - embedded as a member of the support team for the Tamarugal Honda Chile entry in the prestigious and dangerous Dakar Rally.

He followed the Honda Chile team for three weeks in January as they journeyed almost 10,000 kilometers through Argentina, Chile and Peru. I was able to join the team for the finale in Lima Peru and had the singular pleasure of being cheered by hundreds of thousands of fans that lined the route and surrounded the plaza for the awards. David wrote a wonderful blog (afinechaos.ca) and now has a following of motorcycle and racing enthusiasts around the globe. He is well into writing a book about the experience - one which I hope he will repeat next year.

In March Jordan exhibited two pieces (benches of wood and steel) at the national museum in Santiago (the Museo de Bellas Artes). The Director immediately asked if they could "keep" them for their collection. While the show was up, we had the pleasure of meeting friends of Barbara Wright who were visiting Chile. We visited a prestigious local gallery with them and the final upshot was that Jordan has been commissioned to design works for the gallery.

Ben has been very busy working in public art and is becoming the new media and digital art expert of the firm. In May he will be in New York attending the Frieze Art Fair.

Sarah just completed a short film on the wonderful American artist Vito Acconci (which went up two days ago and which is apparently going viral). Her firm, Inkblot Media is now the leading art film firm in Canada.

As for Iron City- we want to be in camp as soon and as much as possible. August is targeted for a longer stay.

From Jordan Mills:

My boutique furniture workshop in Santiago is doing quite well. I've recently designed for the Ritz Carlton and am now part of the collection of the national fine arts museum of Chile. My work can be seen at www.jmkmills.com or www.facebook.com/jmkmills

All of the pieces use storm-fallen woods, obtained from salvaged trees and sustainable sources. See you on the bay this summer!

From David & Sue Anne Morrow:

The Morrows are all looking forward to the arrival of Sam and Victoria's baby at the end of June; and then gathering in Ligonier to celebrate Gran's 90th birthday in mid July and on the Bay in mid August. David has acquired a 1962 Land Rover that he is restoring. He also helping a friend restore an old barn in Kingston. Sue Anne continues to teach and chaplain at Lawrenceville.

From Susan Kinnear Nuel:

Stacy is about to return home after a semester studying in Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia with The Traveling School (16 girls, 4 teachers and large backpacks with all their course materials and a limited amount of clothes). Stacy is looking forward to working on staff for her second summer. She will attend St. Paul's School in the fall.

Stephanie is finishing her first year at Williams College. She is majoring in Math and is on the Williams Rowing Team and loves everything about Williams.

I am keeping myself busy doing publishing projects for various organizations in our area, most currently the Madison YMCA. I visited Stacy in Peru last month on a parent trip that consisted of eight moms and one dad. We met up with the girls in Cusco, Peru, did a bit of sightseeing, went to classes and then hiked the Inca Trail, a four day adventure that included making it over a 14,000' pass. I had done the hike 25 years ago but for some reason it was harder this time. Can't figure that out.

From Kent & Amy Patton:

The Patton's have had a year of many transitions. Jed graduates in June from the University of Oregon with a degree in Human Physiology and plans to take a year off to teach in Spain with his girlfriend before starting graduate school for Physical Therapy. Katie arrived back from her year in Ecuador and started college at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma Washington in the International Honors Program. She enjoyed playing #3 doubles for the PLU tennis team. Lilli finishes middle school this year and is excited about her next 4 years at Ashland High School. Amy and Kent keep busy with a number of endeavors and look forward to seeing friends and relaxing on the bay this summer. We'll be in camp June 30-July 10 for the Swink/Miller/Johnson/Sager reunion.

From Bryan & Aubrey Phillips:

Jack is looking forward to working on staff this summer. He's taking a lifeguarding course this spring in preparation for the swim dock.

Aubrey & Bryan will be in camp at the opening as part of his drop-off, and then back again with Carly & Liza around the Semi-Annual meeting in August with our friends Dee & Scott Childs and their kids. The Childs are up for membership this cycle, so we encourage everyone who hasn't met them over the past 5 years to please make an effort to do so. We believe they'll be great additions to the Club.

Can't wait to get up to the Bay!

From Richard & Cary Reed:

Dear Iron City,

Here is a brief update on the Reeds: Bennett and Rosy moved to Pittsburgh in December and will be moving into their new home in mid-May. Bennett is working as a lawyer for Reed, Smith and Rosy is a program manager in the Empowering Effective Teacher Program at the Pittsburgh City Schools. Carly moved to Pisa, Italy in January to earn her PhD in Politics, Human Rights and Sustainability. Mac passed his PA Insurance Exam and completed the training program in Pittsburgh at Northwestern Mutual Insurance. Nevertheless, he has decided to seek other employment opportunities. We are still in the midst of making the transition from Wilkins Avenue to our townhouse on Schenley Road. We hope to make the move early this summer. Our Iron City plans include a week at the beginning of camp with another 2 weeks in early August. Bennett and Rosy do not plan to make it up this summer, but both Mac and Carly expect to be there in August. Hope you have all had a good winter and are looking forward to time in camp this summer. Happy Canada, Cary and Richard

From Alex & Cris Scott:

We hope to be out in full force in early August with Allie, Joe and kids, Carrie and Kevin, David and Will, Cris and Alex. Cris and Alex will also be up in early July, with the plan for an out of season visit in Sept. Good news is that we expect another grandchild in Oct. to go along with the ICFC population explosion. It looks like the 2026 and 2027 staff is full already!

From Jenny Scott:

I do not think I will be in ICFC over Memorial weekend. I hope to be there in July when Jake is there. I am planning to cruise the Baltic and play golf in June. Hope for good weather. I will be there for Labor Day weekend with my brother Tucker and maybe some of his children.

From Monty Scott & Brian Pinter:

Brian and I will be in camp July 13-22 with some dear friends the Siebers who came to camp about 25 years ago after just getting married. Had a great visit with the Rip and Cathy Collins in March and were lucky enough to overlap with John, Lisie and Diehl Sillers for some fun Utah skiing.

We had a marginal winter in Pittsburgh this year compared to the last few but managed to have a lot of fun weekends at our little local resort with mom, Brian and three dogs every weekend. We had an unexpected snow storm of over 15 inches late in April which allowed the ski area to open again after being closed for over a month. It was only one day but a fun one. Look forward to getting to ICFC this summer.

From Rob Scott:

We have very exciting news. My daughter Joanie, her husband Warren Maxwell, and daughter Coco welcomed into the family Samantha Joan Maxwell on September 21, 2012 and are expecting another addition on or about October 3. For this summer, I will be in camp for training of staff and opening as well as the usual peak week time with Kate Scott.

From John & Lisie Sillers:

We are recovering from a pretty rough fall and are happy to say that Dad, Jake Brown, will be heading to Iron City this summer when camp opens on June 27; and will be there with Lisie and young Jake until July 3. He is excited to be back after missing a couple of summers. Anna graduates from Mt. Holyoke College on May 18 and the entire Sillers clan, including Ginny and Don, will be traveling to see her graduate. Arthur has completed his freshmen year at Reed College in Portland and Diehl is finishing his sophomore year in high school. He is looking forward to waiting this summer in Iron City -- he has been counting the days since August 2011. We had the chance to ski with Cathy and Rip Collins and Monty Scott in February in Utah and skied with Mary Ann and Andy Martin in Colorado in March. We are looking forward to our trek to Iron City on July 27th. We will be there with Chris Boit and his boys, along with Jake and Lori and their kids.

From Wally & Tallie Sloan:

Wally and Tallie Sloan expect to certainly be the first campers to visit ICFC this year. (It's our job) We tried for the week of April 23, but Moon River Marine advised against putting our boat in, since nighttime temperatures were forecast to be -4 to -8C. Boat engines freezing are not our cup-o-tea. So, we will (have been) there May 1. Then again over Memorial Day.....

OH WAIT - Did we tell you we have the most beautiful granddaughter ever born on the face of the earth? Somewhat biased, I suppose, would the rest of you consider that statement, as grand children are sprouting everywhere - All Hail, All Hail - what a fantastic future awaits our dear club. Stay tuned for a song about Ellis McKee.....

I digress, as always. Tallie and I will make 3-4 trips during the season - for opening, maybe July 4, and certainly early August, then late August, then early September, then late.....the Gregoires will probably have to kick us out again in the fall.

Kids will be with us at various times - please feel free to contact them directly.
See you on the boardwalk!

Addendum.....

Tallie and I now know that there are a few good reasons NOT to go to ICFC the first week of May – cold weather, storms, power outages, and black flies, just to name a few.

We hopefully so badly offended the bugs that they will be gone for the rest of you by Memorial Day!

From Stewart & Hilde Steffey:

Happy Canada to all from the Steffey family. We have some exciting new happenings starting with the birth of Anna Roby Vinton on February 16th. Nate and Liz are settling into their new routine with the little one in Brooklyn, NY. Ty and Joanna are engaged! They are to wed over Columbus Day weekend in Maine next fall. Katherine reports that she's thrilled about moving back to the Triform community (Farm View House) where she is living with two familiar house parents, Meg and Martin. Beth returns to Boston after spending two weeks looking after Anna while Liz transitioned back to work. In her absence, Nick spent some quality time with his other granddaughter, Eliza, who will turn 1 May 17th. We all hope to be in Iron City in some form or fashion around the end of July.

From George & Anne Stronach:

We have had a mostly pleasant year - beautiful time in Islamorada for part of it. We took what was probably our last trip to Disney World with our last group of grandchildren - what a fun trip. Mother's death dominates my thoughts as I write this. We were fortunate that all five of her children were together and with her for awhile. We plan to scatter some of her ashes, along with Daddy's, at Iron City this summer as they wanted us to do. All of you who have written or called any of the five of us - thank you!

Our Iron City plans are to be in camp towards the end of June for a week or so, and then return in late July/early August while our children are there.

From Jay & Darcy Turner:

Darcy will be at Iron City with the kids, Cole (5) and Liam (2), at the start of the season this year, from June 27th-July 4th. Unfortunately Jay won't be able to make it up this summer. We are expecting baby #3 in August and are excited to have one last getaway before the little one's arrival. My parents' will be in camp with us too, and Lindsay and Matt with Teddy. Otherwise the big news in our house is that Darcy just finished nurse practitioner school and Jay's book will be out in print this month: *The Promise of Wilderness: American Environmental Politics since 1964*.

From Matt & Lindsay Weissberg:

Lindsay, Matt and Teddy Weissberg will be in camp July 1-7 this year. We have a baby due in late summer, and for this reason won't make our usual trip north in August. We are looking forward to a relaxing time in Iron City before another baby shakes things up again!

From Eric Williams:

The Williams family is celebrating many events this summer that will affect our normal Iron City Summer. Darcy & Lindsay are both pregnant with babies that are due in late July & late August. I will let Tim & Susie describe the resulting changes in their summer plans.

Tucker & Veronica are getting married in Seattle on July 21. Many of us will be in Seattle for the ceremony. Tucker & Veronica plan to start their Honeymoon on the Empire Builder, a train between Seattle & Chicago. As they must be back at work in Washington DC by Monday, July 30, their plans when they reach Chicago are secret or undetermined.

Bob Sawin has informed me that due to the wedding, he does not plan to come to Iron City this Summer. Devon and her significant other, Daniel have not decided what their plans are this summer.

With that background, I can give you my summer schedule. Currently, I plan to arrive at Iron City on Sunday, June 24 or Monday, June 25. On Tuesday, June 26, I plan to have a steak fry party for those in Camp that are 50 or older. Sorry, I must draw the line somewhere. Around July 11, I will head home to Pittsburgh to prepare for my trip to Seattle for the wedding. I am planning to return to Camp on probably Monday, July 30. When will I leave for the summer? Frankly, I do not know! Mike Winn and I are taking a cruise to the Fjords of Norway and Sweden on June 2 for 10 days.

Other news: Steve is moving again to the UPMC Senior Living at Lighthouse Point. It is located in O'Hara Township on the Allegheny River near the Waterworks Mall.

From David & Barbara Wright:

All branches of the Wright family are looking forward to being together in early August. Nikki and Nate Lusk are bringing Nate's dad Charlie - we hope he isn't as effective a fisherman as Nate is! Dave and Lisa Wright are coming with their girls. Katie is eager to see all her cousins and friends on the boardwalk and Allie anticipates being one of the screaming babies in the dining hall. We so look forward to being with all of our cousins in the Heath-Wright-Sillers clans. If the weather co-operates it will be another perfect summer on Georgian Bay!

From the Schroeder family:

We hope to see many of our ICFC family and friends in mid-July when we return for our annual summer stay! The year has been punctuated with highs and lows - such is life!

My Mom, Betty Flowers, passed away September 30 at the age of 89. Thankfully, I was able to be home in Ann Arbor in the weeks leading up to Mom's passing - we are grateful for Betty's life and for her strong spirit.

Maggie continues to bring joy to our lives with her Irish dancing - placing 6th in the December Southeast Region qualifying round for the World Championships in Belfast - which we traveled to in April. She made us (and her teacher proud)!

We had loads of fun touring Belfast and included a side trip to the village where my Mom is from (and where Mom and Dad married in 1944 during WWII). Mom's family grave-site enabled me to leave some ashes back where it all began for them - a pretty cool moment. A quick trip to London rounded out the adventure-tons of walking, our favorite hotel, shopping on Bond Street, high tea, the pubs and fabulous sights - including a tour of Westminster Abbey - it was a brilliant high point in our year!

Back on the home front, Maggie wraps up her senior year in high school and has chosen to attend Christopher Newport University in Virginia this fall! It's a wonderful school that has all the right boxes checked for everyone. She's excited to head off to college while Billy and I ponder the notion of, "the empty nest".... a bitter-sweet time. The real estate market is picking up for Billy which we are grateful for, plus the million and one other things he does to manage our hectic lives!

Our extended family is doing well - Nancy is busy volunteering with the Lioness Club; leading her book club and visiting her children, grandchildren and great granddaughter (Caroline - age 4, daughter of Melissa Diebold Ward and Carter Ward who recently moved Carter's dental practice to Winston-Salem). We look forward to our nephew, Jeffrey Diebold's, graduation and hooding ceremony for his Doctorate in Economics May 12 and spending time with family and friends.

We look forward to seeing all of you on the dock on our most favorite place on the Bay!

Important Information

ICFC Reservations:

Planning for over 5000 camper days and 15,000 meals is a monumental task. It is members' responsibility to communicate plans to Jim Beatty as soon as dates are known.

Here is the reservation form (while you are thinking about this):

[<http://www.icfc.net/Committees/MemberAndGuest/ReservationAndBillingForm.htm>]

You may make reservations by sending an email to ICFC@vianet.ca or by fax (1-705-375-0405)

ICFC Web-site Home Page:

In addition to the "headline" items which follow, the ICFC web-site is rich with information including the 2012 Events Calendar, currency exchange rates, new links to bay area associations, and more.

[www.icfc.net]

You will need the username and password which are on page 5 of the Yearbook.

Friendly Reminder: Canada is requiring lots of paperwork to cross the border, fish, and to operate a boat. Please be aware of the following:

Border Crossing / Passports: What date does your passport expire? If you are not sure, check your passport and those of family members TODAY to ensure their passports do not expire this summer. If the expiration date is before September, contact your local Post Office immediately and start the renewal process as soon as possible. It normally takes 4 to 6 weeks.

Passports are required for all border crossings from the US to Canada – ground or air.

[http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html]

Are you bringing up your kids but leaving a spouse at home? You will need a Notarized letter signed by your spouse giving you permission to bring your children across the border. Some Border Guards are lenient. Some are not. Make sure you are not turned away from the border.

Fishing License / Outdoor Card:

In addition to a fishing license, you also need an OUTDOOR CARD. You must have the card with you for a streamlined purchase of a fishing license. All necessary information, including an on-line purchase option, may be found in this web-site:

[http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/LetsFish/2ColumnSubPage/STEL02_165326.html]

Both the Outdoors Card and fishing license may be purchased by Florence Gregoire.

Boat Operator License / Card: Remember to bring to camp your Canada Operator's License as anyone operating a boat will need to provide it to any requesting Government official. Keep it in a safe place. It is good for life.

Waste and Re-cycling: Members are doing a better job separating recyclables and returnable bottles from general household waste. Even so the local regulations are stiff and the IC grounds staff must spend considerable time at the waste collection facility going through trash for further separation. Please follow the ICFC Waste Disposal Policy (in yearbook, bulletin boards and hard copies delivered to each cabin). A single roll of transparent plastic trash bags have been provided for each cabin courtesy of ICFC. Please be sure to replenish your supply. Transparent trash bags may be purchased at the ICFC Store.

Moon River Marine - Change in Operations: "Moon River Marine is no longer stocking grocery products or cigarettes. They will not be selling live bait (worms, leaches, etc). They are referring bait customers to George Grisdale who operates a shop further down the road, or via his dock on Woods Bay. They will continue to sell beer, wine and liquor via the LCBO agency license. They will maintain a cooler for individual beverages and a small selection of candy and small bag snacks (chips, etc.)."

ICFC Calendars: 2013 Iron City calendars will be available in the ICFC office this summer. Another 12 great pictures of Iron City and Georgian Bay can hang in your office and/or kitchen starting next January reminding you of the upcoming 2013 summer.

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