**ICFC**

**2020**



**Back Bay Bilge**

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

**Be it 2020 or 2021 when we are together in person, have faith…another summer’s coming.**

**From Nancy & Dan Abramson:**

When school closed “for 3 weeks” on March 13, we said we could quarantine for a bit and even cancel our spring break trip if we must, so long as we could have summer. Denial anyone? Fast forward to June - the DC area is just entering phase 1 and we’ve come to terms with cancelled summer trips, camps, tournaments, and Iron City. Daniel is especially sad to miss his second summer as a waiter, and now we get to figure out what to do with a 16-year old who is stuck at home all summer instead of having a grand adventure up North.

We are thankful to be healthy, employed, and live in a neighborhood with woodland walking trails and friendly neighbors. Our lab Patriot is in heaven – I think dogs had some part in this pandemic! With weekends no longer spent travelling to lacrosse games and shuttling boys to various activities, our yard has never looked better. (Can’t say the same for the house, though, with four of us working/schooling from home). Dan has undertaken some D-I-Y projects and Daniel & Robert have learned new skills like laundry and vacuuming. We are hopeful that they’ll master the complex task of putting dishes in the dishwasher soon. Nancy is enjoying outdoor tennis and gardening, but is tired of feeding 3 males (2 teenagers!) who are home and hungry 24/7. I will never complain about evening activities preventing us from having family dinners again!

If camp opens, we’ll be there late July/early August. We pray that by next summer this will all be a memory and we will share our “Coronacation” stories in person. Blessings to everyone!

**From Mary Ellen & Lee Alexander:**

The Lee Alexander clan is doing well.  However, we don't have plans for being on the bay this summer.  It is just another sign of how things are at this time and we hope and pray that "this too shall pass".

**From Cindy & Peter Amerman:**

Peter and I have been getting itchy to get out of "the oven" that is Tucson in the summer time. We may go to Tupper Lake for a while, but we aren't planning an Iron City trip this year. We're at high risk for the virus, and don't want to possibly endanger others or burden Canadian health systems. We hope that we'll be able to go next year and send love and best wishes to all for your continued good health and safety.

**From Cynnie Anderson & Jerry Rampelberg:**

Since Iron City, our life started out as a bang…. And turned into a whimper!! As always, we had a great time at ICFC in 2019, staying over 46 days each. We left camp to visit a friend’s family camp in Acadia National Park. Fantastic place. Upon returning we went to Palm Desert for a week with friends. Then up to Bremerton, Washington for a Rampelberg Reunion. Fun catching up with everyone. Back home only to leave by train (thanks Bobby R) to take a two-night trip to New Orleans for a week visit and to catch up with Kathy and Gary Johnson. Gary is renovating an old public building into a beautiful 4 Seasons Hotel. They knew all the fabulous non tourist eateries for us to enjoy. Back to Pittsburgh for the annual meeting and all the fun that entails. Then on to Princeton, New Jersey for Thanksgiving with Cynnie’s sister Christine, which is always so much fun!

In 2020, after the New Year we went to Anna Maria Island in Florida for 10 days. Then down to Baja, Mexico for an all-inclusive resort with 5 couples. It was superb in every way. Next we went down to Palm Desert for a short visit. A few days later we flew to south Florida to visit friends in Marco Island and Naples. Heading back north we stopped in Long Boat Key for a short visit with Chris and Alex Scott in their beautiful waterfront home. We returned home on March 11 to self-quarantine ourselves for two weeks. Shortly after that, our Governor put the state on SIP (shelter-in-place) starting 3/17 and which we are still doing it now…Staying at home and safe was a fine option after being away Jan and Feb. ICFC looks doubtful this summer. We had looked forward to coming to ICFC in and out of season but probably not this summer. We miss our ICFC family. Love to all………………RAH-RAH-RAY

**From Lainey Anderson:**

I took my annual 3-week tour visiting friends in UK. I spent time in Wimblington near Cambridge visiting Jan in her crumbling old house, built circa 1880. Amazing that I have been watching her drag it into 21st century. Then down to Canterbury for a day to see a friend who was dying…she’s doing fine. From there down to Seaford in Sussex…just missed the death of this friend’s dog. Continuing my tour of the English south coast on to Wareham, Dorset. I have had all these friends for over 50 years (yes, I am old). I can’t believe this might be the first time in 50 years that I am not in either the UK or Canada during the summer. The ONLY good thing about this pandemic is that thanks to FaceTime and Zoom (thanks Kathy J), I have been able to keep in touch wit friends worldwide and get updates on how they and their countries are doing. I look forward to seeing everyone next summer. Hopefully I will have lost confinement weight by then.

**From Robin & David Anderson:**

I have a hard time remembering anything before March 15, when we returned home from a visit to my dad in Greenwich and haven’t left since, other than the basics. It has felt like: a retreat,  a contest to use the time most wisely,  spending time on a telephone like the old days, missing family visits, missing church, a daily frustration at not having sports to pay attention to, a chance to stare out the window at the back yard pond for much of the day. Before all this happened, life was not so different for us. The difference has been how much plan-making affects our daily life, and the shift in perspective has been profound, and does lead to staring out the window. When we do, we are engrossed by the birds, and when a bullfrog moved into our pond it was the biggest news ever! Until he moved out, but then came tree frogs and tadpoles, a thrill a minute. We also are visiting more state parks and preserves than ever before.

In the fall we were making plans for Bruce and Alison’s wedding, and expecting to be in camp 4 times! We are still hoping to get there, if at all possible. Bruce and Alison will be married as planned on July 11, with Alison’s parents and hopefully David and me there. We are so happy for them both, there will be many chances to celebrate. Lisa and Jeff, Owen and Felix, are now residents of Mobile, Alabama; they moved one month before the quarantine. She is at the University of South Alabama, working online these days.  Owen and Felix spent exactly two weeks in their new schools; they enjoy homeschooling, as do Jeff and Lisa.

David and I send our best to everyone, and look forward to being together when the Lord provides.

**From Christine & David Bennett:**

No coronavirus stories here -- just a shared case of cabin fever, without being able to share and without the cabin.  Stewart and Megan are in Pittsburgh, mostly working from home.   Fortunately, the lengthy house renovations were completed around the time of their wedding last June.  We have had the opportunity to sample some of their delicious carrot cake and home brew beer -- exchanged in a contact-less transaction, of course.  John and Victoria are in Lexington, KY, near her family, and also working from home.  Homeowner projects have focused on the outdoors, with trees to remove and lawn to nurture.  In the age-old dichotomy between dogs and cats, they are decidedly dog-people.  And Hallie.  Well, last December Hallie took a short-term (13 week) Physical Therapy contract in Hilo, on the Big Island of Hawaii, and convinced Erin Heath to sign-on for ICU Nursing in the same hospital.  Travel restrictions extended their assignments, and they hope to return to the mainland sometime in June.  Tough, getting stuck in Hawaii.

Christine and I are disappointed to see our chances to be in Iron City fading for this summer.  If the fates (and Provincial Government) allow, we will try to visit briefly at the end of July.  Everyone is safe and well.  We have much to be grateful for.

**From Nan & Andy Bennett:**

So far the Andy Bennetts are healthy and safe, and still in disbelief over this crazy pandemic period.  Harper was forced to finish her junior year at University of Richmond from home, and now her PNC summer internship will be remote as well.  Obviously a little disappointing.  Parker has been able to work remotely from Pittsburgh even though his job is as a staffer for a US Congressman in DC.  They may not feel quite the same, but Nan and I have enjoyed having them home.  Sanders' job is with the Atlantic Media Group in DC and they are working remotely as well.  She was home for a couple weeks in late March, but had to head back to DC to move into a new apartment on April 1st.  Apparently landlords don't care a lot about the pandemic as it relates to leases.  She decided to stay in DC, but does admit that the apartment is starting to feel a little small.  
  
Nan and my businesses have remained open through this pandemic so we keep going to work every day, albeit at reduced activity levels.  It does seem a bit surreal as most friends are all working from home and locked down with their families.  Things may start to change as the PA Governor moved Allegheny County (Pittsburgh) from the red to the yellow phase yesterday.  We will have to see how the new norm will look as we move forward.  
  
We still have hopes that we will be able to be on the Bay this summer, but time will tell.  If Canada and ICFC are able to be open this summer we plan to be there the first week of August.

**From Susan Ellis & Dick Boak:**

Dick Boak has tried to keep busy during the pandemic working on Mario Andretti’s Photo and Video Archives, and the publication of his new book: “ink – the illustrative art of dick boak.” It will be a perfect bound signed and numbered limited edition of 1000 books. There are of course a few Iron City related drawings inside. If anyone is interested, the book can be ordered online at [www.dickboak.com/books](http://www.dickboak.com/books).

Susan Ellis continues her work as the Executive Director of the Moravian Historical Society, managing an18th century historic site and museum. She authored a book published by Arcadia Press about the history of Nazareth. It is available at <https://moravianhistoricalsociety.square.site/>. Proceeds support the non-profit museum.

Emily Boak completed her Master of Arts degree in Anthropology from the University of Calgary. She is working at the Northern Life Museum & Cultural Centre in Fort Smith (gateway to Wood Buffalo National Park) way up in the Northwest Territories of Canada. Grace Boak graduated with honors from Lehigh University with a BA in English with a minor in Film Studies. Her recent creative work can be seen at [www.graceboak.com](http://www.graceboak.com/).

**From Allie & Joe Bonidy:**

The Bonidy family is doing well, and all are healthy and happy. We plan to go up to Iron City the last few days of July and stay thru the first week of August. We are hoping that some restrictions will be lifted by then! We hope to see many of our friends while we are there!

**From Monica & Braden Boucek:**

All is well in Nashville; we were spared by the tornadoes and have been quarantining like champs! Shepherd and Gracie worked hard to finish off the school year from home. We are anxious for a return to normal and a chance to connect with all of our ICFC friends and family!

**From Tricia & Heath Boucek:**

Heath & Tricia are enjoying their extra home time with Tindall Rae! She is excited to become a big sister as we are expecting another little girl this September!

**From Darcy & Ted Branch:**

We are easing up from a few months of isolation but never felt isolated.  Kelsey and Katie joined us until recently and my Mom lives next door, so we’ve had lots of games, puzzling, cards, binge watching and an occasional cocktail.  Riley and Jake got a pandemic puppy named Phil.  Phil is a mix of Portuguese water dog & poodle so he is cute and very trainable.  We visited Wally World in mid-May and took a ceremonial plunge in the recently opened pool in lieu of our usual Memorial Day swims at Iron City.  We also visited Darcy’s mom at Longwood.  She is doing well and looking forward to visits without masks and social distancing.  We’ll be seeing the Schroeder’s and the O’Neals for a week in the Outer Banks in early June in an effort to keep the ICFC spirit alive until the border opens.

**From Tracy & Bob Bushkoff:**

The Bushkoff family is doing well considering the tumultuous times. Tracy and I are working from home and getting along well (surprise!). Tracy has become the Zoom queen, “seeing” clients and teaching class remotely. The big news in our family is that Becca is transferring from UTK to American University in the fall. We are very excited to have her back in the DC area. Jessie is making do. She has had this virus chase her all across the globe. She was in China in January, South Korea and Japan in February and back home the first of March. She stayed ahead of the mess and then, boom it was lock down time in the states. She is going a bit stir crazy as all her work plans have been put on hold due to the virus, and is catching up on her reading.

Although we will miss this summer on the Bay, we are fortunate in that we have a place to escape to at Bethany Beach, Delaware. We will miss seeing all of our ICFC family this summer, but are thinking of the next time we will be dipping our toes into the Bay. Rah Rah Ray!!

**From Carly & Liam Carstens**

Liam and I welcomed Noreen (Nora) Carolyn Carstens into our family on Christmas morning. She is an absolute joy and we are grateful to be spending so much time with her. We stop by David and Emily Scott's house regularly to wave from a safe distance so the future friends (and lovebirds?) Petie and Nora can see each other. We are lucky to live near my parents, Mac, Bennet, Rosy, Dottie and Jamie and enjoy many walks with them. If at all possible, we'll be in Iron City this summer for Nora's first dip in the bay.

**From Jordan & Joey Catagnus:**

We had a great, full year! We were able to spend some time in Oregon with the Williams’ cousins and take in the spectacular views! We also traveled to PA and FL (all with a baby under one, I might add). We have all luckily been able to work, with a few adjustments, and are spending some serious quality time with each other. Hayes enjoys taking three step walks and then calling it quits. He celebrated one year by stuffing half a cake into his mouth and being serenaded (from the driveway) by Will and Graham Mulcahy. We are unclear how this summer will unfold but look forward to being with our ICFC family and rocking on the boat while waiting for record-breaking smallmouths.

**From Sharon & Ben Chapple:**

Luckily, no news is good news in our case. Ben, Bennett and I have stayed healthy and safe at home in Dallas and Irving (where Bennett lives). Ben was able to work from home, but is back in the office. He started a new job, doing the same thing but for a different company. Bennett has continued at Petco, and has finished his first term/semester studying to be a Pharmaceutical Tech. I've cleaned the closets, pantry, drawers, done lots of crocheting, making masks and hand sanitizer. I've gotten to spend lots of time with our new puppy (another Italian Greyhound), Bella, since the tennis courts have been closed. Fingers crossed that we might get to camp this summer, but still so many 'ifs'!

**From Kathy & Todd Chapple:**

The Colorado Chapples are all doing well during this crazy time. Hannah moved home for two months to quarantine with the rest of us, so we have had a full house! The first weekend we self-quarantined our oven blew up.  I ordered a new one but had a house full of people to feed for a few weeks with just the crockpot, grill, and microwave. We were hoping skiing would continue as it is an outside activity, but the mountain towns were hit early with Covid-19 outbreaks and so the ski areas were closed. The Prom was canceled so we had a prom dinner here for Ollie and Noah Mackey.  You just got to celebrate all the milestones!

Henry and a few friends were planning on leaving for Australia in April and now are hoping to go in the next few months. Hannah has just returned to her apartment in Denver as the Denver Art Museum has called her back to work. Oliver finished school last week and is looking for a new summer job. (We were not comfortable with him working at the daycare center he loves and made him take a leave of absence...now they do not need him...) Will was delivering pizza to lots of hungry folks who did not want to cook during the pandemic. Todd and I have been lucky, we are able to work from home.  We are just desperate to get together with some friends!

We hope to see some of you on the bay this summer if we can get across the border... we are making back-up summer plans - maybe Idaho? Not many folks there so we think we would be safe!

**From Cathy & Rip Collins:**

Everyone is well in Utah. I am pleased as punch having both girls close to home, especially since Covid-19 arrived. It was an interesting winter. Some of the family was sad to see it end so early and abruptly. Like we say at camp another summer is coming, to them another winter is just around the corner! With more free time we have embraced family court time, playing lots of tennis and pickleball. We are so sad not be spending time on the bay this summer with our friends and family. We were looking forward to introducing both girls’ boyfriends to the ICFC family, fishing, court time, water skiing, and all the chats along the boardwalk. It just means that there will be more fish in the bay for next summer for me and the new family fishermen.

Jen completed her associate degree from the local community college this season and looking for child life specialist internships for the upcoming year. She and her boyfriend, Nick will be moving into their own house this fall.  Rip I will be empty nesters again and will have 3 guest rooms for visitors! Megan is still working at Snowbasin in the communication and events department. She has relocated closer to home and is living with her boyfriend, Seth. He works at Snowbird and loves to ski as much as she does.  Just what we need another ski enthusiast for our family.

Rip is working at Alta and I am still reading books to the kids at the local elementary school. This Christmas we added a new family member. Pearl, she is a mini golden doodle and she has stolen all our hearts. We are enjoying our renovation and now that we finished the inside it’s time to look outwards… Without the bay I have some big plans for my backyard, including my own personal pool, with a boat, and SMBB so I can feel like I’m fishing in the bay (aka my own personal bay). What a picture that is!!! Hope to see everyone in 2021!

**From Michel & Chip Crawford:**

The W Crawfords look forward to an off season / in season IC vacation. Chip and Michel plan to land in camp as soon as IC and the government permit - hopefully July 1st until the 11th. We may return for most of August until mid-September. Our extended family is healthy, safe and making the best of a challenging situation. The Strickers may join us from time-to-time. When not in camp you may find them at 'Camphausen'. The Borrego's are active in Jackson Hole and exploring vacation options.

We are grateful for the BOD's leadership and careful planning for members.  We wonder how the camp addressed prior crisis periods (war years, prior pandemics, environmental disruption, etc.). It will be interesting digging into the archives to see what we can learn.

**From Sophia & Fred Crawford:**

Fred and Sophia Crawford had a very happy Christmas in Vancouver with Alis and her newly acquired apartment, joined by David, whose move from Boston was achieved with fine timing as he drove into Vancouver on Christmas Eve. David is now settled in Seattle as planned; Alis continues to be busy with her hospital work; and Fred and Sophia enjoy their shared quarantine in Vermont.

It seems unlikely, alas, that any of us will get to Iron City this summer, though we are most admiring of the wise leadership in Ontario, as well as Vermont and British Columbia, where COVID-19 has cut a noticeably smaller swath than other parts of North America. Very best wishes to all Iron Citizens for continuing good health.

**From Marshall & Scott Creighton:**

Most of our news revolves, as usual, around our children... Britt graduated from High Point University last May, and has spent the past year working for jewelry designer Julie Vos in NYC. She loves her job!! Although Britt spent a couple of months working remotely from NC this spring, she is currently back in NYC, thankful to still be employed, and looking forward to adjusting to the new normal after Covid-19. Eleanor just completed her junior year at UNC-CH. Her spring semester studying abroad in Prague, Czechia was cut in half, unfortunately, but not before she made some wonderful memories and Scott, Marshall and Charles were able to fit in a visit during Charles’s (early!) spring break. Porter just wrapped up her sophomore year at Meredith College in Raleigh, NC (alma mater of her aunt/cousin Devon), where she transferred in January to pursue her interior design studies. Charles completed 7th grade mostly barefooted and pajama-clad, from home and on our iPad. It was an unusual spring, to say the least! We hope that all of our Iron City friends and extended family are healthy and sane, and look forward to seeing you all on the Bay. Rah rah ray!

**From Judy & Jay Douglass:**

The Douglass family is doing well and hoping the border opens and that it will be safe for us to travel to Iron City this summer.  Like many people during stay-at-home, I (Judy) binge watched Cheer and Tiger King and completed jigsaw puzzles, most of which were cottages on lakes with canoes and pine trees (taking me to my happy place). In recent months, Brian, Jenna and the boys bought a new home in Hood River and Cary and Kyle bought a home in Seattle; all have been busy with home improvement projects.  Andy is buying a new home in Pittsburgh-no work required.  Most exciting news is a baby for Cary & Kyle due in October.

**From Lynne Edgerton:**

The HUGE news for our family is the birth on Feb. 23, 2020, of Bradford Wheatly Edgerton III!!! Named for both his grandfather and father, he will be called “Brad, Georgian Bay Fisherman.” As of May 22, little Brad is weighing in at just under 11 pounds. Although the pandemic health risks have prevented me from flying out to meet my new grandbaby, it has not prevented me from “seeing” him grow day by day under the magnificent parental care of Katie and Ford. Facetime and Zoom have allowed the three of us and Auntie Lauren to stay very close during all this staying at home. And Katie sends a photo almost every day!

August 2019 brought both graduation with a CFA at the NY Academy of Art and deferral of enrollment in their MFA program, so I could return to Nashville to set up a safe harbor pied a terre. I have, like many, watched the epidemic sweep cruelly through the Northeast, hitting NYC hardest. I am grateful that I happened stationed in Nashville instead of NYC because my age and asthma make me extra vulnerable. I shall not be in Camp this summer. I shall stay holed up to minimize the likelihood of my catching the nasty Covid 19. Hopefully, I can paint some pictures of ICFC during this hiatus. I send love to all.

**From Wendy & George Galleher:**

School’s out for summer!!!  George and I have been homeschooling Will and Graham since the last week in March. George became a kindergarten teacher and I took on second grade. May 26th is our last day!  It was a wonderful opportunity for us to spend that time with the boys!! We may open “summer camp” for a bit!!   Of course our IC plans are in flux but we hope to be there the last part of July, if possible.  We aren’t certain what family members will join us. Our fingers are crossed!!!!

**From Alison & Rob Heath:**

We are happy to report all in good health, despite Steven working for American/Piedmont Airlines in Charlottesville, and Erin as a nurse in Hawaii, both on the "front lines". Erin is most fortunate to be stationed as a travel nurse in Hilo, with few cases of the virus, and better yet, to be sharing a rental house with Hallie Bennett. Andrew is working from home with his family, so all three are steadily employed. We are sad that we will not even try to go to camp this summer, assuming it's even possible. Alison and I are just going to have to enjoy sheltering in the woods of Virginia with two dogs and two cats. Could be worse! Stay healthy, everyone.

**From Russell & Jack Huber:**

Who would have thought a year ago that we would be dealing with this virus? And none of us know about our plans for Iron City this summer!  That said, we are thinking that if the border and Iron City open, we will leisurely drive north and hope to be in camp August 1-15, give or take….Jack has been doing a lot of gardening and has been able to play golf, and I have been playing a lot of on-line bridge and am trying to rehab my golf game one more time!  Unfortunately, today we learned that Jack’s email address has been hacked—and we are sorry for the inconvenience to many of you!  But —the good news (or silver lining) is we have both have had lots of conversations with friends from all over who have called about the hacking.

**From Missy and Jaime Hugessen**

As I write it is Tuesday after Memorial Day weekend and it's a very hot & humid 30C+ outside.  Hard to believe that we had snow three weeks ago on Mother's Day weekend.  Jeffrey made a huge snowman! Our family has been very blessed during the pandemic.  Jaime and I bought a small ski condo last fall and it has become our main base since mi- March.  Jaime retired at the end of December and spent the winter on the ski hills racing.  We went to Innsbruck for Jaime to compete in the Winter World Masters Games in Alpine Racing.  He was the fastest Canadian, but no competition for the European racers.  Since the end of ski season Jaime and I have been hiking the trails at our ski club and have now started playing golf.  We have been so fortunate!

Richard has been living at home working as a programmer for WealthSimple, an online wealth management company.  He continues to be gainfully employed.  Jaime and I have really enjoyed having him at home.  Jeffrey has finished his Sophomore year in Business at Queens University and is now working on perfecting his golf game.  Michael has been on a gap year.  He spent the fall on an adventure trip in Australia and New Zealand and then left for Austria in early January to get his Level 1 & 2 Ski Instructors certification.  Afterwards he was having the time of his life teaching skiing at a resort called Obergurgl.  Sadly we had to bring him home mid-March.  Since then he has done his best to stay positive and entertained.  His Freshman year at Dalhousie University will be online.  Not quite the Freshman experience he was looking forward to.

We are all hopeful that the border will open and our ICFC friends will be able to come to Iron City.  It will certainly be a different camp experience.

**From Laura & Wally Jenkins:**

Spencer has successfully completed his junior year at Vincentian Academy.  However, VA unfortunately announced in February that after 87 years the school would be closing permanently.  We’re grateful to the students, faculty, and administrators at Vincentian for their acceptance and support of Spencer, so it has been especially sad for us to bid farewell.  But we’ve found a new home for Spencer’s senior year at the University School, a small independent school located in Shadyside. Meanwhile, Kate is finishing her freshman year at Fox Chapel Area.  Although Kate is disappointed to not have the wait staff experience at ICFC this summer, she is looking forward to more opportunities to enjoy summer fun with her friends.  We’re expecting to spend more on gas to transport Kate to various social gatherings than anything else this summer.

Like many of you, we’re hoping to make it to ICFC at some point between July 1 and September 30.  (As a last resort, I’ve found a border crossing located on a remote gravel road in Northern Maine, and will plan to sneak across when the border guards take their smoke break at 3:00 AM.)  We’re also fortunate to have Rehoboth Beach as a summer destination, and we are planning to take my mom there for portions of July and August.  Funnel cakes and frozen custard aren’t bad alternatives to “homemade” ice cream sundaes and nanaimo bars.  But I can live without sand in my bathing suit!  We hope to see you on a boardwalk somewhere this summer.

**From Kathy & Gary Johnson:**

The Johnson’s are doing well despite our work from home lockdown here in Massachusetts!  Truth be told, it’s been wonderful to watch spring leap into action, flowers blooming, trees back to full leafed glory and refreshing warmer temperatures.  This has been a time to slow down and think about what is important, including one’s health, and it’s also been a good reminder for us of how over-busy life has become.  We are looking forward to the re-opening of our world, but not until it is safe to do so, and then with the advice of the world’s health professionals who have guided us so faithfully these past few months.

Kathy and I did get to enjoy a trip to Africa earlier this year, and we are hopeful about having at least a few weeks in Canada.  We are having fun watching Ben and Leah plan their wedding and Alex, who lost his dog this winter, as he searches for a new one.  Kathy is now retired from teaching, but is engaged part-time with Simmons College as an Adjunct Professor. Everyone is fine and settling in to our new normal. Hope to see many of you on the bay!

**From Elizabeth & Wesley Kinnear:**

The extended Wesley Kinnear family have entered the grandchildren /great grandchildren phase of our lives and are enjoying ourselves immensely despite the troubles in the world.  Since last summer, Marcus Rosando Gonzalez was born on March 1 in Santa Barbara to Gillian and Nick.  He is a strong little fellow who speaks his mind and we are delighted to have him join us.  Wesley and Elizabeth have three children who have made their lives feel full by Skyping daily with participation from Selah, now 2 years old, Marcus and Reesling, a miniature schnauzer Rory hides out with in L.A.  We were so lucky to have Sydney and family join us the beginning of May in California so they had help with childcare and more space.  Four weeks in it is still wonderful and lively.  We have all skyped once a week with Dad (Jim) for a wine tasting curated by Rory.  An effort has been made to help out the USPS by sending more mail to family and writing limericks and haikus to be creative.  This slowdown has a feeling of ICFC for me with more family time.  Hope most of you have silver linings of some sort in this.  We won't be up this summer, but haven't given up on Labor Day.  See you in 2021!

**From Bruce Lawson:**

In an alternate universe where there was no COVID, I would just be home from a 2-week cycling trip from Nagasaki to Tokyo, within a longer trip to Japan, with the possibility that “cousin” Reece Jenkins and my schedules would line up and we’d see each other in Tokyo for a few days. Alas it was not to be. In the real world, I did manage to get in a few trips in early 2020 – twice to Ottawa (always a glamourous destination in the depths of winter), and once each to Montreal and New York/the Hamptons; and, spent 10 days in Florida visiting my parents and getting some on-road training for the aforementioned cycling trip.

Since mid-March, work has taken off. I’m lucky to still be gainfully employed and I feel like I’ve never been busier; we’re in the midst of launching a new funding initiative with some other foundations to support rural and remote Indigenous communities across Canada. Being busy and having purpose has helped mitigate any negative mental health effects from isolation. I haven’t been completely isolated: I’ve seen my parents on a regular basis; I was one of their designated grocery shoppers until my mother decided she’d rather do it herself; and have enjoyed several virtual cocktail parties with Iron Citizens, downing a couple of cocktails in 45 minutes before having to race to the Dining Hall because second bell has rung. As I’m not anticipating our office will open before the Fall at the earliest, I’m hoping to find a solution that provides with decent enough internet connectivity for Zoom meetings so that I can park myself up on the Bay for the summer.

**From Lorraine & Donald Lawson**

Donald and I returned to Naples early in the new year when things were still 'normal'.  We played golf and Bridge and enjoyed the company of friends over dinner.  However, as the weeks passed and the news of the virus became more all-consuming, people began to question the safety of gatherings. In mid-March when our family said "we think you should come home" we agreed and made flight reservations.  Fortunately, our son David was with us at the time and he agreed to drive our car home.  Upon arrival we self-isolated for 14 days, only going out for a short walk each day.  We were fortunate that our family stepped in and did our grocery shopping, so we were well looked after.

We expect to go to Iron City after it opens.  However, we understand there will be protocols that we will have to follow.  It will be a quite different Iron City experience.  There will be many things that we will miss. Miss. But we, and everyone else who is able to come, will adapt and enjoy it as it unfolds.

**From Nikki & Nate Lusk:**

The Lusks are happy, healthy, and fairly well adjusted to quarantine life. We've been working from home and homeschooling since early March which has been interesting to say the least! Henry is wrapping up kindergarten and has had a great year. He's currently into karate, mountain biking with dad, and all things Star Wars. Hanna is a full-blown toddler now and seems to enjoy quarantine and clinging to mom during conference calls. We miss family, friends and being able to travel, but being stuck at home has also had its benefits and we're doing lots of gardening and yard projects. We're keeping our fingers crossed that camp will open and that we can make it up in mid to late August.

**From Karen & David Mills:**

Well 2020 has certainly been one giant rubbish dump of a year. Chile was fraught with protests over a 3 cent raise in metro fees. We lost friends and loved beings. Australia burned up. There were floods and hurricanes and cyclones and typhoons. Then coronavirus paid a visit. Bah humbug. We have been in some form of self-isolation since mid- February and I can say that being married to a wonderful man has made it all worthwhile. In July we celebrate 40 years of marriage and while most of it has been bliss this latest year has been proof that bliss can take many different forms. Even if we are locked down. At long as we endure this together. We send our love to all Iron Citizens.

**From Terri & Chris Modic:**

As I'm sure you have heard all too often, "our plans are in limbo". We hope to be in camp for the 2nd and 3rd weeks of July. We are certainly open to latter weeks, but have had good sessions those early July weeks.  I will continue to be an optimist and expect the crews from Point Breeze, Watertown, Kalamazoo, and Portland to be with us. We have had a good year and everyone is healthy. An insight gained the hard way the last 2 months is, at least for middle school students, that distance learning, aka Zoom/Google Classroom is a poor substitute for the energy and companionship of an old fashion classroom.

**From Sue Anne & David Morrow**

In the new hobby category: I am playing the carillon in the school Chapel each afternoon: hymns, yes, but also songs from the Great American Songbook and Musicals. I even got a request for Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody which really stretched me and the carillon bells. I played lullabies the day when the new babies in our school community were born, and special music to honor the memory of those who have died from Covid in our wider school community ~ parents and grandparents of our students. I played to honor the memory of George Floyd and to call for justice. And I play songs from the ICFC song cards ~ Old Iron City ~ in the rustling grass ~ and I hear Fred's piano ~ and know that another's summers coming. David is taking guitar lessons on YouTube ~ so there is music at home as well.

**From Susan Kinnear Neul:**

One would think that after two months under a Stay-at-Home order my house would be sparkling clean. It isn’t. With the gym closed, I’ve been working my way through a hiking guide for the Myles Standish State Forest which is four miles away. The guide is not precise and the many deer have made trails that look like the main ones but aren’t, so Bear and I have spent a fair about of time wandering aimlessly. Bear is of no use. He’s happy to follow every deer trail. Life has not been without challenges these past two months but hours long phone calls with friends have brightened the difficult days.

When Johns Hopkins went to online classes only, Stacy headed north to join Stephanie in her apartment in Wallingford, CT fearful Stephanie would starve with the Choate dining hall now closed so she volunteered to cook for her in exchange for lodging. Stacy went to classes online while Stephanie taught all her math classes via Zoom and both enjoyed hiking and running together. Stephanie also started almost daily rows in a single scull on the Choate crew training lake. Once we can be together, the water warms up and she attaches some pontoons to the very tippy boat, Stephanie has promised to teach me how to row a single. She’s assuming I will capsize a lot. Bets might be taken. We all have fingers crossed that we will be able to head north at some point and hope to see you all on the dock.

**From Elizabeth & Richard Parker:**

 Reigeluth Parker news is not very exciting as we have all be staying put in our own houses since February. Richard and I were to visit Manny and Clare in Palm Springs in the middle of March but cancelled that trip when it was brought to my attention that we are among “the elderly.” (I am still in complete denial.) We also cancelled our plans to visit Ned and Julie in Colorado at the end of April to see their latest arrival - Thomas. He was born March 18, a blessing in many ways, but a major one was that he kept Julie home from work where she would have been in the ICU section of the hospital. She goes back to work in June, and we hope the number of Covid cases will be drastically reduced by then.

Other news is that late last year our brother Douglas’ two sons each contributed to the Reigeluth grandson total with Finn (son of Christopher and Ashley) and Benjamin (son of Jack and Kate). Bobby has six grandsons and brother George has one so we are up to a baseball team of young Reigeluth boys. And if you throw in the four Parker grandsons we have enough for several pitchers and a DH.

I didn’t want to retire, but when my job with the Carolina Ballet ended after 20 years I really didn’t have a choice. I had been looking for opportunities but hadn’t found anything when the pandemic started, so I have been fortunate to be able to play a lot of tennis and golf throughout the winter and spring. Finally, with Sarah’s help, I have been turning our overgrown yard into a garden with some lovely results. There is still plenty to do, however. Richard continues to work selling houses and for the most part we have been lucky to get through this uncertain time unscathed. Sadly we will not be in camp this summer, but will be thinking of all of you who do make it and we will be there in spirit. Rah, rah, ray to you all!

**From Cary & Richard Reed:**

The Reeds are doing well and managing to keep themselves entertained during stay-at-home.  If possible, we will be in camp this summer.  Carly and Liam had a baby girl, Noreen Carolyn Carstens, on December 25th, 2019, so that was one of the highlights of our year.  We look forward to staying connected and hopefully seeing some of you on the bay.  In the meantime, we send our love.

**From Pam & Bob Reigeluth:**

If Iron City opens, we will be there, sitting on our porch and preparing meals in our cottage. Look for our lamppost to be lit on the first evening camp is open. We’re particularly excited that Tom may still be able to introduce his wife, Nicole, and 7-year-old son Philip to Iron City this summer.

This will be the first time in many, many years that Pam won’t need to speak with the kitchen staff every day. She’s grateful to all the members of the Commissary Committee for calling into an online meeting to finalize details just before Chartwells announced it couldn’t fulfill this year’s contract and particularly to Missy Huguessen for agreeing to chair Commissary moving forward. With Bob also not as busy tracking fishing and golf events this summer, we should have lots of time on our hands for chatting at a responsible distance, catch-and-release fishing, canoeing, kayaking, cruises around the Bay, and reading many more books. We’ve been going through books at quite a clip since mid-March when most things closed down in Florida. No sports on television has made our evenings almost as quiet as when we’re on Rattlesnake Row.

With Dominic and Xavier doing online learning from our house, we’ve enjoyed a more intimate view of their studies. In 7th grade, Dominic had many writing assignments that exercised our old writing and editing skills, and we’ve learned some math skills we may or may not have learned many years ago. We also enjoyed hearing him practice his violin daily, although he is very tired of the three pieces for the Spring concert that never was. Xavier’s daily kindergarten curriculum was an eye-opener, with materials that our daughters and even Dominic weren’t expected to master until a later grade.

Over on Venice island, Seelye and his mom Kati finished readying him for kindergarten in August. Seelye and Xavier both enjoyed cheerful drive-through graduations. All of us - boys and adults - are hopeful that classrooms will reopen on August 10 as scheduled. Seelye’s pre-K “camp” opens on June 10.

We’re grateful to live far enough south that it’s been possible to swim at home and play golf even at the height of the lockdown. To avoid riding in a cart with anyone else, Pam started walking the course and has become hooked on that. We’ve had many friends to play with because, other than the Canadians who were called home mid-March, our snowbird friends have been staying south a lot longer than usual. Now that the restrictions are gradually being lifted, we’re noticing a lot of visitors from northern states. So far, our area has been relatively unscathed, but we’re all getting used to the social distancing measures. We’ve been missing our regular day or overnight trips to Walt Disney World or Universal Studios but look forward to returning as all the parks tiptoe into reopening at reduced capacity. We’re also very grateful that we were able to travel with Dominic to England and Italy over the Christmas break, returning only a couple weeks before Italy closed. Two days before we left, we madly reorganized our trip because our overnight train from Paris to Venice was canceled by the French rail strike. But that gave us an extra day in London and an extra day in Rome. We toured many old buildings that Dominic wanted to see, rode many day trains, cozied up in some lovely old hotels, tasted incredible food, rode a gondola in the “other” Venice, and saw some signature art.

This measure of our year wouldn’t be complete without recalling that we lost our beloved Mimsey (Mary Applegate Reigeluth Fisher) at age 101 while we were in camp last summer. She brought us to Iron City and taught us to treasure its friendships, family, natural surroundings, and history. The times we had with her in camp and reminiscing about camp remain with us forever. Our family is loving the cat Pita who she loved in her final years, with Dominic happily bringing the cat home here in the fall.

**From Meg & Dave Schrier:**

Maddie (7!) and Bode (4) are growing like weeds! They are staying busy from making “science projects” while their parents are on Zoom patient calls to seeing family and friends in a socially distant car drive by or by kids’ messenger. Both parents are ready for school to start. Mymy (Molly Steffey) will be coming up for the summer and we can’t wait to have her with us! We hope to be able to come up to the Bay this summer if we can. Lots of love to all.

**From Berta & Bill Schroeder:**

Like everyone we’ve been impacted by “That Shall not be Named” but we are following protocols for trying to stay safe. Rather than dwell on impositions and hardships we have found some silver linings: We’re all healthy. My mom- Nancy Schroeder- is self-quarantining with my sister and brother in law - Linda and Larry Hewitt in Winston Salem and all are well including Linda’s kids families. Linda and Larry live 10 minutes from my mom’s Retirement home and Linda packed her up the end of March. We’ve been able to coordinate having Nancy stay with us a couple of times to give all a change of scene and the extended visits have been great for all. Maggie and Tommy are well and came here before DC area became a hot spot, and are able to ride things out with us for now. It has been a blessing for Berta and me to be able to be with them for longer than a weekend or a week at IC- as that is how it’s been for the past 5+ years. It has been extra special so far as no one yet has been put in timeout!!!!!

About 18 months ago we lost the last of our three most recent Labs and since then we have been without a Lab for the first time since 1982. While I admit I didn’t miss the dog hair, vet bills and inability to go places on a whim, last fall I convinced Berta it was time again. Just before Christmas we got on a Breeder’s list and in February, she confirmed the new litter held a little female Black Lab for us. In early April at eight weeks we picked up Ghillie [Celtic for Scout/ Leader] in early April It has been 20 years since we had a pup, as our other two recent Labs were rescues. We had completely forgotten or permanently blocked what life with a Lab puppy was like...OMG…The CHEWING…The BITING…The Jumping…The PEEING!!!!!!! However, as I type now she is sleeping in her crate and I am reminded of life’s silver linings. Until we boardwalk again…

**From Cris & Alex Scott:**

The Alex Scott Family is good and everyone has been getting thru this Covid time without many problems. Everyone still has a job which is a big relief.   Allie and Joe Bonidy and their kids are fine and they are looking forward to (fingers crossed) coming to ICFC!  Caroline Bonidy is "bummed" because she cannot be a waiter this year.  Something she has been dreaming about since she was 3!  But she keeps in touch with her buddies up there and they are helping each other out.  Ben is fine and loving not getting up early and going to school.  As is Eliza.  They have friends in the neighborhood so they are not too "sad"!!

Carrie and Kevin Sullivan and their three girls are all good in Wellesley.  Home schooling like everyone else and keeping busy with arts and crafts activities and playing outside.  They are now spending some weekends at Cape Cod which is nice to have a break and get away. Emily and David Scott and their two boys are spending the days in "play school"!  Lots of creativity to keep them busy.  Petie is such a happy boy and Oliver loves to keep him laughing.  We take a walk with them every Saturday and when they leave Oliver insists that we do Rah Rah Ray! Will is in NYC and still in the entertainment business.

Alex and Cris are plugging along in Pittsburgh and zooming with lots of *Iron City friends!* We all plan to be in Iron City the very end of July and into the first two weeks of August.  No set dates for any of the kids but they will come and go when they can.  We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will all be up there sometime this summer! Rah Rah Ray!

**From Emily & Dave Scott:**

Emily, Dave, and Oliver Scott welcomed Peter Bergland Scott on Dec. 4, 2019. Petie is the happiest baby and Oliver loves being a big brother. We are hoping to go to Iron City during the first week of August. Oliver hasn't stopped talking about playing golf in Iron City since we left last summer.

**From Katie Scott:**

Our clan of Scott's has been very busy the last 6 months. In September Chris and I took a 10-day UK trip that included visiting friends in England, drinking Guinness in Ireland, and a proposal in Scotland! Trying to plan a wedding in a pandemic has required a lot of creativity, patience, and sacrifice. But we're rolling with it! :) Right before Christmas we moved from the South Hills of Pittsburgh into our dream home north of the city. This lock-down/work from home has allowed me a lot of time for painting bedrooms, hanging pictures, starting a garden (fingers crossed!) and doing other little things that make a house a home.

We just missed Dad and his 2 sisters, Lindsay and Johnsie in England by a few weeks. In October they hiked the Cotswolds Way Trail for 2 weeks. They largely avoided the usual rain in England, enjoyed seeing the countless sheep and discovered just how delicious traditional Sticky Toffee Pudding is. He also spent 2 months in Jan and Feb soaking up the northern Florida sun. He enjoyed lots of bike rides and reading on the beach. He visited his brother Gordon in Florida, and his sister Johnsie in South Carolina on the return trip home.

My sister Joanie and her husband Warren welcomed their 5th baby in April! After years and years of PINK we finally got a BOY! Mom, Dad and sisters are loving this time with their newest addition.

**From Tallie & Wally Sloan:**

All we can say is Groundhog Day! Since we can’t get north we opened the pool early and it looks like we’ll have warmth and sun for Memorial Day weekend. We’re planning to pretend the pool is the bay, our lounges are rock chairs and our beer Canadian. We are keeping our fingers and toes crossed for getting there in July!

Later addendum…Our bullfrogs in our pond have just begun to serenade us on a ten second interval just as those in Centennial Bay.

**From Annie & Michael Spera**

All’s well with us, all things considered. We’re still living and working in Boston and hunkered down as the city slowly reopens. Our big news is that we’re expecting a baby girl in August! We’re excited to reunite with everyone as soon as possible and introduce baby Spera to her Iron City family.

**From Nick Steffey:**

I've had a great year filled with many ICFC visits and some travel too. I had a wonderful time on the Cayamo cruise with Cris and Alex, Chip and Michael. I want to go back every year!

I've been spending most of my time in Dedham and Vermont. The highlights of my year have been launching a new flood insurance business and watching my seven grandchildren grow into amazing people. Specifically, I've loved watching Oscar's hockey games and Eliza's gymnastics meets. Those two kids are phenoms! I enjoy immensely playing the piano with Anna. Mia, our family's greatest fishing enthusiast, and I have been out a handful of times this spring. Watching Ellie's ballet and Nico's love of dancing and music almost brings me to tears every time. It's hard to believe these children with so much grace and athleticism are related to me. Oh yes, I almost forgot, I love having Sarah, the youngest, tell me every time we have dessert that I can't join in on the fun because I'm too fat. She's helping me with my ICFC figure now. I'm such a lucky grandpa to have all these kids within 30 mins drive.

BUT, by far, the greatest thrill of my 2020 will be moving my mom to Westwood, MA in a few weeks.  We are over the moon to have her nearby. Four generations of Steffeys living in one state! Most importantly, like in Pittsburgh, she'll have no shortage of dignified chauffeurs to take her north in the summer.  Fingers Crossed for another summer coming! Rah Rah Ray

**From Hilde & Stewart Steffy:**

The Arlington, MA Steffeys are hanging in there. Eliza turned 9 and is finishing 3rd grade and Oscar turned 6 and is finishing kindergarten at the same school. Eliza loves her friends, gymnastics and soccer, while Oscar fell in love with hockey this year and continued with soccer too. We were able to see Hilde's family in Utah over winter break and the whole family made it up the chairlift for the first time--dad's back is grateful. We send our best wishes to all the IC extended family and are feeling especially grateful for the Gregoire’s who, year in and year out, so seamlessly keep our camp alive and well.

**From Anne & George Stronach:**

We have reluctantly decided not to go to Iron City this summer, but are hoping to spend some cool weeks in the NC mountains. Despite severe cases of “covid malaise”, we are relatively healthy, and are thankful for good family and a wonderful dog! And grateful for the job Richard and the Board are doing during this difficult year.  We will miss seeing all of you.

**From Devon & George Stronach:**

We have had quite a year and so much to be thankful for. Thomas (9th grade) and Colin (6th grade) have been "virtual learning" from home through their school since mid-March due to the coronavirus.  Both have had great years but miss seeing their friends in person and not through Zoom. George was diagnosed with colon cancer in September. He had successful surgery in October and will be finished with all radiation and chemo treatments by the end of June.  We are so grateful for all the support and well wishes from our Iron City family.

Thomas was really looking forward to spending this summer at ICFC as a member of the waitstaff and Colin was planning on attending UNC Basketball Camp for the second summer in a row - of course also cancelled.  Though cancer and this virus have thrown our lives into chaos over the past several months, we're all doing very well and are thankful for life's challenges, which have helped us keep things in perspective.  We hope to see everyone on the Bay this year but if that's not an option...another summer's coming.

**From Carrie & Kevin Sullivan:**

The Sullivans have had a good year, despite being stuck in our house all spring.  There hasn’t been any time to pick up new hobbies with a 3,5 and 7 year and homeschooling, but we are fortunate to be healthy and we are hanging in there! One of our biggest highlights this year was that Nellie and Popper took us on a Disney Cruise in early February. The girls had the best time, and we are now so thankful that we had that trip, pre-corona.  Feels like a lifetime ago!

We miss family but are hoping to see them over the summer. We are planning to go to ICFC late July and the first week of August if it is safe to do so We are also hoping to celebrate my parents 50th wedding anniversary (which is in July) at some point this year. Hope everyone is doing well at this time.

**From Elsie Widing:**

Greetings from the Widing family! We are all missing ICFC right now, especially in light of current events. When COVID hit, Elsie, John, Kat and Ben escaped New York City and drove to Ligonier to stay with Laurie and Eric. We spent our time cooking, gardening, and enjoying the outdoors. Elsie discovered a new love for baking and tried her hand in baking croissants. Eric focused on planting Spring flowers for the garden. Ben and Kat led daily workout routines and kicked our butts! For the rest of the summer, Eric and Laurie will continue to relax in Ligonier. Kat and Ben will journey back to their Brooklyn apartment (with masks and lots of hand sanitizer), and Elsie and John will reside in Maine. We miss the ICFC Family! Hope everyone is well.

**From Susie & Tim Williams:**

There are so many uncertainties for the summer.  But enjoying being on the bay is NOT uncertain!  We hope the border is open by the end of July and if so, Tim and I will pack our cooler and head north. We have our fingers crossed that much of our family will join us for a week or so.

This winter we were very lucky to arrive in Florida just before the virus.  And, even though life was extremely quiet, the beaches and pool did stay open, and the weather was wonderful.  We completed many home projects and our condo has never been cleaner!  Now back in Pittsburgh we are watching spring turn into summer.  Like everyone else, we definitely have covid fatigue and are looking forward to life similar to how we used to know it!!  ICFC is the perfect place for that to happen! We hope to see and social distance with many friends there!

**From Barbara & David Wright:**

Barbara and David Wright would normally be packing the overpacked car this week in anticipation of going to Iron City for Memorial Day. Instead we'll stay home and work in the garden. Nonetheless, we still hope to be in Iron City with the Wright and the Lusk families sometime this summer. We are eager to be on the Bay and to see family and friends, even if only at a distance. Rah, rah ray for better days to come!

**Important Information**

**Camp is currently scheduled to open on Wednesday, July 1.  There will be no Pre-Season**.  This is subject to change; please be alert for communications from Richard/Annie.  Information will be updated on the ICFC website as well.

**ICFC Web-site Home Page:**

The ICFC website [www.ICFC.net](http://www.icfc.net/) has been redesigned and is more informative and user-friendly than ever.  Your username will be your own email and you will set your own password. If you need assistance with website, email Diehl Sillers, [diehlstx@gmail.com](mailto:diehlstx@gmail.com).

**ICFC** **Survey:** The survey summary is posted on the [ICFC website](http://www.icfc.net/). See icon link on the home page.

**Your** **2020 ICFC Yearbook, online this year,**is also filled with useful information that can answer almost any question you have.

**COVID-19 changes:**

* This year no meals will be available in season and all campers will be responsible for bringing in their own food. The kitchen will be closed and there will be no access to its facilities; there will be no wait staff or Head Waiters
* The Dining Hall, Lodge and Library will be closed as well.
* There will be no Camp Physician in residence.
* The office and gas pump will be staffed by Jeffrey and Michael Hugessen on a regular schedule, to provide reservation, bookkeeping, taxi scheduling, gas, and other services
* Social Distancing will be practiced at all times, with no large gatherings in cabins or on porches. Please refer to the *ICFC Protocols* document for specific rules to follow while in camp in order to stay safe.

**ICFC Reservations:**  Unexpected arrivals and departures place an extra burden on the Camp operation. All reservations must be made online, using the link on the website [www.icfc.net](http://www.icfc.net/) two weeks or more in advance of arrival. This should be used for both in-season and off-season reservations as appropriate. Both arrival and departure dates should be specified, even if modified later. Everyone in the party should be named, and the birthdays listed of all children under 13.

**Cottage opening, closing and cleaning:**  Enhanced cleaning and working protocols will be developed to ensure the safety and health of the staff. These will include procedures for opening and cleaning of cottages. Arrangements for opening members’ cottages should be made independently by the individual member with Lisa Gregoire, with at least three weeks’ notice by phone (1-705-375-5633) or email moeandlisa@live.ca. It is important to specify the nature of the work to be done when contacting Lisa, and to tell her the first date the cottage will be occupied. She will arrange for the cleaning work to be done and billed through the Club.

In addition, cottages can be cleaned during the summer; please provide Lisa with as much notice as possible so that she can schedule the appropriate staffing. **Cottages that are to be cleaned for new arrivals (family, guests or renters) must be vacated for 72 hours between occupancies.** Lisa and her crew can also prepare your cottage for winter closing, with proper instruction.

**Transportation to Camp:**Depending on social distancing restrictions and with prior reservation at the Club office, the Club boat may available to pick up or deliver members and guests and their baggage in Woods Bay at Moon River Marine or Grisdale’s Marina, or in Parry Sound. Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before the scheduled time. Failure to arrive on time for a reservation will incur a full-fare penalty. Boat trips may be shared at the option of the member who makes the initial reservation.

**The following services may or may not be open this summer.  Please contact them directly.**

**Moon River Marine:** (705-375-2342 or [www.moonrivermarine.com](http://www.moonrivermarine.com/))

**Sinton Transportation:** [www.sinton.com](http://www.sinton.com/); phone 1-705-722-6666; from the US 1-800-947-3839

**MDM Enterprises** (Mark Meikle): www.mdmenterprises.ca; phone 1-905-573-0568

**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. Passports are required for all border crossings from the US to Canada – ground or air.  The following link gives more information: <http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html>

**Note:** **VISAs and or other forms of ID are required for persons FLYING into Canada**.  Canadian and US citizens are exempt from the provisions of the law.  This rule applies to air travel only and not to car entry or entry by bus and train.  Information on this issue can be found on: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/apply-who.asp>

**Internet & Phone Service:**The Club no longer provides an internet service to members. The internet connection in the office will not be available to members. However, cellular internet access plans have been expanding, and are a much more cost-effective way to access the internet going forward. This will require members and their guests to make their own arrangements with their own cellular carrier companies for both voice and data services.

An alternative option is to rent a hotspot, from Skyroam for example (www.skyroam.com).

**ICFC Communications Committee**

**Rah Rah Ray!!!**