



May 2017

President's Letter

Good day from sunny San Diego. The weather in SD was very balmy this past winter. We've received plenty of rain since January, for which we are all very thankful. I have heard of no unfortunate incidents in Pinewoods over the winter, and for that we are all thankful as well.

I have two very important announcements:

1) Every cottage should have a blue folder containing Pinewoods documents, including information relating to Pinewoods' incorporation and Pinewoods' rules. Several more documents, which should be included in your Pinewoods folder, will be placed on each table in the Dining Hall. Be sure that someone from each cottage collects these documents from your Dining Hall table and puts them in your cottage's folder. This information will be very helpful someday. If you do not have these documents, please contact Beth Schultz.

2) As you all know, or should know, the Centennial of Pinewoods camp is coming up in 2019. This should be a wonderful event, building up even more wonderful memories of Pinewoods. Beth Schultz and Ann Taylor have made a special request that Pinewoods people who came of age in the 1950s share their special perspective of Pinewoods in order to create a Centennial Book. (Several Pinewoods histories have been compiled in the past, the last one some decades ago.) Please send your memories to Beth (eschultz@ku.edu) and Ann (anntaylorltd@gmail.com).

So, now you folks who were born in the 1930s and 1940s it is your time to reveal the stories that you have been holding back: you know you all have them: A special view, a special conversation, a special game won (or lost), a special bird, a special kiss, the night you played bridge til 3am with Ted Lawrence, and stopped by the Robinson

cottage for a nightcap. The day Phil Will taught you a bowline knot, or how to sail. The first time you sailed around the island in a small boat, and everyone thought you were lost. The first and last time you swam to the island, or walked around the lake. Did Jeff Geupel ever take you birding and show you a Hermit thrush nest on the ground without even looking for it. Walks in the woods to visit Artemis with a hot cup of coffee, or looking for the log fort way, way back in the woods (who built that darn thing anyway?). Did you run out of gas on the lake? Did you pitch pole a Hobie cat? Come on, we all have memories. Write them up or tell someone who can write it up. Some of you old guys have stories you only tell each other, I know it, you know it, now is the time to get them out. Your mother is long past caring. Did you ever beat Sharky at ping-pong? Brag here. The night you drove into camp at 12 midnight and could not sleep for excitement, so you went skinny dipping in the lake. The day you tried to keep up with Chris Robinson on a windsurfer and could not turn around because of the high winds and had to be rescued with a float boat. We want to hear your stories, you old-timers.

Let me add that the Board of Directors is always looking for candidates for the Board. If you would like to serve on the board, or know someone else who would like to, please let any board member or any past board member know.

Thanks for the memories. You know you have memories, either make more or share the ones you have. Looking forward to seeing in the place where memories are made because we live each day to the fullest and believe in the future.

John DeBeer

From the Editor...

Thank you to all those who offered submissions for this Spring edition. The weather in Chicago is finally starting to act like summer, so hopefully the same can be said for Higgins!

Spring for the Larkins has involved planting perennial gardens around our new home. I am nearly as proud and nervous as when Mira was born! Hopefully they survive our trips to up North in July and August (FINALLY some proper Lake time)!

As always, thank you all who have sent in news and pics to *Pinewords*.
Apologies for any omissions, misspellings or grammatical errors.

We look forward to seeing you around camp! Enjoy your summer!

Kristen Larkin, EBT Cottage

From Kathy Piehl...

Hi everybody! Hope you are all looking forward to another great summer at Pinewoods! Staff is hired, menus almost done and plans for theme nights are set.

July 20th we will be celebrating Mardi Gras with Cajun Cookin' on the menu. Aug 17th we will be having a Hollywood theme night. Plan to come dressed as your favorite movie or movie star.

Can't wait to see you all!

From Marion Foster...

The Foster family is planning a Pinewoods memorial gathering for Harman Foster on Saturday, August 12. Everyone is warmly welcome.

From Jay Williams (Dick McCreary's nephew)...

I've been making plans, then executing them re. moving to Wyoming--Cheyenne specifically--so I can be closer and helpful to my sister, Anne, who now lives in Longmont, CO.

So my house is listed with Sotheby's Realty. Yet my schedule is flexible; I hope to be resettling in Cheyenne by mid July.

I miss Higgins Lake, too!!!

From Mary Highberger...

My news relates to my adventure touring Cambodia and Thailand in January and then doing teacher training at OpenMind Projects in

Nong Khai, Thailand for 18 days. I will be bringing my slides to Pinewoods this summer and am happy to show them to whoever is interested. Jane and I will be in camp from the first bell to the last bell of the Dining Hall.

From John & Liz Wade...

Not much going on here, other than packing to head East. This year the Wades are going to the Lake slowly, via Carlsbad Caverns and then a quiet amble through the Natchez Trace. It's been a good winter in Nevada, our house in Florida has been sold, and we can't wait to absorb all those piney aromas and hear the sounds of the lake. We'll be there in time for the tri-camp Pig Roast, which is always a treat and worth being there for in May.

Taylor has graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and is deciding where to do her medical school. The twins are starting to make college lists. On Lauris's side, Killian is working much to his parents' delight, and Ciaren is fast approaching her graduation from the University of Colorado. Future - unknown, at least by grandparents. Mike and Katie still enjoying Chicago.

Spring is cactus time in the desert, and some of the blooming plants are spectacular. I wish Mary Kohring were here with her camera.

From Bitsy Fitzsimmons...

You asked what everyone was up to over the winter. Well, anyone who is on Facebook is probably as happy as I am that my giant dock/seawall project is over, and that I have returned to posting sunset photos. Hurricane Matthew delivered quite a blow just four days after I got home from Higgins last Fall, and the repair and renovation will be complete less than a week before I head back to Higgins.

This is the day after Hurricane Matthew:



This is last week:





Landscape repair is finished, and the only thing remaining is driveway and paver walkway repair. Six dump trucks full of rock and the Bobcat used to move it did quite a number.

But my winter was not all work. I had a wonderful Christmas on Harbour Island in the Bahamas with Alex, Christina, Will and Kate.



This was followed very closely by a fun-filled family trip to the Rose Bowl with Kate, John, Jack and Alex. FIGHT ON, TROJANS!



But the excitement doesn't end there - Jaclyn and Derek only have a month to go before they will welcome Baby Boy Lingle, which makes Bob and Viv grandparents, a lot of great aunts and uncles, and me....you guessed it...a great grandmother. YIPES! But there is nothing better than introducing Pinewoods to another generation.

Counting the days until I see that Pinewoods sign.....

From Dan Wilson...

Dan and Joyce had a get together in Lake Tahoe with extended family at Christmas to celebrate their big 80 birthdays. The Texans present also celebrated temperatures below zero Fahrenheit, something new for them. We all celebrated earthquakes (minor) at 2am one morning.

We hope to see many friends at the lake soon.

From Lily Fink Harrington...

John, Charlotte, and I joyfully welcomed Heidi Hawk Harrington into our family on March 2, 2017. We are all looking forward to her first lake dip, hall meal, and Destroyer cruise when we are there in July, and we can't wait to introduce her to her extended Pinewoods family. The Fink Cottage girl gang is coming together nicely - this

makes granddaughter number four for my dad, John Fink! We think Shark would be tickled.

Although it is still two summers away (2019), plans for the Pinewoods Centennial celebration are just getting underway, and we would be delighted to have your input! We are hoping to have a diverse group of committee members spanning generations and cottages; as Beth Schultz put it, "people who remember the past and those who will create the future." Please reach out to me via email if you have any thoughts or ideas, or if you would like to join the planning committee: lilyfinkharrington@gmail.com. Here's looking forward to the big 100!

From Rebecca Taggart...

This part of the Taggart clan is beyond excited to explore our roots on the Isle of Man with my aunt Bitsy, and her grandson Jack, my first cousin once removed, for those of you who follow these things. He is second cousin to my daughters, Miranda and Ana, who will also be coming, along with my husband Mikkel.

We were all unable to convince my dad, Mike Taggart Sr. to go, despite elaborate plans to get him there by ship, so we will be using modern technology to bring him with us every step of the way. Bitsy, both grand master family genealogist and tour guide, will lead us every step of the way. Then we will lead her and Jack to Norway! Adventure awaits.

From Blair Cochran...

My husband Chris Guttridge and I have some news - we're expecting a baby at the end of October. We'll be at Pinewoods from July 25th to August 2nd, and look forward to catching up with everyone while I can still hold an adult conversation (if not an adult beverage)!

From Louisa Lawrence...

Just a picture to remind everyone how beautiful Higgins is.



Pinewoods is looking great, Ed has the leaves blown. The rain has made everything very green, and the fire danger is low.

We want to invite everyone to our annual "Let the Summer Begin" cocktail party the first Saturday at the Dining Hall. And we do mean everyone. Kathy Piehl will start dinner later that evening, 7:00.

From Stephanie FitzGerald and Frank Cochran...

Last week we made a trip to Cambridge, MD and to Swarthmore, PA so Frank could record his memories as part of two oral history projects related to his participation in the 1960's Civil Rights

Movement. Between gigs we had the good luck to catch Louise and John Bennett at home in their new digs near Longwood Gardens, and enjoyed spending an overnight with them.

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