



June 2015

***President's Letter***

I am happy to say I am writing this while looking out at the Lake. Ed has been busy getting Pinewoods ready for the season to begin. Lots of leaf blowing and hammer pounding. Pinewoods had one lightning strike this spring, a big pine in front of the E.B.Taggart cottage was hit. Otherwise, the camp survived the cold winter in fine shape.

The Dining Hall numbers have been dwindling the last few years. I hope this year's numbers halts that trend. We are so lucky to have Pinewoods. Where else can you have great multi-generational friendships in such a beautiful place. Kathy Piehl is planning on some fun theme dinners and she is always open to menu ideas. Please let her know when you will be in camp, she tries her best to keep costs down. Kathy's e-mail address is: [kpiehl60@gmail.com](mailto:kpiehl60@gmail.com).

By now the bill for spring shares and the caretaking fee has gone out. The HLPOA dues bill is being sent separately. If you have not received a bill, please contact Robin Smith at: [robin@smithassocmi.com](mailto:robin@smithassocmi.com). Please let the accountants know any change in address or e-mail you have. They can also be reached at (989) 348-2811. Thanks to Rachel Cochran for reminding me to make sure the accountant's e-mail address is in a "contact" list or it can be blocked as junk or spam.

The Dining Hall opens for dinner on Friday, June 26. Everyone is invited for our "Let The Summer Begin" cocktail party on Saturday, June 27. Kathy Piehl will not serve dinner until 7:15 because you will be at our cottage sampling Kathy Lawrence's hors d'oeuvres and Duncan Lawrence's concoctions.

I hope to see LOTS of Pinewoods friends this summer....starting June 26! Louisa

***From Kathy Piehl...***

Looking forward to seeing everyone this summer. That means EVERYONE! Remember I know who you are! LOL!

Seriously, I'm looking forward to having a wonderful summer. There will be new faces in the kitchen. Don't worry though, Josie will be back! (Thank God!) Menus are coming along, but always open to suggestions. Please remember to let us know when you plan to arrive and when you plan to leave. It is very helpful.

Can't wait to see you all!

PS - We are having 2 theme nights this summer. The first will be a Hawaiian night on July 16th and the second one will be Christmas at Pinewoods on Aug 13th. Everybody be sure to bring dress-up stuff and prepare to have fun.

***From the Editor...***

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

I look forward to seeing many of you at camp this summer! Wishing you and your families a summer full of long, warm days full of laughter and love.

Kristen Larkin, EBT Cottage

***Loss and Memories***

One notable loss in recent months from our Pinewoods family was the passing of ***Elizabeth Cochran***.

***From Frank Cochran...***

Elizabeth B. Cochran, age 101 which is believed to be the oldest Pinewoodser ever, died early on April 20. Family and friends gathered on Mother's Day (May 10) at Fairhaven in Sykesville, MD for a memorial service.

My news is that Stephanie and I will not need to get on the road at 5:30 am to make our monthly trek to Sykesville and, since we have no immediate travel plans apart from getting to Pinewoods, there is more time for our other activities; random acts of park stewardship in our local park, chasing squirrels out of the vegetable garden in our back yard, and organizing innumerable culturally integrating neighborhood events in our decidedly diverse neighborhood. Frank's response to a questionnaire from a local life-care community about his future needs was to send back a detailed analysis of the cultural bias inherent in the questions, and limited choice of answers. So we're both well and full of life, which is, perhaps, the best way to "mourn" the passing of EBC.

***From Burr Loomis...***

Elizabeth Blair Cochran was born in 1913 and died in 2015 at the age of 102. Her memorial service was held at Fairhaven Chapel in Sykesville, MD, on Mother's Day, May 10, 2015.

A lot of Pinewoods people were there. Cochrans, Sinclairs, Bennetts, Loomises, Wattenbargers.

One of the photographs placed around the room at the reception afterwards was a 3/4 length portrait of Aunt Liz on her wedding day to Lee, September 1, 1939, looking gracious and calm. The next day, the Nazis rolled into Poland, plunging civilization into a desperate fight for survival. Heckuva way to start your honeymoon..

***From John Bishop...***

We are proud to report that our son, Paul Kempler graduated from Vanderbilt University in May with flying colors (cum laude)! He received a dual degree in Chemical Engineering and Chemistry.

After taking a well-deserved break this summer, relaxing on the Oregon coast – and, perhaps, other Midwest beaches ? – Paul will start graduate studies in Chemical Engineering at CalTech in the Fall. His parents are immensely proud of him – and delighted to have him back on the West Coast! Meanwhile, Paul’s brother Alan continues his studies at Reed College, in Portland, and his sister Emma continues hers at the University of Montana , in Missoula. We parents are enjoying our big empty nest in Portland, OR – which is a great place to visit (hint, hint)!



***From Rebecca Asland...***

Mike Sr. and Jr. drove up to the Carmel Valley mid-May to show a BSA Goldstar motorcycle in a big vintage bike show at the Quail Lodge. Daughter Rebecca and son-in-law Mikkel Aaland drove down from San Francisco to meet them and spent a relaxing weekend eating too much and looking at motorcycles. Daughter Miranda will soon be home from her first year of college, having survived a Minnesota winter at St. Olaf.

***From Martha Dewey...***

The Dewey cottage has a wee bit of news.

Nick and Marty took the "college tour " in May. We first stayed overnight with Anne Cline in Indy then it was off to see

granddaughter Megan at Indiana University where we had a super tour. Our daughter Carolynn arrived, we packed Megan up and then it was a drive to Lexington KY to attend Katie Ballew's graduation from U of Kentucky. Tour of U K wonderful graduation dinner with all of the Ballew children. Next on the trip we were off to Columbia Missouri to see granddaughter Margaret Dewey at Mizzou. Another nice tour and so fun to see our grandchildren at their colleges. Packed up again and hit the road for a leisurely trip to Dallas to attend Carter Dewey's graduation from SMU. It was a whirlwind trip for two old Pinewooders!!!

We are thrilled to be able to say that both of the graduates have jobs starting very soon.

***From Paul Brown...***

Morgan Brown graduated Magna cum laude May 8th from UC Boulder, earning dual degrees in Mandarin and Biology.

Where there is light, the dark cannot persist.



*From Phil Will...*

We just returned from a visit to Moscow on a trip to celebrate Bepa's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. She's an irrepressible personality as exhibited by her "ready for summer" photo. She is speaking and singing in both English and Russian easily switching between the two as needed.



The Moscow trip was preceded by a March gathering of the clan in NYC for Phil's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. Both Dima and Bryn turned up with news of a new cousin due only a month after another new cousin being produced by Coe and Craig. September and October will be busy months for young parents.



Before Moscow, we had a great week with Tayo while Kayden went to France and Italy on a school assignment. He is a happy 21 month old developing some neophyte mountain climbing skills along with a fascination with tractors, giant excavators, and the like.

Phil is still writing his "Higgins Lake Slice in Time Blog" and regretting that other family plans will mean missing the several important Pinewoods and other lake events this July. Blue Whale Sailing will be on again in August.

***From Taylor Wade...***

I am entering my junior year of my undergraduate education at University of Pittsburgh, where I am studying mathematics and neuroscience.

After receiving the Vira Heinz Women in Global Leadership Scholarship at the end of November, I chose to allocate my funds toward a study abroad program in Russia this summer that I will begin in early June. As part of the Summer Language Institute for Intensive Intermediate Russian, I will take five weeks of Russian language, literature, and culture classes at the University of Pittsburgh campus before departing in mid-July to spend five weeks studying at Moscow State University.

During those five weeks, I will have the opportunity to take classes, experience Russian culture through ballet and other forms of art, explore the city and its architecture, and hopefully volunteer at the local free medical clinic.

It is my first time out of the country, and I'm really hoping to make the most of it. If all goes well, I'll have lots of stories to share with the Pinewoods family next summer.

***From Jane Hoey...***

The Hoey Highberger Cass family have all their flights made and the cottage will be well filled. Jane (and we hope Mary) will be there for the opening of the Dining Hall. John and Anne and families have plans to be there by July 16.... And some staying almost 3 weeks. Jane won't depart until after Labor Day...as Mary and Jane will celebrate their 75th birthday over Labor Day. Brother John is coming to help with the festivities. See you all soon.

***From Burr Loomis...***

Last year I rented Rockey Flintermann's cottage at the time of Marcia's memorial service and the Loomis Cottage Centenial. By Marcia's request, I invited our cousins on my mother's side, the Raftrees, to come up. They loved it, and my Loomis-Wilson cousins enjoyed their company.

This year, the Raftrees are renting Rockey's cottage again on their own for the week that includes July 21st. Plan on seeing them again and come by our table and say hello.

***From Bitsy Fitsimmons...***

Nothing puts smiles on our faces faster than thinking about Higgins Lake and the fact that the Dining Hall opens next month! Bob begins another 3 week cycle of chemo tomorrow (May 26), and our goal is to arrive in Pinewoods during his 2 week hiatus after that.

Meanwhile, we are exploring oncologists in the area so that he can continue to get chemo while we are there. Personally, I think he is leaning toward Traverse City so he can visit the Traverse Bay Pie Company regularly!

How long we stay will depend on how the chemo goes, but between us and the Henry Taggart family, we will try to keep the cottage full all summer. The Bob Jr's and Susan and Jen will likely not be able to come this summer, but Kate and Alex and their families will definitely be in camp, and I can guarantee that Kate will stretch her time out as long as possible. A chip off the old block. My 71st consecutive summer and her (YIKES) 50th summer! That deserves a party and celebration - perhaps with minnows!

***From Blair Cochran...***

My husband Chris Guttridge and I are moving overseas in August to teach at the American School of Douala in Cameroon. We do plan to be up at the lake in early July!

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