



June 2020

***President's Letter***

This message has a soundtrack. It's meant to be read to the tune of "Thank U" by Alanis Morissette.

Go ahead! Take a moment to fire up your Spotify, your Pandora, or your old CD!

Is it playing yet? Ok good.

Pretty soon now you'll hear lyrics like:

*Thank you India Thank you terror Thank you disillusionment Thank you frailty Thank you consequence Thank you, thank you, silence...*

Thank you terror? What in the heck...!?

Yup, that's what she says. And you know what? I think she means it.

And so right now I am really, really thankful for the Black Water Monster.

You see without a crisis, without a test, we can never know the true strength, resilience, or capacity of any system, person or group. Without a good dose of terror, we have no idea what we ourselves are capable of. Put in terms of our own experience: if we had never been in Black Water, never faced the terrors of the Black Water Monster, we would never have been ready for Summer 2020.

But we have dived into Black Water. And we are ready.

As it slowly dawned on the board and me some months ago that we were really facing an unprecedented challenge, it was not clear at all what course we should take, or even if operations this summer would be possible. So we picked up the phone.

Our caretaker, Ed, saw challenges. Things would have to be different. But he could support operations.

Kathy was ready, willing and able to adapt, however necessary, to provide safe healthy food.

As I spoke with members, over and over again, all I heard was, *"We need to take care of Kathy and our staff, no matter what."* More than that I heard, *"If the Association needs financial help to get through this, count on me."*

The Dining Hall Committee said, *"Let's have a Zoom meeting and figure this out!"*

Well, that first meeting turned into a weekly meeting and the result has been a complete revamping of this year's dining hall operation. As an association we are being tested this year. And I am so thankful. Honestly, my heart is overflowing with pride for the goodness, charity, wisdom and strength of our members. I am so, so thankful this has given me a reason to speak with you, to plan with you, and to share a turn at the oars with you.

Now we are concluding the planning phases and camp operations will soon begin. I want you to know what has been accomplished in preparation for the opening Friday, June 26th.

- A Covid budget has been finalized and it is solid. I am thankful for David Dewey, the finance committee, and David Greenleaf for all the hard work they've put in to ensure we have a financially sound plan.
- To support this budget, numerous anonymous donors within the association have donated ALMOST \$50,000 dollars to ensure we get through the year on a solid footing. I have been amazed at our members' generosity. I cannot thank you enough for the care and love you have for our community. If others of you have wanted to chip in, and have just been waiting for a call to action, this is the call. Any donation can be sent to our account: Pinewoods Association, c/o Smith and Associates. Please just write, "Covid Donation" in the memo line.
- A detailed plan for operating the Dining Hall this summer, contact free, has been drafted and put in place. You should have received this plan in a prior email. I ask that you take the time to read through it to get familiar with how we plan to do things this year. It's not the most exciting reading in the world – but necessary. It's going to be different, and it's going to be good. I am so, so thankful for Kathy, Louisa Lawrence, Bitsy, Kate Eubanks, and Kayden Will, who have worked tirelessly to create and refine this plan. Truly, their efforts have been heroic, and they all deserve our huge appreciation.

- Finally, we have detailed Health Guidelines which you will find attached with this issue of Pinewords. A revised plan for the 4th of July parade, and a revised plan for the annual meeting will hit your in-boxes in a few weeks as we want to give everyone a chance to “digest” (heh, heh) the Dining Hall plan and Health Guidelines first.

And now I bet you're thankful that the President's Message is finally over! See you at the lake!

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*President Pinewoods Association 2019-2020*

***From the Board Treasurer...***

The Pinewoods Centennial Book has already been printed and one free copy will be distributed, courtesy of the Memorial Fund, to every cottage. Additional copies will be made available at \$75 each. Any of you who want to make sure to get extra copies right away, please email our board Treasurer, David Greenleaf at [dagreenleaf@gmail.com](mailto:dagreenleaf@gmail.com). Let him know how many extra copies you would like. He will record your order and you will be billed by the Accountant in due course. The book is truly monumental and will surely be a treasured item in your family library for the next hundred years! There are 120 copies total available for purchase.

First come, first served!

David Greenleaf

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

I hope this finds all our Pinewoods friends and family staying healthy, safe and sane!

This winter and spring have tried us all in so many ways, some time by the lake will offer much needed respite and help to heal our bruised souls.

We hope this provides an opportunity to connect and share your pandemic tales along with some smiles.

For those who will not see on the trails this year, we'll miss you dearly.

Until next time,

Kristen Larkin, EBT Cottage

*From Anne Sloan...*

The coronavirus uproar found me in rather interesting circumstances. I had ankle reconstruction and bunion correction surgery on February 20 and checked into a convalescent facility for rehab on the 24th. I was there for nearly six weeks, the last half in isolation because one of the therapists I had been in contact with had tested positive for the virus.

After working to keep me there until I could put full weight on my foot, they couldn't wait to get rid of me by the last week of March because of the pandemic, and I came home on April 4. Having to be "locked down" in a whole house definitely beats being stuck in one room.

Ian came for the surgery and a week or so, then left to do a regatta, so he was at sea when all the uproar began. Since he couldn't get home to Anacortes, he came here to Annapolis and only managed to leave for home about the middle of May.

While he was here he did a ton of work on my house, including replacing all the gutters, really cleaning out the basement, regrading the backyard to get water away from the house, planting a shade garden in the back yard after removing a shed and unused patio, replacing the back porch steps, and building a back gate. He was busy while I loafed.

Stay well!

*From Andy Gaus...*

My older brother David remains under care at a nursing facility in Lebanon, IN. I have visited him there; the staff is sincere and helpful and the food is good. After successful cataract surgeries on both eyes, his vision is much improved.

My late brother Bill's family in San Francisco is also doing well. Among Bill's offspring, Ed, Arthur and Annie are now married, and Arthur now has a daughter, Spes, whose name I don't know how to pronounce.

As for me, I have been editing my lifetime output of songs into a songbook and have self-published it on Amazon under the title *Songbag*.

In addition, the pandemic has inspired me--or rather depressed me--into writing a new song, "What Day Is This?" I have posted it on YouTube in my own scratchy voice, the only one available to me right now:

[https://youtube/Ra5uMHdjD\\_I](https://youtube/Ra5uMHdjD_I)

In general, I am healthy and secure in my own little Boston condo, but missing human contact, including many of the people I would see if I were coming to Pinewoods this summer, which I don't expect to do. But greetings to all!

***From Bitsy Taggart Fitzsimmons...***

Just like everyone else in Pinewoods, and the world, I've spent most of the past 3 months learning to live in a new reality. Happily, none in my family contracted COVID-19, although many of us have suffered through varying degrees of some sort of "plague" since the first of the year. But now I am counting the days until I am once again in Pinewoods, where I will shamelessly brag about two of my grandsons.

Their graduations were virtual, but the joy was real.



Jack Eubanks graduated magna cum laude from USC School of Cinematic Arts on May 15th, albeit from home in Hypoluxo, FL. And apparently, in his bare feet.



Will Evans graduated from Collegiate School in New York City, a week later, on May 22nd....in Sharon, CT. He will be attending Williams College in the fall, hopefully in person and not online.

Needless to say, I am one proud Nana!

See you all soon.....

***From Marty Dewey...***

Fortunately family members in the Dewey cottage are all safe and healthy. Nick and Marty stayed an extra month in our condo On Maui at the urging of our children, where they thought we would be safer. Not a bad place to stay. The Governor of Hawaii issued an edict “no sitting, walking or running on the beach” you could cross the beach to partake in a water activity! Getting a flight to the mainland was quite a challenge after a couple of flights were cancelled we finally were able to leave on May 12 !

Like many kids our grandson ,Scott ,left Butler in early March for spring break never to return to his dorm room! He goes back to retrieve his belongings on May 30th. Two other grandchildren Jonathan and Megan were also doing classes remotely. Grandson Dylan,lives in Barcelona,and they were really strict. He was not allowed to leave his home except to go for groceries or medical help. He couldn't go for a run or walk outside! The other grandchildren were all gainfully employed working from home.

Saddest part of this was Katie Ballew was to be married on June 6th, which had to be postponed. So much planning went into the “big day” and to have to postpone is so devastating.

We had a wonderful zoom Birthday party for David's 60 th organized by his wife Kathleen. It was complete with a jeopardy game all about David! This was truly a new experience for Nick and I. To us it was really amazing with Dale and his wife in New Hampshire and us on Maui and the rest in various places in the U S. Very 2020!!!

Then on Mother's Day we had another zoom gathering, arranged by Dale which was just wonderful for me. Carolyn and her family were at the cottage on Mother's Day and had 3” of snow. We have just returned from cottage where the lake is just as lovely and a bit calmer as not as many boats on the lake, for a Memorial Day weekend. We look forward to seeing all of our Pinewoods friends who feel able to get there.

*From Jane Ferguson...*

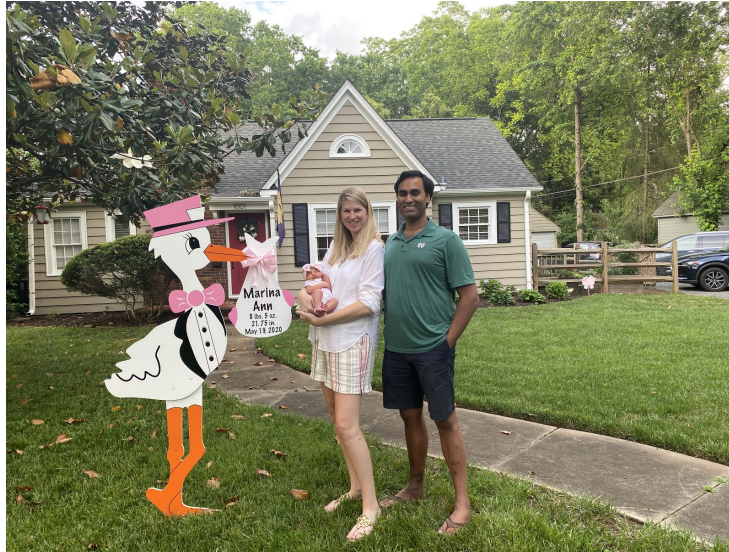
Want to share happy news....

We are so excited to announce the arrival of the 1<sup>st</sup> born of the 6<sup>th</sup> generation from the AL Taggart cottage. The newest member of Pinewoods, continuing into the next Centennial!

My granddaughter Marina Ann Fernando, born May 19, 2020 in Charlotte, NC. Daughter of Robin Ann Link and Ravindra Fernando. Looking forward to her first Pinewoods summer.....







Stay healthy. Be safe!

*From Jane Hoey...*

Mary and I had a great adventure this winter/spring! It was a trip to South America. Our first stop was Brazil: one week on our own, touring with guides in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, and then Iguazu Falls. Mary is our family ancestry sleuth. My father, Henry Kohring, had a sister, Christel Bier, who married a doctor of research studying snake venom for medicinal purposes. They lived in Sao Paulo for 35 years. We went to see where she lived. We found her home, Dr. Bier's Institute, which was near the campus of Sao Paulo University, the snake museum and the cemetery where both were buried.

Along with finding our roots, we loved the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio, the gondola to Sugar Loaf mountain, the crazy drivers in Sao Paulo, and especially the beautiful Iguazu Falls, which borders Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay.

But the real adventure started when we boarded an Oceania cruise from Buenos Aires traveling along the coast of Argentina to the tip of South America, touring the Falkland Islands (loved the penguins) and up the coast of Chile. It was built as a 3-week cruise. The cruise was supposed to be from Feb. 24 - March 16th. We were scheduled to disembark in Lima, Peru. You know what was happening around

the world by that time...COVID-19. Peru shut its borders just as the ship came in to dock. From there the ship turned around and tried to dock near Santiago, Chile. That port was closed to all cruise ships. Sooooo.. "stranded at sea"! The ship went north through the Panama Canal and docked in Miami, one week later. For those who are wondering.... no virus on board!!! Fabulous trip, and we sure dodged a bullet.

Mary has already put together a PowerPoint slide show about our trip for all to see this summer in Pinewoods. We will definitely be there. Hope to see you then.



Seen at Tango Night in Buenos Aires



Iguazu Falls on the Brazilian side



King Penguins on the Falkland Islands

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