



January 2018

***President's Letter***

As I write this on New Year's Day 2018, it's below zero, heading down to 13 below zero later tonight, in Indianapolis. My iPhone tells me it's not quite that cold at Pinewoods, but it will be getting colder there later this week. Even with this cold weather, it's easy to bring back warm memories of our time at Pinewoods this past summer, and even easier to look forward to being back at Pinewoods this coming summer. I'm also thinking of those of you who are at Pinewoods now, or have been or will be there this winter, hiking and skiing the trails, looking out over (and maybe walking out onto) the ice, sitting inside your cottages in front of a good fire. I'm thinking particularly of the conversations and birthday celebrations and special events in the dining hall, sailing, kayaking, rowing, swimming, watching the sunset, hiking the trails – and front path cocktail gatherings. Even as I think about the friends and family members we have lost over the past several years, I'm reminded of the amazing memorials we have had for those wonderful people, and all the things I've learned about Pinewoods and our community through those events. I knew the first time I visited Lynn at Pinewoods in 1979 that it was a very special place. My affection for the place and for all of you has only deepened as I have had the good fortune to spend more time there over the past few years.

Although the summer seems far away, it will be here before we know it, and we have some things to do between now and then. You all responded beautifully to the special assessment approved at last year's annual meeting, but I want to avoid special assessments in the future and that requires a good budget and careful management within that budget. Nick Dewey and David Dewey have been helping me create a new budget format, and I plan to send that out to all of you this spring so you can review and comment and we can get

it approved at the 2018 annual meeting in July. We also need to consider some changes and updates to our association bylaws, including the fact that our bylaws still provide for paper stock certificates but we have been managing our stock records electronically for several years. Jane Hoey has a note in this edition of Pinewords reminding you to notify the board of any changes in stock ownership, as well as keeping us and our accountants apprised of changes in contact information, which is very important. Stock ownership and transfer details are described in Article II of our bylaws, a copy of which is included in the blue “Pinewoods Association Information” folder distributed to all the cottages several years ago. The bylaws, past minutes, and lots of other useful and interesting information also are available on the Pinewoods website so ably maintained by Erik Geupel – [www.pinewoodscamp.org](http://www.pinewoodscamp.org). I’ll send out a note highlighting those procedures along with proposed changes to the bylaws later this year. Now also is the time to think about getting involved in the management and activities of our association. If you’d like to be considered as a candidate for a position on the board, or if you’d like to recommend someone else, please contact me, Jane Hoey, or Paul Brown, or contact John DeBeer as chair of the nominating committee. Pinewords always includes a list of the committee chairs; let us know if you’d like to serve on a committee or if you’d like to form a new committee to deal with an issue or promote a new idea for the good of the Pinewoods community. One committee that I know is looking for ideas is the Centennial Celebration Committee, preparing for our celebration of 100 years as an association – Lily Fink Harrington is chair of that committee. As always, please contact any of the board members if you have any questions or concerns or ideas. We’re here to help, but you all know best what we need to be working on and worrying about.

Happy new year to you all! I really cannot wait to see you this coming summer, and I wish you the very best between now and then.

***Curt DeVoe***

*President Pinewoods Association 2017-2018*

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

Reminder to the membership...we request your assistance!

Our PWA Board and our Accounting firm, Smith and Associates, hope you can be more helpful to us on a regular basis when you change your address, email address, and your phone. Please let us know of any changes you have during the year as soon as possible.

This includes changes in ownership of your cottage, transfer to family members some of your stock or when you no longer have or need your stock because of changes in family relationships (ie: divorce or death).

Please email Jamie Snyder: Jsnyder@smithassocmi.com and a Board members with these changes.

Thanks,

Jane Hoey

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

So far it has been a mild winter in Chicago. It snowed just enough after Thanksgiving that Mira could roll a "snow boulder" that now sits lonely among the grass in our backyard.

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

We wish you all a very happy holiday season and a healthy New Year!

Kristen Larkin, EBT Cottage

*From Dining Hall Committee...*

We did it again! Beat the old record!!!

We served a total of 10,795 meals, which is 156 more than last year's record breaking number.

During our final half-week 10, we served 335 meals, which is also a record. And of those, 25 were renters.

I didn't go back to get the total number of renters for the season, but it was significant, and surely helped us do so well this year.

*Jane Hoey...*

Fall trip adventure:

I drove from San Diego to Yosemite National Park with a good friend, who flew from Michigan, to visit for the first time this beautiful place. It was a Road Scholar trip. I was overwhelmed by the grandeur, the size of the rock formations, the history as well as spectacular nature. And then to watch the rock climbers dangling from the top! Wish I was younger and into more physical risks.

After that 5 days in the Park, we drove back to San Diego via the Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley. A must on your travel list if you get to Southern California. I am a big fan of Road Scholar trips. So educational.

*From Blair Cochran...*

Blair Cochran and Chris Guttridge welcomed Nicolas Christopher Lee Guttridge on October 21. We can't wait to bring another Lee to the Cochran cottage this summer!



*From Jerry and Marilyn Kerns...*

The big news for Marilyn and me is the results of our effort to reduce our Carbon Footprint (and our Electric Bill).

We joined a Local Collective that vetted several solar installation vendors and negotiated pricing based upon multiple installation contracts.

This arrangement resulted in sizing a system to provide nearly all of our annual electricity usage. Our horse pasture provided the perfect location for a ground mount array totalling 40 solar panels.



So, as of last week, we are often generating more electricity than we are using. Usage and production will be zeroed out on an annual basis.

So, that's the news that fit to print.

GO SOLAR!



### **From Frank and Stephanie...**

In September we spent two weeks touring the Maritimes - Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick where neither of us had ever been. Lucy joined us in PEI to enjoy all things related to Anne of Green Gables. We enjoyed the scenery - natural and architectural, the seafood, learning about the Acadians - how they settled, were shipped away, and how many have returned and thrived.



In December we plan to vacation with our Alaska family, Jessica, Nathan, Lily and Jackson in Costa Rica!



*From Bitsy Fitzsimmons...*

Next summer will be the Rainbow's 100th summer, and she will be ready and waiting to take everyone for a ride. Be sure to bring stories about your rides and adventures, whether from the recent past or "back in the day"!

Did you go to Cold Springs or the cut? Did you watch a lightning race? Did you celebrate with adult beverages and watch someone, who will remain nameless, tumble off the bow while dancing? Did you take Mike's Tour of Horrors? Do you remember hearing the older generation singing (?) very energetically as they returned from a picnic at Sunset?

Dredge up those memories and get ready for a fun summer in 2018!



*From Dan Wilson...*

Campers, your Pinewoods Association, by anonymous consent, has decided to establish, for once and all, the relative merits of Pinewoods Surprise, Cottage Grove Surprise and Lakeside Surprise. In 2018, eighteen carefully selected gourmets, raconteurs and aficionados of the palate, chosen at random, will sample fare at the three camp dining halls on a previously unannounced Wednesday and settle the question.

Surprise will be rated on three parameters, aroma, visual presentation, excitement, general impression and je ne sais quoi. A



statical double blind algorithm will ensure impartiality; the experts will be blindfolded to eliminate visual clues as to their location and ear muffed to avoid identification by bell. They will not know where they are; regular diners will not know who is on the testing panel and vice versa.

An epicurean slate of judges from Fred's, The Silver Dollar and Valero will tabulate the findings.

The final standings will be surprising.

***From Paul Bennett and Carol Herndon...***

We had the great pleasure of hosting Carol Sorensen Baumgartel in Bethesda, Maryland in October, when she participated in our relationship workshop, "Relationships: The Real Deal." We had the double pleasure of a delightful reunion and an exploration of relationship with nine others. After the workshop, Carol S gratified us by reporting that her joy, delight, ease and play in her relationships were multiplied.

Our 2018 plans include leading workshops in Panama in January and on two cruises in the Baltic in August, and in Los Cabos, Mexico in November. And, yes, a couple of workshops here in Bethesda, too. It's pretty sweet "work," getting to play with people who are deeply curious and creative about the important relationships in their lives.

We hope to see many of our Pinewoods friends in July!

***From Ann (Timmy) Tinkham...***

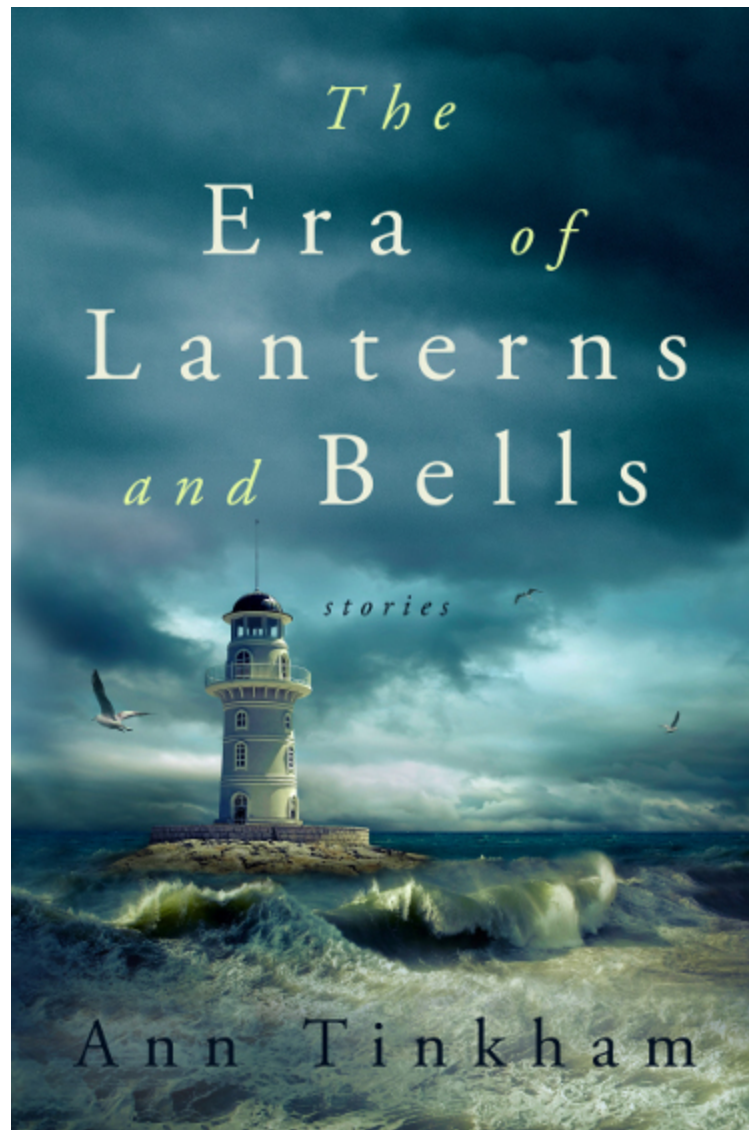
I'd like to share news about The Era of Lanterns and Bells, my newly released short story collection. I love what Bitsy said about my book.

"Can't say enough good things about this book - get it, read it, and LOVE it!!! Thank you, Ann Tinkham!" --Bitsy

In The Era of Lanterns and Bells, a lighthouse is haunted by the memory of lighthouse keepers, a journalist befriends a homeless virtuoso, an orca trainer believes she's a whale, an aerialist runs away

from the circus, and a Golden Gate Bridge jumper saves lives with fortune cookies. These quirky and darkly comic stories entertain while posing essential questions about truth, compassion, and humanity.

The book is available for Kindle and in paperback. Learn more at <http://anntinkham.com/>.



*From Ann Sloan...*

During the fall I have been busy with various activities for the Chesapeake Youth Symphony Orchestra—finding music, writing the

newsletter, working on the Board. We have a packed concert schedule for our nine performing ensembles; perhaps the most exciting is that CYSO's symphony orchestra has been invited back to Carnegie Hall for a second time to do the music for a December 1 program of music, art and film called The Way of the Rain: Voices of hope. A collaboration between composer Tim Janis and Mrs. Robert Redford, the concert will benefit a couple of environmental organizations and will feature Robert himself and Al Gore, among others. Very exciting.

Ian decided that, rather than going back and forth between Florida and Anacortes multiple times for the winter racing season, he should just stay in Florida for four months and rent out his house. So he invested in a large camper top for his pick-up and headed for Tampa. He says it's just like being in a boat, complete with galley and head with stand-up shower. He will be in Annapolis for a couple of weeks over the holidays, during which he will also see his mother through cataract surgery.

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