



June 2021

President's Letter

Dear Pinewoods Families,

Summer is fast approaching, and we are looking forward to enjoying long days of fun and spending time with friends and family at Pinewoods. For me, as for many of you I am sure, the stresses of this past year have given the lake an even deeper meaning as a place of peace, joy and home. It is with great hope that we anticipate resuming our Pinewoods activities this season as the Covid-19 situation improves nationally.

The Dining Hall will be serving three meals a day this year as they always have. The PWA Board and the Dining Hall Committee have designed a comprehensive Dining Hall hybrid model, carefully crafted for the safety and dining needs of our families. We will have a choice of having meals in the Dining Hall or picking them up and taking them back to our cottages. The hybrid plan is in accordance with CDC and Michigan State guidelines and has several options for dining.

We are optimistic that by pulling together and supporting one another, we can find a way to make this summer safe and enjoyable. We are hoping for a successful year for the Dining Hall since we are anticipating more folks in camp this season. The Dining Hall, the heart of our Pinewoods community, is counting on your support by taking your meals there. We hope to see you all at Higgins!

Jody Foster

President Pinewoods Association 2020-2021

From the Board Treasurer...

Greetings to all. We are happy to report that Pinewoods ended up in the black for the trying pandemic year that was 2020, with net revenue of about \$20,000 which brought our outstanding reserves to slightly over \$100,000 at the end of the year. We are all grateful for the numerous generous anonymous donations amounting to \$37,000 which were essential in supporting our bottom line in a year where the total meals served were only 4,300 which is significantly down from the 10,500 or so served in a normal year.

To give some perspective to the numbers, Pinewoods Association has approximately \$145,000 in fixed costs that we need to pay to run our camp and support our shared culture. We aim to collect about \$60,000 from member dues, another \$25,000 from cottage caretaking dues, and the rest we get from meal sales at the Dining Hall. In very rough numbers, we sell the average meal for about \$11 and have food costs of about \$5 which means we net about \$6 per meal sold. Multiply that by 10,000 meals and we have the \$60,000 or so that we need to finish paying our costs. The more meals we sell, the easier it becomes for the association to pay its expenses, the better the Dining Hall is able to offer us the variety and choices that we enjoy, and the better we can maintain our dues and board rates at reasonable levels.

We will provide a more detailed Treasurer's Report in time for the Annual Meeting. Looking forward to seeing all of you very soon!

David Greenleaf

From the Board Secretary

As the summer season approaches, the Pinewoods Board and Dining Hall Committee have been monitoring CDC and Michigan state guidelines to determine the feasibility of opening the Dining Hall for the summer season. Although we are deeply appreciative of the take-out model that was in place last year, we are thrilled to anticipate opening the Dining Hall more fully for summer 2021!

Since most people will be vaccinated, we are currently planning for a model that is as close to the regular Pinewoods Dining Hall experience as possible, while also offering a take-out option for those who prefer that level of protection. The details will continue to evolve based on updated guidelines, but here are some highlights to aid in planning:

- Dates: Friday June 25 (dinner) to Sunday August 29 (lunch)
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner every day (except Wednesday dinner)
- An in-person dining model that is as close to our regular model as possible while adhering to the latest safe dining standards
- Dining hall open exclusively for take-out for the 15 minutes prior to each meal
- No need to pre-order meals
- Masks required for unvaccinated people (including children aged 2 and up) when indoors until seated and eating

| Board Rates for 2021 | Adult | Youth | Child |
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| | | <i>9 to 12 yrs</i> | <i>5 to 8 yrs</i> |
| Breakfast | \$8.40 | 5.80 | 4.40 |
| Lunch | 10.00 | 7.15 | 4.40 |
| Dinner | 16.20 | 11.90 | 7.60 |
| Total | 34.60 | 24.85 | 16.40 |

To help the Dining Hall staff plan meals, it is ESSENTIAL that Pinewoodsers notify Kathy Piehl in advance of your arrival and departure. You can email Kathy at kipiehl60@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the Lake!

Kayden Will

From the Kathy Piehl...

I am so happy that we will be in the Dining Hall this summer. I can't wait to get back to "normal".

Having said that, everyone needs to email me about their arrival, number of people and when you will depart. It would be very helpful when you email me about your arrival time, to add any dietary requirements you may have. Gluten free, Vegan, etc. It's very important to help me with meal planning. I have some new menu items and ideas!

If you prefer to call, the new dining hall number is 989-821-1286. Can't wait to see all of you!

Let's make it the best summer ever!

XOXO

From Rebecca Taggart...

The Taggart-Aaland clan sends greetings to our Pinewoods family and friends, and hope you have all stayed healthy and sane this past year. We, on the other hand, have been completely bonkers and playing more Scrabble and dominos than I thought possible. Nothing on Bitsy's puzzles, though!

After surviving curfews and lock-downs, our daughter Ana graduated from the American University of Paris on May 25, 2021. She is accepted for graduate study this fall at King's College in London, for their program Politics and Economics in the Middle East. Our daughter Miranda is studying to be an art teacher at Oslo Met University in Norway, and is thrilled the flowers are blooming and the snow is gone.

Back at home I have taught virtually since last May, and really welcomed going back to school in person in April and seeing my fellow teachers. Although I would be perfectly happy to never Zoom again (when did it become a verb?), most of my students have yet to return to campus and virtual learning is still a reality at present. Now that my students are getting vaccinated, I hope for a return to "normalcy" by the fall.

Mikkel and I visited my brother Michael and his wife Lori at the end of March, once we were fully vaccinated. Wonderful to see family yet

strange to travel. Michael and Lori bought a house and moved from L.A. to Sedona a month into the pandemic. It took a year but we finally got to take in the spectacular rock formations around their house, as well as do lots of hiking. They plan to arrive early at the lake and stay into July. Lucky them!

Please take care, and hope to see you at the lake soon.

From Liz and John Wade...

The quiet hurrah of coming out of Covid. Hugging is now acceptable, and so welcome. And the senior Wades are looking forward to lots of hugs at Pinewoods this summer.

Trevor will be working virtually from the cottage, starting sometime in June, if all goes according to schedule. Unfortunately, the girls won't make it. Alexis will be working at the infirmary at Interlochen, doing what Aislinn did two years ago.

In the meantime, Aislinn has to make up rotations in her nurse's training back in Washington, D.C. Taylor and Patrick just became official doctors at the Uniformed Services School of Medicine, with all kinds of honors. They are driving to their new post in San Antonio with Patrick going into orthopedics residency and Taylor into pediatrics.

From Bitsy Taggart Fitzsimmons...

Like so many, I am counting down the days until I smell the woods, catch my first glimpse of the lake, and pull up behind the cottage and say, "No - we can't unload the car until we touch the lake", and run down to the end of the dock. But the best part of this summer, for me, anyway, will be spending time with my kids and grandchildren, many of whom I have not seen in almost two years!!

At this point, it looks like every single one will be able to come, with the possible exception of Robbie, who is just starting a fabulous new job. What a joy to have the cottage full again! The majority will be there in July, but spread out enough that we won't have to go to the Dining Hall in shifts.

Of course, the Dining Hall will be an evolving process this summer, but how wonderful it will be to have it as close to a normal summer as it can be. My mouth is already watering at the thought of poached

eggs for breakfast and all the wonderful surprises Kathy Piehl presents us with on a regular basis. But best of all, will be seeing our extended families and catching up with our Pinewoods family. It has been a long and difficult year and a half, so this summer will be one of the most special ever.



The Rainbow will see her 103rd summer on the lake, and I'm really looking forward to taking her out as often as possible. Just let me know if you want a ride....we can go to Cold Springs, the drop off, the island or on a "Mike Taggart Tour of the Horrors". Or just a cruise along the shoreline....your choice.

Can't wait to see you!!

From Jane Hoey...

So glad another summer in Pinewoods is almost here. Mary and I will be there for the opening night and we will have a full, full cottage with all the family coming over the two months. In between family, good friends will share our love for Pinewoods as well.

It will be wonderful to see everyone with our arms full of vaccines! We survived a long winter, but San Diego sunshine in the winter

always warms my heart as well as holding the view of the lake in my vision to get me thru to a new summer with all!

See you soon!

From David Greenleaf...

As many of you know, we lost Allen Greenleaf in January. I cannot begin to tell you how much all of us in the family have appreciated the well wishes we have received from so many in the Pinewoods community.

In looking back at our family photos it really becomes apparent how much the lake meant to dad. It seems like half of the pictures we have are either from Higgins Lake or at some provincial park in Ontario on the way to the lake. The pandemic made traveling across the border somewhat complicated this past year so I was glad to be able to get down to Maine on 3 occasions over the Fall of 2020 and early Winter 2021 and spend some quality time with him and the rest of the family.

Thanks to all for your support.

From Andy Gaus...

David Gaus, who as a child often visited the Sinclair-Bennett cottage along with the rest of the Gaus family, died in Indianapolis of a stroke on May 5th at age 77. He is remembered as a witty and engaging kid whose adult life was torn apart by mental illness.

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