



Late Fall 2013

Letter from the President...

It is a lovely sunny day here in Hartford. We've just finished raking leaves, the last of the year, signaling the passing of what has been a spectacular New England fall.

Happily, things seem to be going normally for Pinewoods. Ed Babcock, our caretaker, and Kathy Piehl, our masterful Dining Hall manager, will be back with us next season. The Board has set the opening and closing dates which will be Friday, June 21st and Sunday, August 25th, essentially the same as last season. The annual meeting will be on Saturday, July 27th. Based on the last financial report from Smith & Associates, our financial status is not quite as strong as the year before but is still good. This reflects the significant investment in the new generator which gives us some peace of mind that the Dining Hall will be able to remain open during power outages. To help us keep receivables low, the board also asked the accountants to provide regular statements to those with outstanding balances and to charge late fees and finance charges.

One concern the board has been dealing with is renters and outdoor fires. At the end of the season, a large unattended fire that renters thought was out turned into a significant blaze. The board has drafted a set of Pinewoods Rules for Renters that will give them some guidance. Fortunately, owners are sensitive to this issue and have provided their own guidelines which cover more areas than those of the Association. One guideline we might all take note of is that camp fires should be set up only when forest fire danger ratings are at "low." The web site www.myforecast.com can be referenced for this purpose.

I have had fun putting together our database and observing some of the numeric dimensions of our community – 625 people, 240 households of members and friends, 140 shareholders, and 431 shares. That includes the latest addition to the Wilson clan - Ava Colette Davoodian born November 19th. No doubt, she'll be another Wilson Blue Whale sailor!

I send my best regards to you all and look forward to seeing many of you in the coming season.

Phil Will
President

AT CAMP

From Jane Link...

The Cline clan gathered in force for 4th of July 2013. We celebrated with Robin and Katie's boyfriends for their first time. Kelly and Jeff Waltman, along with their children Lilly and Jack, joined our brother Mark Cline with his wife Colleen and their kids, Emily, Matthew, Caroline and Catherine to fill the ALT "big cottage" to overflowing! We continue to celebrate our father's legacy and plan to carry on his traditions of the sweeping Cline family through all of our children!

Dave and I are looking forward to coming up to Pinewoods in May 2014 for our first Memorial Day to celebrate Joslyn Lawrence's wedding weekend. Robin and Katie plan to join in the festivities as well.



Robin shows Ravi Fernando how Pinewoods celebrates.



Katie introduces James Maynard



Goddaughter Lilly gets some alone time after the parade.



Matthew Cline and Jack Waltman looking to round up some family members for dinner.

From Lauris Wade...



How about a photo from the Summer of 2005?

From Harman and Judith Foster...



Pinewoods Halloween

AWAY FROM CAMP

More from Lauris...

Michael Wade and girlfriend Katie Hughes have moved to Chicago to pursue job opportunities. Killian and Morgan Brown are up at University of Colorado, still dating but mostly studying. Ciaren Wade is about to start her final High School Basketball season but is still finding time to help Lin train our new colt Malbec. And just short of her 18th birthday, Ciaren finally got her Driver's Learning Permit.

From Liz Wade...

The senior Wades have had a flurry of traveling since early October and just returned from three weeks in Israel and Turkey. At no point did we feel we were in danger, other than not having enough space in our brains to process everything that we were learning. The three weeks before going to the Middle East we were in Utah and Colorado, visiting a group of ladies who have been close friends for well over ten years now, and seeing a lot of national parks (until the shutdown 'shut down' the last ones on our list). We spent almost a week with Lauris, Lin and Ciaren and did get to Boulder to see Killian and Morgan, so they were busy times. We can report the Colorado clan is well, and their new horse (Malbec) is beautiful.

We understand that Lauris is escaping Denver to celebrate his 50th with one of his med school buddies. *Don't tell anyone he's reached that milestone!*

From Bitsy Fitzsimmons...

Passed this sign in Decatur, GA.



From John Hoey...

Lisa Olason and I welcomed Daniel Lawrence Hoey and Magnus John Hoey on July 29th. Lisa did a great job carrying the twins to 38 weeks; they were born healthy and happy.



Daniel

Seattle for Thanksgiving. We will look forward to introducing the boys to Higgins Lake next summer!



Magnus

From Erik Geupel...

After years of work, my micro-brewery is finally launched. I'm just finishing off the website (www.geipel.co.uk) which should be live by the time *Pinewords* goes to press. No plans to export to The States yet but any 'Woodsers are welcome to drop in for a cold one if they happen to be in the UK.

Grandma ("Nana") Jane Hoey came to visit for two weeks in early September. Aunt Anne and the whole Cass family are coming to

From Carl Geupel...

Cottage One, at 151 Old Stage Rd., will be available to rent much of the summer. You can see a description, rates, availability, and pictures at: <http://www.vrbo.com/466062> We're offering last year's rates to previous tenants and Pinewoodser. Please feel free to call me with any questions or suggestions or if you need more information. cmgeupel@yahoo.com phone: 1.413.584.5413

From John G. Bennett...

On October 6, Agnieszka Budzińska-Bennett brought her early music group *Peregrina* to New York City for a concert of medieval Polish music under the auspices of Music before 1800. This was the occasion for the Great Confluence of Bennetts attended by Nancy Schmeltzer, Jonathan, Lucas, Agnieszka, Andrew, Maggie Gray (Andrew's fiancee), Tim, Rachel Barnes, Heather Reader, Louise, John, Marjorie, Abigail Webb, Paul, Carol Herndon, and Larry. In addition to the wonderful concert, there were two dinners, a brunch at Andrew and Maggie's apartment, and much carousing.



The attached picture shows a boatload of Bennetts, (minus Agnieszka, Paul, Carol, and Larry, alas) at brunch at Andrew and Maggie's apartment, along with two ringers, Geoffrey Gray, Maggie's brother, and Lauren Smith, a friend of Tim.

From Esther Greenleaf Murer...

Phoebe Murer has published a young adult novel, *Tug of War*, under the pseudonym Casey O. Munch. It concerns relationships between three students in a special needs high school, and is available from Amazon.

Erik is undergoing radiation following surgery for an orbital tumor which entailed the loss of one eye. So far so good.

George and Phoebe Hwang's daughter Daphne turned one in September and is sneaking up on becoming a walkie-talkie.

From George Wilson...

Roxie is 17 months old and her mama Stephanie gave birth to little sister Ava Colette Davoodian on November 19th.

Miles and Olive and their parents are doing just fine - Diana is in nursing school at Cabrillo College after five years (!) on the wait list. The family has moved into the new house (designed by them and largely built by them as well) and all is going well.

And Suzanne and I are stumbling along just fine... well actually I am doing the stumbling, and Suzanne is cycling and walking in the usual way

From Karen Will...

Coe Will and Craig Hoeksema were married July 13 in Roxbury, New York. The wedding was at a lovely farm among rolling hills on a beautiful cool day (remember July?) where all the Wills were able to spend a week together before the big event. Much of the extended Hoeksema family was also able to join us, most of them traveling from Michigan, including Craig's nearly 90-year-old grandfather.



Many of you will remember Craig from several visits to the lake. He is from Grand Rapids, works in Manhattan as does Coe, and they live in Brooklyn. And yes, she is now Coe Hoeksema.

We're looking forward to having all our daughters and their loved ones visit at Christmas. Besides Coe and Craig, Bryn, Dima and Bepa (Vera Ellen) from Moscow as well as Kayden and Tayo, now 8 months old and learning mobility(!) from New Hampshire. So it's been a great year.

From John De Beer

I've installed an elevator for Mona and it works well.

From Jane Hoey...

I have big news! I put my condo here in Michigan on the market in mid-October and it sold in one week!

I am moving to San Diego leaving December 9th. I will be driving across the country to my new home. Mary is going to keep me company as we stop along the way to see the sights going the southern route to avoid the snows flying. I expect to be moved in before Christmas and share the joy of the season with the Cass family.

Here is my new address:

4605 Governor Drive, #218
San Diego, CA. 92122

I am looking forward to this new journey in my life. I will be back every summer in Michigan and at Pinewoods, no doubt for the whole season!

Happy holidays everyone!

From Jerry and Marilyn Kerns...

Happy Turkey to all!

No big news from Southern Indiana.

Marilyn and I are thoroughly enjoying retirement from our practices 1/31/13. Hard to believe we are coming up on our first year. We still celebrate the realization that "we don't have to go into the office tomorrow."

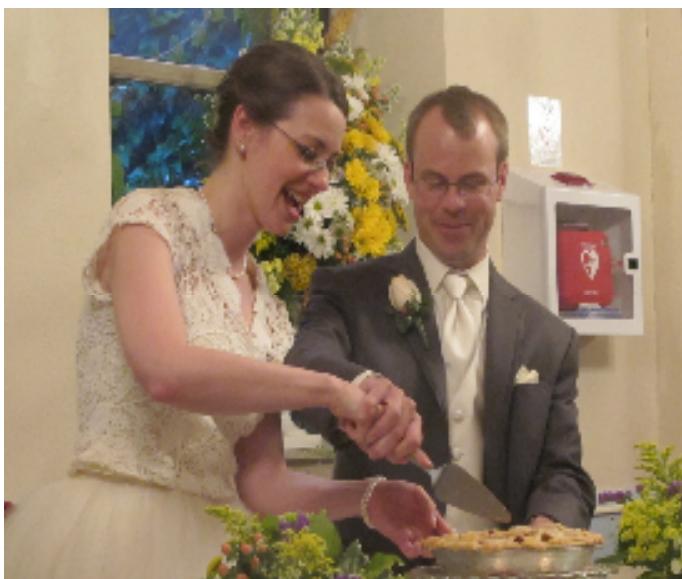
Marilyn has devoted much more time to her perennial gardens (turned down a request to be on the House/Garden tour), clothing design and construction, and knitting.

I nearly have my space organized as well as equipment and supplies purchased to begin painting this winter. Getting rather excited and may well take lessons from a local artist working in acrylics.

The Columbus, IN area newspaper featured us in their quarterly magazine starting on page 34.

http://issuu.com/screamingeaglemedia/docs/pri_me_time_august_2013/1

From the Cochrans...



Blair Cochran (daughter of Tom and Rachel) was married to Chris Guttridge in July and then honeymooned at Higgins!



Liz Cochran celebrated her 100th birthday in September. Is she the oldest living Pinewoodser?

From Anne Sloan...

I can scratch off the first item on my bucket list -- a 10-day cruise up the Danube from Vidin, Bulgaria to Passau in Germany, capped with three days in Prague. Two highlights - after 18 years, spending an afternoon and evening in Prague with Czech friends and seeing the incredible changes the time has wrought in Bratislava. And who knew the best tomatoes in the world come from Bulgaria?

The picture is of a coal barge passing Durnstein, Austria—the Danube is still a major artery of commerce.



From your Editor...

Brother-in-law Tom on a photo safari in Kenya.



Does he remind you of any other men from the Cochran clan?

Want to see what Tom saw?

<https://picasaweb.google.com/ThomasHCochran/KenyaTrip02?authkey=Gv1sRgCOj0pPud6oTViAE>

From Kathy Lawrence...

The Lawrence Cottage welcomed the arrival of Vincent Perry Johnston on November 2, 2013 to parents Chris and Amy Johnston and 'big brothers' Zach and Sean. All are doing well and looking forward to enjoying the Lake and Pinewoods Dining Hall next year.



From John Bishop...

The Bishop/Kempler/Daggett family reports that all three of their "birds" have successfully launched. John and Cristi Bishop now have a completely empty nest.



Paul (Kempler) continues his studies at Vanderbilt where he is a junior, majoring in chemical engineering and "minoring," it seems, in Ultimate (Frisbee), with Vandy's team "Brick House."

Paul missed a summer at the Lake this year so he could play with forensic chemistry near the Hanford Nuclear reservation in Richland, WA. He also managed to play Frisbee there, too.



Meantime, the other "birds," Alan (Bishop) and Emma (Daggett) graduated from high school in June and headed off to their own college experiences. Alan started this fall at Reed College (just across the river from us in Portland) and Emma has flown off to the University of Montana where she was accepted to the University's Davidson's Honors College.

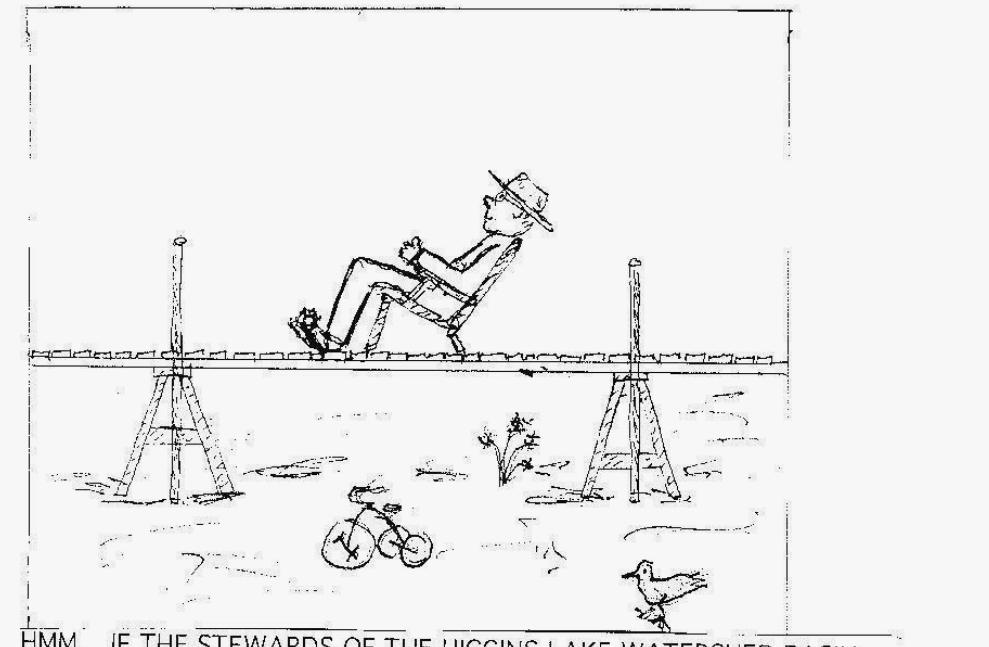
The parents are proud and relieved (of both anxiety and cash).

From your Editor...

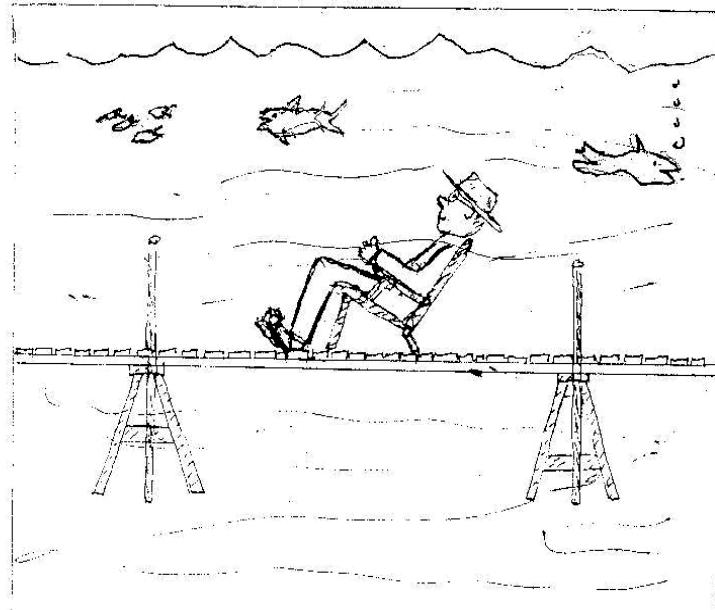
Thank you contributors! You sure make this job easy. Happy holidays to all. Thanks proof readers - Lucy, Anne and Frank.

And now, take a look at the next page – He's back after a lengthy R & R - none other than the *Pinewoods Guy* courtesy of Dan Wilson.

PINEWOODS GUY - A WIN-WIN SITUATION



HMM, IF THE STEWARDS OF THE HIGGINS LAKE WATERSHED BASIN DECIDE TO REMOVE THE DAM, I WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT FALLING OFF THE DOCK AND DROWNING ANYMORE.



HMM, IF THE STEWARDS OF THE HIGGINS LAKE WATERSHED BASIN DECIDE TO RAISE THE DAM TWENTY FEET, I'LL BE ABLE TO KAYAK TO THE DINING HALL AND I WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT TRIPPING OVER ROOTS IN THE PATH.