



Spring 2011

*From the President....*

May 30, 2011

Dear Pinewoods Members, Family and Friends,

Summer at Pinewoods is coming up lickety-split with all its joys: Dining Hall bells on crisp mornings, sails around the island, exhilarating jumps into Higgins Lake at the edge of black water, shooting stars and northern lights over our docks. Happily, some things stay the same to create or to help us to remember glorious childhood summers!

To this end, **Ed Babcock** is fixing the belfry and preparing to put in our docks and boats, **Kathy Piehl** has hired a new cook to replace **Dan** who has gone on to college and the Pinewoods Board is making sure that everything is perfect for a great 2011 Summer.

Our good news is that Pinewoods is still operating in the black. The Dining Hall had its highest attendance ever last year, and our efforts at tightening our belts have paid off. We have almost cleared all the debts from our arrears list, our cash flow is just fine and Pinewoods' financial picture looks promising, even in these tough times.

To view our 2010 Operating Statement and Balance sheet, please log into <https://sites.google.com/a/pinewoodscamp.org/public/>. As you will see, we're still cutting it close. So, in order to keep up with rising fuel prices and attendant rising costs of food, transportation and services, the Board of Directors has increased Board rates and Dues rates as follows:

Spring Membership Dues Assessment: \$26.00 per share (4% increase)

Spring Cottage Caretaking Assessment: \$565.00 per cottage (4% increase)

Dining Hall Board Rates; 4.1% increase.

This is the first dues hike in a long time and Board rates have not been raised since 2008.

The extra income should see Pinewoods comfortably through 2011 and, hopefully, help rebuild our sinking fund and provide for much needed new ovens for our cooks.

Camp opens on Friday, June 24 for Dinner and closes on August 28 after Lunch. Please bring all your family and friends and be sure to email **Kathy Piehl**, [khpiehl@aol.com](mailto:khpiehl@aol.com), well ahead of your arrival to let her know when you'll come and how many you'll be, so that she can have plenty of delicious victuals on hand for all.

The Dining Hall will have a new, and permanent, phone number this summer, which I will email to all as soon as the service is installed.

The 2011 Annual meeting will be on Saturday, July 30. The Board has proposed an amendment to the By-Laws to allow the Secretary to email the Notice of Annual Meeting and the Proxy forms in the future. All members are encouraged to attend, if possible, but, if not, don't forget to sign and send in your proxies!

All those who are in Pinewoods this Memorial Day weekend say that the buds are on the trees, the birds are singing and the lake is beautiful. Excitement's mounting!

I look forward to seeing you all this summer.

**Sharkey Fink**

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

May 23, 2011

By the time you read this, Pinewoods shareholders and cottage owners should have received their Spring 2011 invoice. Special thanks to **Robin** (our new accountant) and her staff who have done a great job transitioning us from previous accountants as well as bringing our billing into the 21st century. Once again she has sent as many invoices as possible by email. We think the issues we had with the billing last Fall have been resolved so:

1) Let me know ([treasurer@pinewoodscamp.org](mailto:treasurer@pinewoodscamp.org)) as soon as possible if you haven't received an invoice and you think you should have. Don't forget to check your "spam" folder: your email software may have mistaken it for something annoying. ;-)

2) Please PAY your invoice as soon as possible. You can even pay online. Details of Pinewoods' bank account are shown on the invoice. Remember to include your invoice number with the payment to ensure your account is credited properly.

A personal plea regarding this second point: Pinewoods was owed almost \$3,800 just before the Spring billing. This is over 8% of our General Camp Operation budget. In spite of all the cost savings we've made recently, Pinewoods will never have a healthy financial outlook if people don't pay their bills on time. With this in mind, the Board has decided to police debtors more proactively by imposing late payment fees, posting debtor lists in the Dining Hall, denying voting rights, making debtors attend a Dell without insect repellent, etc.. So please (oh, please) get those checks in. And of course, many thanks to all of you who settle promptly.

See you on the lake,

Erik Geupel

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***From your editor:***

Thank you all for contributing so much news - I can't imagine doing this work prior to email. My hats are off to all my predecessors!

**Stephanie FitzGerald**

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***From Paul Bennett:***

It's been pointed out by sharp-eyed relatives that my granddaughter's name was mysteriously changed from **Sunniva** to "Sunnyvale" in the last issue. It smacks of the work of an over-eager and under-informed spellchecking program.



Shouldn't all spellcheckers know about St. Sunniva, patron saint of the diocese of Bjørgvin, Norway?).

***Editor's note:***

*Or alternatively, rather than spell check, perhaps our past editor **George Wilson**, long time resident of Sunnyvale, CA had something to do with it.*

***From Mona Baumgartel:***

I am taking over making revisions to the notebook of Pinewoods family trees. **Mary Highberger** collected the information and set up the system with help from **Anne Sloan**. They both deserve much thanks from all of us.

Please notify me of changes to make in your family trees - marriages and births, of course, but also deaths, unfortunately, and other corrections.

Thank you.  
mona.baumgartel@cox.net

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***From Kathy Lawrence:***

I was elected to the Roscommon County Community Foundation (RCCF) Board of Trustees in April. This will allow the camps to maintain a presence on the RCCF Board once Cottage Grove's **Hank Junod** goes off the Board in June. As you know, the three camps have given generously to the RCCF over the years and have had a continued presence on the board throughout its existence (i.e., **Jack Wade, Rob Morley, Ted Braun**, and most recently, **Hank Junod**). I am looking forward to following in their esteemed footsteps and helping to meet the many needs of the Roscommon community through the work of the Foundation.

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***From Kate Eubanks:***

Alex has plans to open a small Pinewoods store! He's designed new Pinewoods summer 2011 T-shirts. He also has a few new items such as bumper stickers, postcards, pens and tote bags. He'll be arriving in camp on July 9 to open up for business!

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***From Esther Greenleaf Murer:***

I have published a book of poetry, *Unglobed Fruit*. It is available from amazon.com.

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***From Harman Foster:***

**Judith** and I were on Longboat KeyFL and the Gulf for 3 months this winter/spring. Early on in Feb we got together with **Howie** and **Tammy Schultz** who came up from Sannibel to Venice for lunch. Nothing like a 3 hour lunch to get caught up!



***"Can Howie handle two these days?"***

It's the darndest thing. I had just left for a few minutes to put something in the car and this happened. He is a clever devil isn't he?!!

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***From Louise Bennett:***

I retired in January from my job at Westside Health Services as a physician. Am enjoying writing short stories, work outs at the Y, as well as a little left over supervision of an Americorps Fellow. Also in May we enjoyed watching Katie Bennett (Tim's wife since August 2010) graduate from Penn's Master's Degree program in Non-profit/NGO Leadership.

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***From Carol Herndon and Paul Bennett:***

**Teddy Martin**, Paul Bennett's stepson, graduated on May 15, 2011 from Carnegie Mellon University, earning two degrees - Bachelor's and Master's - in Electrical and computer Engineering. We are very proud.

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**From Amanda Guepel:**

Here is a poem written by Otto aged 9:

***Higgins Lake***

***In America there is a state,  
and in that state there is a cottage,  
and near that cottage there is a lake,  
and on that lake there is a boat,  
and on that boat is a boy,  
and that boy's name is Otto  
in my favourite place  
In the world.***

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**From Hugh and Louisa Lawrence: -**

We finally made it to Hawaii. Years of looking at "Aloha" in the fireplace stones inspired us to make it there; something my grandfather had promised, but delayed when they built the cottage. We had dinner with **Jeff** and **Nani Harmon** and spent some time at Imiloa during their 5 year anniversary celebration. Jeff is the Marketing and PR Manager for the Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawaii. It is worth a visit if you happen to be on the Big Island.



***Jeff and Hugh***

We are looking forward to the Memorial Day Pig Roast, which should be an excellent start

to the Higgins Lake summer season. We have begun mapping the Pinewoods trails. There's an app for that. If you go to <http://share.gps.motionxlive.com/shr/x/kmz/8df2f7bca0e892da14a3d1b57e525322> you can see the trail from the road at our driveway past the tennis courts up to Wiseman's Road, to the Cottage Grove entrance and back to the path entrance at the Shultz's. I am hoping that the paths can be overlaid so we can see all the trails out in the woods. We have covered a couple of the routes and plan to get them all.

**Joslyn, Amanda** and **Hannah** are all gainfully employed in Delaware, Illinois and California respectively. We have traveled to each of their locales during the off season and are hoping for reciprocal visits this summer. See you all this summer.

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**From Rocky Flinterman:**

I am very pleased to announce that **Grace** will be graduating from Santa Barbara High School on June 2nd and later this year will be attending the University of California Berkeley. Really proud and happy, and in-state tuition is a welcome relief, too! **Jack** will get his Masters from Brown on May 29, then moving to Santa Monica to start his new career as a U.S. Taxpayer. Welcome to the club, **Jack**!

As I write this (5/23), I am also packing the car for my first trip to da Lake since last October. Happy Pig Roast everybody. See ya at the Hall.

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**From John Hoey:**

I have accepted a new job. It's with The Trust For Public Land ([www.tpl.org](http://www.tpl.org)). TPL is a national nonprofit that conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens, historic sites, rural lands, and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come. As a Washington State Program Manager, I will be leading community outreach and planning efforts to



develop partnerships and build support for TPL services and projects throughout the state.

Also, I know this was mentioned in the last Pinewords, but I think it's worth noting: I am marrying **Lisa Olason** on July 2nd here in Seattle. Many members of the Hoey/Highberger/Kohring clan will be making the trip to the Pacific Northwest for the festive event. Unfortunately, **Lisa** and I will not be able to visit Higgins Lake this summer, but I think we have a good alternative - we'll be honeymooning in Kauai!

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***From Jane Hoey:***

Memorial Day weekend at Pinewoods was lots of fun, and by Sunday and Monday, the weather was warm and glorious.

**Chris** and **Dave Robinson** had just arrived. Dave will stay for a while, go back home, and then return with **Pen** later in the season. The **Schultzes** were all there with kids and grandkids. The **Lawrences** and **Wades** were the only other "Woodsers". The Pig Roast was fun, too, because I got to see Cottage Grove and Lakeside folks I know.

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***From Rebecca Taggart:***

I have joined Teach For America, and will be teaching math to public school 7-12th graders starting in the fall. Although I haven't been assigned to a school yet, it will be in San Francisco or Oakland. We are sent to the lowest-performing schools to try and raise achievement. I am very excited about this opportunity, as I've wanted to follow in my teacher father's (**Mike Taggart**) footsteps for a long time. Teach for America allows me to teach on an intern credential while completing my California Certification over the next two years. I'll be spending my summer in Los Angeles in intensive training, and teaching summer school, and away from my family for two months, but it will be worth it, I hope. Wish me luck!"

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***From Liz Wade:***

**Jack** and I have been at the lake since mid Apr. when we were greeted by 6 inches of heavy, wet, gorgeous snow. That's the way to have winter - all in one day. Finally, today, one month after arriving, we had a day when we could open the windows! Trees are just budding.



***Pinewoods, May 17***

The thing that struck us most this year was the incredible number of branches, twigs and trees that had been blown down since we left last fall. There have obviously been some very, very strong wind storms. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

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*From Jerry Kearns:*

**A Pinewoods Dream**

Asleep on my pillow  
I travel north and near Claire  
Cumulus clouds billow....  
Well defined in drier air.  
The abundance of pines  
Also a welcomed scene  
Creates a sublime  
Lushness of green.  
I count down the miles.  
Anticipation heightens  
And brings a smile.  
My spirit lightens  
So near the lake  
To be sailing again  
Then at last...Camp's gate  
Family and friends  
Many stories to tell  
All perfect it seems  
As all is always well  
In my Pinewoods Dream

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*From John Baumgartel:*

It has been a big year in the **Baumgartel/DeBeer/Alley/Elsaesser** group over the last twelve months. **Howard Baumgartel**, father of **Mona**, **Tom**, and me passed in February of this year. I was with him in the morning, Elaine in the afternoon, and Tom and Jeremiah were with him when he went.

Some of the "elders" may remember him; he loved Pinewoods very much. He had many wonderful sails on Grampa's *Zephyr*. He was particularly close in those early days to

**Al Nagy, Stacy and Jack DeCamp, Mack Schultz, and Johnny Robinson.** (And I'm sure many ladies enjoyed his friendship, as well.)

**Beth Schultz** and the other members of the Mt. Oread Friends Meeting, of which he was a long attending member, arranged a lovely get-together in Lawrence, KS.

On to the next generations.... **Sylvie** and her sig other **Dylan** have produced a son, **Luther**, born in October. **Elaine** finished her Masters Degree in Communication at the University of New Mexico, and you may hear her on NPR when she puts out a national story. **Jeremiah** is making wine at Ponderosa winery where he is assistant winemaker, while **Sara** is maneuvering to get her medical practice into action. **Niko** is starting a healing massage practice in Santa Fe, **Shaylor** is attempting to get back into the fire fighting arena also in Santa Fe. **Croft** continues as president of American Clay with sales and marketing support from **Carol**. **Duke** and **Heather** are in Southern CA. He is working on a PhD in physics while **Heather** puts her architecture skills to work.

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*From Frank Cochran and Stephanie FitzGerald:*

Morocco in the spring was wonderful - including our camel ride on desert dunes in the rain - We even saw a rainbow afterwards!



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***From Bitsy Fitzsimmons:***

We're looking forward to arriving for the opening, and with any luck, will be lucky enough to be at Pinewoods for the ENTIRE summer!! Doesn't get much better than that! Well, better would be having all the kids in the cottage at some point during the summer, but the **Bob Jr's** all have work conflicts, and so do Susan and Jennifer. Next summer, for sure.

**Alex** and **Christina** and the kids will be with us for the last 5 days of June and MAYBE **Will** and **Kate** will get to stay on for a week with Nana and G'pa while **Alex** and **Christiana** are in London to meet their furniture and get settled into their house. Yes, they will be moving back to London at the end of August for a couple of years. Too far away, but a great place to visit!!

**Jack** and **Alex Eubanks** will both be attending an Emory University kids' summer program for three weeks, and will get to Higgins the 10th of July with **John**. I wonder if **Kate** is actually ready for a completely empty nest for three weeks!!! Well, not completely empty - dog and hamster will be with her.

Can't wait to get to Pinewoods and see everyone....the most wonderful extended family anyone could ever hope for.

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***From Nancy Greenleaf:***

I'm living in Portland, ME and loving it - just around the corner from library, movies, bookstore, coffee shops - church and bars!

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***From Paul Bishop:***

The latest news from the Portland, OR Bishops is that our first-born will soon "leave the nest." And he's flying south! Son **Paul Kempler** will graduate from High School in June and then move to Nashville, Tennessee at the end of August to attend Vanderbilt University! We are extremely proud of him and excited for all the new

adventures he has ahead of him. I've attached a handsome picture of him from his Senior Prom night.



Meantime, we've still got the two 16.5 year olds -- **Alan** and **Emma** -- at home moving into their Junior Year in High School. It's going to be a very busy summer. In fact, we may not (shudder, shudder!!) make it to the Lake this summer! But we promise to make it only be a brief hiatus!

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***From Andy Gaus:***

My mother, **Laura Gaus**, died at 11 p.m. on May 30, Memorial Day.

A memorial service for her will be held at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, June 12th, which would have been her 92nd birthday, in the chapel at Marquette Manor, 8140 Township Line Road, Indianapolis. All are welcome. There will also be Mass in her memory the same morning at 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 46th and Illinois, Indianapolis. Donations in her memory may be made to Heifer International.

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***From Ed Babcock:***

My new cell phone number is 989 390-6780.

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