



June 2019

President's Letter

Dear Pinewoods Members and Friends:

Hooray! Every day is one step closer to summer! My head is full of great thoughts for getting back to "Pure Michigan" and arriving in Pinewoods for the opening of the Dining Hall, Friday night, June 21st. I have my plane ticket to Asheville where I will connect with sister, Mary and we will start our overnight drive to Old Stage Road, to relax and see dear friends, staying for almost 10 weeks.

Your Board has been busy attending to all the important duties to make the 2019 PWA summer very special. As many of you know, we will begin to start some celebrations for our Centennial, carrying on into year 2020. Lily Fink Harrington is chairing the committee, and Ann Taylor and Beth Schultz are hard at work completing a beautiful Centennial book.. And the Flintermann cottage will welcome new owners, Lindsey and Stanford Phillips and their 5 children from Decatur, GA. We can't wait to meet them.

Ed Babcock has been working through the winter to finish the upgrade of the dining hall floor and buffet area among other duties. Kathy Piehl is working on setting up the dining hall staff and has made a call for new recipes. Perhaps you have already sent to her?

I understand that winter brought heavy snow to the Higgins Lake area, and Ed thought he would have to get up on all our cottages to shovel off the snow in February. It turns out the weather began to melt the snow and he only had to do the Dining Hall roof.

The Finance Committee, under the leadership of David Dewey and Curt DeVoe have worked long hours to design a detailed budgeting plan, and we have begun to implement with three distinct functional areas of the Association: General Fund, Dining Hall and Caretaking. Our financial results have been the best in years due to the strong support from our members.

So now is the time to let Kathy Piehl (kjpiehl60@gmail.com) know your arrival times, so she can plan the number of meals accordingly. Please tell her the number that will be at your table so it will be set and we will have enough food for all. Kathy is a remarkable manager but she needs us to let her know in a timely fashion when we expect to be there. Our Dining Hall rates will be the same as last year.

Pinewoods is a VERY special community. The number of members that pitch in to make it so wonderful is remarkable. Thank you one and all. Put Saturday, July 27th on your calendar for the Annual Meeting with special festivities planned. See you at the lake.

Jane Hoey

President Pinewoods Association 2018-2019

From the Editor...

Finally summer has arrived in the midwest and we are counting the days until we arrive at Pinewoods in August.

This year, the EBT cottage will be celebrating their centennial with a family reunion the first weekend of August. We hope you will join us in the celebration if you are in camp!

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

Hope your summer is off to a great start!

Kristen Larkin, EBT Cottage

From the Dining Hall Committee...

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to enjoying the dining hall this summer. If everyone would give Kathy Piehl at least a week's notice of arrival/departure, it would be appreciated. If you don't know exact times, an approximate date still works. Kathy orders food a week in advance, so arriving without any notice can cause problems. If Kathy has to go into town to buy groceries, that alters the profit margin, and we all want the dining hall to end the summer in the black...not the red.

Also, please make sure you complete the meal count sheets by breakfast on Wednesday. That way Bitsy can enjoy her Wednesday's too.

It has been a cold, quiet spring, so I am looking forward to a nice busy summer...with a full dining hall.

From Kathy Piehl...

Hi to all! Hope you have weathered the winter well! I wasn't sure it was ever going to end. It's finally sunny here in the North!

We've been busy this winter, remodeling the kitchen. It is very nice. I would like to share pictures, but I can't get David to do the last few things to finish up. He has decided that the cupboards don't need handles on them. He likes them the way they are. I think he just doesn't want to do them for fear he will mess them up! You all know me well enough by now, to know that one way or the other, I will get my handles put on!

Angela was able to go back to swimming this year. She is so excited! She gets to go to the State Special Olympic games in Mt. Pleasant the end of May!

I have some good news for you and some bad news! The bad news is that Josie won't be back this summer. I know, I feel the same way. She is having some issues with her arms and shoulders, as well as her back! I told her not to be a stranger, that everyone would love to see her.

The good news is that Tricia has consented to be the breakfast and lunch cook. I know she will do a good job! I have the rest of my staff lined up as well. The evening cook is a lady from Grayling, with lots of cooking experience. I know her and I think you all will like her.

New faces mean new ideas! I'm looking forward to seeing you all very soon. As usual, if you have any ideas, I would love to hear from you.

PS - I'm not hearing from many people. Please email me with your reservations!

From Hugh and Louisa Lawrence...

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE UPDATE

We have moved on from the days of cassette tapes and boom-boxes. Now you can download or stream music to play on your phone and Bluetooth speaker. If you don't know what that means, save yourself reading any further.

We play "The Stars and Stripes Forever" by the United States Marine Corps Band. The song is available for free to download at; <https://www.marineband.marines.mil/Audio-Resources/The-Complete-Marches-of-John-Philip-Sousa/The-Stars-and-Stripes-Forever-March/>. You can download it and add it to your iTunes or GooglePlay library. Alternatively, it is available in Amazon Prime Music and I am sure Spotify and Apple Music have it available as well.

If you have a Bluetooth speaker, please see whether you can get a copy or are able to stream it to your phone. Make sure your player allows you to repeat a song (indefinitely). At 12:15, start your playback. The Parade will begin at the Willage at that time. As we pass the cottages, we should all be in sync and pick up not only additional marchers, but also additional music. Give it a try, get ready and join the Parade.

From Paul Brown (P3)...

NEED EXTRA ROOM?

Greetings Pinewoodsers! P3 here with a reminder that the Dining Hall Annex has been spruced up and slightly remodeled so that three rooms are now available for members and friends use during the weeks the dining hall is open.

If your cottage is going to be joyfully full to overflowing and you need a pillow or two to rest those few extra precious heads, contact me and make your booking as soon as you can!

Rooms can be booked individually and each has a private bathroom. The common area is shared by all so be prepared to mingle with other sojourners coming and going from the other rooms. A \$25 donation per room / night is requested to help the association cover maintenance and opening/ closing expenses.

All guests are asked to refrain from smoking in the Annex, to maintain the cleanliness of the common area, to remove all trash prior to departure and to wash all towels and linens and make the bed(s) when they leave. That way the rooms will always be ready for the next guest.

If you have a preference for a double bed or twin beds please let me know when you send your reservation request and I will do my best. Reservations are “first come, first served”. Please just email me at paul_brown_iii@yahoo.com and I will get back to you right away!

No bill will be sent. We ask that donations for use of the Annex be mailed directly to our accountant, Smith and Associates, with “Donation for Annex” written in the memo line. This is the first year we are doing this so please send any feedback, positive or negative, after your guest’s stay so we can improve things over the years.

I can’t wait to see all of you at the lake. Summer is almost here!

From Lily Fink Harrington...

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Hello Woodsers!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful year, and I'm sure you are all looking forward to being back at Pinewoods as much as we are.

In the lead-up to our Centennial year in 2020, the Committee is excited to kick our plans into gear this summer and start turning our ideas into reality.

If you have ideas, thoughts, or time you would like to contribute, or if you would like to organize a ping-pong or paddle-tennis tournament, kickball game, sailboat race, rat race, golf scramble, talent show, scavenger hunt, dining hall theme night, or anything else fun for the 2020 season, please let me know so we can be sure to spread the fun out all summer long!

As a preview kick-off to the whole celebration, our own very talented Alyssa Wendt and (President-elect) Paul Brown have written a stage production about Pinewoods that they hope to stage THIS summer on Friday, July 26, the night before the annual meeting! If you have any thespians (or hams) in your cottage who will be in camp at that time, please encourage them to participate!

We are also so very excited to see the beautiful book of Pinewoods history that Ann Taylor and Beth Schultz have lovingly compiled - certain to be a cottage heirloom cherished for (at least) the next 100 years!

Counting down the days... xo, Lily

From Hugh and Louisa Lawrence...

As the fall approached we left Higgins for the Canada and a trip on the Rocky Mountaineer. We joined Jane and Dave Ferguson on a trip through the Rockies with tours through Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper followed by a first class train journey from Jasper through Kamloops and to Vancouver. As that trip ended, we visited with Wendy Robinson for a couple of days and started a trip down the west coast. We took Amtrak to Seattle for some sightseeing at Seattle Center, then Amtrak to Portland. In Portland we visited with Jamie and Sara Takikawa who gave us a grand tour of the area. We flew down to San Jose in time to help Hannah and Andy Clark move to Redwood City, closer to their work. A beautiful trip.

Back at home, we roamed to Chicago to see Joslyn, Nat and two beautiful grandchildren for Thanksgiving; then to New Jersey to see Amanda and John; and back to Chicago for Christmas. After New Year's at home, it was on to Hawaii via Chicago and Redwood City for the month of February. We made it home, again via Redwood City and Chicago.

Louisa was able to catch up on her dance classes before we left for a trip to Kentucky to visit some horse farms and distilleries on the Bourbon Trail. The farms near Lexington were fabulous. We also learned a bit about the history of both Kentucky and New Orleans who created a good deal of the Bourbon trade. Our last stop on this trip was in Nashville, IN to stay with Jerry and Marilyn Kerns.

We have returned home so Louisa can concentrate on her dances in preparation for the June recital. May, and Higgins, are just around the corner. I mowed our lawn for the first time last week and we are currently in a snowstorm in Chicago (yup, grandbabies need their grandparents).

For those in Camp on the First Saturday (22 Jun), please join us for cocktails at the Lawrence's starting on or before 6:00 PM. Dinner at

the Dining Hall will not start until 7:00, so pick up some snacks at the very least. Looking forward to seeing everyone this summer!

From Louise Bennett...

Ivy Marie and Max Robert Bennett, fraternal twins, were born in Philadelphia by C-section on April 2, 2019 at 5:04 and 5:05, respectively, to Tim and Lauren. Ivy weighed 6lb. 13. oz and Max 5.0. Parents and children are doing well.



From Stephanie Fitzgerald...

Greetings from Frank and Stephanie taken yesterday, 5/22, in front of Predjama Castle in Slovenia. The castle is built in front of and within a cave!



From Mona Baumgartel...

Ayutthaya

In February, John and I traveled to Bangkok, Thailand, for John's work, and we took John's sister Laura with us. (You may know Laura as she has joined us at the Pinewoods cottage for many summers.) John worked with the canneries, as usual, but they are about an hour's drive away.

We took a weekend trip to the town of Ayutthaya (“tth” is pronounced here like “t”), the ancient Siamese capital outside Bangkok on a major river that goes then to Bangkok. The trip was organized by several people from the canneries, and some other Thais from the canneries came, too.



This is the group when we walked around some of the ancient temples—these remain, but most were destroyed by the Burmese in 1767 (That’s Laura third from the left.). The grounds where we were has many piles of bricks where there used to be various buildings—Thai temples actually have many associated buildings for housing monks and other things, as well as plazas. A lot of other treasures, like books, libraries, and works of art, were destroyed, too.

But it was very hot so we lingered at lunch (with air conditioning) until it was time to go home. Lunch was absolutely delicious with fantastic sauces. It consisted of maybe fifteen dishes, most in multiples of two.



One was John's favorite, Pak Bung Fai Daeng, a vegetable you can't get in the U.S.(above)



The other dish was one of the favorites, too, Green Papaya Salad.

From Curt DeVoe...

Lynn and I have a new grandson - Alex Conner Snyder, second child of our daughter Emily DeVoe and her husband Nick Snyder, born April 27, 2019. Lynn was on a plane to San Francisco less than 12 hours after Alex arrived, I joined her a few days later, and we spent a week meeting Alex and visiting his family (and our younger daughter Leslie and her husband Patrick, who live just 8 minutes from Emily).

Lynn and I counted 10 Taggarts named Alex, starting with the one who visited Higgins Lake more than 100 years ago and decided that would be a nice place to come back to, and including 5 now living: Alex Evans, Alex Eubanks, Max Elliott (whose middle name is Alexander), the newest Alex, and Alex(andra) Angyus, Lindsay Taggart Angyus' 2 year old daughter.

Mona Baumgartel identified 4 more in the extended Taggart family. Alex's sister is named Kate, so we also have another Kate and Alex sibling pair in the family. Alex shares his middle name with his uncle Conner.

Lynn and I are off to Pinewoods in a few days for Memorial Day Weekend, getting an early start on our Pinewoods time this year, and by the time you read this we will have enjoyed our first Tri-Camp Pig Roast.

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