



June 2016

President's Letter

SPRINGING AHEAD

Dear Pinewoodsers,

The ice is long gone from the lake, and it is spring in northern Michigan. Although our docks are not all in the water yet, Ed is working on them, one by one. Certainly, they'll all be in before the opening of the Dining Hall on Friday evening, June 24! I'm glad to report that the Dining Hall and the Library, both of which were damaged by a splintering tree at the end of 2015, have been repaired and are ready to open their doors again.

Other signs of spring are in the air, and the summer we anticipate throughout the year will soon be here. I've heard that Geoff Guepel plans to be in Pinewoods this spring before the Dining Hall opens, coming to the lake early from his home in Bolinas, California, in order to identify the numbers and kinds of avian migrants passing through our woods, over our lake. Woodpeckers—red-headed, red-bellied, and pileated—as well as the downys and nuthatches have been on hand through the winter and are still with us this spring. My sister-in-law recently took photos of a pair of mallards striding confidently down the front path, and my brother reports seeing ninety Canada geese honking overhead in chevron formation. I hope that someone has been able to verify that trillium and trailing arbutus still bloom in our back woods in the spring.

I am glad to report that Kathy Piehl returns for her twenty-seventh summer as manager of our Dining Hall. How fortunate we are that we have been able to depend upon her to plan such delicious, diverse, and nourishing meals for us three times a day (except for Wednesday nights) throughout the summer! Our Dining Hall, as we all know and appreciate, converts our summers into holidays, our separate cottages into a community. And Kathy makes these arrangements happen with such apparent ease. Kathy tells me that

she is always eager to hear from Pinewoods folks about meals—let her know what you like, what you don't like, and if you have any favorite recipes you'd like to share with her.

Kathy is planning two special evenings for us during the summer—one with a Harry Potter theme, the other focused on Treasure Island. Think witchcraft and wizardry, Hermione and Dumbledore, quiddich and love potions, on the one hand, and Robert Lewis Stevenson, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, and "Birds of a Feather," on the other, in case you'd like to bring appropriate costumes and wigs and musical accoutrements! Phil Will and his talented crew will be organizing Blue Whale Sailing again this summer, and I hope there will be a lot of good action on the tennis court this year. The back trails should be in good walking order, thanks to the Trails Committee, and the Pinewoods Library is filled with tantalizing books for young and old readers.

Pinewoods' Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 30 at 10:00 AM in the Dining Hall, as usual, with lunch served afterwards on the tennis court. Proxies for stockholders will be distributed soon as email attachments. Please do let me know if there are new Pinewoods members in your cottage or if there have been significant milestones (engagements, marriages, births, deaths) in your lives during the past year. It is wonderful for me to be able to announce that Lily Fink Harrington has agreed to chair the Pinewoods Centennial Committee. While our Centennial, which will be celebrated in 2020, is still a few years away, I feel certain that Lily will be grateful at any time to anyone for suggestions for making the Centennial summer a memorable experience for us all.

In a discussion last summer with Geb Bennett and his son Lucas, we simultaneously agreed that for us Pinewoods is a sanctuary, a word they could not translate readily from English into German. Everyone finds and defines his or her own particular Pinewoods. It is thus the sum of what each of us makes of it, and yet our Pinewoods seems more that our collective thoughts, feelings, and memories. Our Pinewoods seems a living organism, ever growing, changing, emerging, and yet ever the same. It is a beloved community, dependent on each individual. Gratitude, thus, to each of you.

My particular gratitude at this moment to Kristin Larkin for keeping us in touch when we are not together in the summer. I look forward to seeing all of you in Pinewoods soon.

Beth Schultz, Pinewoods President

From the Kathy Piehl...

Kathy and Josie would like to know
When you're coming and when you'll go.
Having guests? How long they'll stay.
Please be courteous. It's the Pinewoods way!

We are planning a Pirate theme night for July 21st. Come prepared
for fun and special entertainment! Arrgh!



From the Editor...

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

Look forward to seeing many of you on the path this summer! Until
then, enjoy your Spring!

Kristen Larkin, EBT Cottage

From Jane Hoey...

Mary and I will be driving from Asheville, NC arriving at the cottage
on Sunday, June 26 in time for dinner. Anne and her family and
John and family will be there the last week of July. I will be there
most of the summer, and Mary too except a couple of weeks in the
middle of the summer. Bridget will be back at camp in Vermont so
will not get to the lake. Can't wait to see John's twins, at that time
turning 3, testing out the lake and jumping off a pontoon boat. They
will have their birthdays in the dining hall. See you all then.

From John and Liz Wade...

And greetings from our new (to us) home in Henderson, Nevada.
Somewhat impulsively we moved from sunny/humid Florida to
sunny/dry Nevada. But sunny/dry also has mountains, and the
amusement of the first green of the Lexington course which is one of
two in Sun City Anthem. We've rescued six golf balls since we

moved in two months ago. There is more available activity here than anything we saw in Florida. The drive to the Lake, however, may take a little longer than it did from Fort Myers. For those who might want it, our new address is 2735 Evergreen Oaks Drive, Henderson, NV 89052.

The Willage is getting excited about 'our wedding' in August. Michael Wade is marrying Katie Hughes, whom many of you have met, at the shore on August 6th, weather-willing. Lauris has claimed Schirmer/Geupel #1 and the Flintermann cottages for their overflow. (We're overflowing off campus to let the young people enjoy their house-party weekend.)

By the time this is published, you will find Ciaren doing classical studies in Greece. Lin is going over early with Ciaren to have a mother-daughter time in Athens. So it's a busy time for the Denver clan. Reports are good from Trevor and Jacquie. Taylor has taken the MCATs in preparation for applying to med schools, and will continue working in the neuroscience labs at Pitt. She will take time off both for the wedding and to spend a week as a counselor for a special camp involving youngsters with blood disorders. Alexis will be a CIT there, as well. Aislinn is working at the gymnastics center over the summer. Kelley is closing up her sixth grade classroom as this is written, and is being shifted to a fifth grade next year.

The senior Wades are soon to fly across country. Jack's 50th Harvard Business School reunion is in early June, and we'll be gathering with the group several of them formed at graduation out on the eastern end of the Cape, before visiting very treasured friends in Maine and then back in Massachusetts. After that it will be about six weeks before heading east for Higgins. Can't wait.

From Elaine Baumgartel...

The EBT Taggart Cottage and Grampus will be available for rent for Pinewoods family and friends on the following dates:

July 6-24

August 14-27

Please contact EBTinfo@googlegroups.com for rates and scheduling.

From The Wills...

The Senior Wills recently returned from a seven-week tour of New Zealand and Australia. One of the many reasons for going was to hook up with Karen's mom's friend's daughter named after Karen and known as Karen in Australia. Aside from the usual things one might see there like Uluru, the Great Barrier Reef, and salt water crocs, we had an especially wonderful time with Karen in Australia touring Tasmania and areas where she had done significant environmental work.

It turns out that a compelling reason for Karen to go to Australia was to hold a Koala bear. That mission was accomplished at the Cairns Zoo.



Phil didn't embrace the Koala, but he and Karen did get out on an old America's Cup sloop and participated briefly in a race until it broke down.



Here's a picture of the Moscow grand kits – Bepa on her last day as a three year old, Styopa at 8 months and their step sister Zhenya. All will be at the lake this summer.

Coe reports that 9 month old Owen's belly creeping quickly evolved into a classic hands and knees crawl, and then suddenly he was cruising along upright holding onto the furniture. Current babyproofing method: active defense.



Grandpa, known to Tayo, as T'Ta, joined him and Kayden at his first professional baseball game in Manchester, NH. The Hartford Yard Goats beat the New Hampshire Fisher Cats.

From Tom Cochran...

The back Cochran cottage and Cochran Caboose will be available for rental to any Pinewoods Member family needing 'overflow' space and pledging to take all meals in the Dining Hall from June 24 until the morning of July 30. Contact Tom Cochran at thomashcochran@aol.com, if you are interested.

From Stephanie Fitzgerald, Frank and Lucy Cochran...

From Stephanie FitzGerald, Frank Cochran and Lucy Cochran
In mid May we had a wonderful trip to Italy - Florence, Ravenna, Verona, Padua and Venice. We plan to be at the lake in early August together with the Alaskans - Jessica, Nathan, Lily and Jackson.
(Picture is from the top of the Duomo in Florence.)



From Bitsy Fitzsimmons...

I think I am safe in saying that the Rainbow is now the oldest lady in Pinewoods, and she will turn 100 just about the same time that Pinewoods does. She has been a member of the Taggart family since

1919, and has seen 5 generations at the helm. And there will be more, no doubt about it. But for now...



1925 Alexander L. Taggart, Sr.



1960's Alexander L. Taggart, Jr.



1992 Alexander L. Taggart III



2012 Alexander D. Evans



2003 Jack Eubanks

From Andy Gaus...

In case anyone will be close to Boston in the fall, I'm attempting to get a production together of a musical I've written, called "Don't Know Nobody That Boogies Anymore." So far I have a theater space and a director but no cast. If I get a cast it will be playing in September at the Black Box Theater at the Arsenal Center for the Arts in Watertown. Contact me for more information or updates at andygaus@sprynet.com.

From Lucy Skeldon...

Christopher Skeldon will be attending Hamilton College in the fall, which he understands to be a Pinewoods-approved institution. For those of you who don't know him, Chris is the furtive, long-haired creature often seen running through the woods in the hours before breakfast, and devouring enormous quantities of bacon, pancakes, etc., in the first ten minutes after the dining hall opens.

Meanwhile, his sister, K.C. will be entering her senior year at Wellesley. She is majoring in geoscience, and is now the head writer for Wellesley's satire news show. Unfortunately, there will be no K.C. sightings in Pinewoods this summer, as she will be teaching at an Audubon camp in Massachusetts.

Younger brother Alex continues to Just Be Alex, which is Really Enough. He is easily found in camp; just listen,

From Howie and Tammy Schultz...

Following a February Florida vacation, Howie and Tammy Schultz detoured slightly on their way home to Lawrence, Kansas to be with Bethie for 3 days. The main event was to celebrate with many of Bethie's friends, her Eightieth Birthday on March 3rd. A Grand Time was had by all.

From Louisa Lawrence...

The 22nd Pig Roast was again a success. The weather cooperated (mostly) and over 150 enjoyed great food and conversation. It's a wonderful way to get the three camps together!

As you can see, the dessert table is enough to bring folks to the Roast.





Speaking of food...I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the dining hall. I know Kathy has been working on meal plans for most of the winter. On behalf of the Dining Hall committee I would like to remind people to give Kathy ample notice of arrivals and departures. Also, there are many diners who have food allergies or intolerance, such as those who are gluten intolerant or gluten sensitive. Please let Kathy know, because she does try hard to accommodate all of us. I am looking forward to hearing that dining hall bell ring on June 24th.

This summer the Roscommon District Library will again be presenting programs for children. There will be a story time for 0-5 year olds from 10:39 till 11:30 on June 30, July 7, July 14, July 23, and July 28. Other events include an animal show (July 8), nature program on July 13 and a bee keeper program on July 23. The summer schedule of events at the library will be posted in the dining hall.

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