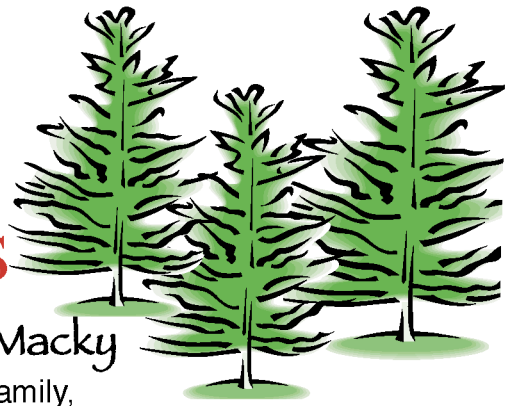




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Alumnae News



New Garden Gives Everyone a Place to Ponder

Everyone knows Macky's love of flowers, and must certainly remember her garden beside the birch tree grove. Sadly, through the years, erosion took its toll on the hillside garden and it was in need of a good dose of TLC.

Last summer, a group of counselors helped us bring new life to the garden - creating a sanctuary with walking stones, and a seating area for reflection, and hundreds of species of flowers, small trees, and grasses.

Rarely was the garden without visitors - either human, or of the bird variety, and Macky and Liz made it a regular stop on their evening golf cart tours of camp.

Greetings from Macky

Dear Fernwood Family,
Fernwood has always been a source of great pride for me. It reminds me of the ideals and beliefs that were so important to my father and mother in 1921.

As you know, we all experienced a deep loss when Liz Kelso passed away in November. The pride that I have always felt about Fernwood was magnified ten fold in our community's response to her passing. To say that hundreds of Fernwoodites responded would be an understatement. The outpouring of love continues to be a source of strength and inspiration for me. The Seniors of '05 particularly touched me, because they got together as a group and wrote a lovely letter.

My thanks to all of you for your constant love. I wish you all a spectacular spring alumnae reunion, and regret that I will be unable to attend, but will most certainly be there in spirit!

All my love from frozen Maine,

Macky

What's New at Camp???

Summer 2004 brought additions to two program areas. We continue to strive to balance out the needs of today's campers with our desire to keep things as they have always been. As our theater program became more sophisticated, it was clear that a proper elevated stage with lights, prop rooms, and a backstage area was necessary to present productions with the professionalism they deserved. At the same time, the gymnastics tent was at the end of its life and in need of replacement. To satisfy both needs with a minimum of building and change, we created a complex that houses both a new theater and our gymnastics facility. The building is affectionately known as "The GATT" (gymnastics and theater thing). Crafted by our Amish friends, this beautiful four thousand square foot post and beam structure stands on the site of the old gymnastics tent - on the right as you enter the gate.

We added 4 additional stalls to the horse barn that was built in 1995. The barn now "bunks" fifteen horses to the delight of our campers.

Summer 2005 brought renovations of all of the gardens, Macky's cottage, and Mrs. B's cottage. We also built a new "shed" that houses a digital recording studio to help us preserve Fernwood songs through recordings.

This summer, we are looking forward to the opening of our new kitchen. Attached to the lodge on the "coke porch" side, this new addition will bring our cooking facility up to today's more stringent safety codes. The old kitchen will now be a more spacious serving area. Again in an effort to try to keep things the same, the structure is crafted to look like the lodge with triangular dormers and original windows, and is built around the old water pump by the apple tree, preserving it for future generations.

Macky has been very supportive of our necessary growth, knowing it is for the good of the girls, but much to her delight, we have no plans of any for any major buildings in the near future!

85th ALUMNAE REUNION

~ sing camp songs ~ see old friends ~

WHERE? The Women's Club of White Plains
305 Ridgeway, White Plains, NY

WHEN? Saturday, April 1, 2006
Brunch 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

WHO? Do I contact to say...
"I wouldn't miss it for the world"!!!

Email: fernwood@campfernwood.com

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RSVP REQUESTED BY MARCH 15

In order to defray the cost of the reunion, a small donation to the Camp Fernwood Foundation will be gratefully accepted.
Checks payable to The Camp Fernwood Foundation.

(Reunion is rescheduled from November 12, 2005)

Since 1921, Fernwood has been in the hearts of women, and has become a generational experience. Do you know any of our current alumnae moms?

Moms

Debi Baydush
 Peggy Mann Berenblum
 *Nancy Marx Better
 Barbara Kimmel Cherches
 Wendy Blankfort Doyle
 Tricia Stern Frohman
 Sue Steiger Gerber
 Pat King Gerleit
 *Meg Offit Gold
 Liz Miller Guggenheimer
 *Jean Ackman
 Emily Haas Katzen
 Jane Kurz Klemmer
 Patti Harris
 Sandy Greenspan Lederman
 Dawn Powers Leeds
 Susan Pava Nusbaum
 Judy Bram Murphy
 Lisa Tarnow Orlan
 *Deena Drew Pitzele
 Jill Birnbaum Selati
 *Robin Levine Sigman
 Marjorie Cohen Stanzler
 Liz Segal
 Jennifer Drew Stone
 Priscilla Ernst Warshowsky
 *Jennfier Rocker Weinberg
 Staci Taubin Weltmann
 Emily Allen Wolff

Camper Daughters

Taylor Baydush-Simon
 Samantha and Julie Berenblum
 Sarah Better
 Joanna and Carly Cherches
 Emily Doyle
 Sarah and Katie Frohman
 Emily and Meghan Gerber
 Kelly Gerleit
 Rachel Gold
 Laura Guggenheimer
 Claudia Haimovici
 Sara Katzen
 Kerry, Devon and Caroline Klemmer
 Ali Lebow
 Abby Lederman
 Shelby Leeds
 Halle Mizrahi and Emma Nusbaum
 Jessica and Leila Murphy
 Lily Orlan
 Molly Pitzele
 Jenna Selati
 Sarah Sigman
 Lauren Stanzler
 Annabel and Lily Steven
 Abby Stone
 Sarah Warshowsky
 Danielle Weinberg
 Nicole Weltmann
 Rachel Wolff

*indicates first summer as an alumnae mom

Alumnae Staff Members 2005

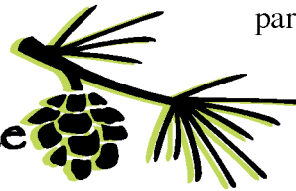
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Dorrie Chandler	Mallory Jacobs
Lauren Cohen	Allison Lacroff
Dani DeLaurentis	Sarah Moore
Melissa Goldman	Annie Pinkert
Karen Gordon Robelen	Emily Strauss
Kate Gould	Becky Vogel

A “MUST READ” FOR PARENTS:

Every once in a while we come across a book that really hits home. *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee* by Wendy Mogel, Ph.D. is one of those books. Ms. Mogel very adeptly helps us to look at how we raise our children today. As a parent or grandparent, it is an easy, must read that will give you great perspective on parenting.



Greetings from the Winter Office



Dear Fernwoodites,

It is our pleasure for us to share with you what is happening at Fernwood today. We are most happy to report that not much has changed. As you’ve read in the newsletter, there are few different buildings, a few more campers (193 in 2005) and a couple of new activities, but in the big picture, Fernwood is still the same place it has always been. In fact, we find that the core beliefs on which Dr. and Mrs. Bluhm founded Fernwood are as relevant today as they were in 1921.

This past summer, we updated our promotional video. It’s a hard process to try to define yourself in less than fifteen minutes. It’s the third video we have had since 1989. The process is a little bit scary - you hope that the videographer captures “IT” – that he really gets all the nuances and feelings that make the Fernwood spirit so special. Throughout the process, we learned that our girls really do get “IT” and are quite articulate at explaining why Fernwood is such an important part of young lives.

It is a very hard time to raise children. The culture these children face is not always friendly or easy for them to figure out. Sometimes it’s challenging to find any good news in on the TV, radio, or local paper. Today’s Fernwood tries to counter-balance much of the daily barrage of negativity that today’s children face.

The tenets of “nurturing tolerance, living simply, trying to be unselfish, and learning the value or true life long friendships” really are as relevant today as they were in Dr. B’s time. We are honored to perpetuate Dr. and Mrs. B’s founding ideals, and to continue the life work and passion of Macky whose magic spans close to a century at Fernwood.

We hope this newsletter and the upcoming Reunion in New York will rekindle your Fernwood spirit and connection. If you find yourself in Maine during the summer, we welcome your visit.

Sincerely,

Fritz & Christine Seving

Stay in the Loop and Contact Old Friends

If you have not already updated your profile on Fernwood's online Alumnae site, visit today! Your updated profile helps us get mailings to you, and allows old friends to contact you via email. Don't wait another minute...

1. Logon to: www.campfernwood.com
2. Choose "Alumnae" from the main menu
3. Then choose "Update Us" and register

A password will be emailed to you shortly thereafter to allow you access to both the message board and the database of alumnae email addresses.



Fernwood has Suffered 3 Great Losses During the Past Year

Elizabeth Kelso

As many of you know, Liz Kelso died in November after a valiant fight against cancer. Liz had spent her 55th summer at Fernwood this past year. So much of what we still do today at camp is a reflection Liz. A group of family and Fernwood friends met in Brunswick for a wonderful celebration of Liz's life. Liz made several contributions to the Fernwood Foundation and endowed a scholarship to help ensure diversity in our community.

Norma "Mickie" McCormack

In November, Fernwood lost another beloved leader of our community. Mickie spent 50 summers at Fernwood. Her detailed concept of individual camper scheduling is still the backbone of our program today. What she did in her head now takes a very powerful computer, a complex database program, and a full time administrator. Mickie set a very high standard of both personal conduct and moral behavior. She was also known for her love of music, and desire of proper pitch and tune while singing. As the long time captain of the "red" or counselor team, Fernwood has named a scholarship to be awarded annually to a deserving current staff member.

Katie Welling

In May of 2005, Katie Welling, who was a senior in 1999 and staff member in 2004, tragically died in a house fire while at Miami University of Ohio. A special Sunday service was held for Katie this summer. Her family and camp friends were able to say goodbye to her at a place she loved so dearly. Granite benches were placed in her honor in front of the bunny cage, her favorite place in camp. Fernwood has also named a scholarship in her honor.

As the campers would say... "only 127 more days!"

Our 85th Anniversary year flew by, and our 86th summer is just around the corner. We're excited to welcome 43 new campers through the Fernwood gate on June 24th. Our enrollment is full, and girls from Spain, Mexico, Canada, and South Korea, as well as 23 US states will be attending Fernwood this summer.

Looking forward to 2007 and beyond; if you think your daughter might be interested in attending Fernwood in the near future, please let us know now, so we can make sure she's on our list of prospective campers.

Email: fernwood@campfernwood.com



WHAT IS THE FERNWOOD FOUNDATION ANYWAY?

At our last reunion, many of you asked if Camp Fernwood had a vehicle for tax-deductible donations. While we've had scholarship funds to honor some long time staff members, we at that time did not have tax-exempt status to provide a benefit to our contributors.

The newly established Camp Fernwood Foundation is a **501 (c)3 tax exempt** entity. Donations to this fund will assist us in promoting diversity within our camper population, assist selected long time staff members with scholarship money to continue their educations, and also provide educational scholarship assistance to former campers.

CAMP FERNWOOD FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Camp Fernwood Alumnae Foundation is to provide opportunities through foundation scholarships to camp age girls who would not otherwise have the ability to attend camp. Foundation educational scholarships will also be available to current staff members and former campers who are enrolled, or have been accepted in an accredited college/certificate program. Scholarship applications will be accepted throughout the year. Bi-annually, applications for camperships and scholarships will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

Any questions should be directed to the Camp Fernwood winter office at fernwood@campfernwood.com or 610-695-0169.



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