

The VALOOKIE

Lake Delaware Alumni Association, Inc.

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CHARLES DODSLEY WALKER: In Memoriam

It is with a heavy heart that we report the passing of Capt. Charles Dodsley Walker, Organist Emeritus of LDBC. Charlie was 94. He served as camp organist from 1940 through 1990—though up until a couple of years ago he would appear on Grads Weekend to play. While there were some breaks in that service, they were for a good cause: to serve in the U.S. Navy in World War II and for a few years after the war when he was organist at the American Cathedral in Paris. Charlie was born in Glen Ridge, NJ and, ultimately, attended or served more Episcopal or musical institutions than is imaginable: Trinity School (NYC), Cathedral Choir School at St. John the Divine, Trinity College (Hartford), Kew Forest School (where he taught the young Donald Trump!) American Cathedral (Paris), St. Thomas Chapel (now All Saints Church, Kips Bay, NYC), Berkshire Choral Institute (director), Blue Hill Troupe (a Gilbert & Sullivan group, director), Union Theological Seminary School of Sacred Music, Manhattan School of Music, Canterbury Choral Society (founder), Church of the Heavenly Rest (38 years as organist) Trinity Church (20 years as organist, Southport, CT), St. Luke's Parish (Darien, CT). His association with Camp was the longest of them all. In 1937, Charlie was approached by Channing Lefebvre (organist at Trinity Church, Wall Street) about becoming the camp organist. He was interviewed at the old camp clubhouse on 109th St. His age, 17, proved an impediment and he was told to reapply when he turned 20. He did and was hired in 1940. The highlights of his tenure are undoubtedly the two recordings by the camp choir, 1960 and 1974 (which are still available for purchase!) and the appearances of the Camp choir at Lincoln Center with the Canterbury Choral Society to sing Gustav Mahler's 8th Symphony. For all those years, we were blessed with his incomparable playing, treated to his improvisations (though we may not have known what they were at the time) and his leading the battalion in such memorable tunes as "Old Man Noah." Every time we hear the chords of J. S. Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, we are back inside St. Joseph's Chapel, where Charlie set the tradition of playing that piece as a postlude. His exacting standards ensured quality choral singing at Camp for decades, a tradition that continues to this day. Charlie provided invaluable advice when we decided to restore the Camp organ and we are so glad he heard the sounds of the restored organ when he visited during the 2014 season. Charlie was a musical treasure--our treasure. We will miss him and remember him as we, in the words of one of his favorite hymns, "Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing".



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BOOSTING RECRUITMENT WITH NEW WEBSITE

Log on to www.lakedelawareboyscamp.com and discover a whole new look to the Camp website. Along with our new camp brochure these revamped tools, with your help, will boost camper recruitment. So don't hesitate to refer potential campers and their parents to our new website and contact Camp Secretary Laurie Gullow at ldbc@delhitel.net or 607-832-4451 to get new camp brochures to distribute to potential campers from church, school etc. Many thanks to **Jim McQuade '86** for leading the effort to redesign the website and for generously funding the project; and to In House Graphic Design for doing the redesign and for their patience with our many revisions; and to **Pete McElligott '86** for administering our old website for many years! And thank you to **Jim Widman '85** for redesigning the camp brochure which we hope you will also use to spread the word about LDBC!

Board Profile: James McQuade

!Jim McQuade, grad of 1986, has served on the LDAA board for the last 15 years. He is a partner in Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, the international law firm based in Manhattan, and specializes in employment law. Through Jim's connections, Orrick serves as the pro bono law firm representing LDBC and has helped us register as a public charity able to receive foundation grants and helped us resolve immigration issues involving tacs, in addition to other legal matters. When not at work or at Camp Jim runs cross country, including the New York City and Boston marathons. The McQuade's (Jim and his wife Margaret--assistant director of the Hispanic Society Museum at 155th Street and Broadway--, and daughters Kaitlin and Amelia) routinely host tacs before and after the camp season at their Carnegie Hill apartment and are members of Charlie Walker's old parish, Church of the Heavenly Rest, where Margaret serves on the Vestry.



From The Editor

Thank you to all who contribute to the Valookie. Special thanks to Geoff Dunham and Frank Enders. If anyone has articles, old pictures, old editions of the Valookie, stories of camp Old and New, please mail or e-mail them to me at the above contact information. I welcome any and all contributions.

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Kevin Lamberson '86

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From your President...

A word from your president...

This past year had several highlights for LDBC...listening to former camp organist Bill Entriken play the dedicatory recital to honor our restored organ...meeting grads Lloyd Ayers and Charlie Hounsell at the Grads Weekend picnic, both of whom had not been back to Camp in decades, and seeing Charlie's wooden replica of the old Lizzy which he donated to the picnic auction...and receiving the July issue of the Living Church magazine with the Crack Platoon on the cover. The article praised LDBC for not following trends to water down the spiritual aspects of the camp program or to increase creature comforts for the campers. We all know of camps with air-conditioned cabins and technology overload. Camp life might be easier at those places, but we, like the article's author, have no doubt that the intangibles of life at LDBC, including "the belief that physical activity coupled with Christian faith formation helps boys cultivate moral virtue..." provide a more meaningful and, indeed, life-altering experience. And few provided a more meaningful experience in the long history of LDBC than Capt. Charlie Walker. The words of remembrance in this issue are, I know, shared by all those who knew him in his fifty years as our organist and choirmaster.

Geoff '79

Hilborne Roosevelt Organ Rededicated Over Grads Weekend

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon on Grads Weekend, grads and parents packed St. Joseph's Chapel for the rededication of Camp's Roosevelt organ. The recital began with introductory remarks by LDA A president Geoff Dunham who spoke of selecting Scot Huntington to tackle the job of restoring the organ and then visiting his studio only to see thousands of pieces of the organ strewn about the warehouse and wondering how they were ever going to be pieced back together. Scot then spoke of the history of the Roosevelt brothers, Frank and Hilborne and their success in building organs for the homes of late 19th century upper class society and their churches. Scot said, what we've always known, that Camp's Roosevelt organ, opus 34, is one of the truly historic organs in this country. It was then time for the recital and Geoff introduced Bill Entriken, organist at First Presbyterian Church, Greenwich Village for 25 years and professor of music at New York University. Bill was assistant organist under Charlie Walker (& commissary) at Camp in the early 1970s. He was very glad to reconnect with LDBC and showed off all the newly playable stops and sounds with pieces by Bach, Handel, Ralph Vaughn Williams and ending with Charles-Marie Widor's triumphant Toccata from his Symphony Number 5. It was a glorious ending to a glorious restoration that returned the full range of organ sounds as they were heard in the days of Hilborne Roosevelt. Many thanks to Bill for the recital, Scot for all his work on the organ and camp organist Meg Harper for assisting with the restoration effort and bringing the organ to its full life for the campers!



Remembering Captain Charlie Walker

Saturday morning breakfasts at LDBC were like being at a camp fire because of Captain Walker. The first thing he did on his arrival for the weekend was to lead the battalion in the singing of camp songs – like “Little Tom Tinker”, “Old Man Noah”, “My Mother was a Lady”. After breakfast, while the rest of camp were doing fatigues, 25 boys were at choir rehearsal. In his short time with the boys, Capt. Walker was able to draw the best from them and transform them into an excellent choral group. You had only to hear their hymn descants and solos at Benediction. Each year he led the boys to sing at the Hook on St. James’ Day and on special occasions to join with the Canterbury Choral Society in Carnegie Hall or Lincoln Center.

It was not just the well trained choir that made the services of St. Joseph’s Chapel so special; it was Capt. Walker’s consummate artistry at the organ console that made us know we were in the presence of a truly great organist. He provided us with brilliant improvisations that together with the choir established music of the highest standard at St. Joseph’s Chapel.

Capt. Walker’s first application to be camp organist was turned down. The year was 1937 and he was 17 and considered too young. He reapplied and was hired in 1940. The rest was LDBC history. Charlie Walker loved everything about LDBC, but especially St. Joseph’s Chapel and the old Roosevelt organ. LDBC has benefited so much from the love of this great man. The news of his death brings sadness and the LDBC family extends its sympathy to his wife, Lise, and to his children Peter and Susan. Our prayer is: May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

Fr. D



Remembering Captain Charlie Walker



Pool Bricks

Pool Bricks: If you never got around to buying a brick by the new pool you can place your order now by emailing Camp Secretary Laurie Gullow at ldbc@delhi.net or call her at (607) 832-4451. Once we have twenty more orders Laurie will collect the \$150 per brick and place everyone's orders. Thank you!

Join the Emblem Society

Won't you consider putting LDBC in your will? Through the efforts of board member **Hank Huestis '42** we formed the Emblem Society to honor those generous grads who include Camp in their will. If you have made this commitment and your name does not appear on this list, please contact Camp Secretary Laurie Gullow at 607-832-4451 or ldbc@delhi.net so we can recognize your generosity. Since reopening in 1999, we've received two major bequests. One from **Anna Canter** whose brother **Walter** attended Camp in the 1920's. Her \$300,000 bequest built the Camp pool. In 2008, we received a bequest of \$315,000 from **Alfred Andersen '32** which helped re-build our endowment. Since then we've received over \$100,000 in bequests from several people a portion of whose assets are ensuring Camp's continuation well into the future.

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Hank Huestis '42
Kevin Lamberson '86
JoAnn Martin
Warren '62 and Corethia Oates
John Sage '41
William Stenger, '39
Frank Strup, Jr. '39

HELP VEST THE CAMP ACOLYTES

Our camp vestments are fraying and so we're calling for help to replace cassocks and cottas for the choir and acolytes. The current vestments are several decades old and are showing their age. Each year they are stitched and stitched...but there is only so much left to stitch! Cassocks are \$60 each and cottas \$30 each: replacing all we need will cost \$2,000! Having served recently on Grads weekend and worked tirelessly to find robes that fit some of our alumni (who shall remain nameless), I can attest first hand that we are in great need of a wardrobe upgrade. Please mail your donation to the camp office and help us replace these old and tattered vestments. Thank you.

Alumni News

The picture left to right: Florence de Jongh (age 95), wife of the late LDBC grad Herman , and Mother of the late Raymond G. '60. Rich deJongh's wife, Rich G.'58, and Steve Foster, G '60. We were at the 10am Mass at Florence and my parish, St. James of Jerusalem Episcopal, Long Beach. Rich and wife were in Brooklyn and Long Beach to visit Mom, children and Grand children for a short stay.

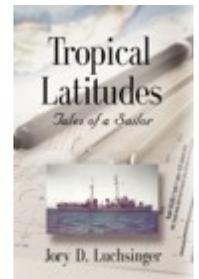


Jory Luchsinger G '61– Bco– Published Author

LDBC is mentioned prominently in the beginning of my memoir which can be found at <http://booklocker.com/books/3671.html>

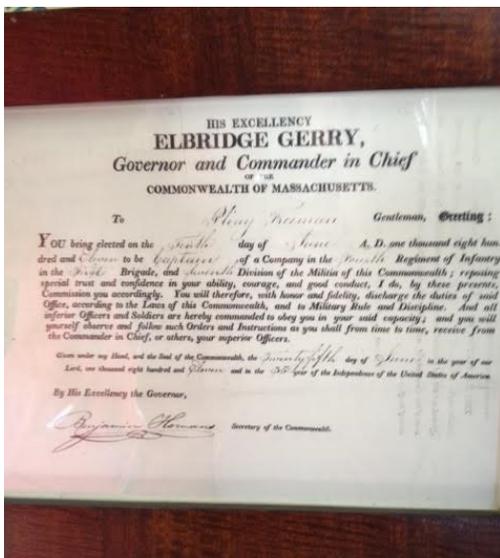
Tropical Latitudes - Tales of a Sailor
by Jory Luchsinger

Tropical Latitudes is an engaging account of a young man's experience in the United States Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve. Beginning in the mid 1960's, the tales of the author's tours of duty from boot camp, through assignments to various Coast Guard cutters, and the variety of assignments these ships were delegated to, provides a close-up look into the operations of the smallest of the 5 branches of the U.S. military services.



From the rescues of countless Cuban refugees to search and rescue cases and NASA operations the author's sometimes humorous accounts of life aboard aging as well as brand new ships gives the reader an insight into what the Coast Guard does in its more little known day-to-day missions at sea and ashore.

Told from the perspective of someone who lived through the good, the bad, and the ugly episodes of the ever-changing life on the ocean these stories will capture the reader's attention and bring them a grin or two along the way.



While traveling to see their daughter in Massachusetts, Bill G55 and Barbara Holzkamp came across this document hanging in a building at the Old Sturbridge Village. You never know where you might run into some Gerry family history.

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TOTALS: 162 donors gave \$89,186

List of donors from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Does not include members of the Gerry family or their foundations.

CAMPING WITH THE STARS 2015

Lake Delaware Alumni Association members have supported LDBC through donations of time, treasure, and talents, especially through the Work Weekends.

Most of the Work Weekend projects occur when the camp is still 'packed up'.

The tents are down, the Field House, Armory and Chapel are filled with storage.

Even the Mess Hall has Picnic Tables and other items stored for the off season.

These Work Weekends are important in order to get the BIG building projects accomplished.

But, 3 years ago -- "Camping with the Stars" was born!

An extra Work Weekend with Benefits!

A totally different event happening at Lake Delaware Boys Camp.

Those who have attended continue to rave about it.

We hope that you join us this year.

CAMPING WITH THE STARS!

We hope that you will sign up ~ because YOU are the STARS.

Festivities formally begin with Dinner on Friday, June 26th,

Saturday, June 27th and end the late afternoon of Sunday, June 28th.

The concept for this weekend is to bring Alumni and their families together to participate in some last minute Camp Craft Projects and also enjoy some of the LDBC experience!

Our staff will have emptied and set up the buildings for the camp season.

The boys tents will be set up. Some of you might choose to sleep in the boys tents 1 – 8...Aco or Bco and some of you might pitch a tent up in the Parking Lot. We will have a schedule which includes waking up to the Canon, Meals served in the Mess Hall, (Friday-Dinner, Saturday-Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner and Sunday-Breakfast & Lunch) Camp Grace said at all meals, Announcements with the Day's schedule, Camp Craft Projects, Open Swim, Hikes, Evening Games, Sunday morning Chapel with Fr. D, an evening campfire. The evening will become quiet with the playing of Taps.

Suggested donation for the six meals = \$30 per single adult or \$50 per family.

RESERVATIONS must be made in advance and no later than June 10, 2015.

Email me (Sue Adams) at jimandsueadams@gmail.com

No one under the age of 18 will be allowed without a parent.

(Alcohol will be restricted to designated times and places throughout the weekend.

Absolutely no underage drinking. Please do not bring pets.)

COME JOIN US FOR AN LDAA OUTING IN GENEVA

You are invited to an alumni gathering in Geneva, New York on April 24-26, 2015. Join with your fellow grads in sharing camaraderie and fellowship while enjoying the beauty of the Finger Lakes. The weekend begins on Friday night with cocktails hosted by Jim and Sue; Saturday activities include vineyard tours, Hobart lacrosse game, alumni dinner; ending with a Sunday brunch hosted by Jim and Sue's parish, St. Peter's Church, Geneva. A block of reasonably priced rooms is reserved. Commitments **must be received by March 20**. Reserve your spot today by contacting Camp Secretary Laurie Gullow at ldbc@delhitel.net or (607) 832-4451.

-Friday, April 24th

- A welcome Reception (Wine & Cheese) at the Adams' home 7:00 p.m.

-Saturday, April 25th **Fun in the Finger Lakes!**

- Geneva has a beautiful stroll on the lakefront
- Hiking Taughannock Falls State Park (beautiful one mile level hike to highest waterfall east of the Mississippi)
- Outlet mall shopping (10 minutes from Geneva)
- Wine tour 11am --- folks would have to commit so I can reserve the limo -- cost \$50 a person though
- Hobart vss Mount St. Mary's LaCrosse game at Boswell Field, Hobart & William Smith Colleges @ noon

LDAA Event at St. Peter's Church begins @ 5:45 p.m. includes appetizers, dinner, music and fellowship

we will get a price for dinner but it will be minimal and possibly ask folks to bring beverages ??????

-Sunday, April 26th

10:00 a.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at St. Peter's Church followed by a Brunch Buffet provided by members of St. Peter's Church.

Camp Needs for 2015

CAMP NEEDS:

Twin Size Sheets

Blankets

Boys and Men's Sneakers

Boys and Men's Dress Shoes - Black or Brown

Please contact the Camp Secretary Laurie Gullow at ldbc@delhitel.net or (607) 832-4451 if you can help with any of these items. Thank you.

Muscular Christianity at Camp

By G. Jeffrey MacDonald

Waking up on a summer day at [Lake Delaware Boys Camp](#) in the Catskill Mountains wilderness is like dreaming time has stood still. The morning regimen is virtually unchanged from 105 years ago, when the camp was founded. Yet it never fails to capture boys' attention.

Campers sleep the night in canvas-covered platform tents alongside 10 or 11 other boys, and rise to the sound of a cannon's boom at 6:50 a.m. They quickly dress, line up for attendance, say the Pledge of Allegiance and run a lap around the tent. Then it's off to chapel, where they sing a high Eucharist accompanied by an 1887 Roosevelt organ, which boys take turns powering by a hand crank. Next up: breakfast, followed by practice for the drill team and the drum and bugle corps.

If it sounds militaristic, that's by design. The camp has emphasized a military theme since its early days, along with a basis in Anglican spirituality and a mission to build character in city children from modest backgrounds. Most campers come from families who cannot afford the full cost (\$3,000 per camper). They attend with substantial help from donations.

This formula has long produced results in the woods of the Delhi, New York, camp, parents and alumni say. The camp is now attracting support from a growing pool of benefactors who see timeless value there.

The experience "creates competition, which is definitely a part of life," says Elbridge T. Gerry, Jr., camp president. "It creates religion. It certainly creates cooperation and discipline. So why change it?"

Since the camp's founding in 1909, the Gerry family has provided the bulk of its operating budget. As recently as the 1980s, descendants of founders Robert Livingston Gerry and Cornelia Harriman Gerry covered more than 80 percent of annual operating costs.

Today, however, the Gerry family has lots more company in the donor base. Camp alumni and parents cover about \$100,000 of the \$300,000 annual budget. The rest comes from the Gerry family.

With sufficient gifts coming in, Lake Delaware Boys Camp has left endowment funds (nearly \$1 million) untouched for the past two years, according to Geoff Dunham, president of the Lake Delaware Alumni Association. What's more, the camp has built a new cottage for the chaplain, a pool, and a climbing wall in the past 10 years.

Such recent investments highlight how far the camp has come in the past 15 years. The camp closed from 1995 to 1998 after Elbridge Gerry, Sr., became too ill to oversee its operations. The Gerry family "did some soul searching" about whether to continue, Gerry recalled, and decided the mission was too important to drop.

"We've gone through times when we had to take stock of what we had and what we could do," Gerry said. "The finances had gone really down to nothing. What little endowment we had had almost evaporated. So we are really quite proud that we could restart from there and rebuild to where it is today."

Lake Delaware has not followed camping trends to do away with spiritual particulars or create familiar comforts for campers; indeed, the camp has found its ethos garnering fresh appeal and support. Why?

Personal formation has a lot to do with it, camp leaders say, starting with the body. Many boys come from New York City and Newark, where many have lacked extended experience in the outdoors.

"The transformation we see is amazing," says Lake Delaware director Jim Adams, a third-generation alumnus of the camp and rector of St. Peter's Church in Geneva, New York. "Boys who come to us pudgy are lean. Those who come skinny are putting on muscle. They become healthier and stronger as the transformation unfolds."

At the camp, boys play hard at basketball, swimming, lacrosse, volleyball, and boating. They hone musical and marching skills, too. Daily drills culminate in a parade each Sunday during camp. Area families, including many from small dairy farms, make a point to bring their children and watch.

from the Episcopal Magazine “The Living Church”

The camp forms boys’ character, camp leaders explain, not just in one summer but across eight years. Boys start attending the camp at age 9, and the vast majority return year after year until they graduate at 16. Some continue to return in their late teenage years as counselors, Adams says.

Looking back, parents and alumni can see how the camp’s distinct approach helps boys cultivate discipline and virtue. In an anonymous letter, one parent tells how a son now “copes better with failure, is better mannered and knows what it means to work towards a goal.”

Many boys “are forced to grow up at home, and here at camp they can be kids,” writes Harold Turner, a former camper now in his 20s. “That is one of the most amazing things about camp: the fact that you are guided and directed in your maturation and growth. I learned what it means to be a real man.”

In many ways, Lake Delaware is a time capsule as it carries on the ethic of “muscular Christianity,” a movement popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The belief that physical activity, coupled with Christian faith formation, could help boys and men cultivate moral virtue helped propel the rise of institutions such as the YMCA.

Yet while many local YMCAs now focus more on fitness and less on faith, Lake Delaware has remained resolute about making sure boys are groomed in both. This includes, for example, attending a high Eucharist daily. They hear homilies by the Rev. Ray Donahue, an Episcopal priest who has served as camp chaplain since 1969.

The founders “wanted to help kids become better men,” Gerry said. “They thought the Christian faith, and in particular the Episcopal faith, was something that would help them.”

Competition also builds character, according to the Lake Delaware ethos, and boys have plenty of opportunity. From the moment camp convenes, each one is assigned to either A company or B company. That means the lines of friendly competition are drawn.

All summer, the boys of A vie to outdo the boys of B to see who can score the most points in games and who can keep the neatest tent. Only when camp adjourns for the summer do they learn which company has won.

After camp, boys return to their homes in metro areas from New York to Atlanta. Many return to single-parent households, where mothers do their best to guide sons through puberty to responsible manhood. Camp ties continue long after the summers spent in Delhi.

Each year one camper or alumna receives a scholarship to St. Mark’s School, an Episcopal boarding school in Southborough, Massachusetts, where tuition, room and board run \$51,000 per year. The Gerry family pays for these scholarships.

Camp alumni stay connected by providing financial support, attending reunions, and taking part in an annual work weekend. Such events, plus a commonly held purpose, keep them together.

“We’re trying to teach kids commitment, cooperation, and the importance of helping others,” Gerry said. “If we can do that — and I think we have when we look at what kids have done after camp — then I think we’re accomplishing our mission.”

Grads Weekend 2014



St. James', Lake Delaware, Celebrates its Centennial!

As the story goes, St. James' parish was established due to the tardiness of the Gerry children who were always late getting to St. John's Church, Delhi. Commodore Gerry, frustrated by the challenge of getting his children out the door, said at the foot of Lake Road "I wish there was a Church here, then perhaps you children could get to Sunday School on time."

Years later, during the summer of 1913, Miss Mabel Gerry began a series of missionary meetings in "The Hook." In the spring of 1914, a small house in "The Hook" was leased and converted for use as a house of worship. The first service was held in the chapel on Palm Sunday, April 5, 1914 by the Rev. William Long.

In the early 1920s, Mabel's sister Miss Angelica Gerry, hired Boston architect Ralph Adams Cram, who had just designed her mansion at Ancrum, to design a new church and rectory. The buildings are made from Indiana limestone and slate from local rock walls. The cornerstone was laid on Saint James' Day, July 25th, 1922 and the church was consecrated St. James' Day, 1924. Miss Angelica Gerry took an active part in the life of the parish until her death in 1960. Continuing a wonderful tradition, to this day the Camp choir and acolytes participate in the St. James' Day service. As a sister organization connected to the Gerry family, LDBC extends its best wishes to St. James on its centennial, to Fr. Hunt in his retirement and to its new rector, Fr. James Krueger.



Important Dates to Remember

Work Weekends:	May 16-17, June 13-14
Camping with the Stars Weekend	June 26-28
7th Annual Golf Outing	July 17
Grads-Parents Weekend	July 18-19

Grads Picnic Basket Raffle

The basket raffle/silent auction was very successful this year. We raised a total of \$1,240, which is nearly double what we have made in the last few years. Thanks to Warren and Corethia for helping to distribute the baskets. The following were the donors:

Ann Lamberson-21 baskets and a box of books

Chris Burdett-6 baskets-including one with vintage Coke items

Barbara Holzkamp-6 baskets and a variety of other items marked for sale

Rich Burdett-framed Jets and Giants posters and a picture of LDBC Company Street

Kitty Gerry-i basket of her paintings on stationary, floral painting that she did and child's rocker

Charlie Hounsell-'67 mailbox replica of the Lizzie, a potty planter, birdhouse

Andrea and Bob Mondello-1 coffee basket

Brian McElligot-1 Virginia themed basket

Brenda Weck-mother of grads Charlie and George-chip and dip w/ dish, \$25 gift card Home Depot

Jeff and Kathy Fedan 2 baskets

Pat and Bruce Given-2 baskets

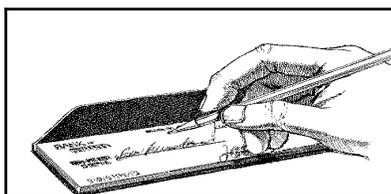
Geoff and Carol Dunham-1 basket

Mike Schimmel's wife- Alicia-3 sets of handmade dishcloths and scrubbers

Ollie Nichols- 2 LDBC Shirts

Please start putting together your basket for this coming grads weekend. As you can see, this is a great fundraiser for LDBC.

Dues and Donations



REMINDER:

Dues Reminder!!! Please help us reach our goal. Remember, you can also pay your dues online at www.lakedelawareboyscamp.com.

In 2014, there were 150 dues paying alumni. Please take a moment of your time to pay your dues today. Every contribution helps with the long term success of LDBC. Please mail your \$40 dues TODAY! Thank you!

Interested in giving more to LDBC? Consider sending in a small donation each month when you pay your bills. \$10 each month will have less impact on your budget than giving \$100 or more all at once. Just address 12 envelopes to LDAA, insert a check into each envelope in the amount you want to give each month and mail with your bills you pay each month. Also check to see if your company does a match to charitable organizations. Sometimes they will match dollar for dollar or more. If you need specific information like the Tax ID number or type of charity LDBC is, please contact the camp office at ldbc@delhi.net. Thank you all for your continued support of LDBC.

7th Annual Golf Outing

Our Grads Weekend Golf Outing is now officially a tradition. Come and join the Gerrys, tacs and your fellow grads on the Friday before Grads Weekend, July 17, for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. The \$85 cost includes pre game lunch, 18 holes of golf at the College Course, SUNY-Delhi, prizes, and post game hors d'oeuvres. Contact **Dr. Cliff Sporn '71** at doccliff.s@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Cliff does an amazing job organizing everything and all you have to do is show up and you're guaranteed to have a great time... even if you don't have a great game! All are welcome. Here is what Cliff has to say about the event:

As we have in the past number of years there has been a golf outing at the College Course at Delhi. This has been a fun and enjoyable event for everyone involved and this year was no exception. The weather was great and a good time was had by all.

For 2015 we are again planning to have another outing on Friday, July 17. We are always looking for more participants. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the great Catskill outdoors and meet with old friends and make some new ones too. Beginners and novices are welcome as well as experienced players. If there are enough beginners who are interested in participating, I am willing to arrange for a group lesson to be included with your registration. We really do want as many of the grads, parents, and friends of LDBC to come out and enjoy the day. Please think about extending your weekend at Camp by joining at the golf course. Please look for more information in the spring with your Grad weekend packet. Come up a day early and have a great time.



From the Camp Photo Album



Reminiscing over Grads Weekend, George Deecken '38 used to regale us with tales of Mr. Gerry appearing at Camp on a white horse. We didn't believe him...until now! These photos are from an old camp photo book, courtesy of Larry Hinrichs '61.

2014 WORK WEEKENDS

Thanks to all who turned out for the work weekends in 2014. Special thanks to Grads Tommy and Raef Gardella for leading the charge on the new Field house roof. In addition, there were many other camp projects completed by Alumni of all ages and skill levels. Please mark your calendars for the work weekends in 2015, we can use your help!



LDBC Grads of 2014

Aziz Abdul-Hamid
Jordan Adjepong
Jasaul Brown
Colin Eckley
Jamiroquai Ellison
Grzegorz Jablonski
Josh Joseph
William Kristopik
Tyhis Manns
Isaac Nelson
Kameron Penn
Amir Thomas



LDBC End of Year Awards 2014

Commadants Cup-Amir Thomas
William Kristopik

Aco Cup-Tyhis Manns

Bco Cup-Josh Joseph

Band Cup-Jasaul Brown

Founders Medals 2014:

Major -- Amir Thomas

Captain Aco -- Tyhis Manns

Captain Bco -- Josh Joseph

Monogram:

Colin Eckley

Will Kristopik

Kameron Penn

100% Pin:

Zack Krommie

Giovanni Giliberti

Justin Chacchai

Eugene Larkin

In Loving Memory

George Good (5/14/14) Grad of 1943

William Stenger (2/10/14) Grad of 1939

Sheila Shimmel– Mother of Mike Shimmel– G91

CAMP PRAYER

O God Who hast made and preserved this camp and sent us here to learn Thy Will: accept and sanctify our prayers by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit.

Teach us to live together in comradeship, joy and peace.

In our camp life, give us the spirit of honor, understanding and perseverance; in our prayers, the power to draw nigh to Thee; and in our games true sportsmanship.

Bless the founders and benefactors of our camp, Robert and Cornelia Gerry, for all that they have given us, and recompense them with the riches of Thine everlasting Kingdom, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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May 16-17
June 13-14
Camping with the Stars June 26-28
7th Annual golf outing July 17
Grads Weekend July 18-19

Save the Dates:

Acq: 52
Bco: 48

2014 Plaque Scores:



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