

The VALOOKIE

Lake Delaware Alumni Association, Inc.

Winter 2017

Original drawing of the Camp Emblem



CAMP PRAYER

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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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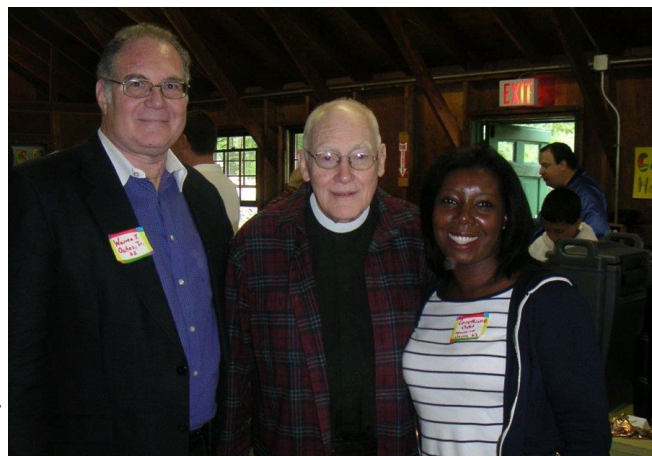
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Warren is one of our longest serving LDAA board members. He graduated from LDBC in 1962 as 1st Lt Sacristan and a 9 bar+ sharpshooter! His brother Richard also attended Camp as did his father Warren Sr. His godfather was Henry Rutzler who some old timers may remember as the camp doctor in the 1930's. He fondly recalls Larry Dring who helped

8 year old Warren get used to the Camp traditions. Warren sang in the choir under Charles Dodsley Walker when the LP recording was made and stood next to long time soloist Donald van den Schen, (who received a Gold Medal in 1968 for giving his life to his country in Vietnam). Warren connected with the LDBC Boys' Club on East 109th Street and joined campers from such families as the Fedans, Enders, Henssellers, Dunhams, Coles and many others who enjoyed the clubhouse activities. Though no one is really counting, Warren has been involved in LDAA for longer than anyone else on the board with the possible exception of Frank Enders. Warren was elected secretary in the 1970's and has served continuously on the LDAA board since then. He made Camp history by marrying his sweetheart Corethia Oates (seen above with Fr D) at Camp in 2003 to the delight of all the campers—the first Camp wedding since the 1940's! When not at Camp, Warren was a faithful parishioner at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church (Ridgewood, NJ) and worked his way up the ranks of Mobil Corp. and recently retired as Corporate Secretary at Phillips Electronics. His community activities include being president of Literacy Volunteers of America (now Project Literacy) with his grandchildren Chandler and Tyler, fishing, camping and riding his Harley around the country roads of New Jersey.

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.

Valookie Editor

Kevin Lamberson G86

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From your President...

A word from your president...

I want to take this opportunity to mark the untimely passing of John Prindle, a former LDAA board president. John passed away last August at the young age of 58. I always remembered John as a kind but demanding battalion officer while I was a camper. After graduation, it was John who recruited me to serve on the LDAA board, saying it was time to give back to the camp that gave so much to me as a young boy. Years after he retired as LDAA president, I was walking one day near my office in Lower Manhattan and passed by a scraggly looking guy with a long beard and ripped clothes who called out to me using my name...I turned around still not recognizing him. The homeless looking man said "its me, John Prindle". Turns out John was in disguise on his beat as a NYC detective! He will be missed. May John rest in peace.

We are close to deciding the future of the Mess Hall. A local architect was selected and as of this writing plans are being drafted for the new building to meet our goals: a larger multi use building with storage, an emergency shelter (a Dept of Health issue), and an updated kitchen. Though the building will be larger, it will be of simple rustic construction to fit in with the company street and St. Joseph's Chapel. Once cost estimates are obtained and the LDBC board approves the project you will be hearing from us to complete the final project to secure Camp's future into the 21st century! I hope you will welcome the opportunity to support the future of LDBC!

Geoff Dunham '79

BOOSTING RECRUITMENT WITH NEW WEBSITE AND BROCHURE

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!

Help Recruit New Campers

Help keep LDBC strong by recruiting campers...we especially welcome ALL grad kids or grand-kids to attend LDBC...and their friends! Refer any potential camper family to the new camp website where they can find the camper application www.lakedelawareboyscamp.com. For new camp brochures to hand out to potential camper families, please contact Camp Secretary Laurie Gullow at ldbc@delhitel.net or (607) 832-4451.

GERRY HORSE HONORED

At a gala awards ceremony this past year for the Polo Hall of Fame in West Palm Beach, *Toy Moon*, a horse in the polo stable of Elbridge Gerry Sr. was honored for being one of the great mares ever to ride on polo fields. Elbridge T. Gerry, Jr. accepted the award on behalf of his father. *Toy Moon* rode with Ebby Sr. as captain of the famed *Aknusti* team. Accepting the award, Ebby Jr. recalled how he and other family members had the privilege of hacking around the Lake Delaware estate on the grand old lady *Toy Moon* in her later years.

Ebby Sr was elected to the Polo Hall of Fame. Here is an excerpt from that website and old photo of Ebby Sr in his polo playing days.



“Elbridge Gerry played polo at school in Aiken and with the Meadow Larks, both under the tutelage of Mrs. Thomas Hitchcock, Sr., and with the Old Aiken team. His outdoor victories included the U.S. Open Championship and the Monty Waterbury Cup, each three times, the National Twenty Goal twice, and with the "Old Aiken" versus the Argentine "Santa Paula" team in 1931. He went to England with the American Team in 1936, was captain of the Aknusti Team, and achieved a 9-goal handicap in 1940. Actively involved in the U.S. Polo Association, he became its Chairman in 1940. He was an outstanding and versatile position player as well as an unselfish and enduring sportsman.”



Elbridge Gerry, Sr. holding the 1928 Monty Waterbury Cup

Remembering John Prindle, Grad 1974 by Mike Cole



John started at camp in 1967 as a young Rookie assigned to Tent 8. He won “Rookie of the year” and attended camp for 8 years graduating as 1st Lt. B co in 1974. John was a born and raised Brooklyn boy, who loved camp along with his younger brother Robert. They also had 2 older sisters –Dottie and Barbara. John loved his camper years so he became a Tac in 1976 eventually rising to Captain on the Tactical staff. He served as a Tac from 1976 through 1982. In 1975, the year between graduating and becoming a Tac—John worked for the Shaver clan in their blasting business down south. John and Artie Shaver spent their entire camp years together in Bco and remained lifelong friends. John had many, many lifelong friends which he met at camp including myself. He followed a lot of other ex campers into the law enforcement field and joined the NYPD. He served for

20years rising to the rank of Detective and ultimately ending his career in the prestigious Organized Crime Intel Division. He was a major factor in shutting down the Mob controlled Carting Industry in NYC, leaving after he had accumulated more than 88 indictments. John met the love of his life--his wife of over 30years—Liz --and they settled in upstate Orange County to raise a family. John and Liz have 2 wonderful daughters—Jessica and Jackie. With retirement John always wanted to end up in Delhi—his dream job was to work on the Gerry estate. Although he never realized that dream, he did land a job in Hobart doing security for Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals. He worked there for more than 12 years. John was the one who made the initial connections, setting the groundwork and starting our wonderful LDAA yearly golf outing. Liz still resides in their big country home in Delhi and works for O’Connor Hospital.

Mike Cole



Camp Director's Report

It gives us great pleasure to send our greetings to so many people who share with us the love of all that Lake Delaware Boys Camp stands for. 2016 was a stellar year at LDBC, with the largest grad class in the history of camp and a strong and dedicated staff. There will be many new faces on the staff this year, who we are very excited about. Please hold us in your prayers.

More than a century ago, Fr. James Whitcomb, LDBC's first Director, composed the Camp prayer. It is said together by all of the campers and counselors at the start of each day at camp.

We believe that there is no better way to understand what LDBC is all about than to consider the Camp Prayer.

LAKE DELAWARE BOYS' CAMP PRAYER

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accept and sanctify our prayers by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit.
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*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.*

How else to understand the Spirit, the clear sense of purpose, the joy that is so evident at Lake Delaware Boys Camp? How to explain that after 108 years LDBC is more vibrant and relevant than ever? It is because "God has made and preserved this camp."

Like other summer camps, LDBC has fun, safe and challenging programs; sports, nature, swimming and more. LDBC has a deeper purpose as well. For generations lives have been touched with grace through the LDBC experience.

"God has sent us here."



Camp Director's Report

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

The campers and staff members at LDBC share a bond that is cherished, and many maintain camp friendships throughout their lifetimes. It has been this way for generations. Visit any year at grads weekend to see how deep the friendships and the shared love for the mission of LDBC is.

"give us the spirit of honor, understanding, and perseverance"

Perhaps it is because it is where values were instilled that those who have been a part of camp recognize how much LDBC has guided their lives, and why they cherish their time there so much.

In a culture grown course, values as *'true sportsmanship'* stand out more than ever.

"And in our prayers the power to draw nigh to thee"

At the end of every summer, campers and counselors alike tell us how much they came to treasure their time in the chapel; the wise words of Fr. Ray Donahue, the strong and beautiful singing, the messages of forgiveness, the feeling of peace. Like Jacob who worshipped God in the wilderness, we come to say "Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place" Genesis 28:16.

"Bless the founders and benefactors of our camp, Robert and Cornelia Gerry"

The most important prayer is to say thank you. All whose lives have been blessed through Lake Delaware Boys Camp are deeply grateful to founders Robert and Cornelia Gerry, and we are grateful to the succeeding generations of the Gerry family who have made this magical experience possible. We are thankful for all who work and give to support to the mission of LDBC.

May God continue to "Bless and preserve this camp"!

~ Jim and Sue Adams



Honorary Alumni Voted in

Congratulations to JACK HEPBURN who was welcomed into the Lake Delaware Alumni Association as an Honorary Grad last summer.

Jack comes from a family that has been an important part of Lake Delaware Boys' Camp since its early years. His great uncle, Henry Clements was a camper during the time of camp's beloved first Director, Fr. James Whitcomb. Jack's uncles and cousins were campers. His father, Dave Hepburn is a graduate of LDBC and served on the tactical staff.

Jack served with great skill and distinction on the tactical staff for three summers. As a tac he was admired by his peers on the staff, and was dedicated to providing a safe and enriching experience for our campers.

Jack is now in Law School at the university of New Hampshire.



Jack on the left pictured with Dan Barry

HONORARY GRAD: BILLY GILBERT

At the 2016 Annual Meeting over Grads Weekend, **Billy Gilbert** was unanimously voted to be an Honorary Grad of Lake Delaware Alumni Association. He earned that distinction for his commitment to attending Work Weekends these last several years, including helping to lead the effort to replace the Field House roof—a massive undertaking in one weekend! He has demonstrated a true work ethic and positive spirit. It didn't hurt that he served 10 years in the U.S. Navy! For his devotion to Lake Delaware Boys Camp and for selflessly sharing his skills with us, we are honored to make him an Honorary Grad of Lake Delaware Alumni Association.

LDBC on the Grand Stage

Former camper, Sharrod Williams (pictured right) has a principal role in the Broadway show "Cats". We particularly enjoyed watching on television as Sharrod performed as part of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.



Former camper and tac, Stanton Cambridge (pictured left) has a major role in the current London production of Shakespeare's "The Tempest". Stanton is receiving glowing reviews in The London Press.

IN THE MAIL to Jim and Sue Adams:

From Eric Daily (grad class 2016).

“Dear Colonel and General Adams,

The two summers I’ve spent at LDBC have been the most memorable experiences of my life. I’ve grown more in two years at this camp than I have in all 16 years of my life. I’d like to thank you for giving me an opportunity to realize that I am a part of something bigger than myself; I am a part of a brotherhood. Although my rookie year was in 2015, and my grad year 2016, I feel as though I have known my graduate class forever, and I miss them every day. Now that I am an official alumni of Lake Delaware Boys’ Camp, I feel as if it is my duty to tell more people here in Atlanta, Georgia about what an amazing place this is. God is truly present in this camp and there is not a day that goes by where I don’t think about Father D’s inspiring sermons, the tactical staff’s infinite patience and care, the most difficult hike I’ve ever gone on in my life, and most importantly, the love for my brothers in B-Company. And I guess A-Company too (*cough, cough*). I cannot thank you enough for this camp, and I can’t wait to recruit more soon-to-be graduates of LDBC. See you on Parents’ weekend. Sincerely, 1st Lieutenant Adjutant, Eric Daily”

From Nathaniel Johnson (grad class 2016).

“Dear Colonel and General and Father D,

Thank you for two great summer that have changed me for the better. I hope you all are well. Thanks for the amazing grad cross – I love it. Love, Nate Johnson”

From Kyle Lamberson (grad class 2020).

“Dear Colonel and General Adams,

I wanted to thank you for yet another wonderful summer at camp. Great thanks to Father “D” and Eddie the Chef, and all the tactical staff that became our parents for the summer. But most importantly to all my brothers who I miss greatly. Even with that, none of it would be possible without Colonel and General, who keep the camp running in perfect condition. All of your jokes Colonel, and the General singing “Hey Dum Diddley Dum” at the top of her lungs, is a memory I will hold forever. The grad class of 2016 was a special one for sure. Great leaders, and now alumni. I hope as every camper does that I will make that step to one day be a Captain or even Major of the battalion and be a great leader at camp as my dad once was. Once again I just wanted to say thank you, even if thanking you isn’t enough for all you have done for us. ~ Kyle Lamberson”

From Courtney Charles, tactical staff member 2008 and 2009.

“Throughout these years since I have been at camp – not a summer has gone by where I don’t think of LDBC. I remember everything, from the first time you called me in England to tell me about LDBC to arriving on the first day. Colonel, you told me how very special LDBC is, and you kept that promise. What followed were the best six weeks of my life. You took us in as family members and created an amazing team of tacs dedicated to the goals of camp. Then to come back the following year and experienced the 100th anniversary year of LDBC; that became the new best summer of my life. From those amazing summers at camp I made lifelong friendships. I am so grateful!” ~ Courtney now lives in Dubai where he works for IBM.

We received a card from Carla Warren, daughter of deceased alumni Carl Hunzinger, and mother of grads—Richard and Rashawn Warren. Richard is in the US Navy on a submarine based in Guam. Carla sent a photo of her father Carl at camp with Ken Adams (father of Colonel Adams) who were campers together in the 1920’s. (pictured right).



Join the Emblem Society

We welcome our newest member, **Clint Graffam** 'Aco, a grad of 1950. Clint was major of the battalion back when Harold Dassler was camp director. At one point there were four Graffams at camp all thanks to their uncle who first connected with LDBC. They were Brooklyn kids, all members of St. James Episcopal Church of that borough. Clint, who now resides in Tucson, Arizona, remembers that he won the drill down a couple years in a row...but that is not why he dedicated proceeds from an IRA to LDBC. It is because of the lifelong impact LDBC has had on his life, through friendships made at camp and the core values he learned that have served him well throughout his life. We hope you will reflect on the impact LDBC has had on your life and consider leaving a bequest for Camp in your will. Like Clint, please help make the Camp experience possible for future generations. 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@delhitel.net so we can recognize your generosity.

Emblem Society Members:

Robert Aguilar '35
Doug Amzler '76
Alfred Anderson, '38
Richard Clarke '60
Guy DeFeis '70
Geoffrey Dunham '79
George Deecken '38
Clint Graffam '50
Fred Holzkamp, '55
William '55 and Barbara Holzkamp
Hank Huestis '42
Kevin Lamberson '86
JoAnn Martin
Warren '62 and Corethia Oates
John Sage '41
William Stenger, '39
Frank Strup, Jr. '39

Grad Class of 1987 30th Reunion

This summer marks the 30th anniversary for the grad class of 1987. This is one of the most well represented classes on every Grads weekend. Vinny Licata and Craig McGovern are organizing the reunion for all of you and would like all grads of 1987 to reach out to them for details.

Contact information

Vinny Licata

Cell- 207-415-7804

Craig McGovern

Cell- 207-385-0370

From the Photo Archives



Team LDBC '06 - ten(!) years on!



Bill Holzkamp—1911



Bruce Monahan and his Dad— Late 1970's



Grads of 1983



Fr. D and Colonel Adams, 1980

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CAMPING WITH THE STARS 2017

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, 6 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.

6 years ago – we had 10 folks join us and last year – we had over 50 folks!

We hope that you join us this year.

CAMPING WITH THE STARS 2017!

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

Festivities formally begin with Dinner on Friday, June 23rd,
Saturday, June 24th and end the late afternoon of Sunday, June 25th.

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, 2017.

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.)



Camp pictures– who do you recognize?



Founder's Medal Silver Awarded to Cliff Sporn

A very surprised Cliff Sporn '62 was awarded the Founders Medal Silver this past Grad's Weekend. Standing before 200 grads and parents, Cliff was congratulated by Colonel Jim Adams, General Sue Adams, LDAA President Geoff Dunham and Gerry family members Elbridge Gerry Jr. and Elbridge Gerry III. It was an honor well deserved: for the last six years, though busy with a growing veterinary practice, Cliff has personally organized the golf outing held on Grads Weekend. It has grown in popularity, with 40 golfers regularly in attendance who, together with many others, share in post links fellowship at the College Course clubhouse. Come join the camaraderie with the Gerry family, tacs and fellow grads.



New LDAA Board Member and Founder's Medal Silver Recipient

We welcome new board member Thomas J. Gardella, Sr. '81 (B Co). Tom comes from a camper family, with his brothers Raphael, Anthony and Patrick attending LDBC and Bill being made an Honorary Grad in 2016. Tom lives in Hamilton Square, NJ where he runs a construction business, Mercer County Home Improvements. He started in construction soon after graduating from Camp and he credits the lessons learned at Camp with the success of his company "I learned to be independent from my parents, and determination, teamwork and a never quit attitude. I thank my mom for making sure I attended LDBC and I would not be where I am today if not for her." In addition to his dedication to LDBC, Tom spends his free time with his grandchildren Chandler and Tyler, fishing, camping and riding his Harley around the country roads of New Jersey. Tom also received a well deserved Founders' Medal Silver this year in recognition of his leadership at work weekend for the last several years and especially for his work on St Joseph's Chapel and in replacing the Field House roof. Tom was congratulated by Colonel Jim Adams, General Sue Adams, LDAA President Geoff Dunham and Elbridge Gerry, Jr. and Elbridge Gerry III. We look forward to many more years of Tom's contributions to the life of LDBC!



Former Camper Highlight

Congratulations to Sean Cunningham!

As a camper Sean was recognized as an outstanding leader who embodied the ideals of Lake Delaware Boys' Camp. Sean received both the Bronze and Silver Founders' Medals as a camper, which throughout the years has rarely occurred. Sean will share his great love of LDBC in his third year as a tac in 2017.

Sean has been an absolutely amazing college student. It is rare today that a student plays on two major college athletic teams, especially at the Division I level. Sean has been a key player for Hobart College Championship Varsity Football teams and the Division I LaCrosse team. In addition to his outstanding play on the athletic fields, for the past two years Sean has been named an Academic All American athlete. Sean will graduate from Hobart College in May. We are looking forward to his continued leadership on the camp staff as Major for this summer.



2016 Camp Staff members to be married



Congratulations to Catherine Cunningham and George Howick on their engagement. Catherine and George met in the summer of 2014 at LDBC. Both served as members of the tactical staff through the summer of 2016. They got engaged on October 24th and carry on a long tradition of LDBC being the meeting place for so many couples. Catherine is the daughter of John Cunningham G84.

Amazon Smiles

Thank you to Richard Burdett for arranging for donations to LDBC under the Amazon Smiles program. Please REMEMBER LDBC when purchasing items on Amazon.com. Every donation helps us meet our annual expenses, no matter how small!

Grads Weekend 2015



Grads Weekend 2015



LDBC Family to the Rescue

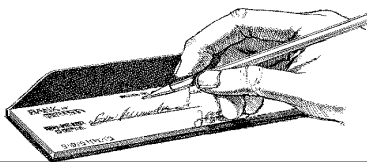
Disaster strikes!! Bill and I were driving on our way to the July 2116 Grad Weekend on Fri. morning with a full load in our 5th wheel RV on Rt. 684 near the CT border when people started honking at us. Glancing back we saw huge plumes of black smoke arising. We pulled as far over as we could on a narrow strip next to the six lane highway. Bill quickly found that the leaf springs were broken, and we would need major help. After alerting a box truck towing service we began our 6 1/2 hour wait on a day that temperatures on the asphalt reached 100 degrees. Shortly after we stopped along came Nick and Ron Frigenti riding with Rick Hilbert. After determining we were ok, they transported the many raffle baskets, books, silent auction items and setup supplies to Rick's RV. Finally at 6pm the tow truck was ready to take our RV to their repair shop and we continued on the LDBC parking lot arriving at 8:30 pm with no bed, no food and no RV to sleep in. We were quickly assured that all would be ok. Tom Gardella and Kevin Lamberson provided us with food all weekend, and Tom's friend, Bill allowed us to sleep in an extra bed in his camper.

The next morning I arrived at Ancrum to find all the things that had been in our RV on tables ready to be arranged. Ann Lamberson arrived with her large number of prepared baskets, Kathy Fedan had brought baskets and the silent auction sheets and other grads and their families brought items to sell or baskets for the raffle. People volunteered to sell tickets, kids pulled the winners, leftovers went to the parent sale in the Field House and once again we had a very successful fund-raiser. Thanks to all !!!

Won't you see what you can put together for this summer's basket raffle or silent auction. Contact me for mation at bjswimmer2@live.com to call [516-671-6827](tel:516-671-6827).

Barbara Holzkamp, wife of Bill '55 and mom to Erik '90

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 2015, 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 TO-DAY! 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.

9th Annual Golf Outing

Our Grads Weekend Golf Outing is now a longstanding tradition. Come and join the Gerry Family, tacs (many from Scotland-the birthplace of golf!) and your fellow grads on the Friday before Grads Weekend, July 22, for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. The \$85 cost includes pre game lunch, 18 holes of golf at the highly rated College Course, SUNY-Delhi, prizes, and post game hors d'oeuvres. It is fitting our annual event is held at this course, as Mrs. Elbridge T. Gerry, Sr. was a decorated golfer here decades ago. It is also one of only three college courses to be designated an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. Contact **Dr. Cliff Sporn**'71 at doccliff.s@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Cliff does an amazing job organizing everything so just show up and you're guaranteed to have a great time...even if you don't have a great game! All are welcome.



MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW FOR GRADS-PARENTS WEEKEND

9th Annual Golf Outing
Grads-Parents Weekend

July 21
July 22-23

Don't wait to the last minute to make reservations. If it has been a while since you've visited LDBC, you may not know that the Catskills have been discovered. Though the towns look the same as they always have, Bovina boasts an excellent restaurant and Andes has two, in addition to several antique stores and a renovated Andes Hotel. Delhi is bustling and even has a hard cider distillery. Organic farms and llama and heritage breed beef cattle farms have replaced many old dairy farms. With the Catskills now a destination for summer weddings, the few B&B's, inns and hotels do fill up. Don't forget if every place is booked, you are always welcome to camp out in the Camp parking lot!

Important Dates to Remember

Work Weekends:

May 20-21
June 3-4

Camping with the Stars Weekend
8th Annual Golf Outing
Grads-Parents Weekend

June 24-25
July 21
July 22-23

LDBC End of Year Awards 2015

Cup Winners

Comadants Cup-Ben McGowan

Aco Cup-Joe Arruda, Sam Alexander and Jeremiah Sheppert

Bco Cup- Nick Wagner and Justin Chacchia

Band Cup- Zarian Chance, Nassir Whitley and Nathaniel Johnson

100% awards

Mitch Burrall

Anthony Garcia

Kaya Parara

Ethan Wagner

Austin Wells

Kwasi Hammond

Justin Esposito

Christian Edwards

Sherine Titus (mom who brought Christian Edwards back and forth every single weekend to camp even though his school requirement necessitated him to attend their school program as well.)

Acrostic Poetry

Acrostic POETRY submissions from Camper,

James McGovern

Written after his Rookie summer (2015) at the age of 9,

CAMP

Cram it into your summer

Always awesome

Make your visit amazing

Put up the tents

COLONEL

Camp

Officer

Likeable

Organizer

Neat

Excellent

Love

GENERAL

GREAT

Excellent

Neat

Easily Awesome

Rated 5 stars

Awesome

Love



LDBC Grads of 2015



Daniel Lerch
Earl Marshall
Justin Chacchia
Nick Wagner
Jeremiah Sheppert
Trevon Young
Calvin Taylor
Tyler Comanzo
Ben McGowan

Krystian Kopka
Marlon Downer-Blake
Nathaniel Johnson
Eric Beard-Daily
Nassir Whitley
O-Neil Fearon
Zarian Chance
Joe Arruda
Sam Alexander

In Loving Memory

Robert Aguillard Grad 1935
Donald Middlemiss Camper 1948
Charles Orlando Grad 1947
John Prindle Grad 1974
Evan Sisson Grad 1982
Allen Van Teglen Grad 1950

William Baessler Grad 1962– Photo's
below shared at his memorial service



Work Weekend May 20-21 and June 3-4
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Save the Dates:

Aco: 54.7 Aco Retires the Plaque
Bco: 45.3

2016 Plaque Scores:



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