

Merrimack Valley YMCA Camp Alumni Newsletter

November 2010

Lawrence Alumni News...

George "Archie" Archambault (1960-1999) and his wife Tatiana celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary.

Steve Archambault (1967-1977, 1986) worked for the NYC Fire Department. He still visits his brother, Archie, in Meredith, NH. He has had the chance to visit camp a few times and thinks it looks better than ever.

Luke Bryden (2000-2009) works at New Balance.

Dave Copeland (1984-1996) is taking a year off from writing full-time to work as a professor in the Communications Department at Bridgewater State University. He's teaching journalism and media studies courses and loving the academic life so much that he's scouting out PhD programs.

George Gayl (1992-1999) was living in Boston and working within the online marketing industry. In his spare time he enjoys seeing live music and being outdoors. He also has co-founded a silent disco company, Silent Storm Sound System, which allows guests to enjoy live music through special wireless headphones. In September, George decided to move to San Francisco with his girlfriend. He's currently looking for a new challenge on the West Coast.

Dave Hanson (1998-2006, 2008-2009) worked at Fidelity Investments with **Alex Thorn** (1997-2009) for a year. He lived in Boston with Alex, **Luke Bryden**, and **Dave Gardner** (1997-2003, 2006). Recently he moved to New York City to work at a law firm. He hangs out with **Matt Hughes** (1998-2006), **Ben**

Wolff, Margot Sakoian, and Liz Minton on occasion.

David Hanson (1968-1978) has moved back to Pennsylvania after living in Texas for five years. He has three girls, Elizabeth, 16; Emily, 18, who just started college at BYU; and Kimberly, 20, who is also in college. David has been traveling on business to places such as China, Italy, and England.

Bob Levine (1971-1979) was recently elected President of the New England Business Travel Association (NEBTA). The NEBTA was founded in 1969 and is dedicated to advancing interests of the corporate travel industry. It supports and represent core constituents of corporate travel managers and associated travel services executives by providing the tools, information, and networks requires for effective business travel management. Bob will serve a two-year term as President.

Brian Medcalf (1999-2002) is currently working on a Carnival Cruise ship as a physical therapist. He visited Bear Island this past summer. He hopes to return to South Africa in a year to attend medical school.

Jamie McBride (2009) joined the army and is in basic training in the coldest part of New Zealand. He joined as a crewman in the Royal New Zealand Armoured Corp, but he hopes to go for an officer selection in a couple of years after getting some experience as a soldier. Someday if he can get leave from the army, he would love to return to Camp Lawrence.

Greg Paninski (1994-2002)

graduated with his Master's in Outdoor Education Administration in May of 2009. Since graduation he has been working as a wilderness instructor for a Wilderness Therapy company in Asheville. He is presenting at the Association of Experiential Education Conference in Las Vegas in November. He spends most of his free time traveling and hiking in the Southeast. He recently visited New England, and he hopes to catch up with everyone at a reunion in the future.

Jon Slater (1952-1961) is living in New Town of Columbia, MD, where he is president of Slater Associates, Inc. He started this landscape architecture firm in 1974. He has a "sailor's challenge" for all those who learned to sail on Lake Winnepesaukee. He is currently racing the boat, "Contiguous," on virtualregatta.com. He is willing to race anyone who thinks they can beat him.

Jon Schofield (1994-1995) and his family recently visited

Bob Hamblet (1980-1996) and his family.

Daniel Solworth (1990-2001) is continuing to work at Boston University as the Chief of Staff for Student Affairs.

He is also steadily progressing toward a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership. In his free time he has become active in many of Boston's volunteer organizations, including Harbor to the Bay Benefit Bike Ride and Hunger Affects Virtually Everyone. Recently Dan became a dog owner. Lily is a nine-month old rambunctious Miniature Dachshund. She has become the



For those of you who are wondering where Alice is, she has left the Y to attend law school. One of her great accomplishments in her tenure at the Merrimack Valley YMCA was this newsletter, and I am happy to keep it going. My name is Claudia Jin Soo Hoo, and I am the Program Director of the Y and the Director of Camp Otter, and I am also a Camp Nokomis alumna. I was a camper, Aide, CIT, and Staff from 1990 to 2006.

After attending Penn State University, I took a job as the Aquatics Director at the Lawrence YMCA. In 2009 I became the Waterfront Director at Camp Otter, and in 2010 I took on a dual role as the Assistant Camp Director and the Waterfront Director.

I currently live in Boston, MA with my family (pictured above). My daughter, Callie, just turned one in September. Someday she will hopefully be an Otter/Nokomis camper.

I hope you enjoy the sixth edition of our Alumni Newsletter. Thank you for all the contributions; without your tidbits this publication would not be possible.

Please stay in touch and stay connected through our website at www.mvymcacamps.org and on our Merrimack Valley YMCA Camp Alumni Facebook page.

Best wishes,
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Dan Solworth's Dachshund, Lily

love of his life. If he could be a stay-at-home dog owner, he would be. He has become part of the dog park gossip chain, as he spends many weekend mornings in the park with other dog owners. Dan has also become interested in rowing and sculling. He hopes to make a trip to camp next summer.

Eric Westin (1995-2004) graduated from St. Michael's College in Vermont with a Bachelor's of Science in biology in 2009. He is currently working at Citizens Bank and applying to graduate school.

Ben Wolff (2000-2006) is a senior at NYU.

Nokomis Alumnae News...

Kelly Beatty (1994-2007) recently moved to Davis Square in Somerville, MA. She is still

working for OP-3, an event production company. Kelly recently walked the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in Charlotte, NC, with her mom, cousin and former camper, **Rebecca (Waters) Glavin** (1994-1996), and Rebecca's mother. She also is going to travel to DC to watch another cousin and former camper, **Betsy Madison** (1997-1998), participate in the Marine Corps Marathon. Lastly, she is traveling to Chicago for work and to New York City with her family this fall.

Jane (Ireland) Broadbent (1992-2001) and her husband welcomed McKinley "Mick" Edwin Broadbent into this world on April 24, 2010. He is a sweet little boy and very easy to soothe; even the cats and dogs have fully accepted him. She looks forward to showing him Bear Island in a few years.

Kathryn Phelan Brown (1976-1987) is a lawyer in Lynn,

MA. Her son is a current camper at Camp Lawrence.

Torrie Bryant (1994-1996) is still working on her memoirs and her Hearings By Torrie business. She has been able to go to various conferences to promote her product. She is working on her grad school application and really wants to attend Galludet University, a school specifically for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. She is going to attend the American Sign Language boot camp in April. Torrie is also going to be in a documentary, which she is very excited about. She is still in touch with **Kelsey (Meloan) Cadran** (1995-1998) and has frequent run ins with camp folk.

Kate Cadoux (1993-2003) is in her second year of a transpersonal counseling psychology graduate program in Boulder, CO. She is hoping to do an internship in the Bay area next year. She had a camp moment when **Caitlin Gallagher** (1995-2004) was her teller at Wells Fargo Bank.

Heather (Decker) Cook (1988-1992) has had an amazing year. She is living in Nashville, TN. Currently she is back

in school finishing up her degree in music business. She started her own music publishing company, Cookn' Up Music Publishing, and has been pitching songs to some major country artists. In September, Heather and her husband, Steve celebrated their one year wedding anniversary. In May, Heather and Steve welcomed their first baby, Tucker Radek Cook, into this world. She looks forward to bringing Tucker up to the Lake.

Katy Davis (1992-2001,

2006), **Alex Grindle** (1989-present) and her husband, Dr. Peter Knight, **Alice Lee**, **Karen Parker** (1966-present), **Jen Prudden** (1988-2002), **Gretchen Seifert** (1980-present), **Jenn (Segal) Cronin** (1988-1996) and her husband, Brian, all rented a house in Middleton, RI, over Columbus Day weekend and had a lot of fun playing lawn games, board games, taking walks past and through Newport mansions, and enjoying one another's company.

Robin Dettnerman (1989-2006) is currently completing her Master's in Policy in Organizational Leadership at the Stanford Education School. She just got back from the Women's Flat Track Roller Derby

Championship, where her team ranked 5th in the nation. She is still living in Oakland, CA.

Erica Oatman Duffy (1981-1991) and her husband, Michael, welcomed their first baby, Grace Anne, on April 2, 2010. She is a stay-at-home mom and is very happy to have left the corporate world

behind. Erica and Gracie have already started baby swim classes to prepare her for summers on Winnepesaukee. She has had a wonderful time reconnecting with Nokomis alumni via Facebook and can't wait to see them next summer.

Jane Finn (1975-1980) moved to Lake Tahoe, CA, and works as a pediatric nurse. She has a three year old daughter who cannot wait to live



Helen (Colley) Green's baby, Emily

it up at Camp Nokomis. California sometimes reminds her of Bear Island.

Rachel (Mears) Geanius (1981-1992) is still living in Flagstaff, AZ. She just started a new job doing counseling with students at a school on the Hopi Reservation. She and her husband just took their son, Jaden, on his first river trip.

Helen (Colley) Green (1999-2000) and her husband had a baby girl, Emily Charlotte, on May 13, 2010. She was a "little dot" when she was born, but she now has the chubbiest cheeks. Right now she is perfecting sitting unsupported. Emily was christened in October.



Rachel (Mears) Geanius' husband and son, Jaden

Laurie Hanson (1970-1979, 1993) has been living in Boscawen, NH, for 11 years. After working with children for 25 years, she switched to working with senior citizens. She is studying to be a Certified Activity Director. She works with Alzheimer's patients, taking them on field trips, leading sing-a-longs, and holding spiritual programs. She also has become a Licensed Nurse Assistant. She credits her Nokomis trainings for her recent successes.

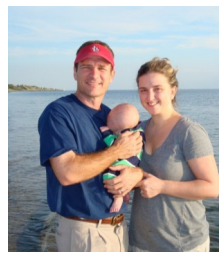
Kathy Heitkamp (1961-1969, 1974-1975, 1980-1982, 1989-1990) is a grandmother again. Margaret Eileen Collins was born on July 2, 2010 and weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Ariel Kingsbury (1996-2004) is teaching 4th and 5th graders in the DC area.

Biz Kohn (1997-2003) is busy working and taking courses at Harvard. **Emily Kramer** (1994-2002)



Kelly Beatty and her mom, Nancy



Heather (Decker) Cook and her husband, Steve, and baby, Tucker



Jane (Ireland) Broadbent's son, Mick



Back Row (L-R) Alice Lee, Jen Prudden, Katy Davis, Dr. Peter Knight Front Row (L-R) Gretchen Seifert, Karen Parker, Jenn (Segal) Cronin, Brian Cronin, Alex Grindle

is at the “B” School at Harvard. She has a goal to own her own business someday.

Alice Lee (1989-2003) is enrolled in law school and would like to diffuse the vicious rumor that the first year of law school is completely torturous. She is enjoying being back in school after more than a decade of working life. She lives in Cambridge, MA and sees camp folk on a regular basis. She is looking forward to a New Year’s trip to visit **Emily (Winters) Nunez** and her husband, Jorge, in Ecuador.

Laura (Singleton) Lowe (1999-2000) works in the children’s mental health unit at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London. She has brought camp games into the life of the unit, which the children have enjoyed. She also works part time as a lecturer in mental health nursing, which is both challenging and interesting. She got married this past summer to her husband, Ben, and they are planning on moving soon. She hopes to visit the United States for the first time since working at Nokomis.

Shannon Marr (1997-2003) is going to school for nursing. Her little sister now goes to Nokomis, which makes her miss it.

Becca Mayer (1991-1997) got married this Fall and **Margot Sakoian**, her cousin, attended the wedding.

Nancy McMurtrie (1964-1970) moved to Gilford, NH, from RI four years ago. She lives across the street from the Lake and still can say camp was the best time of her life. Her daughter, **Alissa Savard** (1987-1991), lives in RI with her husband and their three children. Nancy’s son lives in NH and has two kids. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren. Nancy works as a nurse. She has two dogs and two cats. In her free



Kathy Heitkamp’s granddaughter, Margaret

time she enjoys reading, gardening, and relaxing.

Emily (Winters) Nunez (1988-1998) recently moved to Quito, Ecuador with her husband, Jorge. They had been living in the States together for 11 years and decided it was time to spend time in his country with his family. Jorge is organizing a dairy farm, and Emily is working at an English immersion school as a 4th grade teacher. After working as an English as a Second Language Specialist, Emily finds it rewarding to be a classroom teacher. She is enjoying speaking Spanish, spending time with her niece and nephew, running and swimming, and traveling on the weekends.

Whitney O’Sullivan (1992-2000) lives in California.

Sue (Ricker) Pepper (1956-1959) has been a camp nurse for the past 12 summers. This past summer she was at a camp in Missouri, but her ultimate goal is to end her career at Nokomis so her granddaughters can go with her. She is currently living in Exeter, NH.

Alyce Cohen Pinney (1983-1995) and her husband welcomed their son, Lucas Segel Pinney, to their family on June 27, 2010.

Michelle Railsback (1994-1999) is quitting her job in December and volunteering in Ecuador and Peru for a few months.

Meg Ross (1994, 1999-2005) lives in Hanover, NH, and manages a pool. She is currently applying for nursing programs. She recently attended an Aides of 2000 reunion, where she saw **Cheryl Titone**, **Becky Wolk** (1995-2003), **Lindsey Williams**, and **Whitney O’Sullivan**. **Margot Sakoian** (1997-2006) is living in New York City and is working



Emily (Winters) Nunez hiking in Ecuador

in finance. She is planning a small Nokomis reunion with **Meredith Baker**, **Emma Reilly**, **Liz Minton** (1996-2008), and **Alison Dempsey** (1996-2007).

Erica Seifert (1988-2001) earned her PhD, moved to Washington DC, and got married to Nathan Olson this past summer. Camp alumni, **Katy Davis**, **Alice Lee**, **Maureen (Corsetti) Colby** (1988-2002), **Sarah Morrison** (1990-1996), **Bob Hamblet**, **David Hamblet** (CL 1981-1985), **Tuffy Hamblet**, **Karen Parker**, and **Debbie** and **Bill Parker** (1952-present) were on hand to celebrate.

Megan Seifert, **Gretchen Seifert**, **Charles Seifert** (1989-2009), and **Jenn (Segal) Cronin** rounded out her wedding party.

Megan Seifert (1987-1996) and her husband, Ambrose, welcomed a baby boy, Griffin Clavey Seifert Tucano, on September 17, 2010. This also happens to be Megan’s birthday.

Martha, Peter, Cory, and Ellen Smith (1992-2008) all were together for Ellen’s college graduation this past spring. Martha and Peter enjoyed their summer vacation.

Cheryl Titone (1995-2006, 2010) is practice-teaching in Kingston, NH. She recently went down to observe **Karen Parker’s** classroom in Stamford, CT.

Jenn (Dressel) Thompson (1998-1999) is currently a stay-at-home mom. Her son, Samuel, was born on May 3, 2010 and is the love of her life. She is thinking about going back to school to achieve a second bachelor’s or a master’s degree so she can teach Earth Science.

Caitlin Walsh (1997-2001) works in Woburn, MA.

Jensen Welch (1988-1993, 1998-2004) is currently a high school math teacher in upstate Vermont. She and her husband,

Tucker, have two amazing kids, Magnus is 3 and Josie is 6 months. Between the kids and school, she still manages to play soccer and something rugby.

Every summer Jensen pines for Bear Island. She gets her Lake fix by doing lots of swimming and going to the beach with the kids. She looks forward to sending her children to camp someday.

Lindsey Williams (1994-2001) is working as a clinical research coordinator for an eye doctor in Boston, MA. She is living in Somerville, MA. She had a great time catching up with camp folk at the Alumni Reunion.

Otter Alumni News...

Kathy Bibeau (2003-2008) moved into her first apartment in June. She also started a new nursing job at Lawrence General Hospital.

Doug Currier (2009-2010) moved to Detroit, MI, this Fall. He is enjoying a change of scenery and is planning on attending the Patriots—Lions Thanksgiving Day football game.

John Goudreau (1999-2009) has recently traveled to Ohio, Colorado, and Virginia for his job as a recruiter. John enjoyed golfing with his friends and family this summer. He hit his first hole in one at a course in Maine.

Sara McGuire (1999-2007, CN 2001-2004) graduated in May 2010 with a Bachelor’s of Science in Forensic Science. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor’s of Art in History. She is applying to graduate programs across the country to pursue a PhD in Biological Anthropology. In 2009, she had an internship at the Smithsonian Institution. She was awarded the University of New Haven’s Intern of the Year, and she was inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society in May of 2010.



Dorothea (Jeffery) Potterton, Ellen, and Martha Smith



Erica Seifert and her husband, Nathan

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2011 Camp Otter Weeks

Week 1 June 20—June 24, 2011
 Week 2 *June 27—July 1, 2011
 Week 3 *July 5—July 8, 2011
 Week 4 *July 11—July 15, 2011
 Week 5 *July 18—July 22, 2011
 Week 6 *July 25—July 29, 2011
 Week 7 *August 1—August 5, 2011
 Week 8* August 8—August 12, 2011
 Week 9* August 15—August 19, 2011
 Week 10 August 22—August 26, 2011
 Week 11 August 29—September 2, 2011

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