

Geneva Glen Camp

Alumni Glen Breeze – Fall 2009

Greetings from the Directors,

The summer of 2009 had a repeating anthem, symbolized by this old wagon wheel and the simple recognizable mantra of “This is How We Role” (“role” as in role-model).

This emblematic guidepost first materialized well before the GG staff orientation and continued through each staff in-service – building and gaining focus around the essential qualities that our leaders saw as necessary to enrich the lives of their campers and to elevate our daily influences.

Deliberately, we’d write the qualities (as they presented themselves) on spokes of our wagon wheel week-by-week; examples such as perspective, honesty, love, and balance. In some cases, we’d award a t-shirt with a single quality inscribed on it, to someone who reflected that value. This was a graphic representation for all of us (including parents) and a visual reminder of our purpose. First-time staff member Santiago Salcido-Madrid (from Mexico) received a shirt with the word “Friendship” on it. Some were presented with a shirt that said the words “Confidence,” “Courage,” or “Integrity.” By outwardly recognizing these intangibles, we saw these qualities actively demonstrated in the behavior of our staff and campers. Continual feedback along with cards and letters gave further testimony to our success this summer.

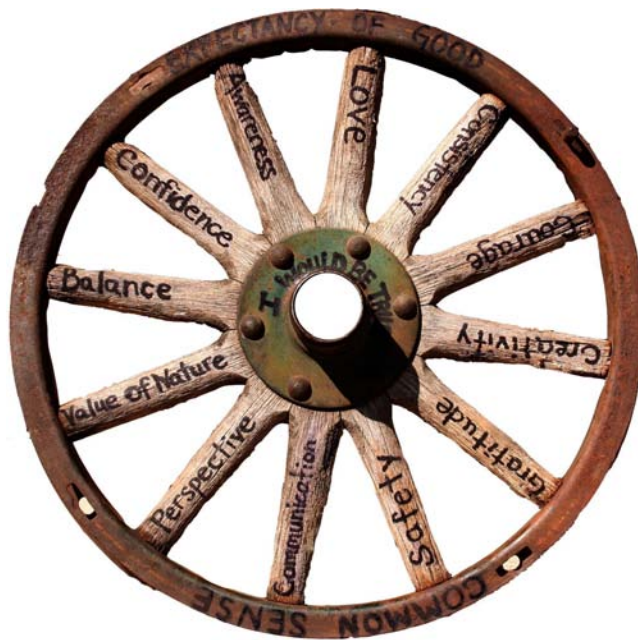
Another example comes from a first-year staffer who had spent his entire undergraduate career in New York City and absolutely thrived in the GG environment. He writes:

“New York is a pretty dark place, spiritually speaking, and before GG my entire being was engulfed in the big-city haze. Now, I have that reference point to keep my spirits up. All I have to do is remember that there ARE people in

this world who wish to make it better – and while I’m sure they’re scattered all over the Earth, I found them at Geneva Glen.”

And another quote from the parents of two long-time ex-campers who now are current staff members:

“You have created something unique and special and we are so pleased that our girls have been invited to be a part of it. The strong, healthy friendships they have developed there make the loss we feel of losing them through the summer very much worth it.”



The essence of Geneva Glen’s gifts to children and youth are animated through strong symbols (most recognizable in the Knighthood program), and this symbol of the wheel serves as a constant reminder of how we can intensify the camp experience – not just for the summer of 2009, but for every season going forward. As we watch registration cards pour in for 2010, with comments attesting to wonderful experiences and memories campers had in '09, we are assured that these meaningful traditions are quite alive in our “camp family” and will continue to

make GG the “gold standard” in the industry.

To add to momentum of this stellar summer, we gratefully acknowledge the cooperation of the Lord God Almighty for providing exceptional weather in June, July and August. We had enough sprinkles to allow fires at every campsite and lush thickets of wildflowers, raspberries and rosehips. The Pow Wow proceeded under a clear sky until the Fellowship Circle, when misty showers scattered us back to our bunks.

Now this elevated subject definitely set a high tone for the summer, but camp still included the grungy, sloppy, dusty and sappy activities that remain at the heart of all camp memories:

- The sooty overnights that invariably are damp and chilly
- The cornball skits at that hallowed Council Ring every Sunday night
- Anticipation during introduction of staff at orientation
- The nefarious treks through the woods during camp Capture the Flag
- The sequin-bedecked cabin groups performing Air Bands
- Aroma of burnt marshmallows, bug-juice and wet socks
- The sound of laughter in the craft shop as kids create
- Pride that campers feel after accomplishing goals at ropes,

archery, BBs, pool, rifles or barn

- The slurp of mud as moppets relished the Mudpie Mania
- Flickering candlelight in the chapel during Ladies Court and the sound of ‘Dem Bones sung in the Council Ring

These standard emotions and activities reigned at GG, as they do every summer. The same kind of happy kids enjoying the safety, camaraderie, songs and spirit that you enjoyed when you held hands in the Fellowship Circle.

Warmest regards,

Ken & Nancy

Since 1922

GG Progeny Sir Knights

Five sons of GG alums received their Sir Knight as campers in Knighthood II (pictured at left): **Matt Ayres** (son of Laura Vick Ayres), **Jacob Boselli** (son of Dee Meissinger Boselli), **Nick Brown** (son of GG board member Jeff Brown), **Dominic Doty** (son of Hannelore Hummel Doty) and **Micahel Horan** (Horan-VanDerbur clan). GG also had several "camper Sir Knights" in the summer of '09 and four have family ties to GG alums: **Austin Lee**, **Ian Mauzy**, **Brendan Moon** and **Sam Robison**.

Knighthood staff awards included: Gold Star **Xan White**; Ladies of Bracelet **Sarah Propeck** and **Sami Hartman**; Silver Spurs **Nathan Godsman**, **Tom Odenheimer**, **Scott Wert** and **Kevan Beall**; and Rose recipients **Aryn O'Donnell**, **Piper Rastello**, **Alana Wilson** and **Annie Beall**.

Both camper Knighthood awards were presented, as **Grace Michaels** received the Lady Iris Award while **Sam Robison** became the first Bronze Horseshoe recipient since 2001. Sam (son of Jeff Robison and Molly Cassidy Robison) also was King of the Glen, while another alum progeny – **Bonnie Siler** (daughter of Sue Asher Siler) was Queen of the Glen.



Geneva Glen's 2009 campers who received their Sir Knight during the Knighthood II session included five alum progeny (from left): **Matt Ayres**, **Nick Brown**, **Michael Horan**, **Dominic Doty** and **Jacob Boselli** (also pictured, far right, is **Zack Kachmer**).



GENEVA GLEN LATE-'40s BOY LEADERS – *Jim Barker, Chuck Pospisil, Walt Weiker, Dick Scudder, Elden Miller, Bob Caddes, Al Jager, "Tex" Dabney, Steve Graves, Jim Deeds, Don Alexander, Dave Graves, Adder Lemplin, Dick Rinehardt, Bob Emarine, Dean Skeels and Bob Fortna.*

FROM THE NURSERY ... **Deb HARRISON Baumfeld** would naturally have a GG progeny named Violet! She will fit right in to our Language of Flowers when she comes to Knighthood in 2016! We hope Deb's son, Olen, will take a turn at GG in the future. We bet Deb's heard from the Long cousins about the "Grahamcracker Grand"! ... **Kim DIEDERICHS Martonosi** welcomed her second child, Daphne, in late-Sept. (the Diederichs clan still is looking for its first boy!) ... **Amy LIVINGSTON** and husband Alex Nelsen are proud parents of daughter Olivia, born in mid-June. Olivia's middle name (Spencer) is in honor of Amy's brother, Sir Knight Spencer Livingston.



Violet Baumfeld



Olivia Nelsen

ON THE NEST ... **Joe ANDERSON** and his wife Elizabeth are expecting their first child in the spring ... **Ford ALLISON** and **Jen BRADY Allison** will welcome their third child in early January, while **Jeanne LaFLEUR Mondrus** has a similar due-date for her second.

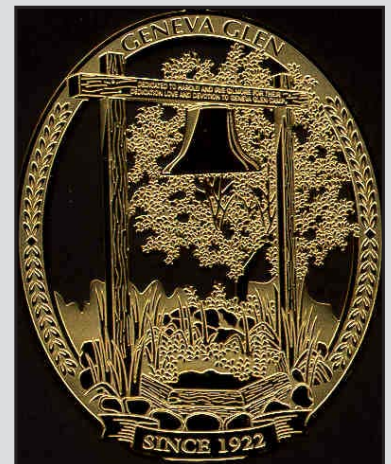


Daphne Martonosi



GG Holiday Ornament

This memento (depicting the GG chapel bell) can be used as an ornament, stocking stuffer or window decoration. The flat 2'-by-3' laser-tooled, brass piece fits neatly into an envelope for a thoughtful holiday remembrance. All proceeds go to GG's scholarship fund. Cost, including mailing, is \$10. Please email Kathy Thornton at kathy@genevaglen.org or call her at (303) 697-4621 (x13). Thanks for your support.



Wedding Bells

(note: A busy five-month span for Ken saw him serve as wedding "officiant" at five nuptials listed below (Christa Diederichs; Steve Brownson; Emily Hall; Cora West/Owen Locke and Lynn Robison.)

● The first nuptial event was in May for **Christa DIEDERICHS Redford** and hubby Darrel. The Gilmore Chapel was the venue for a full battery of Diederichs damsels arrayed for this celebration. Current camper Madison Diederichs (Christa's niece) served as maid-of-honor. Christa's sisters Shanna, Nikki and Kim were bridesmaids with GG connections. Nancy provided flowers and Pete LaFleur the photography. Camp folks attending included Jeff Thormodsgaard, Reid McKnight, Courtney Clarke, Xander Sommers, Lorin Shimonek, Leslie Woodworth Kendrick and Joy Pearson.

● Former GG camper and current board member **Leslie WOODWORTH Kendrick** married Jim Kendrick in mid-July, during an outdoor ceremony in Telluride. The couple went all-out for their honeymoon by embarking on a yearlong trip around the world!

● **Mike HAZEL** and **Diane HENDERSON**, who met at GG, were married in North Carolina during mid-August. Plenty of GGers were on hand, including: Ty Amass, Mary Patterson Broome, Johnny Domenico,

Bruce Gallagher, Aaron and Daniel Goldhamer, Sara Hazel, Dana Heller, P.J. Hoyt, Claire Jackel, Chris Kampfe, Latrice Lee, Kevin Schadt, Kate Sommers and Lauren Young!

● **Lynne DEASON Robison** promised vows to Jim Cox on Sept. 5 in a cozy backyard setting. Lynn began the Glen tradition in the '50s, traveling to GG via train from Dallas with her sister Pat. Lynn's kids (Jeff and Jenny) became campers and indispensable staff. The ceremony included 3rd-generation GGers with Cassidy and Sam Robison and Katie and Robbie Ippolitto enjoying their GG heritage and witnessing this family celebration. Nephew Kevin Meyer, wife Lee and young son Levi also were in attendance.

● The wedding of **Steve BROWNSON** to Kristin Hartman was held in mid-Sept. at the Phipps Tennis Pavilion in Denver, with the reception held at the Brown Palace. The wedding party included Joe Anderson, Owen Locke and Steve's siblings Mark and Katie Brownson. A trunk of costumes was pulled out to facilitate parading of alter-egos around the dancefloor. Steve is an active member of the GG development committee and the Round Table.

● The Council Ring was honored in late-Sept. with a sun-splashed autumn nuptial, as **Emily HALL** married her Pirate Prince Charming – Scott Beckett. They met while captaining an educational sailing ship in

the Pacific (camp on the high seas!). Since Scott grew up in camping, he succumbed to a wedding at the Glen – even the rehearsal dinner was held at the GG lodge. The event included Emily's bothers Larry and Dan (coming from Louisiana and Illinois), with various cousins – all GG veterans – such as Erin and Jake Meier, great-aunt and uncle Bill and Ruth Hall. Other GG folks in attendance: Alana Gay (bridesmaid), Dave and Paula Ruedebusch, Erick Hanna, Laura Godsman, Johnny Domenico, Dan and Laura Goldhamer, Sara Hazel, Sarah Jackel, Reid McKnight, Courtney Clarke, Ben Hale, Katie Richardson, Owen Locke, Cora West, Lainey Tick, Dana Heller and Drew Stevens. The turning leaves near Merlin's Spring and the berry decorations made for a lively setting. Even Emily's wedding ring had a touch of our Ladies Court theme.

● **Megan ELKJER** married Brian O'Connell in late-Sept., in her current hometown of Austin, Texas.

● **Owen LOCKE** and **Cora WEST** tied the knot in mid-Oct. Since Owen and Cora met at Geneva Glen, this was a "Glenish" affair. The wedding party included: best man Tyler Downs, Dillon Downs, Reid McKnight, Kevin Lee, Hillary Locke, Claire Jackel and Britt Carlson. The ringbearer was GG camper Rhys DeSota (Cora's stepbrother).

Engagements

We received word that **Allison FRY** will wed in November. She is a local teacher and we hope to have a visit from her. Allison's very existence is due to GG throwing her mother Sue McChesney and Joe Fry together back in the late 1970s. ... **Tim AMASS** proudly showed off his camp to his future bride Courtney Fleming. Tim will graduate this year from med-school at George Washington University. Ken unfortunately can't do the honors for his wedding in New England, in June. ... **Rob KESSELMAN** helped build another ropes-course element in July and

when he came up to check it out, he brought his intended Tracy Dong to check out camp for his wedding in the spring. Rob's dad, camp doc Neal, and mom Carol are bursting with pride. ... **Kevin LEE** will wed Sara Robinson in a May, 2010, ceremony.



Mike Hazel and Diane Henderson



Plenty of GG alums (above) attended Emily Hall's wedding in camp's Council Ring (right)



Owen Locke and Cora West



(from left): Nikki, Shanna, Madison, Christa, Janet and Kim Diederichs (with daughter Kayla)



Kristin Hartman, Ken Atkinson and Steve Brownson





MYTHS & MAGIC PROGENY – Geneva Glen’s 2009 Myths & Magic session featured nearly 50 sons/daughters and grandchildren of GG alumni (some of them third-generation), all of whom are well on their way to becoming future leaders of the Glen (see next page for list of all GG alum progeny from the ‘09 summer).

“GRAHAM CRACKER GRAND”

Even if your children still are not ready for a regular session, they may be primed to catch the GG magic at our “Graham Cracker Grand.” At this first-time event (Aug. 29), we made some loyal converts – as we went down “Alice’s Rabbit Hole” where everything is wee-sized. Eighteen tots ranging 16 months (David Mondrus, son to Jeanne LaFleur Mondrus) to six years old (Pete Cassidy’s son Seamus) frolicked through the Glen while breathless grandparents were trying to keep up. The program was flexible – ranging from pearl-diving with Little Mermaids to ring rides with cowpoke “Woody” (Reid McKnight) and his favorite “cowgal-friend” “Jessie” (Courtney Clarke).

Alana Gay’s fairy godmother turned her into a remarkably authentic Cinderella. Even before she sang and told the tale, the little gals – such as Kayla Kutler (granddaughter to Janet Helmstaedter Diederichs; daughter of Kim Diederichs Martonosi) and Hattie Westredge (the daughter of Kristy Kingdom Westredge; granddaughter to Sally Reed Kingdom, who also came with grandson Reed) – were hanging on her



dress. Our Long John Silver had to miraculously become Jack Sparrow for our more “Disneyesque” audience. Several little boys were so enamored with our pirates (perfectly played by Geoff Cromwell and Corey Dickter) that their laps constantly were full – even at lunch and dinner.

The “grands” enjoyed watching their little grands eat up camp. Ranging from the scavenger hunt to bubbles and sand piles, their eyes sparkled as they realized that yet one more generation was bound to the love of the Glen. This classic day presented new challenges, as most of our “clientele” didn’t fit at our large tables.

One answer was to bring the round table in without legs and lower it to milk-crate height for those of tiny stature. Our staff volunteered their time for this venture and we truly value their selfless loyalty.

Families that participated (in addition to those mentioned earlier) were:

- Mary Lou Allison, grandma to Brady (daughter of Ford and Jen Brady Allison)
- Mary Gentry, grandma to Logan Decker

- (his mom is Lisa Gentry Decker)
- Debby Clarke, mom to Courtney and grandma to Colin, Lauren, Katie and Nicholas
- Ken Atkinson, grandpa to Asher Klein (son of Chip)
- Dan Warner tried valiantly to keep up with Harper and Hadley Hodgson (Jennifer’s kids)
- Grandma Sue Ann Fitch brought Charlotte Lee Horton
- Barbara and Eli Fishkin brought Ben Kiley (Stephanie’s son)
- Sydney and Jeff Dunbar had their hands full with three grandkids: Lauren Long (Dan’s daughter), and Jacob and Abby Sampson (Matt and Erin’s kids)

- Betty and Dave Thomas rode herd over Jax (Randy’s youngest son)
- Liz and Al Brower accompanied Matthew and Mikaela Kirton (Chris’s kids)
- Grandpa Kent Gay brought 19-month-old Rhyllah Ann Gay (Ryan’s daughter)
- Sandy Dreher proudly brought Jackson and Hannah Podgorskyi (Shannon’s kids) all the way from Seattle
- Sandra Orton, grandma to Cedric (youngest son of Debbie)



(front row, from left): Sally Kingdom, Nancy Atkinson, Betty and Dave Thomas; (back row, from left): Ken Atkinson, Lew Kingdom, Tom and Karen Yerkey, and Dan Warner.



ALUMNI UPDATES ...

1950s

Steve and Mary NICHOLS, from Salt Lake City, dropped in for a walk-around an evergreen memory lane in June. Steve was here in the early '50s and treasured his camp memories.

1960s

Nancy HARDIN contacted some of her camp cronies this fall. She now lives in Durham, N.C., but is investigating some opportunities in the Rocky Mountains – 'cause ever since her camp days, these hills have been in her heart. If she does move here, we hope to get her involved in one of our committees.

It was great to see **Danny LEWIS** and **Christine LEWIS Austin** (both 1980s campers) as we celebrated the life and memory of their mother **Judy GRUNEWALD Lewis Bryan**, held at Rockland Community Church. Though the occasion was sad, the remembrances of Judy's long affiliation with GG were rich, with friends from second grade (Jan Rhodes Moor – cabin 17) to high school and college friends (Ginny Rae Carey Chase, Karen and Tom Yerkey, Peg Hill, Sally Reed Kingdom and many more). Judy con-



tributed by joining the board at Geneva Glen and always was a loyal work-weekend volunteer.

... Former GG camper/staffer, now Admiral **Rich JEFFRIES**, paid a surprise visit to camp late in the '09 summer. As chief physician for the U.S. Marine Corps, Rich was in town for a military funeral. He gave an inspirational talk to the campers and staff, providing testimony to the positive effect from his years at GG. We thank Rich and wish him and his entire family, all GG alums, the very best.



GENEVA GLEN ALUMNI PROGENY — KNIGHTHOOD II, 2009

(nearly 90 sons/daughters/grandkids of GG alum were campers/staff at our 2009 Knighthood II session; list below includes all progeny who were campers in summer of '09)

Geneva Glen Camp 2009 Alumni Progeny (campers; ALL sessions)

Hannah Ablin	Nathan Burns	Andrew Friedman	Finn Jent	Kayley Lincoln	Matthew Pontow	Oliver Sumners
Alex Allen	Olive Carrollhach	Jonathan Friedman	Jake Jent	Keegan Lingk	Scott Pozder	Ruby Sumners
Cody Allen	Madison Castle	Katrina Froelich	Eric Johnson	Kensi Lingk	Spencer Pozder	Casey Sweeney
Taylor Allen	Seamus Cassidy	Lili Froelich	Caden Joseph	Madison Loyle	Jack Rauch	Joe Sweeney
Miles Ambroggio	Danny Chase	Osgood Froelich	Tucker Joseph	Sterling Lubchenco	Kate Rauch	Peter Sweeney
Zach Appel	Annie Christie	Matthew Gary	John Kail	Tanner Lussier	Aspen Reeves	Nick Thomas
Brian Armstrong	Henry Clark	Vanessa Gary	Nelle Kanewske	Hallie Marker	Waverly Reeves	Tanner Thomas
Ethan Aycock	Colin Clarke	Alex Graham	Alexandria Kehn	Ian Mauzy	Daniel Reter	Rowan Thompson
Matt Ayres	Andrew Conca	Charlie Graham	Christian Kehn	Reed Mauzy	Brett Ritland	Derek Thorn
Emily Backus	Christina Conca	Frances Graham	Lilly Kehn	Mia McCoy	Sam Robison	Michael Thorn
Jessa Badrena	Ajia Conklin	Isabelle Graham	Tyler Kelsall	Curtis McMullen	Noelle Rogers	Meghan Thornton
Austin Baere	Ashlyn Cook	Harris Griswold	Madeleine Kemme	Wesley McMullen	Grace Romer	Haley Tidd
Jackson Baere	Grant Cruzan	Jack Griswold	Kristian Kingdom	Ethan Meyer	Perry Romero	Kacee Traylor
Madison Baere	Rachel Cruzan	Frances Guetlich	Wesley Kingdom	Logan Meyer	Chloe Rossier	Sarah Vick
Emily Baker	Annie Cunningham	Jake Gulliver	Thompson Kirkpatrick	Megan Meyer	Susannah Rossier	Ross Wamsley
Clayton Baldwin	Paxton Decker	Davis Halsan	Mikaela Kirton	Joey Miller	Gillian Rude	Caroline Ward
Kendall Baldwin	Madison Diederichs	Joseph Harpring	Cole Koeberer	Brendan Moon	Anna Rudmann	Abbey Wegner
Anna Barrow	Amanda Dixon	Logan Henninger	Garrison Koeberer	Caley Moon	Ben Sampson	Courtney Wegner
Jace Bates	Laura Dixon	Max Henninger	Jordan Kramlich	Chris Musselman	Hayden Schwartz	Brittany Wible
Jacob Boselli	Dominic Doty	Alejandra Heringer	Tanner Kramlich	Devon Musselman	Wylie Schwartz	Kathryn Wible
Chris Bossart	McKenna Dugdale	Ally Hinds	Dominique Lacroix	Lexie Musselman	Chloe Sclar	Atlee Witt
Annie Brewster	Richard Dyer	Carter Hoops	Marc Lacroix	Nikki Naiman	Amelia Sease	Robby Woodward
Callie Brewster	Drew Erkelens	Tobin Hoops	Ashley Lankford	Noah Naiman	Matthew Sease	Anna Woolley
Jessica Brummett	Ashley Feldman	Michael Horan	Austin Lankford	William Newton	Avery Siler	Colin Yakely
Elizabeth Bryson	Emily Feldman	Andrew Hummel	Avery Lankford	Emma Nixon	Bonnie Siler	Creede Yerkey-Held
Samantha Bryson	Carlee Flynn	Audrey Hummel	Orson Lankford	Ali Oksner	Sarah Skibby	George Yetter
Madie Burdt	Will Foxwell	Gretchen Hummel	Jack Lawler	Morgan Oliva	Jack Smith	Kathryn Yetter
		Teddy Hummel	Austin Lee	Stefan Orton-Urbina	Ross Snyder	Alex Young
		Katie Ippolito	Taggart Lees	Tristan Orton-Urbina	Caroline Soane	Cameron Young
		Robbie Ippolito	Sarah Leidich	David Penberthy	Declan Soane	Ellen Young
		Ben Jackson	Michael Lewallen	Tyler Piersch	Charlie Stevens	

GG Reconnections

Facebook has been an effective way to surface GG folks. Christa Diederichs Redford and Pete LaFleur recently have befriended tons of past GG pals (some via Linked-In or e-mail):

Facebook Findings – We're excited to renew old connections with so many of you alums, including: Katie Anderson, Brooke Bains Aguilar, Jodi Brewster Moehring, Kristen Brooks Kroop, Ian Clifton, Mike Emery, Megan Fowler Binn, Scott Gehret, Gaylan Graham Kraft, Kris Heineman, Chad Hock, Jen Holden Litchenberg, Laura Hunter Maleisch, Georgia Jenkins, Kent Messer, Eve Modzelewski Samples, Kelly Mowery, Drew Stevens and Mike Wahl.

Here are some quick updates received via the "information highway":

Matt Bourke (Houston) – exploration geologist (Exxon/Mobil); spends time in Tripoli and the Mediterranean

Mark Deacon – works with some GG alums as propulsion engineer in CO

Jill Deacon – married and completing her medical residency in Utah

Meade Kelley (Chicago) – living in "windy city" with wife Emily (married in April)

Megan Garnsey Kemper – visited camp with group of kids in early August

Rives McDow – researcher/developer; has publishing company (kids' books)

Ron Moiles (Mich.) – married with kids, owns four vet hospitals

Katy Reed Brandt (Mich.) – taking break from teaching deaf and mute children; two kids; visits Norway often

Kerney Scott (Korea) – serving in Army

Erin Wester Moss (Denver) – lawyer, expecting her third child in December

MY! – HOW YOU'VE GROWN ...

Donna CAMPBELL Thompson sent this photo of a 14-foot ponderosa-pine that she brought home (as a sprout) from GG 20 years ago (her son, early-1990s GG camper **Chad THOMPSON**, is pictured next to the tree to help show the tree's current size).



Alumni Updates (cont.) ...

1960s (cont.)

Karen TYNER Voight ventured from Maryland to her Rocky Mountain heart's desire. This is the gal who broke into tears the first time she saw the mountains. Tyner ("T.B." to her buds!) gloried in the September aspen, alpine wildflowers, elk, buffalo, dipper birds, and powdered-sugar snow-toppers. She visited favorite haunts at GG and nostalgically remembered our Camelot musical in the Chapel. ... **Paul ELMER** came from Texas to escort his first-time camper Alyssa. We're gratified he shared a heartfelt email after she experienced a great session (excerpts): "I hadn't been back to GG in 30 years. ... As we approached, my emotions began to swell. ... The magic hits you before you even get there. ... I was pretty much an emotional basketcase. ... I left [Alyssa] with her new friends, sitting in that sacred first-day circle ... Tears in my eyes, for I wasn't sad, no, it was a happy day, I knew just exactly what I was giving my daughter, on her very first day of Camp."

1970s

It's always helpful to have our mountain man **Steve ANTHONY** to educate our teens with the history of firearms. His beard gets more distinguished (whiter!) every day,

and we might just lasso him into portraying St. Nick at Winter Workshop!? . . . **Mayanne LANTIERI Healey** received a nice 50th birthday gift from her hubby: a trip to Colorado and her favorite summer memory, GG! She stayed with **Outi** and **Scott WHITMER**, enjoyed a hike to the Shrine, a chapel service, a peek at Merlin's Masque and a Council Ring. Her photography services were shared, as she soaked up the July ambience. Outi also visited to check up on her R.N. recommendation, Randy Howell. Outi is nearly recovered from a serious spill that she took on her Harley. Scott says "no more motorcycles for Outi" and, true to form, Outi says she can't wait to mount up again! . . . **Kari WHITMAN** dropped in from Hollywood, Calif. She's a dog trainer/handler, and she took a tour of present-day camp while stocking up on lots of GG sportswear – glad she's back in touch. . . . **Randi BILKER** surprised us in early June. She had vivid recollections of her camp adventures and dish crew summer in Cabin 15, and she asked about Tom and Jody Bennett, Nancy Lockhart, and the Woodward brothers. Hope she sends her son, Ethan, in the future.

1980s

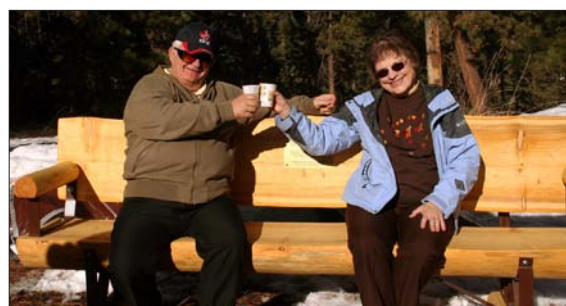
Ted (Thermadore) **DENSON** sent his comic t-shirt to Ken via his nephew Jamie Usherwood (crew '09). It's an adventure to

Bench Dedicated to Dave & Betty Thomas

A closely-guarded surprise was sprung on Dave and Betty Alexander Thomas on Halloween. Daughter Jackie Sandone contacted camp in the summer with a fabulous idea to celebrate Dave and Betty's 50th anniversary. Back in the '50s, a bunch of counselors were to hike to the Shrine to view the sunrise. But fatefully perhaps, only Betty and Dave made the early date. More than 50 years, four kids and seven grandkids later, that rendezvous will be remembered with a log bench made from one of camp's ponderosa pine that our own Jared Strickland created. The plaque reads:

"50 years and still hitched! On Oct. 31, 2009, Dave Thomas and Betty Alexander, who spent many happy summers at Geneva Glen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. It all started when, together they watched the sunrise here at The Shrine, which was the site of their first date. Others were invited to the "Sunrise Hike," but none showed up! The rest is history. For mom and dad, grandma and grandpa, from their children and grandchildren (2nd- and 3rd-generation GG alums)."

The big Halloween snow prevented us from taking Betty and Dave up to the Shrine to the spot near their auspicious date to see where this bench will live. So, instead, we plowed through the two feet of October snow to clear the top of Vesper Hill and drove them up to see it in another similar mountainous environment. Next spring, we'll mount it in concrete at its sentimental perch overlooking the city, Parmalee valley and South Turkey Creek. ... Dave and Betty's reaction to this honor was stupendous.



chat with Ted. He is making good doing the comedy-club scene, which any of his past co's could attest is right up his alley! . . . **Tim HOGAN** made his *NBC Dateline* premier amid the Dan Brown craze for *Symbols*. Since Tim is recognized as a great wizard and maven of Masonic mystery, who better to illuminate on that subject? . . . An exciting *Wall Street Journal* interview with our own **Shara SLAY Castle**, on how a typical Denver mom and homemaker feels about the Health Care legislation. We are so grateful that daughter Madison demands that Shara attend every GG function! . . . Good to find **Sam KAPLAN** living and working in Napa, Calif. We have many GG camper families in the vine-ripe valley due to Jenny Lee Flynn, and we hope to make more connections so that Sam's son might come to a Knighthood session at GG some day. Denver's *5280 Magazine* also recognized Sam's dad, Dr. David Kaplan (a former GG Camp doc), as one of Denver's outstanding pediatricians ... congratulations! . . . Fun to see past king and queen **Andrew Vick** and **Becky PENBERTHY Clark** at the '09 Knighthood Pageant. Becky flew up from Houston to pick up her camper, Henry, and finagled her royal partner from 1981, Andrew to drive down from Aspen to see the festivities. We think that they were impressed with the feast and costuming! . . . Touched base with **Larry CIANCIA** who lives with his wife and family in Evergreen but continues to globetrot his talent with famous musician names in New York and LA. ... Quick Visit from **Shelly MENTZER Deiner**, and mom Nancy, with her cherubs Grayson (2) and Ella (5). So sorry Nancy couldn't stay for "Graham Cracker Grand," as it would have been right up her grandma alley! Shelly did get to re-visit with camp pals at "Old-C's" – Chip Klein, Pete LaFleur, Becky Weinberg and Eden Hankins. It was fun to witness her enthusiasm for sending Ella to Myths. . . . **Julie BALLIET** sent her twins Finn and Jake Jent from Texas. Hope they can come when we do a GG Prospects Show in the Dallas area (maybe in February). . . . **Stephanie WORK Baker's** daughter Emily joined the American Heritage gang for her first adventure at GG. Great to see Stephanie again and this latest camper from that family is a 4th-generation at the Glen (hope she returns). ... **Dave TULLOCH** meandered from his current home in Japan, as he is in the diplomatic corps and rarely gets home to the states. His two children seemed to enjoy their quick tour of camp and intend to return to a session to "re-Americanize."



1990s

Kevin DICUS, our own "Indiana Jones" and handsome archaeologist, came by for a visit to camp in Sept. Kevin, who grew up at camp, now digs about in Pompeii ruins unearthing relics for the Univ. of Michigan. Kevin took a tour of some of his old GG haunts, feeling melancholy about ropes course and Hilltop. We especially enjoyed his tale of a Tuscan festival, when the folks in his tiny Italian village crowned him the prince and he rode in royally with flags on the arm of a beautiful princess. Dicus had to let them know that, from his pageant days, he was quite used to wearing tights. ... **Brooke KIRKPATRICK** moved back to Denver – haven't had a visit from her in a while! She may help out in the camp's equine department from time to time, as that was her GG bliss! . . . "Big Sloz," **Greg SCHLOSSINGER**, came by camp with his little future camper. Unfortunately Ken and Nancy missed his visit. . . . **Megan ELKJER** dropped off her darling Nelle for a Myths stay and mini-reunion with old pals: Jen Cox Cyphers, Millicent Cox Ambrosio, Christa Diederichs Redford, Becky Weinberg, Mark Dreher, Xander Sommers, Pete LaFleur & Lorin Shimonek. . . . **Katie DESTEFANO Loyle** was blown away by her return to her camper past. It helped that the little Destefano look-alike Madison truly enjoyed her first experience at Myths and Magic. . . . **Heather HUNT Dugdale's** little toe-head McKenna was another Myths progeny. McKenna didn't miss her California home and sisters and fit right in to the spirit of the Glen. . . . **Steve WOOLLEY** sent little Anna to Myths, all the way from Dubai. GG became a little mini-family reunion, as Anna's cousin Haley enjoyed her session as well. It was good to get Steve back in the GG groove. . . . Our Montana nature-gal, **Christie SHANNON Goodman**, left her horsebreeding ranch long enough to visit during Myths and work with our staff flower-child Annie Beall, to re-invigorate the alchemy program. Christie originattg that organic area; talk about "going green!" She taught us, again, what local plants are edible, poisonous, and glorious for bruise and beauty concoctions. It was fun having her still-mellow personage around. She also brought a little nephew from St. Louis who got to enjoy Myths!

2000s

● **Jay and Whitney ROBERTSON PETERANETZ** recently moved with their doll-baby Braiden, to housesit for Jay's uncle Ian and Aunt Cathy Castleberry Tracy. Grandma Marcia receives phone-pictures every day. . . . **Marty GALLOWAY** served as the



ANN KIRWIN MEMORIAL

It is with heavy hearts that we notify our alumni family of the passing of Ann Beadle Kirwin in late July. Ann's loyalty began as a camper (she was one of Nancy's charges in the early '60s), a counselor and active camper parent with son Rob continuing through his Knighthood years to achieve his Sir Knight. Ann served four years as president of our executive board, as well as being an exceptional board member for another 10 years. Her fidelity to GG came naturally, as Ann's mother had been a stalwart worker for the Gilmore's in the '40s and '50s.



Small in stature yet hefty in spirit, Ann addressed many time-consuming challenges related to Geneva Glen. We are pleased that a stone wall and wildflower garden is planned in her honor. Gifts in her memory have been designated to campers as well as the general fund (and of course, such donations are tax-deductible).

perfect "Big Bird," as he couldn't resist the big chicken costume at our Myths circus. Marty is a lawyer working here in Colorado. He was a legendary BBJ in his day, so he also aproned up and helped pour bug juice for our cute moppets! . . . **Emily STANLEY** included GG in her Colorado sojourn from Delaware. She escorted t crazy Marty Galloway to our Myths circus and totally joined in the fun in a vintage clown costume. Emily is pursuing a clinical psychology doctorate at Univ. of Delaware. . . . **Ben LUDWIG** – how sweet to reminisce about who tied the record with John Vogt for the most roles in Merlin's Masque over his decade as a camper (Little and Oldest Merlin, Belasius, Uther, etc.). Ben is a professor at a private boarding school, teaching philosophy and religion in Bloomfield, Mich. He has found his bliss but relished his trip back to his mountain home. Ben also filled us in on his sister Allegra, who lives in Boulder and has a daughter Cadence!

“Three-Headed Monster” Day a Huge Success

Saturday, Oct. 24, ranks as one of the busiest non-summer days in the history of Geneva Glen. We originally had dubbed this day the “Tripleheader”– but perhaps “Three-Headed Monster” is a more appropriate seasonal theme. The day began with the first Round Table Annual Meeting (10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.), followed by the inaugural GG Pumpkin Patch from 1:00-4:00. The frivolity continued that night for 130 GG veteran campers, who attended a dance in the Gilmore Chapel, were spooked at a Haunted House in the bottom of the chapel, and then enjoyed a slumber party (Winter Workshop style). The teens departed the next morning at 10:00 a.m., capping a whirlwind 24-hour stretch of activity at the Glen – with an estimated 500 people (campers, parents, alum and staff) participating over the course of the three events.



GG Pumpkin Patch

The weather gods watched over us, as nearly 300 people (kids and folks) enjoyed a rollicking autumn in a pumpkin-bedecked meadow (thanks to Dan Warner and The Big Tool Box for over 3,000 pounds of orange giants)! This fun event was the brainchild of Natalie Dreher, the better half of Mark Dreher, and was enhanced by the donations of several loyal alums. Mary Taylor Kirkpatrick raided a spook barn and carnival to bring us games and scary contraptions.

Natalie’s precision organization – conducting the hoards of volunteers, from parents to board members, and a dozen of last summer’s crew kids – provided a seamless product. The warm, festive GG atmosphere was felt by all – as toddlers, teens, canines and campers carved, painted, fished and frolicked amid hordes of pumpkins and glorious weather! Thanks to all who worked on the “Patch,” especially the Dreher team (including Chris running the lollipop tree!, pictured at right).



Round Table Annual Meeting



(from left)
Round Table
members
Cindy Cartwright,
Bob Flory,
Cindy Carey,
Sally Kingdom
and Bill Hanna.

Nearly 60 members of the GG Round Table were on hand the morning of Oct. 24, for the camp’s Annual Meeting. The meeting included a mix of humorous and poignant introductions from the group, Ken and Nancy’s popular narrated slideshow review of the summer, approval of new board members, and various committee reports.

Three weeks earlier, some 30 Round Table members gathered at Mad Greens restaurant at the Denver Art Museum. The Mad Greens restaurant chain is owned by Jennifer Warner Hodgson and her husband, Marley. This information event was hosted by Jeff Thormodsgaard and Kevin Lee, Round Table coordinators.

Teen Halloween Dance, Spookhouse & Slumber Party



There was a full house (130 campers, most of them costumed, plus 20 staff members) for the GG teen dance, spookhouse and slumber party on Oct. 24-25.

“Ol’ Swimming Hole Ain’t What It Used To Be” ... 50 Years ago, this refreshing alternative to “Progress Plunge” or Soda Lakes really did make our lives easier at camp. No more rickety bus rides with Mr. Putnam. The pool has held up quite well with some superficial facelifts, but more and more complaints that it didn’t hold the heat temperature and clues that we were losing too much water (more than just to evaporation), told us a few years ago that the pool was ready for some dramatic TLC. A pool savings account was initiated to help defray the extraordinary costs. Voila! – the 2010 campers will dogpaddle and relay-race in this rejuvenated GG lagoon ... with a state-of-the-art curly-C slide to replace the old diving-board that nobody could even use in the past eight years or so. The construction is mostly complete now, with finishing touches coming in the spring. Your *Spring Alumni Breeze* will include more details and show you the glamorous photos of this refurbished pool.