

**A 'SCOUT SALUTE' TO DECEASED ALUMNI MEMBERS AND/OR FAMILY MEMBERS**

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JACQUES E. DUBOIS (Woonsocket, RI) 11/3/98

JOSEPH A. FAUCHER (Wakefield, RI) 1/18/99

JAMES L. FORBES, JR. (Narragansett, RI, - father of Ranger Paul Forbes) 2/3/99

JOSEPH GALKIN (Providence, RI - Brother of Ira & Herman Galkin "Galkin Cabin" at Yawgoog) 1/21/99

GORDON GRAHAM (New York, NY) 1998

CHARLES H. HOLT (Cranston, RI) 1/27/99

ANN EILEEN INGHAM (East Greenwich, RI - mother of Bruce Ingham, YAA Vice Chairman) 3/6/99

JOHN T. 'JACK' O'BRIEN (South County - Long time baker at Yawgoog) 2/99

GEORGE I. TURNER (Warwick, RI) 2/21/99

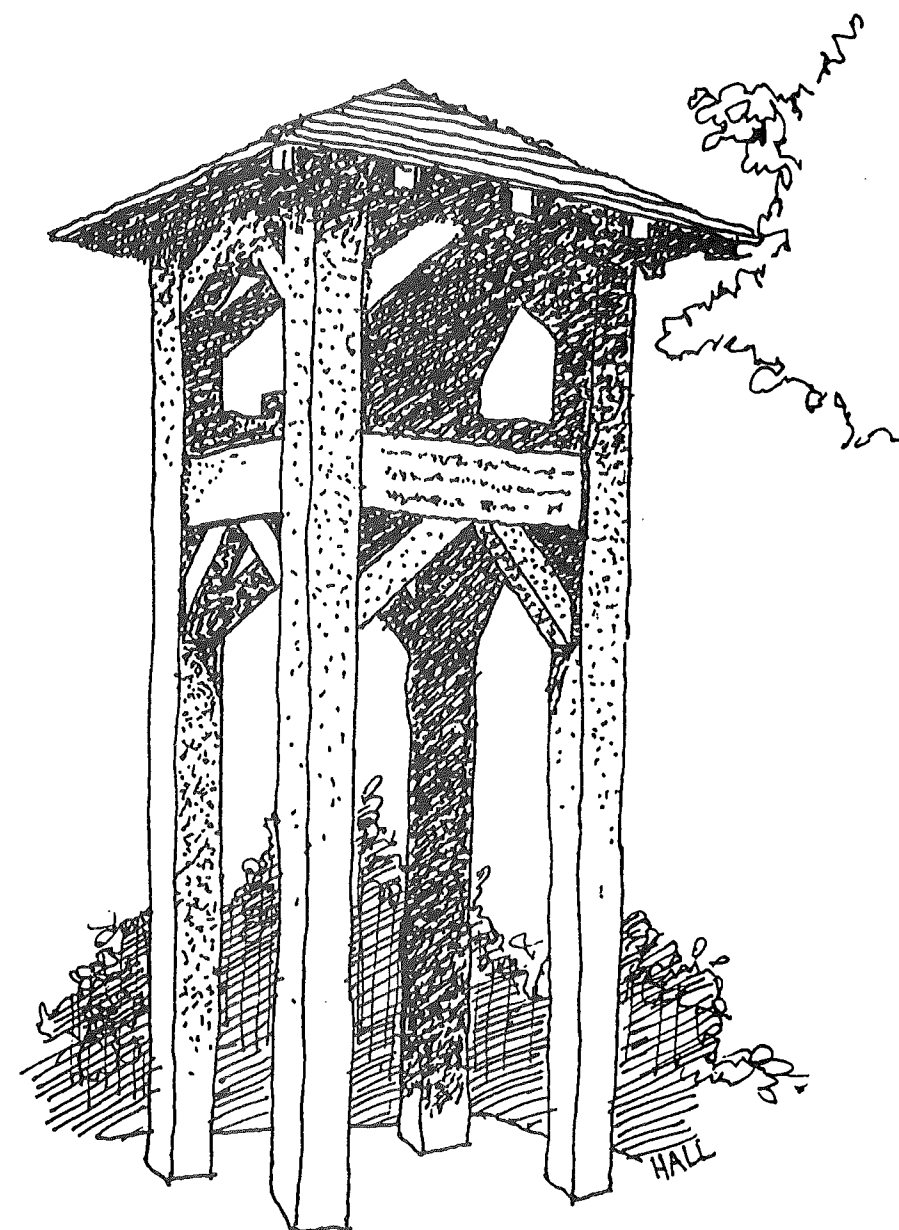
JOHN B. 'JAYVEE' VALLETTA, JR. (Johnston, RI) 11/27/99

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SPRING 1999

Dear Alumni:

*It seems like yesterday that we were talking about the "Summer of 1998" and here we are getting ready to open the Yawgoog Gateway to the next generation of Scouts and Leaders for 1999. Time surely passes by quickly, but the memories that we all share will last a "Lifetime".*

*This past Fall and Winter we have been working with the Council Properties Committee, architects, and construction professionals in planning the Yawgog Heritage Center. This is the most expensive project that the Alumni has ever adopted, and it is taking longer than we anticipated to generate the necessary funding for the project. As we mentioned previously, this could be a "one year", "two-year" or "three year" project depending on the project donations we receive. We sure could use your help. If you can assist us with an additional donation toward the Yawgoog Heritage Center, please feel free to send your check to the YAA. If all goes as planned, we hope to begin construction this Fall and celebrate the opening in the summer of 2000!!! More details are included in this newsletter.*

*We also have re-published the HISTORY OF THE YAWGOOG TRAILS by David Brierly and this booklet will be given to every troop that attends Yawgoog this summer free of charge, thanks to the YAA and your support. The very popular YAWGOOG PROMOTIONAL VIDEO was re-produced as well this year, and the Council now has 250 copies ready for distribution to any unit across the country that has an interest in our camp. The tradition of presenting Yawgoog Staff Scholarships to outstanding staff members will also continue this summer. I will be talking to the Yawgoog Staff during staff training week in June about this YAA funded program. The Scholarships given each year have become a cherished and honorable award each summer thanks to your generosity.*

*And of course we have the Annual Reunion coming to Yawgoog at 1pm on Saturday, July 31st. Mark your calendar and plan on joining us and representation from 8 decades of Yawgoog Alumni. Which decade will have the best representation? How about the YAA members from the 1980's and 1990's? There are thousands from this era out there - so, be sure to join us on July 31!!!*

*I would like to thank the Alumni Committee listed to the left for all their dedicated efforts this past year. And on behalf of the entire Association I would like to wish Reservation Director Gary Savignano and the marvelous Yawgoog Staff of 1999 the very best. We know that you will continue the traditions of Yawgoog's past while developing the new and innovative programs for the 21st Century. May you have a "Healthy, Happy and rewarding summer camping experience", and may you and the 7,000 scouts that will enter that Yawgoog Gateway also have memories that they will "cherish for a lifetime".*

Sincerely,

*Joe*  
Joe Herbold  
Chairman

**At Yawgoog,  
The Adventure Continues,  
The Tradition Lives On...**

*From the Reservation Director...*

Imagine -- Yawgoog's 84<sup>th</sup> season of summer camping is already upon us!

Many members of the Yawgoog Alumni Association hold precious memories of camp seasons past. On behalf of the 1999 Camp Yawgoog Staff, I am proud to say that this year's summer camp experience will not disappoint! Thousands of boys from all over the country will have the best times of their lives...

The '99 Staff is shaping up to be the finest ever, maintaining the traditions of yesteryear while bringing a youthful freshness to Yawgoog's program. As the millenium approaches, Yawgoog prepares to enter its second century of world-class Scouting.

I am delighted to be returning to Camp this year, happy to be working with my outstanding peers on the Key Staff, and looking forward to a great summer. I extend to the alumni a special greeting, and I thank you for your continued support of our beloved Camp and its program. I hope to see you all at the reunion this summer. Until then, happy trails, and may the Yawgoog Spirit bring you peace and joy the whole year through.

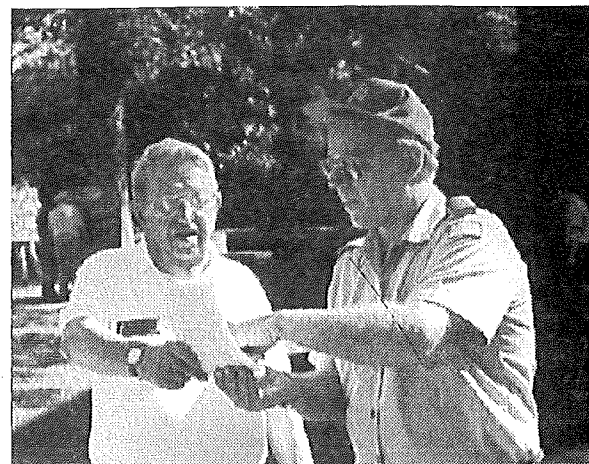
Yours In Scouting,

  
Gary Savignano  
Reservation Director

## GUS'S GOSSIP

### WILLIAM A. SANDFORD

Okay, I know what you're thinking.....Gus has lost it – he already did a Gus's Gossip on Bill Sandford back in the 1991 Spring issue of the "Belltower" (referred to then only as 'the newsletter'). Well some people deserve to be written about twice – especially when that someone is moving out of the Narragansett Council to Connecticut. Bill and his lovely wife, Lillian, have decided it's time to sell their house in Cranston and make their home closer to their daughter Katherine.



*Here's Wild Bill getting last minute instructions from the boss at a recent YAA Reunion.*

Bill Sandford (referred to most of the time as "Wild" Bill) has been around almost as long as I have. He started out in Scouting as a member of that famous 1<sup>st</sup> Providence Troop in 1925 and became an Eagle Scout in that Troop. He even worked on staff at Yawgoog from 1930 to 1935 (1930 was the year of the great Yawgoog forest fire). Looks like 1930 will always be famous for two reasons – the great Yawgoog fire and the year Bill Sandford was on staff!!

1930 also was the year I first met "Wild" Bill Sandford but he wasn't so 'wild' back then. Bill did a lot for the betterment of Scouting and for his service to youth he was awarded the 'Silver Beaver' in 1955. But his most notable service began in 1980 at the Jamboree. He and a group of his friends (mostly Cranstonians, I'm sure) were helping the Narragansett Council Staff set up for the Jamboree so one staff member (Phil Tracy, I believe) had shirts made up for the group that read "Jamboree 1980, BSA, RI Narragansett Council Staff" (on the front of the shirt) and "Over the Hill Gang" (on the back of the shirt)– thus, the beginning of the 'Over the Hill Gang'. Gene Verrier still has the original shirt and wore it recently at a gathering of the 'Over the Hill Gang' for lunch at Twin Oaks. "What a fine body of men", as Bill would say! This is the same group of guys who check you in when you come to the Yawgoog Reunions each year. They are also familiar faces at the Council Service Center stuffing and putting labels on envelopes and helping out in any way they can. Now that computers have made life so much easier, there is not too much going on in the way of stuffing envelopes so now this 'fine body of men' is going to have to get computer literate! Isn't there some saying about teaching 'old dogs new tricks'!! Now that Bill is moving to Connecticut he has turned over the reins as 'boss' of this group to Don Maker. Don, you are going to have a hard time filling Bill's shoes – but now that you have Vince Borrelli (retired Scout Executive of the Narragansett Council 1973 – 1990) as the newest member of the "Over the Hill Gang" to help you, I'm sure you'll do just fine!

Scouting wasn't Bill's only claim to fame. He's been a familiar face (almost as famous as Alice the elephant) at the Roger Williams Park Zoo since 1976. Bill's been a "Docent" at the Roger Williams Park Museum and the Zoo for the past 23 years. Well, Bill, the Zoo will probably miss you but no one will miss you more than me! Keep in touch with us, visit us often and take good care of yourself.

Gus

## Yawgoog Rangers

Paul Forbes

Sixty nine years ago, in May of 1930, Camp Yawgoog suffered the worst disaster in its history. A forest fire which started in nearby Connecticut spread into Yawgoog and burned a large amount of acreage. As there was no Resident Ranger in those days, it is fortunate that there was a small contingent of camp personnel present. They were able to go for additional help and do what they could to protect buildings. There was some limited fire fighting capabilities on the property and it was put into service.

The Yawgoog Fire Department was "officially organized" in 1924. The pride and joy of its originator, Clinton "Inkey" Armstrong, the Yawgoog Fire Department was one of the first in the area. In the mid forties, the Yawgoog Fire Department was chartered with the State of Rhode Island. To this day, the Charter is intact. It has been seventy-five years since the Fire Department was officially organized. The Yawgoog Volunteer Fire Department has always been and continues to be an asset to the Camp and surrounding community. In its heyday, which was during the sixties, the Department boasted almost twenty members. Today the Department consists of the four full-time Rangers, as well as a handful of local residents. Along with the title and responsibilities of Reservation Superintendent, (Warden or Ranger in the "old" days) comes the position of Fire Chief. There have been only three since the "official" forming of the Fire Department; Inkey Armstrong, Al Gunther and myself.

Inkey Armstrong was the originator of the Yawgoog Fire Department and went on to organize and become the first President of the Hope Valley Fire Department. He was also instrumental in the organizing of the Hope Valley Ambulance Squad. All three of these organizations remain today and continue to provide services to Camp Yawgoog and the surrounding communities. Continuing the tradition of Community involvement, Justin Lee, our Assistant Reservation Superintendent was recently elected President of the Hope Valley Volunteer Fire Association. Justin also serves as a Lieutenant there as well as Deputy Chief of the Yawgoog Fire Department.

No mention of the Yawgoog Fire Department would be complete without the name Al Gunther coming up. Al was Chief from 1959 to 1995. At the time of his retirement in 1995, Al held the record for the longest tenure of any Fire Chief in the State of Rhode Island. Al was directly responsible for the saving of at least two lives, but he is more often remembered for resuscitating a horse which had been overcome with smoke in a barn fire. People often joked about Al giving the horse mouth to mouth resuscitation to which he always replied, "Yeah but he lived!"

The Yawgoog Fire Department has been involved in many incidents over the years and has come to the aid of many. Now the area is covered by the Hope Valley-Wyoming Fire District, which houses and maintains two fire trucks at camp. These are available for any emergency in camp as well as the surrounding area. Support from the Rhode Island Boy Scouts continues to provide the officers of the Department in accordance with State regulations as well as monetary support for dues and special projects.

While it is unlikely a fire of the magnitude of 1930 will occur again, the Yawgoog Fire Department is well trained and equipped to fight wildland fires. The before mentioned support of the Rhode Island Boy Scouts has provided funding to refurbish and equip a six-wheel drive truck as well as purchase a floating portable pump that can be used anywhere there is a water supply. This, combined with the help and mutual aid of neighboring departments as well as the Rhode Island Division of Forestry, insures continued protection for our beloved Camp.



1924 - 1999  
Protecting Camp Yawgoog  
For 75 Years

# YAWGOOG

## ALUMNI REUNION

Saturday, July 31, 1999 is the day! Yawgoog is the place....for REUNION '99!!

The time has arrived for another gathering of the Yawgoog Alumni Association. Registration begins at 1 p.m. in the Donald North Court, and while visiting the camp enter one of the many tournaments, view the completed capital projects, enjoy the company of old friends and rekindle memories from the past. Once again, Larry Jette, our very own 'Colonel', and the Campmasters will serve refreshments throughout the afternoon for your enjoyment.

So mark your calendar now for Reunion '99 - **SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1999, 1 p.m.**, Donald North Court. Incidentally, if you (as a YAA Member) bring a new Scouter to join the Alumni Association, you will receive a Complimentary Chicken BBQ dinner for your efforts. So join us and help our membership grow and together we can help the 'Scouts of Tomorrow'.

Jim Lanzi, Reunion '99 Chairman

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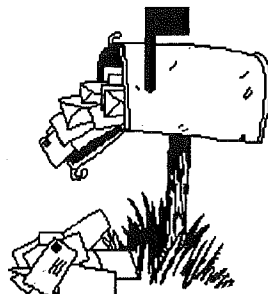
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## YAWGOOG HERITAGE MUSEUM

### Building and Planning

The Building and Planning Sub-committee is pleased to report that we are hard at work finalizing the plans for the new Heritage Center. A dedicated group of Alumni have spent many hours going over the drawings and fine tuning the design. While the final plan has not yet been decided on, the many ideas that have been suggested are starting to come into focus.

Another component of the project we have started work on is the budget. Even though the design isn't completed we are trying to put together tentative prices to assist in the fund raising for this exciting new program center. This work includes the interior furnishings like display cases, chairs, tables, and book cases.

We are steadily moving forward on the Heritage Center and hope to have an update when we see you this summer at the Reunion. Thanks you once again for your support!

### Contents and Operations

The Contents and Operations Sub-committee is continuing to lay the framework for how we envision the museum to look on the inside and how it will operate. We would like to reiterate the museum's mission statement that we shared with you in the last newsletter.

#### ALUMNI HERITAGE MUSEUM MISSION STATEMENT

- Collect, preserve and display memorabilia which reflects the heritage and spirit of Yawgoog,
- Share Yawgoog history and traditions,
- Conduct programs that promote the heritage and values of Yawgoog.

The committee has been busy laying out possible themes to build displays around. We view this as a work in progress, which will undoubtedly change numerous times before the grand opening. Presently we are looking for ways to represent the unique spirit and heritage of each camp. What symbols, memorabilia and/or other tangible items can help depict the spirit and traditions unique to Three Point, Medicine Bow and Sandy Beach? We are also mapping out a 'time line' to follow the evolution of Yawgoog from inception to the present. We are also thinking of breaking out the time line by decades, showcasing their unique aspects.

We have a lot of ideas at this stage but we can not achieve the alumni heritage museum's mission without help from YOU - the Yawgoog Alumni! Please give some thought as to how you can help! Do you have items to donate that will help depict the spirit and heritage of Yawgoog? We not only wish to receive donated items but we are also interested in the stories they have to tell! Do you have time to donate to help collect and catalogue items? Do you have any other expertise in preservation or museum operations? If you would like to be involved, please contact Judy at the scout office.

# HOW MUCH DO YOU REALLY KNOW ABOUT SCOUTING????

INFORMATION TAKEN FROM *THE BOY SCOUT HANDBOOK, 11<sup>TH</sup> EDITION*

"More than an outdoor guide, a guide for life."

- 1) The founder of the Boy Scouts is:
  - a) Benjamin Franklin
  - b) Theodore Roosevelt
  - c) Robert Baden-Powell
  - d) John James Audubon
  
- 2) To treat frostbite:
  - a) Rub the affected area.
  - b) Put snow or ice on the affected area.
  - c) Put the affected area in tepid or warm, running water.
  - d) Do all of the above.
  
- 3) Which one of the following is true:
  - a) The American Flag can be dipped only in salute to the U.S. President
  - b) Once the flag touches the ground it should be destroyed.
  - c) The flag should never be flown upside down.
  - d) On Memorial Day fly the flag at half staff until noon, and then at full staff.
  
- 4) While camping the best place to pitch a tent is:
  - a) Under a large tree for protection from the sun and rain.
  - b) Along a known game trail so you can watch the animals.
  - c) In a meadow with lots of grass for warmth and comfort.
  - d) In a wooded area with little vegetation.
  
- 5) If you are alone and become lost in the wilderness the first thing to do is:
  - a) Build a fire.
  - b) Begin shouting for help.
  - c) Stay calm, sit down and have a sip of water and some food if possible.
  - d) Leave your pack and supplies; the weight will drain your energy.
  
- 6) The best way to locate the North Star is:
  - a) Find the star closest to the moon three hours after sunset.
  - b) Find the two stars farthest from the handle, in the bowl of the Big Dipper which point to the North Star.
  - c) Find the brightest star in the sky two hours after sunset – that's the North Star.
  - d) Find five bright stars forming a "W" – the top middle star is the North Star.

Here are the answers. Scouts honor, you can't peek until you're finished answering the questions.

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| 1) c | 3) d | 5) c | LOOK FOR SIX MORE QUESTIONS<br>IN THE FALL ISSUE!! |
| 2) c | 4) d | 6) b |  |

## PERSONALS

**ADLER, Steven** (Cranston, RI) 1977 – The whole family is doing well. Joshua will be 5 and Shoshana is 10 months. I'm still working in the hotel industry in Newport. Happy to hear that Yawgoog had yet another successful summer.

**ARMSTRONG, D.V.M., James W.** (North Kingstown, RI) 1921 – I celebrated my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in August and in September we had a family gathering at Chicoteague, VA, including 3 great grandsons as prospective Scouts. I am enjoying my relationship with Troop 5 North Kingstown as a member of Rotary, the troop sponsor.

**BECHTEL, Peter** (Raleigh, NC) 1963 – Continue to run MDWin Corporation – medical software company. Mentoring a 9-year old boy – trying to get him interested in Scouts. Wife (Annette) doing great!

**BENSON, James W.** (So. Meriden, CT) 1997 – I am an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 28 at St. Mary's School in Meriden, CT.

**BODEN, Herbert H. Jr.** (Narragansett, RI) 1935 – Recently became a member of the Yawgoog Alumni Association Executive Committee. *(Herb, welcome aboard! JJJ)*

**BOLTON, Robert B.** (East Greenwich, RI) - My son David R. Bolton is a First Class Scout with Troop II East Greenwich, RI.

**BOWKER, Alan** (North Attleboro, MA) 1965 – Busy building a new house in No. Attleboro. Also preparing for my twins entering high school next fall.

**BRAILSFORD, Charles, Jr.** (Warwick, RI) 1940 – Have 8 children, 11 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren. *(Well, Charlie, it certainly seems you have a lot to keep you busy. Nice to hear from you! Gus)*

**BRILLON, Alan R.** (Attleboro, MA) 1956 – Still with Troop #37, Attleboro, MA.

**BRITTON, Bruce G.** (Seekonk, MA) – Had a stroke last June now have Parkinson's Disease. Doing well considering. *(Bruce, sorry to hear about your ill health. We'll keep you in our prayers. Gus)*

**BRUNNCKOW, Ev** (Williamsburg, VA) 1936 – At my age there's not much news but I'm still proud to be an 82 Providence – Don Dewing – "boy".

**BROWN, James** (Saunderstown, RI) 1934 – Enjoying my new hobby – woodcarving. *(Jim, sounds to me like you may have picked up that talent back in the good ole days as a camper at Yawgoog! Gus)*

**BUTLER, Alden H.** (Pomona Park, FL) 1933 – I have changed my address but I am still active with the North Florida Council. *(Good for you All! Gus)*

**BUTLER, Butch** (Buena Vista, CO) 1964 – All's well at Dancing Dog Ranch, our home at the base of Mt. Columbia in the Rockies. Grandson Tanner, now 17 months, already a hiker. Philmont hear we come!

**CARDUCCI, Michael A.** (Warwick, RI) 1926 – As of May 1999 I have been employed as an instructor 10 years at New England Institute of Technology.

**CARR, Charles E.** (Cranston, RI) 1929 – Sorry that I cannot make the reunion this year. I will be at a family reunion in Rome, NY. See you next year!

**CAVALLORO, Richard** (Coventry, RI) 1976 – Firefighter for the Town of Johnston.

**CORNELL, Elmer** (Weekapaug, RI) 1930 – Still very thankful for my wonderful Scouting years!

**COULTHURST, Dick** (Tucson, AZ) 1949 – We are enjoying Tucson, AZ, very much. Also we plan to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in our Colorado home this June. God bless you all!!

**COWEN, Norman J.** (Washington, DC) 1946 – Need a 1950 staff reunion. Where are Ray Horton, Frank Toste, Tom Whittingslow, Mal Salter, Dave Nichols, Dave Steele, Bert Priest, Willy Wilbourne, Ken Watson, Steve (3 at Waterfront), etc. etc. Let's get together & swap stories. *(Well, Dr. Cowen, I can supply you with addresses of most of these young men – perhaps they just need a coordinator to get this reunion set up! Since I'm going to send you the addresses and phone numbers of these YAA, looks like it's going to be your job!! Good luck in setting up a reunion and let us all know how you make out!! Judy)*

**CRUDUP, Robert** (Pleasanton, CA) 1964 – Promoted to Senior Vice President of Valley Crest Tree Company. Son Brandon is a Bobcat and eager to get going on Wolf. *(Enjoy this time, Bob, because before you know it Brandon will be completing his Eagle Project! Gus)*

**CUMERFORD, Dr. William R.** (Fort Lauderdale, FL & Blowing Rock, NC) 1928 – Hey Alumni, guess who appeared in the 51<sup>st</sup> Edition of 'Who's Who in America' (a leading biographical reference source)!?! You got it.....it was our very own Bill Cumerford of 'Scouting and fund raising' fame. Congratulations, Bill, on this great honor! Gus

**DAVIDSON, Donald J.** (Cumberland, RI) 1936 – Family has grown to 2 girls and 3 boys. Two of the boys are Eagle Scouts. We have been blessed with 3 granddaughters and 3 grandsons, all healthy and growing up too fast. The youngest, Thomas Lyman Davidson, is 9 months old and full of pep.

**DELPRETE, Rob** (Wakefield, RI) – Three sons – Robbie, Christopher and our youngest James Ryan born August 1998. Hopefully, all future Yawgoog campers. *(Well, Rob, with the great guidance provided by you and your lovely wife Peg, I'm sure they are heading for Yawgoog, Eagle Scout and a great future! Judy)*

**DEMAYO, Nick** (North Providence, RI) – Keep up the good job of helping boys become good quality men.

**DERHAM, Michael A.** (Johnston, RI) 1961 – I have returned to Yawgoog for Week 5 since 1992 with Troop 20 Johnston. My son, Chris, became an Eagle in March, 98, and his brother, Matt, achieved First Class this summer while at Yawgoog. *(Keep those Eagle Scouts coming, Mike! Gus)*

**DEROBBIO, Tullio A.** (North Kingstown, RI) 1938 – Terminated my business 10-1-98 after the 'Company' serving the area for 87 years. Recovered from major surgery – back to volunteer work. *(Well, Tullio, sounds like it's time now for you and Elaine to enjoy retirement life. Have fun!! Judy)*

**DIPIETRO, Joseph F.** (Bellingham, MA) 1950 – I am Superintend of Bellingham Schools since October 1, 1997.

**DONAHUE, Joseph B.** (Carmel, IN) 1946 – Will be taking 12 members of Troop 125, Carmel, Indiana, on their first (my 18<sup>th</sup>) Boundary Waters Canoe Trip next August. Linda and I are expecting our sixth granddaughter (all under 5 years old) in February. Only grandson, Jake, is 19, a Life Scout and studying Computer Animation at the Ringling Institute of Art and Design in Sarasota. Special greetings and fond remembrances to Gus, Bill Sandford and any old 5 Cranston buddies.

**DONNELLY, Dick** (Saunderstown, RI) 1945 – Being retired allows more time to volunteer and to visit the two granddaughters in Maine. Am still active at Aquapaug. *(Well, Dick, now that you are retired, maybe you can sit down and put some of that history of Aquapaug down on paper for me!!! Judy)*

**DRISCOLL, Donald J.** (North Scituate) 1944 – My wife, Fran, and I survived the Nashville Tornado 4/16/98. While babysitting our grandson, Dominic, the house was destroyed around us. The most terrifying 5 minutes of our lives. All is well. Don, Jr. and his family will be back in his house by Thanksgiving. *(Don, what a traumatic experience! So glad you and your family were spared any injuries!! Judy)*

**DROITCOUR, Howard A.** (North Kingstown, RI) 1921 – As a Scoutmaster I enjoyed camping with the boys in the late fifties to early sixties. I am now ninety years old but have fond memories of Yawgoog.

**DWYER, William A.** (Fallsington, PA) 1949 – All is well with the Dwyer Family. Janet and I have 9 grandchildren now, five of which were at the reunion in '97. Have visited many Scout Camps in the U.S. and Yawgoog is by far "the best". *(You can say that again, Bill! Gus)*

**ESSEX, Stewart R.** (Narragansett, RI) 1923 – Son, Jim, taking his Troop 2 East Greenwich to England this summer. Son, Stewart's two sons now in Troop 2.

**FOGEL, Bruce** (New York, NY) 1946 – No news, just happy to be alive!

**FOISY, Frank "Ted", Jr.** (Deerfield, NH) 1994 – I just finished my Eagle Project. I am waiting for my Board of Review. *(Congratulations, Ted, from the YAA Executive Committee and Members.)*

**FOISY, Frank E., Sr.** (Deerfield, NH) 1960 – Just finished the practical requirements of Wood Badge (NE-I-194). *(Sounds to me like the Foisy Family is quite a 'Scouting' Family! Gus)*

**FOWLER, Ken** (Harrison Twp., MI) 1945 – Continuing work on my model railroad in the basement and attending ElderHostels – mostly in Hawaii.

**FULLERTON, Gary M.** (West Warwick, RI) 1985 – I have graduated from URI with a B.S. in Soil & Water Resources. I now work at MDR Engineering in Cranston. I have left South County and now reside in West Warwick.

**GRAY, John A.** (Trumbull, CT) – I am a BSA Committee Member for our Troop 65. I assist when needed and have been trained 'October '98' Mountain-Man at Sequesen. Also, trained 'Webelos' October '97 at Hoyt Training Center.

**HAHN, Russell J.** (Vero Beach, FL) 1945 – Retired here with wife (a former Den Leader) in 1994. My dad, Yawgoog Scout(1920-21) died at 90 last August. Eagle and Life Scout sons (Yawgoog 1972-78) live in Minnesota. The Eagle Scout has 4 girls – no boys! He is active in Girl Scouts. *(Russ – tell your son that if first you don't succeed....try, try, again. Gus)*

**HAMILTON, Gordon L.** (Scarsdale, NY) - Cannot make Alumni weekend this August - off to Philmont with the troop. Itinerary #8-OZ-RZ. Have selected and been rewarded w/Trek #28. Super strenuous. Went to 19<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree in Chile December/January 99. Third Ass't Troop 707. High Adventure Trek to High Peaks Region of Adirondacks first week in July (a shakedown for Philmont). Looking forward to 20<sup>th</sup> W.J. in Thailand in '03 and England in '07. Suny Gobleskill 20th class reunion April 1999 - food service reunion. Possible trip to Sydney, Australia, in December 1999 for New Years. *(My goodness, Gordon, you certainly love Scouting and love to travel! Judy)*

**HARRIS, Wendell G.** (Cumberland, RI) 1940 - I received a Christmas letter from my friend Wendy Harris which read, "Hi Gus, I just learned from "The Yale Club of NYC" newsletter that Yawgoog Alumni member Gordon Graham had passed away recently. Upon joining the old (now extinct) Troop 52 Providence - Central Baptist Church - in 1940, Gordon was my Senior Patrol Leader. Truly a great Scout leader and motivator he was. Always full of vim and vigor. His enthusiasm was contagious. When World War II came along, Gordon joined the U.S. Marine Corps and became a fighter pilot. He served during the 'Korean War' as well. On my frequent business trips to NYC over the past few years I would have the occasion to see Gordon. During that time, he told me of his cancer and while looking poorly, he just hung in there. Ever failing, however. Anyhow, fondest memories of a super-Scout and good times on the Scouting trail. Your devoted Pal, Wendy." Thanks, Wendy, to you and your lovely wife Gail for the news and for always 'thinking of me'! Gus

**IULIANO, Anthony** (Riverside, RI) 1935 - Seven grandchildren. Two great grandchildren. Rose and I are enjoying retired life. *(Good for you, Anthony. Hope you and Rose have a great time! Judy)*

**KEEFER, Scott K.** (Slatersville, RI) 1944 - Still working - but not too hard (my partner thinks I'm retired). Five children, a dozen grandchildren and a beautiful wife of 48 years. You might be interested to learn that in the summer of 1998 Hank McGreen and I won a Senior Invitational Golf Tournament at Pt. Judith Country Club (Hank's club). Hank and I formed a close friendship at Yawgoog in the early 40's that has endured for over 50 years now. He was my assistant at Sandy Beach and Medicine Bow waterfronts. For your information, my brother Jack, and cousins Stubby and Bill King, all Yawgoog Alumni, are all in their 70's and are all very much alive and very well. *(Well, Scott, congratulations on your win! I must tell you though, you mention three people in your note who all went to Camp Yawgoog but I do not have their names and addresses as members of the YAA!!! Hank McGreen has been a long-time member but I do not have your brother or your two cousins. PLEASE, PLEASE send me their addresses so that I may sign them up. This is actually our only method of increasing our membership. I wonder how many other brothers, sons, cousins and friends of Alumni we don't have addresses for?!?!? Okay, you guys, get pen and paper in hand and send me those names and addresses. PLEASE. Thanks, Judy)*

**LANSING, Brian C.** (Alexandria, VA) - Lieutenant, U.S. Navy, Judge Advocate General Corp. stationed in Washington, DC.

**LOWENSTEIN, Arieh** (Rome, Italy) 1983 - I am still living in Rome. I have a company which develops merchandise for Italian museums and exports the products throughout the world. The name of the company is MADE IN MUSEUM. I missed making it to camp this summer for the first time in fifteen years and I really miss it. If anybody wants to reach me, my e-mail address is: [lowenstein\\_consulting@compuserve.com](mailto:lowenstein_consulting@compuserve.com). Everyone should check out the site, Chris Gehringer has done a fine job!! Vi Saluto e spero vidervi piu presto possibile!! *(For those of you who don't understand Italian, Arieh said, "I give you my regards and I hope I will see you as soon as possible!". I know that because I am an Italian Princess who just happened to fall in love and marry an Irish Prince. Judy (Ferrante) Burns)*

**JCAS, Thomas J.** (Bellerose Village, NY) 1992 - My older son Chris, an Eagle Scout, attended in 1992 and I have accompanied the troop every year except one. My younger son, Justin, is now in seventh grade and has enjoyed his experience at Yawgoog for years. I am Assistant Scoutmaster and Trip Coordinator of Troop 482 Bellerose Village.

**MACNAUGHT, Ken** (Warwick, RI) 1958 - Son Rob earned his Eagle in January and plans to major in Economics this fall at the University of Chicago.

**MARA, Brendan** (Barrington, RI) 1985 - I would like to thank all of the Yawgoog Staff and Alumni who were so incredibly kind and supportive this past summer during a time of great sorrow for myself, my brother, and my mother. Yawgoog has always been a special place for me and these men exemplified what is written in the Scout Oath and Law. My family is doing well now and I welcome anyone travelling near Cornell University to give me a call. *(Brendan, it certainly is great having friends in time of need, isn't it? Glad your fellow staffers were around to lend support. Judy)*

**MARRA, Michael** (Providence, RI) 1936 - As Depat of RI Jr, Vice Commander for the AMVETS gave out 160 Eagle Scout Certificates in 1998. Got reappointed again as Liason for 546 Council and have given out 12 from April to this point and am ready with a National Placque from Amvets on JOHN A. SISSON. Anthony John Eagle from Tr. 76 1981 is Coach and Therapist Long Island U. Two girl scouts doing well also. Recreational Therapist and educator and the other Telecommunications doing well. I am ready to go for a couple of more years yet and am moving four shovels next month. 75 tons each.

**MASON, Kenneth A.** (Barrington, RI) 1951 - I correspond with Spike Dahl, another alumnus from Barrington, who presently lives in France.

**NERI, Michael S.** (Stoneham, MA) 1952 - Camped at Yawgoog last November for 1<sup>st</sup> time in over 30 years. Will be back this November. Will be going to summer camp this year w/troop - at YAWGOOG!! *(Well, Mike, once there it's hard to get YAWGOOG out of your blood, isn't it?? Gus)*

**O'GRADY, Dan** (Peoria, AZ) 1925 - Still wandering about our beloved South West. Ellen and I now have 4 grown children, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. *(Dan, why not try to get back here to roam around your beloved Yawgoog for our July 31<sup>st</sup> Reunion! We'd all love to see you and the Mrs. Gus)*

**PEMBERTON, W. Peter** (Warwick, RI) 1940's - Became a grandfather (for the 4<sup>th</sup> time!) to my 2<sup>nd</sup> granddaughter, Jenna Lee Johnston. Enjoying my 18 months of retirement by involving myself with charitable causes. Busy, busy!

**PIERSON, Ron** (Vineland, NJ) 1966 - My second grandchild, a boy, was born to my youngest son Keith and his wife in Naples, Italy. Keith was recently promoted to Staff Sgt. in the Marines.

**RAFANELLI, Dr. Anthony J.** (Jamestown, RI) 1973 - I am now Assistant Cubmaster of Pack 1 Jamestown. My wife, Karen, and I were very proud as our oldest son, John, earned his Bobcat Badge. John is wearing his daddy's Cub Scout uniform (about 35 years old). Youngest son, Matthew, is waiting in the wings to join Tiger Cubs. *(Sounds to me Doc that you have those boys well on their way to Eagle Scout! Good work! Gus)*

**RICHMOND, Gerald M., Jr.** (Syracuse, NY) Mid 50's - Received District BSA Award of Merit, joined the Roundtable Staff, built a 32' climbing tower, and expect second son (Bryan) to get Eagle this year.

**RUBIEN, Daved E.** (Saunderstown, RI) 1941 – Retired in 1993 from heavy commercial, industrial and investment construction. Living in Narragansett, RI, and Sanibel, FL. Will never forget Yawgoog, Chief, Gus, Inky and all the others. *(Like I said earlier, Dave, once Yawgoog's in your blood – it's there forever!! Gus)*

**RUSSELL, Paul, Sr.** (Greenville, RI) 1966 – Will be bringing troop to summer camp August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999. Looking forward to coming. My e-mail address is: [scout.y@worldnet.att.net](mailto:scout.y@worldnet.att.net).

**SCATTERGOOD, Hudson B. "Pete"** (Norristown, PA) 1951 – Currently VP of College Relations, Ursinus College, Collegetown, PA. Have 3 daughters (2 married) and 3 grandchildren.

**SCHWAB, Michael** (East Greenwich, RI) – Dear Gus, just wanted you to know that I am now in therapy because of your recent Gus's Gossip column! Who's the guy in those pictures that looks so much like me?!.....Just kidding, Gus, the article was great – thanks for featuring little ole me. Mike

**SHERMAN, David P.** (Foster, RI) 1963 – I have 3 boys, (9, 6, & 3). I will have baseball, soccer and Cub Scouts this spring. I am the Cubmaster for Pack 42 Hope in Scituate, RI. *(It's great fun being a parent, isn't it Dave??)*

**SILVIA, John J.B., Jr.** (Portsmouth, RI) 1965 – Two sons in Scouting. Oldest son, John III, making Eagle Scout 6/5/99!! Youngest son, Jim, just made Life and going to Sandy Beach with Troop week 3. He spent 4 weeks at Yawgoog last year including Eagle Camp. Oldest son is Program Director of King's Castle at Feinstein Cub Camp for coming year. *(John, you certainly must be proud of your Scouting Family. Congratulations, you have done a wonderful job with your sons! Gus)*

**SMITH, Philip J.** (Lincoln, RI) 1975 – I continue to work as an Insurance Rep & Broker with two offices in the Providence area. Looking forward to getting back to Yawgoog for 1999 reunion. Keep up the good work.

**STORTI, Edward P.** (Oneco, CT) 1932 – We spend 6 months in Hollywood, FL, and 6 in CT on a 20 acre spread on Bailey Pond North Shore that would make you believe your at Yawgoog.

**SUMPTION, Jr., Albert E.** (Randolph, MA) 1941 – My wife, Irene, and I are retired. My daughter, Donna, lives and works in Maryland. My son and his family are around the corner from me.

**TAYLOR, Rodney F.** (Wakefield, RI) 1935 – Just got a new hip. Big pain in the "you know what"!! Sure slows up my back swing.

**TRYON, William F.** (Middletown, RI) – All my old buddies have passed on to heaven. Live all alone. My children all live out of town but see them once in a while. Still do my own cooking, etc. Age 90 years 8/15/08. Hello to Bob Barnes! *(Hey, Bill, slow down your catching up to Gus – he was born in March of 1904 and while I say he is 95 years old, he claims to be in his 95<sup>th</sup> year! Doesn't make any difference – he's still as cute as a button and sharp as a tack! Judy)*

**TUMMINELLI, Joseph P.** (Johnston, RI) 1982 - This year makes my 20<sup>th</sup> year in Scouting and I was honored by being selected to receive the Silver Beaver Award. My only regret is that John DeMizio and John Valletta were not alive to share my joy. *(Joe, you are truly deserving of the prestigious Silver Beaver Award and as far as John DeMizio and John Valletta not being with you to share your joy – believe me, they were with you! Judy)*

**NGI, Vincent** (Cranston, RI) 1959 – My first grandchild....a boy, Jacob was born in December last year. Hopefully he will be my first Yawgoog "legacy" in 2010.

**WARD, John** (North Providence) 1984 – I am retired from AT&T. My wife Marion is a Teachers Aid. My son John is married and teaches in Franklin, MA. James works for Met-Life. My twins attend college – Robert at RIC and Richard at PC.

**WARREN, Frank** (Henderson, NV) 1938 – Hi to Gus and Council Staff. Still enjoying life in exciting Las Vegas. Semi-retired down to only 3 days/wk at Nellis Air Force Base. Note to Judy & Husband – we are still waiting for your visit and to all former Troop 82 Scouters. I was deeply sad to learn that Troop 82 does not exist anymore. It will remain in our hearts forever along with Don Dewing. *(Hello, Frank – I'm still trying to convince my husband, Bill, to take that trip to Las Vegas! Maybe next year – this year we are taking the Disney Cruise. I know how you feel about Providence Troop 82 and Don Dewing. I swear that I can still hear him shuffling down the hall, stopping to say 'hello' and then saying, "Carry on, carry on!" Several months before Don passed away he sat for a portrait, which now hangs in my office at the Council Service Center. I, too, miss him but, as you said, he will always remain in our hearts. Judy)*

**WELLS, Jr., George P.** (Lakeland, FL) 1939 – Sorry to have missed Yawgoog last summer, traveled the north west visiting son and daughter and seeing our beautiful country. Hope to see all this year.

**WESTCOTT, Ray** (Old Greenwich, CT) 1922 – Still hanging in there, still sailing and racing.

**WHEATON, Jim** (Chesapeake, VA) 1972 – I moved to Virginia with my family after camp in 1974 (C.I.T.). I am an attorney in Norfolk, VA, with 4 children and my wife Laurie.

**WHITE, Nat** (Flagstaff, AZ) 1952 – Still an Astronomer at Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff AZ. My two sons, Andy and Charlie (both Eagle Scouts), kayaked around Channel Islands of CA coast. Andy is a junior Scoutmaster and has just moved to Windsor, CT.

**WHITTINGSLOW, Tom** (Delray Beach, FL) 1947 – Our Grandson, Christian, is living with us for a year now and at 6 can't wait to be a Tiger Cub! Enjoying South Florida playing golf in the sunshine!

**WOOLMAN, David C.** (Cranston, RI) 1953 – I was promoted to full professor at RI College last year. My research field is in international education and I've given papers recently at conferences in South Africa, Tasmania and Canada. While on leave this year, I explored coral reefs, rain forests and mountains in Australia – a fantastic experience. *(Sounds like an awesome experience, Dave. We bet that your experiences at Yawgoog helped tremendously!)*