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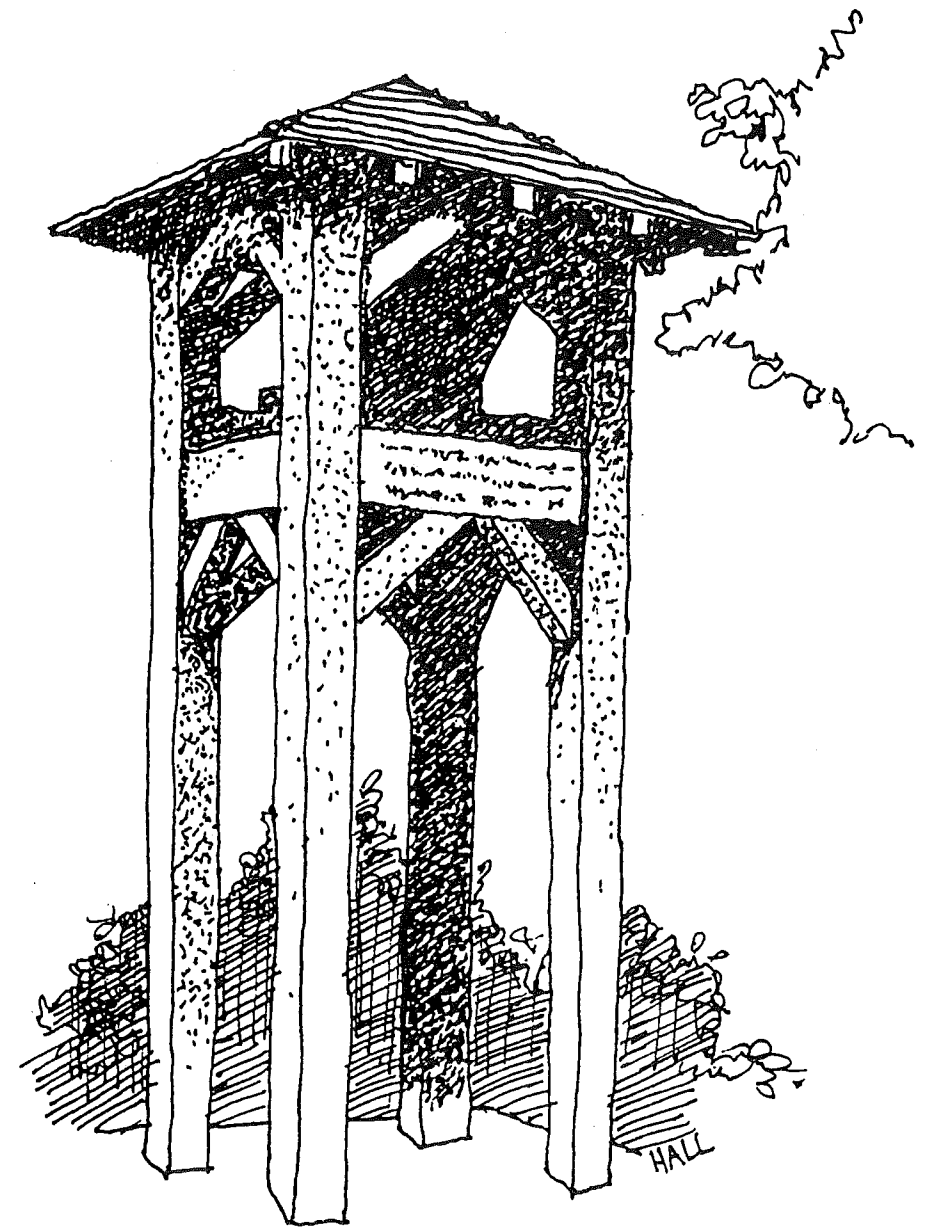
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SPRING, 2000

Dear Alumni:

It is truly hard to believe that Yawgoog is about to open the T. Dawson Brown Gates once again to the thousands of Scouts and Scouters that will experience this "Adventureland". It was not too long ago that we also camped at *THREE POINT, MEDICINE BOW* or *SANDY BEACH*, and captured the memories of that "CY Experience".

On behalf of the those Scouts and the thousands that will enjoy Yawgoog in the 21st Century I would like to thank you for your continued support of the Alumni Association.

We have been "busy beavers" working on the **HERITAGE CENTER (Museum) PROJECT**. There is a detailed article in this newsletter explaining "where we are" and "what is our focus" in regards to this MONUMENTAL project.

Our annual reunion is set and ready to go. Chairman Jim Lanzi has the initial details in this newsletter - so **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

I would like to remind you that IF you have not paid your annual dues that it is **NOT** too late. Please send your BRONZE, GOLD or SILVER CY membership to the Scout Service Center, and your contribution will be placed in a RESTRICTED account. This account CANNOT be touched, and ONLY the interest is applied towards our Yawgoog Projects. If you can also include a donation for the HERITAGE CENTER (Museum) this would be greatly appreciated as well. We have ALMOST reached our goal to complete this project for the summer of 2001. (Please remember that our YAA calendar year begins directly after the summer reunion. So, if you have NOT paid your dues since the last summer reunion, please consider doing that today)

A very special thank you to the Alumni Executive Committee (their names are listed to the left of this stationery). These dedicated Alumni members have worked all year on your behalf with Alumni projects and activities. And a "gigantic Thank you" to **Judy Burns!** If it were not for the dedicated efforts of Judy this organization would never have grown to the level that it is currently at. Judy is the "Spark-Plug" and the "Engine" that drives the YAA. Thanks Judy!!

We look forward to seeing you and your family this Summer at Yawgoog. Please remember that every Sunday is visitors' day at Yawgoog, so you do not need to wait for the reunion to stop down at camp and say hello. Feel free to visit any Sunday throughout the summer.

Until then, I wish you and your family the best of health and happiness.

Sincerely yours in Scouting,


Joe Herbold

Chairman - Yawgoog Alumni Association

GUS'S GOSSIP

Here I am writing Gus's Gossip from my new 'home' in Menomonee Falls and with all my friends back in Rhode Island, I have a lot of time to reminisce. I got to thinking about the many great Scout leaders and Scouters in the Narragansett Council and I decided to list some of them for you. Now that I'm a 'little older', my dates may not be as accurate as they were when I was Assistant Scout Executive to Chief Williams, but at least I know I'm in the right church (hopefully I'm in the right pew!) Here we go:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Scout Executive</u>	<u>Reservation Director</u>
1916 - 1917	Donald North	Raymond W. Seamans
1918	Raymond W. Seamans (Acting SE for a brief time.)	Raymond W. Seamans
1919 - 1950	J. Harold Williams	J. Harold Williams
1950 - 1961	J. Harold Williams	H. Cushman Anthony
1962 - 1968	Robert F. Parkinson	H. Cushman Anthony
1969 - 1970	Robert F. Parkinson	Donald Fowler
1971 - 1973	Robert F. Parkinson	Philip Tracy
1974 - 1980	Vincent N. Borrelli	Philip Tracy
1980 - 1986	Vincent N. Borrelli	Albert E. Mink
1987 - 1988	Vincent N. Borrelli	William J. Burns, III
1989 - 1990	Vincent N. Borrelli	Paul Boisvert
1991	Roy L. Williams	Paul Boisvert
1992 - 1993	Roy L. Williams	Paul Bernetsky
1993 - 1994	Lyle K. Antonides	Paul Bernetsky
1995 - 1997	Lyle K. Antonides	A. Richard Greene
1998 - 1999	Lyle K. Antonides	Gary Savignano
2000 -	David S. Anderson	Thomas J. Sisson

As my ole' friend 'Bill Sandford' would say - "A fine body of men!"

NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL'S 7th SCOUT EXECUTIVE



DAVID S. ANDERSON

Dave Anderson had a very busy first day on the job as Scout Executive of the Narragansett Council on January 16th. He was welcomed and greeted by his staff and began the task of acquainting himself with the many, many volunteers who will assist him in delivering a quality Scouting Program to the over 20,000 Cub Scouts, Tiger Scouts, Webelos Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, Venturers and Team Members in our great Council.

Previous to his arrival in the Narragansett Council, Dave served as the Scout Executive of the Five Rivers Council in Horseheads, New York. The Five Rivers Council serves all or part of nine New York and Pennsylvania counties, with an area of 5,500 square miles, more than five times the size of Rhode Island. It operates two full-service Scout Camps and a Council-run Scout Shop at a large regional shopping mall. Under Anderson's leadership, the Five Rivers Council more than tripled its net worth from \$1.7 million to \$5.5 million.

Dave Anderson, an Eagle Scout and graduate of the University of Rochester, has also served at local Boy Scout Councils in Fort Worth, TX, Rochester, NY and New York City. When asked what his priorities will be as Scout Executive of the Narragansett Council, he replied, "To continue to provide a program that builds character in young people and teaches them the skills they will need to be good citizens and family members as adults. We owe it to the youth we serve and their parents to provide a program that achieves these important goals." He also cited the Scout Reach Program and the Learning for Life Program as two initiatives that will be priorities for him.

Since his arrival, Dave has worked very closely with the Executive Committee of the Yawgoog Alumni Association and plans to take an active part in our Association. We welcome Dave Anderson as our new Scout Executive.

The Yawgoog Alumni Association Executive Committee

YAWGOOG TODAY

From the Reservation Director...

Yawgoog Scout Reservation will celebrate 85 years of tradition starting June 14, 2000 when the Key Staff arrive at Camp. The new Millennium is here and with it comes a new reservation Director. I am dedicated to the tradition and goals that Yawgoog has had in the past and will continue to have in the future.

On behalf of the Staff I would like to sincerely thank the Alumni Association who has been, is and always will be an integral part of Yawgoog. Your continued support and dedication will always be deeply appreciated by all whom enter Yawgoog's gates.

The year 2000 Staff brings with it many years of dedicated experience. Without these loyal Veterans returning year after year, Yawgoog would not be what she is today. It takes a very special person to be a successful Staffman. Many Alumni know this first hand because they were that Staffman.

I am looking forward to this summer's season at Yawgoog. I hope to see each and every one of you at the reunion this summer.

Yours in Scouting,

Thomas J. Sisson
Reservation Director

YAWGOOG ALUMNI REUNION

Saturday, July 29th, 2000 is the day, Yawgoog is the place...for our 20th REUNION!!!

The time has arrived for another gathering of the Yawgoog Alumni Association. Registration begins at 1:00 PM in the Donald North Court. While visiting the Camp, enter one of the many tournaments, view the completed Alumni capital projects, enjoy the company of old friends, and rekindle memories from the past. Once again, Larry Jette, the "Colonel", and the Campmasters will prepare the best chicken barbecue this side of the Mississippi River!! As always, the Camp staff and Campmasters will serve refreshments throughout the afternoon for your enjoyment.

So mark your calendar now for our 20th Reunion--Saturday, July 29th, 2000, 1:00 PM, at the Donald North Court. A separate flyer and registration information will be mailed in June. Incidentally, if you as a member bring a new Scouter to join the Alumni, you will receive a complimentary chicken barbecue dinner for your efforts. So join us and help our membership grow, and together we can help the "Scouts of Tomorrow"!!!

Jim Lanzi
Reunion Chairman

YAWGOOG ALUMNI HERITAGE CENTER

The Building Subcommittee has been busy over the winter working on the construction drawings for the Heritage Center and working through the challenges of the project. We are pleased to present to the Alumni in the newsletter some of the architectural drawings for the Center. As you will see, we will create a building that honors the Yawgoog style, including rough-hewn siding and stone work. Our biggest obstacle to constructing the project for this summer has been the need to include a bathroom and a leach field to meet Rhode Island codes for buildings, such as this one, classified as places of assembly. Although engineering concerns will keep us from opening this summer, we are confident that the 2001 season will dawn with the new Yawgoog Alumni Heritage Center in place for all to enjoy.

There's a lot of work still to be done by the Contents and Operations Subcommittee. Artifacts are coming into the Scout Servicenter faster than we can review and catalogue them. As always, thanks to Judy Burns for handling the donations as they arrive. Judy, we owe you on this one – just add it to our tab! We have received all sorts of items such as patches, neckerchiefs, neckerchief slides, belt buckles, Indian lore clothing and related artifacts and scout uniforms to name a few. We also received approximately 50 Norman Rockwell prints of scouting activities dating back as early as 1925. We are very excited to add these as well as all of your generous donations to our growing collection.

We hope to have a small display of these wondrous items available for viewing at the Reunion. In the meantime, keep sending us your treasured Yawgoog and scouting related memorabilia. Who knows, maybe one day your items will be on display for all to enjoy. Donations can be received at the Scout Servicenter in Providence. Call Judy for details. We are also looking for volunteers to help with items like the creation of a database to catalogue the items we have as well as scanning and preserving papers, pictures and other artifacts. If you want to help, call Steve Dolan at (401) 333-1641 or e-mail him at sndolan@ids.net.

The total estimated cost of the project at this time is \$190,000. We estimate the hard and soft costs of constructing the building and the septic system to be \$160,000 and the cost of furnishing and equipping the interior of the building to be \$30,000. Funds raised to date total approximately \$155,600, including \$66,600 in pledges for Naming Opportunities. We're 82% of the way there, but we still have to raise another \$34,600. We anticipate the remainder of the needed funds will come from (i) new pledges for Naming Opportunities, (ii) project donations that accompany membership dues renewals, (iii) periodic income from the Yawgoog Alumni Association Trust Fund, and (iv) the Alumni Association's share (50%) of the net sales of the Maxwell Mays print of Yawgoog. On the next page is the Naming Opportunities chart, updated to include pledges since last fall. If you have not signed up for a Naming Opportunity and are thinking about it, please use the sign-up form on the next page and act soon.

Thank you for your patience and continued financial support. We think the final product will be worth the wait.

Naming Opportunities List

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DONATION</u>	<u># SOLD AS OF 4/12/00</u>	<u># AVAILABLE AS OF 4/12/00</u>
Building Fund Donor Plaque	\$ 250	55	Unlimited
Wall Display Cases	500	9	0
Chairs	1,000	8	0
Bookcases	2,500	2	0
Floor Display Cases	2,500	4	4
Conference Table	2,500	1	0
Large Showcases	5,000	1	1
Fireplace	20,000	1	0

Payments may be made in installments. Payment in full is due by June 30, 2001.

Heritage Center/Museum project donations made in 1998 and/or 1999 can now be counted towards a naming opportunity. (Example: \$25 project donation in 1998 and \$25 project donation in 1999 together with a \$200 donation now, will total the \$250 needed to place your name on the Building Fund Donor Plaque.)

Sign up below. Tear off. Mail back.

Please make checks Payable to: Narragansett Council, BSA

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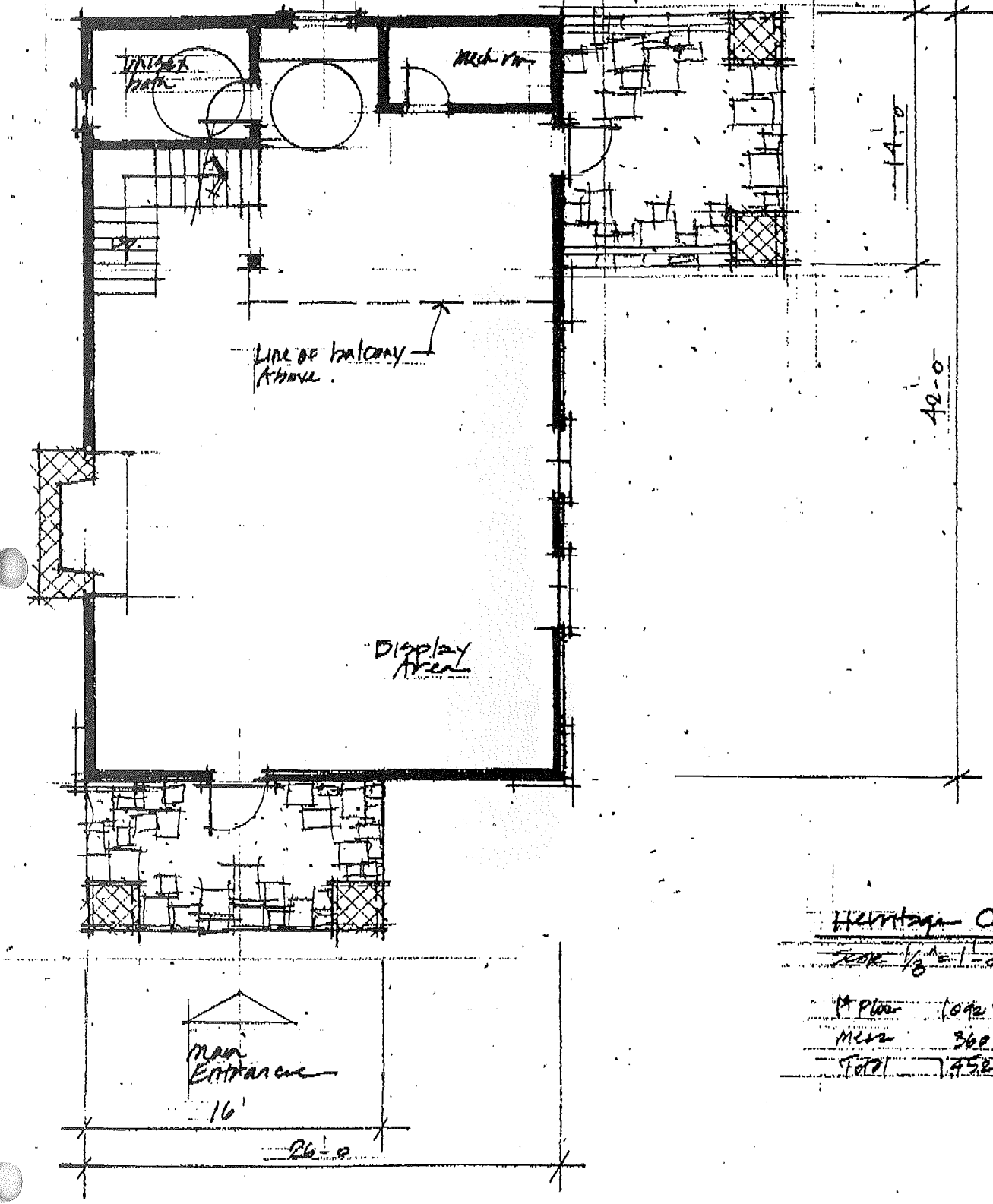
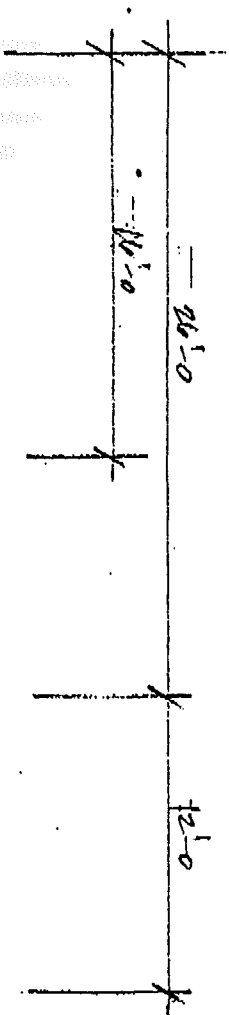
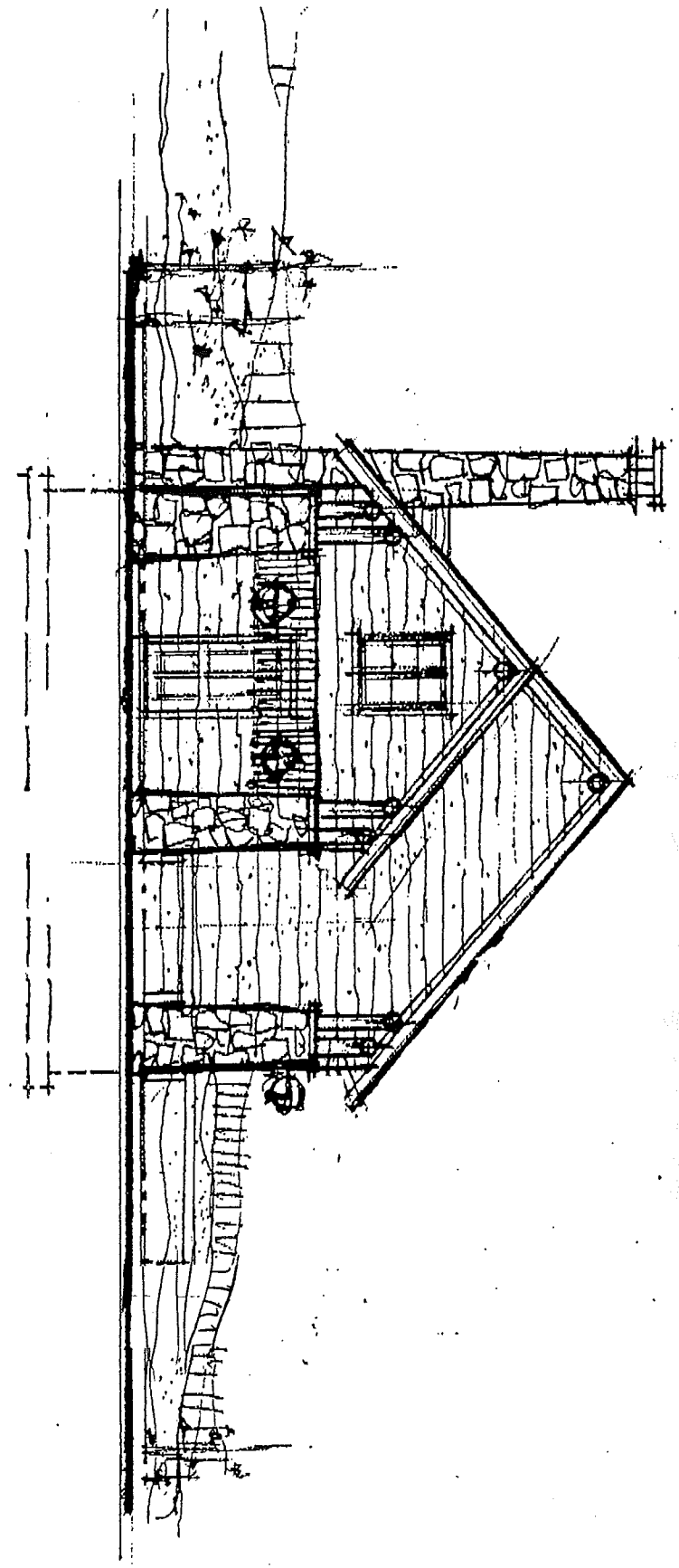
Enclosed is the full amount: \$ _____
Enclosed is an installment payment: \$ _____
(I will make ___ more payments of \$ _____.)

(Identify the naming item as listed above.)

(Please print name(s) the way you would like to appear on the plaque.)

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____
TELEPHONE: () _____

Front Elevation
 Scale 1/8" = 1'-0"



Heritage Center

Scale	1/8" = 1'-0"
Main Floor	1092 sq ft
Kitchen	360 sq ft
Total	1452 sq ft

YAWGOOG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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YAWGOOG ALUMNI HERITAGE CENTER - ARTIFACT DONATION FORM

The undersigned hereby makes a gift of the following described items, without restriction or qualification, to the Yawgoog Alumni Heritage Center of the Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America:

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The undersigned hereby acknowledges that by making the generous donation of the above described items, title to said items totally and without restriction transfers to the Yawgoog Alumni Heritage Center, Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America with complete power and authority to display, store or dispose of said items in any way.

DONOR'S NAME _____ (Please print)	DONOR'S SIGNATURE _____ (Not required if items are mailed.)
STREET ADDRESS _____	
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE _____	TELEPHONE NUMBER _____
DATE _____	

Thank you for your generous gift to the Yawgoog Alumni Heritage Center. Donations such as these help us to fulfill our mission to collect, preserve and display memorabilia which reflects the heritage and spirit of Yawgoog, share Yawgoog history and traditions and conduct programs to promote the heritage and values of Yawgoog. 3/00

DATE _____	ACCEPTED BY _____ (Signature)
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OUR BELOVED "CAMP YAWGOOG"

by: Maxwell Mays

Renowned artist Maxwell Mays has created a masterpiece of our beloved **Camp Yawgoog**. The painting (shown right) is now available as a signed and numbered limited edition print.

We are offering this extraordinary **limited edition print** at \$500 each. The print comes framed in an authentic rustic pine moulding and is double matted. This offer will be limited to Camp Yawgoog Alumni, Scouting Volunteers, the Narragansett Council Staff, and a limited number of our Scouting Family.

The net proceeds will be shared by the **YAWGOOG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** for its **HERITAGE MUSEUM PROJECT** and the **ENDOWMENT FUND** of the **RHODE ISLAND BOY SCOUTS**.

A reception, at which time prints will be distributed, is planned for April 27th at the Johnson & Wales Inn in Seekonk, MA.

Your print will be shipped if you cannot attend the reception.

The prints may be purchased on an **installment payment basis** by paying \$100 down and \$25 per month for 16 months, or \$100 down and \$100 per quarter for four quarters. Payments may also be made by 'VISA' or 'MASTERCARD'

TO ORDER: Call Judy Burns at (401) 351-8700, Ext. 304



Yawgoog Rangers

Paul Forbes, Reservation Superintendent

Water. We need it at Yawgoog for so many things. Our beautiful Yawgoog Pond provides us with a place for boys to learn to swim, paddle a canoe, row a boat, sail a boat, kayak and catch that record fish. But, perhaps the most important role of Yawgoog Pond is that of providing us with abundant, safe drinking water.

Since Yawgoog opened for it's first season in 1916, there has always been a search for ample water. The original Palmer farm well was used in those early years, but soon proved inadequate. This first, dug well can still be seen as you drive past the Trading Post. It is in the lilac bushes on the right covered with a stone.

By 1918 a new well was drilled to a depth of about 70 feet. A windmill pumped the water into a wooden tank. Gravity did the rest of the work to provide water for use. This well also soon proved inadequate. The remains of this well are still visible along the tree line near the Bucklin and Brown Fountain. A stone covers the old steel well pipe.

In 1926 a reservoir and well were dug down by the pond. This was a dug well and the reservoir measured about sixteen feet in diameter. The well was housed over and a gasoline driven pump was installed. The water was pumped up to the gravity tank and windmill by the Trading Post. The foundation of this well house can still be seen in back of the present pump house. The addition of Rathom Lodge further taxed the water system. A pipe was laid from the reservoir to Rathom Lodge, where another gravity tank was installed. By the end of 1930, the water system was no longer able to meet the needs of a growing camp.

Along with the Bucklin Memorial group, a brand new water system was built in 1931. This new system consisted of a large diameter pipe run out into Yawgoog Pond, a new pump house, a 5,000 gallon tank and a chlorinating system. A gasoline driven fire pump was also installed at this time. 6" cast iron hydrant line was run underground through camp. Fire hydrants were installed along this route. When Metcalf Lodge was built, the line was extended up to it. The entire camp now had, for the first time in its history, an ample supply of water. By 1953, this system was rapidly reaching its capacity. An addition was put on the pump house and another 5,000 gallon tank and pump were installed. With the exception of routine maintenance, upgrade and repairs, this system remained the same until 1993! In essence, we were drawing raw water out of Yawgoog Pond, chlorinating it, pumping it into the two 5,000 gallon tanks and sending it out into camp. It is interesting to note, that the water system continued to meet the needs of a growing Yawgoog without being overtaxed.

1993 saw the end of the old water system. New regulations required that the water from Yawgoog Pond be filtered and treated before drinking. After several failed attempts at developing suitable drilled wells, a new building and treatment plant was built. Yawgoog went from 1930's technology to 1990's technology overnight. Four hundred thousand dollars and countless hours later we have a state of the art filtration system. It requires constant monitoring and licensed operators. Justin Lee and myself are certified by the State to operate the plant and water system. We are required to take courses and go to seminars on a regular basis to keep our certification intact. This, along with regular testing and inspection by the Health Department insure a constant flow of safe drinking water. We have also added several miles of new polyethylene water pipe. All of the old galvanized steel pipe has been removed. Carefully monitored disinfection of the system takes place each spring. Gone is the rusty taste and discolored water. The Yawgoog water system has come a long way since 1916 and like so many things at Yawgoog it has improved with age.

The next time you look out at Yawgoog Pond, dip a canoe paddle, take a swim, or open the faucet at Camp, remember all the Yawgoog Pond does for us. After our customers, it may very well be Yawgoog's most important resource.

YAWGOOG TRADITIONS

Here are some of the attitudes and customs which have come to be part of the Yawgoog scene and which have helped to make that "Yawgoog Spirit."

J. Harold Williams

1. The Scout Law is the law of this camp.
2. "Finish Hard" is our motto. Put your best into every endeavor and get the job done.
3. Say "Good Morning" each day with a smile.
4. Have Fun – make your chores into games.
5. Praise publicly; censure privately.
6. Build up the other fellow.
7. Come to Camp as a Troop, with your own Scoutmaster.
8. Never lose sight of the individual in the crowd.
9. Give every new camper a special welcome and special help to get started.
10. Give the veterans the privilege of rolling their shorts; have the 'rookies' wear theirs long, so we will know the boys to help.
11. Fold those neckerchiefs neatly; never wear them like shawls.
12. Give a cheer when your hike leaves camp and another cheer when you return – no matter how tired you may be.
13. When passing through the Memorial Arch, Salute the memory of Captain George Bucklin.
14. At noon, when the bell in the Memorial Tower rings; stop; stand still; bow your head and "Remember Scouts who died for God and Country".
15. Earn a 'Totin' Chip' so that you will be worthy to carry your axe or wear your sheath knife, for Yawgoog is where the 'Totin' Chip' idea began.
16. Make every stranger and every visitor feel welcome at Yawgoog.
17. Keep Sunday as Yawgoog's greatest day – with religious services, programs for Visitors and the climax of the Dress Parade and Awards.
18. When you hear Church Call blown by the bugler after Taps, remember that "A Scout is Reverent" and that "Prayer Time" has come.

The 'Yawgoog Traditions' listed above date back to 1965 and were included in **Volume 1 1916 – 1965 of The Yawgoog Story** written by J. Harold Williams.

'Tradition' is defined as 'the handing down of statements, beliefs, legends, customs, etc., from generation to generation, esp. by word of mouth or by practice.'

How many of these Yawgoog 'traditions' practiced by the Scouts in 1965 have been passed down to the Scouts in 2000? Come to Yawgoog this summer and find out!

PERSONALS

A NOTE FROM THE FOUNDER OF THE YAWGOOG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, H. CUSHMAN ANTHONY

Hello my friends. I thought that this was the appropriate spot for me to update you on what has been happening in my life since Christmas. On December 22nd, 1999, Judy took me to the airport for my Christmas trip to Wisconsin to visit with my daughter Gwen and her family. Little did I know that I would be staying out here on the other side of the Great Lakes when I flew off on that faithful day in December. Well, since my trip I have had several visits to the hospital (one of my lungs keeps on filling up with fluid) and Gwen thought it best that I stay in Wisconsin close by her. So here's where I am. I have a beautiful room at an assisted living facility just about a five-minute ride from Gwen's house in Menomonee Falls. Like where I live but I must admit I sure do miss my all my friends in Rhode Island. We are keeping atop of my health issue and hope to be able to come back for a visit for the Alumni Reunion on July 29th. Still have my old homestead on 11 Euclid Avenue back in Rhode Island and Judy and Bill keep an eye on things for me. I sure do enjoy hearing news from back home and would love to hear from any of you Alumni who might be interested in dropping me a note. Here is my new address. All my best and love to all of you.

H. Cushman "Gus" Anthony
The Arboretum, Room A237
W180 N7890 Town Hall Road
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Here's my phone number for anyone who would rather call me. (262) 502-9191. Look forward to hearing from all my friends.

BRADLEY "LEE" ANDERSEN – (Wartagh, NY) 1983 – On 6/19/99 married Amy Wachsman.

FRITZ BENZ – (North Kingstown, RI) – My wife Jamie and I have two beautiful girls, Leah (age 4) and Rachel (age 16 months). We live in North Kingstown, RI, where I am Music Director at North Smithfield Middle/High School. I am still playing trumpet in various bands in the RI area.

ROBERT B. BOLTON – (East Greenwich, RI) 1959 – I graduated from Bryant College. My wife, Cheryl, and I have three children – David, Ashley and Sarah. David is a Boy Scout, Troop II East Greenwich, and has been to Yawgoog the last two years.

LORRIN S. BRICE - (Norwalk, CT) 1929 – I became a widower this year. Am working part-time and golfing part time. Say hello to "Gus" with my best regards. (Hello back to you, Lorrin. As I'm sure you know I am also a widower and, like you I am sure, am very lonely. When you lose your best friend of so many years, it's hard not to be lonely. Thank God for family and friends. Thanks for the 'best regards'. Gus)

ALAN BRILLON – (Attleboro, MA) 1956 – Still with Troop 37 Attleboro. Manage to get down to Yawgoog and Buck Hill at least once a year. Still great as ever!

ARTHUR W. BUTLER – (Punta Gorda, FL) 1936 – Well and happy back in Florida for the winter! Still busy with volunteer civic work, both here and in upstate New York in summer. Enjoy theatre in both areas, seeing some 35 to 40 plays and musicals per year. Eagle son, **Butch**, still in Colorado at 9000' up on Mt. Columbia and he's also involved in community activities. He's now a Grandpa with two grandsons. Love to all. Hear Gus is still going strong. Great! (Well, Art, I'm still going – but not so strong anymore! Good to hear from you. Gus)

ALDEN H. BUTLER – (Pomona Park, FL) 1933 – Still with North Florida Council. Now have 5 great grandchildren and my wife and I work part time in a print shop.

BUTCH BUTLER (a.k.a. ARTHUR W. BUTLER III) – (Buena Vista, CO) 1964 – Now have 2 grandsons and continue to live in the Colorado Mountains in Buena Vista. Wife Mo and I are working with a group to form a local Habitat for Humanity affiliate.

WILLIAM H. CHOQUETTE – (Chevy Chase, MD) 1951 – I am the Advancement Chairman of Troop 90 Washington, DC and have been since 1979. Daughter, Madeleine graduated Harvard Business School in June 99 and is now with Amazon.com in Seattle. Son Bill is a Life Scout and a leader of Pack 90 Washington, DC. Graduate student in Maritime History Saint Andrew's University – Scotland.

ELMER CORNELL – (Weekapaug, RI) 1930 – My association with Scouting has been very rewarding. (Well, Elmer, I must tell you that I agree. My involvement has given me a wonderful life. Gus)

DICK COULTHURST – (Tucson, AZ) 1949 – Spent the summer in Grand Lake, Colorado, and celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary with our two sons, their wives and three grandchildren.

DR. W. R. CUMERFORD – (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) 1927 – ½ year – N.C. Mtns. – cool. Enjoying retirement. Just published 4th book on fund raising.

LCDR JAMES J. CUNHA, USN – (Iceland) 1968 – We have been in Iceland since March 1999. I am the Director of Manpower & Personnel for the Iceland Defense Force (NATO/US). I am also Committee Chairman for Pack 364 in Keflavik, Iceland. My two sons are both in Scouting; Brendan is a Webelo and Andrew is a Wolf. We hope to be bringing Troop 364 to Yawgoog this summer. Probably a first to have a troop from Iceland. (Well, Jim, I must say that in all my 80 plus years of involvement in Scouting, this is the first time I ever remember a troop from Iceland coming to Yawgoog. Keep up the good work! Gus)

GEORGE E. CUSHMAC – (Alexandria, VA) 1950 – Keep a lookout for a 1999 Toyota Camray with the Virginia registration plate.....'YAWGOOG'!

DONALD J. DAVIDSON – (Cumberland, RI) 1936 – Our youngest daughter, Barbara, and her husband Anthony are both anxiously awaiting the birth of her 1st child in April. I'll be seeing you soon, Bill. I'll work on my sons to sign up. That's enough for my story this time. (Thanks, Don, we are always looking to increase our membership in the Yawgoog Alumni Association. Bill Burns)

ROBERT M. DEERING – (Warwick, RI) 1924 – Married 61 years – 2 children, 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

STEPHEN DOLAN – (Cumberland, RI) 1971 – Son Raymond Francis born in May 1999 joins his now 3-year-old sister, Sarah. Everyone's doing just fine. (Steve and Nancy, just wanted to let you know that I have reserved a spot at Yawgoog for Raymond for the summer of 2011! – Make sure he's not late!! Judy)

JOSEPH B. DONAHUE – (Carmel, IN) 1946 – Took 16 members of Troop 125 Carmel, Indiana, on a 10-day canoe trip through the Quetico Provincial Park in Western Ontario this past summer. A super adventure. Best regards to Gus. (Joe, why don't you send Gus a note – he'd love to hear from you. Judy)

PHILIP E. DOUGHTY – (Providence, RI) 1995 – Still beaming with pride with Troop 28's enthusiasm for camping at Three Point. The boys' advancement record while at Yawgoog is a testament to the program.

BILL DWYER – (Fallsington, PA) 1949 – Still chuggin along. Last year my "Adventure Trail" took me to Alaska. Janet and I are fine with 9 grandchildren. Hello, **Bill Sandford!** (**Bill Dwyer**, why don't you drop a note to Wild Bill Sandford at his new address. It is, "Arbors" Apt. 328, 403 W. Center Street, Manchester, CT 06040-4738. Judy)

LESTER P. FALES, JR. – (Palm Harbor, FL) – Recently saw the article in the Providence Journal where my old troop (1 North Scituate) took on the project of restoring the much-neglected "Crazy Corners" picnic area in Scituate and did a great job of it. My congratulations and thanks to them.

FRANCIS FARRELL – (Harrisville, RI) 1943 – I have been married to my wife, Joan, for 44 years. Have 5 children, 6 grandchildren and I'm still working as a self-employed machinist. I do some cycling and rode from Burrillville to Yawgoog last summer to visit my grandson who was camping there. (We received a nice letter from Francis telling us how he came to join the YAA and I'd like to share that with all of you. Here it is:

"Last June while a participant in the MS150 Bicycle tour I was at the halfway point at the University of Connecticut looking for my dorm room. Needing help, I stopped a fellow rider to ask for directions to my room. He was wearing a Yawgoog Cap, which I asked him about. The conversation turned to the YAA and the old timers reunion. Over the years I have heard about the Reunion and always thought that I would like to attend but I always read about it in the paper after the fact. The conversation went on to the troop to which he belongs (Troop 15 Pawtucket) which incidentally is the troop that I belonged to from 1943 to about 1960. He updated me on the recent history of the troop and the fact that it has been in continuous operation for all these years. This meeting inspired me to call the Scout Office and to join the YAA. I spread the word to my brother **Dave** and a friend **Joe Arnold**. They also joined the YAA. We went to the 1999 Reunion together and walked around much of the camp reliving old memories. It was good to see the camp looking pretty much as we remembered it in the 1940's. The upgrades and improvements have not changed the character of the camp. We did not meet any old friends from our days at camp, except Gus; but, we did run across the names of a couple of Troop 15 Members. **Edgar Johnson**, who gave me a big push to get my Eagle Badge, appeared on a donor list and in a back copy of the "Belltower" I found **Frank McHale**. It was great to relive these memories."

This story is exactly how the membership in the Yawgoog Alumni Association grows and grows. Wear a Yawgoog Cap and guaranteed you will run across another Yawgoog Alumnus. Pass the word so that our Association will continue to grow. Thanks. Bill Burns, Membership Chair.

FRANK FOISY – (Deerfield, NH) 1958 – 2/3's of the way through Wood Badge Ticket (NE-I-194) and hope to have beads before camp next year! (Good for you, Frank. Hope to see you wearing them on July 29th! Gus)

FRANK FOISY, JR. – (Deerfield, NH) 1994 – Eagle Board of Review 12/7/98; Eagle Court of Honor 3/7/98; Bronze Palm 5/11/99; and, Gold Palm 8/17/99. (Congratulations Frank, Jr. Gus)

KENNETH F. FOWLER – (Harrison Twp., MI) 1946 – I am an Eagle Scout, my brother is an Eagle, my two sons are Eagles and my nephew is an Eagle. My grandson is starting Cub Scouts. We will work hard to see that he sustains the tradition. (Now, this is what I call an Eagle Scout Family!! Gus)

1st. LT. DAVID GAMBLE – (Chantilly, VA) 1989 – Finished my tour in Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division and currently assigned to 82nd Airborne in Fayetteville, NC. (Dave, I'm sure your Yawgoog years on staff (1991 to 1996) have been a big help to you in your military career! Gus)

ALBERT J. GAUDET – (Pensacola, FL) 1951 – I'm still active in Scouting as a Board Member for the Gulf Coa Council. (Good for you, Al. Narragansett Council doesn't mind sharing the wealth! Gus)

DAVID GEHRENBECK – (Providence, RI) – Living in Providence finishing up a PhD in Russian Literature. Have a lovely, stunning and brilliant wife and two gorgeous daughters Ella (3 ½) and Lily (5 months).

KEN GRINNELL, JR. – (Manchester, NH) – Ooops, I made a mistake. Hard to believe but I heard from Ken right after the Fall 1999 'Belltower' was mailed and I misread and misprinted his email address. Sorry, Ken. Well, here is the correct address for Ken: fourgrinns@mediaone.net

JAMES "ART" HAGERTY – (East Providence, RI) 1929 – Still hanging in there at 83. Did Gus see the pictures I brought in of Ronald Allen Bowden? His daughter gave them to me. A little worse for ware but still there. (Gus saw them, Art, and thank you for thinking of us. Judy)

RUSS HAHN (Vero Beach, FL) 1945 – My visit to Yawgoog this summer brought back many wonderful memories. It was like the song....."back to Gilwell, happy land....."

JOSEPH J. HERBOLD – (Cranston, RI) 1959 – It's hard to believe that we started this YAA two decades ago. Gus Anthony's "Alumni Association" idea has grown and prospered for 20 years. Happy 20th Anniversary Alumni!

CHARLES JOHNSON, JR. (the first janitor of the Bucklin Memorial) (Williamsville, NY) 1927 – I received a very nice letter from Charlie. He said: "As you know, I try to make each reunion and this last one was most enjoyable because I met and had a great talk with **Ray Westcott** whom I hadn't seen for too many years! And, too, seeing Gus and you makes it all worth the effort and long drive. I did miss **Bill Sandford** because he and I often recall our URI days as well as those at camp. I guess because of my age, Yawgoog is the greatest experience of my life but it has changed in some ways. I remember "skinny-dipping" every morning before breakfast, rolling my shorts at dress parade on the first Sunday in camp, making the Winchecks and Knights of Yawgoog and other doings that I understand are no longer. At least I do have those memories. The Alumni are certainly doing great things and I wish I could contribute more but they have my appreciation for what is being done. Please keep the bulletins coming, it's the only way I have of knowing who is still alive and what is going on. Thank you, in advance. Charlie" (Thanks, Charlie, for the great letter and I, too, look forward to seeing all my friends at the Reunion and I appreciate your thinking that we are worth the effort of the long drive. Judy and Gus)

EDGAR JOHNSON, JR. – (Chevy Chase, MD) 1942 – Edgar writes: "President Bush in his book "All the Best" published a humorous letter he wrote to me during his race for the U.S. Senate in Texas in 1964 when I was a political editor for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram". (Well, Edgar, we have another famous Yawgoog Alumnus! Gus)

R. SETH KELLEY – (Vidalia, GA) 1988 – I'm currently a senior majoring in Political Science at Brewton-parker College (www.BPC.edu). Also I'm engaged to be married soon and looking forward to a possible career in either government or professional Scouting. I'd like to take this opportunity to say hello to fellow staff and camper alumni that I had the privilege of serving or serving with while I was at camp. (Seth, as the pleasure was yours to serve Yawgoog campers, I'm sure, so was the pleasure ours to have served you! The Yawgoog Staff)

DR. BOB KRAVECS, JR. – (Trumbull, CT) 1995 – Dr. Bob Kravecs, Jr. was recently inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Dentists at the American Dental Association annual convention in Honolulu. Dr. Bob is also the Chapter Advisor of Pomperaug Chapter of OWANECO Lodge 313, as well as Troop Representative Advisor for the Lodge.

JAMES R. LANZI – (Warwick, RI) 1962 – Thanks to all for a great Yawgoog Reunion. Starting my 27th year at RISD. Son Jimmy is 20, Stephen is 17 and Lauren is 11. Wife Linda is working for the Warwick School System. (Jim, YOU are the one we should be thanking for a great Reunion. After all, as Reunion Chairman, it is mostly through your hard work and determination that we have the Reunions! Many thanks for all that you do. Gus and the entire Yawgoog Alumni Association Membership.)