

RICHMOND, JR., Gerald M. (Syracuse, NY) mid 1950's – Scoutmaster Troop 1, Syracuse, NY.
Received Silver Beaver from Hiawatha Seaway Council and designated as an "Old Goat" by local district.

RIGGS, Doug (East Greenwich, RI) 1973 – Enjoying life with wife Lexie, daughter Michelle (7) and son Kyle (4).

ROSING, Mark (New Rochelle, NY) 1978 – Along with my wife Randye I'm overjoyed to announce the birth of my daughter Edye Rose this past April.

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

PALMER S. BATTY (Pawtucket, RI) 12/25/01

MARC B. BERTHOLET (New York, NY) 2/3/02

GRANT DULGARIAN (Cranston, RI) 1/29/02

JEAN A. GILBANE (East Providence) 1/16/02 (Wife of Thomas F. Gilbane)

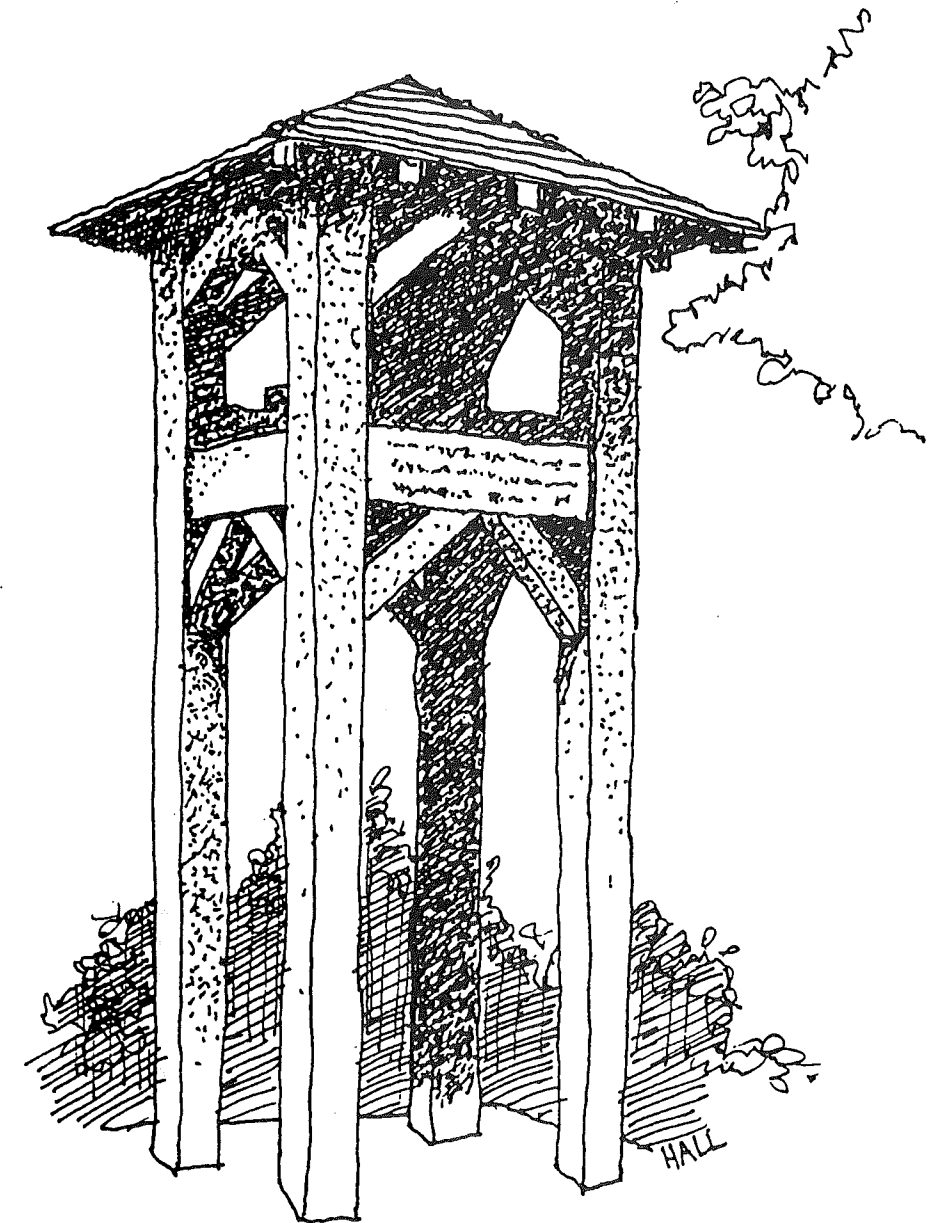
EUGENE VERRIER (Coventry, RI) 12/22/01

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GUS'S GOSSIP

As written by: Judy Ferrante Burns

At this rate, I figure if I include one story from Gus's book "I've Told It Before" – A Travesty of Trivia each time we mail a newsletter, you should have the entire book in your possession by the spring of 2052!

Okay – how many of you Alumni were at Yawgoog when this happened?

EVEN YOUR NOSE KNOWS

One very hot and sultry night, one of the Divisions of the camp was hit by a 3 a.m. epidemic of nausea and diarrhea happening all at once, without even being awake enough to know what was happening until it had happened. Some 50 or 60 Scouts were hit by this intestinal upset. Some made it to the Health Lodge, some just 'flopped' wherever they were, in their tent, on the trail, everywhere! It was terrible but it lasted only about four hours.

The next morning all seemed well, so the nurse in a clean, starched uniform and loaded with perfume, the Camp Doctor and I started to make the rounds of every camp and tent that had had a sick youngster. With her smile, her smell and her touch, the male victims were all cured and all was well again.

As a point of interest, we had the State Health Department down the next day and they could not find anything that could have caused this epidemic. However, I did learn later in the summer from a former Scout Executive, who had gone into forestry and dropped in for a visit, that it was probably caused by an airborne yeast that landed on the table tops and was picked up by the Scout putting his bread on the table and 'plastering' it with peanut butter and/or jelly and then eating it....bread, peanut butter, jelly and yeast! When the latter got into the warm, wet tummy, it started multiplying at such a rate of speed that it had to find an exit fast! It did, both up and down! Chlorine or Hexodine became standard table wash after that!

Another quick quip from Gus:

A BOSTON BEAN

Soon after graduating from Brown, I was asked to be the MC for a Delta Upsilon Fraternity Initiation Banquet. Our guest speaker was a Brother Bean who was a native of Boston and graduated from Brown. My introduction was, "It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the one and only Boston Bean that is Brown Bread".

SPRING, 2002

Dear Alumni,

Sixteen years ago, Gus Anthony, Chairman Emeritus, asked me to become chairman of The Yawgoog Alumni Association. Since then I have witnessed extraordinary dedication, generosity, and commitment from our members throughout the world. Gus still watches us from his "CY Office in Heaven" and continues to guide and inspire the Executive Committee and the entire membership in our dedicated mission: to keep the "Spirit of Yawgoog" alive and vibrant for the future generations who enter through the T.Dawson Brown Gateway.

I am proud to report to our membership that Yawgoog continues to provide quality programs and opportunities for thousands of Scouts and Scouters each year. The Summer of 2002 has been in the planning stages since August, 2001, when the last Scout gave his salute at the final dress parade of the season. The Key Staff, the Narragansett Council Staff, and volunteers continue to work together to create an "Adventureland for Scouts of All Ages" for the new and veteran Scouts who will experience Yawgoog in 2002.

The Yawgoog Alumni Association continues to work in harmony with the Yawgoog and Narragansett Council staffs by providing support, historical insight, and financial assistance. We are thrilled to see traditions from the past incorporated with new concepts for the future. Yawgoog has always been a "work in progress", and this summer will be no exception as the Camp Staff strives to build on past successes while always looking for ways to improve the programs and facilities that make Yawgoog so special.

The Alumni Association wishes the Staff, Scouts, and Scouters who will be a part of Yawgoog 2002 a spectacular camping experience. We hope that all of you will continue to enjoy that "Spirit of Yawgoog" that has affected so many of us during past decades. There are few organizations in existence today that can boast of such a record of accomplishment. Yawgoog has touched the lives of multiple generations in such a positive way. We will enjoy watching that legacy continue during the Summer of 2002!

You are an alumni of Yawgoog, you have experienced that "Spirit of Yawgoog", but are you an "active" Yawgoog Alumni Association member? If you haven't already done so, please take a minute to renew your Yawgoog Alumni Association membership by paying your dues today. I know that most of you have already heard about our financial plan, but just in case you have not, please allow me to summarize our policy: **ALL (thats 100%!!)** of the money collected for dues is placed in a **RESTRICTED** account. This account can never be spent! The interest from this account, however, is invested in projects that benefit the future of Yawgoog under the direction of the volunteers who serve on the Executive Committee. Our project for the past 3 years has been the creation of a **HERITAGE CENTER (Museum)** so that Scouts and Scouters will always remember Yawgoog's dynamic history while creating new and exciting programs for the future. Please take a minute to send your dues for active membership to the Scout Service Center, 175 Broad St, Providence, RI 02903. There are three categories of membership: **BRONZE = \$10; GOLD = \$25; and SILVER = \$50.** Without your support, our mission could not continue. Please continue to keep that "Spirit of Yawgoog" alive for the next generation. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely – Joe Herbold, Chairman

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Alumni Year)

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YAWGOOG ALUMNI REUNION

Saturday August 3rd, 2002, is the day, Yawgoog is the place for **REUNION 22!!!**

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, you can roam around on your own and relive great memories of your days at Yawgoog, or you ride the bus on a guided tour that will take you to the archery range, the rifle range, and many other points of interest. We are also encouraging Alumni to bring any items of interest that they would like to donate to, or put up for auction for the benefit of the Yawgoog Heritage Center Museum. So set aside Saturday, August 3rd, 2002, to see some old friends and makes new ones!

Once again, Larry Jette, "The Colonel", and the Campmasters will prepare the best chicken barbecue this side of New Orleans! As always the camp staff will serve refreshments throughout the afternoon for your enjoyment. Be sure to mark your calendar now for Reunion 22—Saturday, August 3rd, 2002. Incidentally, as a member, if you bring a new Scouter to join the Yawgoog Alumni Association, then you will receive a complimentary chicken barbecue dinner for your efforts (dinner price is \$8.00 per adult). So join us and help our membership grow, and together we can keep the "Spirit of Yawgoog" alive for the Scouts of the future!!

YAWGOOG HERITAGE CENTER

We are continuing the process of reviewing and revising the details of the Heritage Center building. The sub-committee is working closely with the architect, Paul Azzinaro, to finalize the design and keep the project within our budget. We are confident that the current direction of our work will produce a valuable and functional center for years to come.

Two new sub-committees were created last month to ensure that the Heritage Center will become an integral part of Camp Yawgoog. Dave Anderson, our Scout Executive, suggested the formation of both a marketing and a program sub-committee. These two groups are charged with the task of generating ideas to help make the new building a self-sustaining and active program center. The Marketing Sub-Committee was authorized to create a small store within the Heritage Center, separate from the reservation Trading Post system. This store will sell items, without competing with the Reservation Trading Post, to help offset the operational costs of the building. We are looking for ideas for the types of merchandise that would be appropriate for the Heritage Center and add to the Yawgoog experience. The Program Sub-Committee was formed to come up with ideas on how to integrate the Center into the camp program. This sub-committee will be working with the current summer camp staff to brainstorm and form a plan to have Scouts use the Heritage Center for a variety of activities. These two sub-committees will be working to guarantee that the Alumni Heritage Center will be an active and vibrant center for all Scouts and Scouters in the future.

If you have any suggestions or would like to join one of these sub-committees, please contact the Alumni Association at the Scout Service Center in Providence, or email the chairman of the sub-committee in which you are interested (see article in this edition of The Belltower for email addresses).

ALUMNI HERITAGE CENTER Contents and Operations

Spring is upon us, which means it's time for --- SPRING CLEANING!! As you immerse yourself in this springtime ritual please do not forget about your friends at the Yawgoog Alumni Association. We are still searching for everything and anything connected with Yawgoog. To date, we have received all sorts of items that are Yawgoog and/or BSA specific such as patches, neckerchiefs, neckerchief slides, belt buckles, Indian lore clothing and related artifacts and scout uniforms to name a few. We were very excited to add these as well as all of your generous donations to our growing collection.

We're still looking for items that help capture the history and traditions of Yawgoog. We are a little light on items specific to the three camps - Three Point, Medicine Bow and Sandy Beach. So the challenge is out. Don't let your favorite Camp be the one with the fewest display items! Send us your photos, pamphlets, postcards (especially ones that are written on), newspaper clippings, yearbooks, training manuals, staff neckerchiefs - anything that will help show your camp's rich and unique history.

If you have something that is near and dear to your heart and you do not wish to part with it just yet, consider sending us a good quality copy! Donations can be dropped off at the scout office in Providence. Any questions you may have, please feel free to e-mail Steve Dolan at sndolan@ids.net.



Post card of 'Circle of Tents' on field.

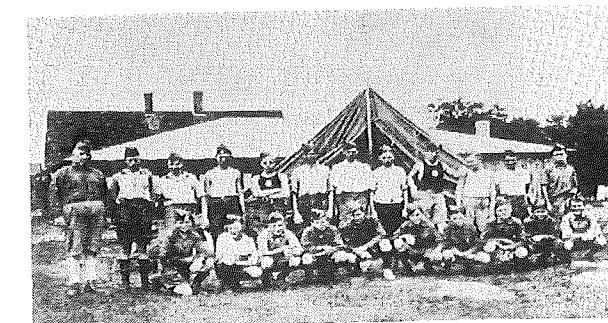


Photo of Yawgoog mess hall and Palmer home c. 1922

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Cost of Print: \$500.

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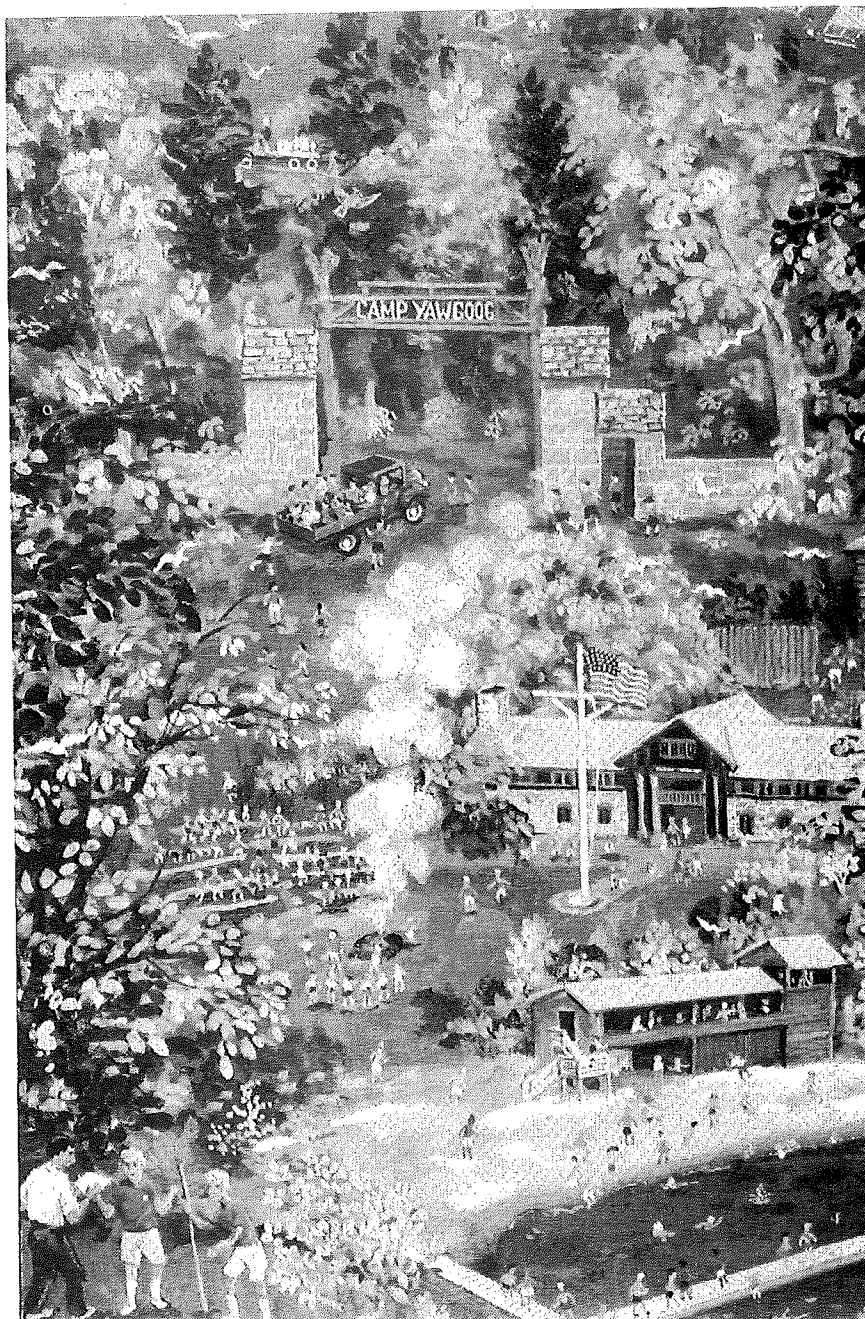
You may pay for your print by check, credit card or on a convenient payment plan.

Net proceeds from the sale of the prints will be shared by the YAWGOOG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION for the Heritage Center Project and the Endowment Fund of the RHODE ISLAND BOY SCOUTS.

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MEMBERSHIP REMINDER NOTICE

Dear Alumni Members,

In an attempt to save money on the ever-increasing cost of postage (the cost to mail a letter is going up to 37 cents by June!), I have decided to remind our members to pay their dues via the Newsletter rather than send a separate notice this month.

This reminder is only intended for those of you who have not already paid your 2002 Membership Dues. Remember, our membership in the Yawgoog Alumni Association runs from August to August. Some of you paid your dues at the 2001 Reunion while others responded to my September 17, 2001, Membership Renewal Invitation. If any of you who have already paid for 2002 send in additional money, we will credit the additional money to the current 'project'.

On behalf of the entire Yawgoog Alumni Membership and the Scouts and Scouters who enjoy the 'wonders of Yawgoog' each year, we thank you for your continued support of the greatest Scout Camp in the United States of America.

Bill

Bill Burns, Membership Chairman

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My first year at Yawgoog was _____ with Troop/No: _____

Here are some Alumni prospects WITH ADDRESSES:

News about me and my family:

THE YAWGOOG STORY PART III

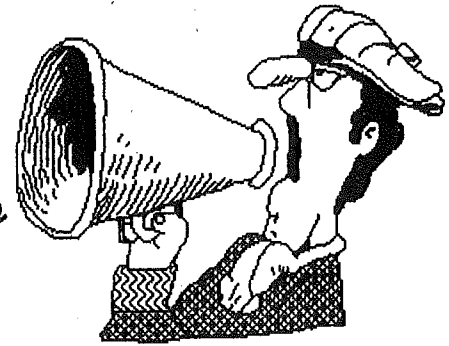
The Yawgoog Alumni Association has taken on the responsibility of continuing The Yawgoog Story. As many of you know, Chief J. Harold Williams began the story by writing Part I, and Gus Anthony continued the story by writing Part II. Part III will begin where Gus left off and tell the story of Yawgoog during the years from the 1960's to the present. We need your help!!!! We are in the process of collecting and organizing Annual Reports, Staff Yearbooks, interesting stories, or any other information that you think might be of value to us in our task. We are especially interested in information from 1965 to the present. Thanks for helping!!!

You can send copied or original material (original material will be returned, if requested!) to:

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You can email scanned documents to: jlanzi@hotmail.com

*The Yawgoog Alumni
Association could use your
Help!!*



The Yawgoog Alumni Association has a dynamic Executive Committee that meets year round to oversee the activities of our organization. Within that committee, however, are many **sub-committees** made up of interested volunteers from within the YAA. A list of the sub-committees that are currently active is included on this page. We have also included the name of the sub-committee chairman and his email address. If you are interested in helping on one (or more!) of these sub-committees, please contact the chairman and let him know of your interest. We sure can use your help!!

Membership Drive Sub Committee – David Preston, Chairman. e-mail: dpreston@trioncom.com
[This committee is advertising for and recruiting new members.]

Heritage Center Contents Sub-Committee – Steve Dolan, Chairman. e-mail: sndolan@ids.net
[This committee is inventorying, cataloging, and preparing all the donated memorabilia for the Heritage Center.]

Heritage Center Marketing Sub-Committee – Mike Schwab, Chairman. e-mail: macschwab@aol.com
[This committee will work with the Narragansett Council to establish what types of sales can/will take place in the Museum to help with the regular expenses of utilities, program, and maintenance.]

Heritage Center Program Sub-Committee – Andy Krueger, Chairman. e-mail: Aaron67APK@aol.com
[This committee, which will also include members of the summer staff, will explore ways in which the Museum can become an important program center at Yawgoog.]

Reunion Sub-Committee – Jim Lanzi, Chairman. e-mail: jlanzi@hotmail.com
[This committee is in charge of planning, publicizing, and supervising the annual Alumni Reunion.]

Yawgoog Story Part III Sub-Committee – Jim Lanzi, Chairman. e-mail: jlanzi@hotmail.com
[This committee is working on the third part of The Yawgoog Story. Part I was written by Chief Williams, Part II by Gus Anthony, and Part III will cover The Yawgoog Story into the 21st century.]

There are additional sub-committees that are ongoing which do not need any additional help. For the record, they are: Newsletter (Bruce Ingham, Chairman); Scholarship (Bruce Ingham, Chairman); Heritage Center Fundraising (Chuck DeBevoise, Chairman); Financial (Steve Dolan, Treasurer).

Each member of the Executive Committee serves on at least one sub-committee, and some are involved with more than one. The sub-committees do their work at various times and report to the Executive Committee at its monthly meetings. In order for the Executive Committee to be successful, we need to have representation from all generations of Yawgoog's past. If you have the time, energy, interest, and commitment to be involved with the Executive Committee, please send an e-mail to Chairman Joe Herbold (pvms@aol.com).

All of our members can help by spreading the word about the Yawgoog Alumni Association. Please let your neighbors, friends, relatives, Troop Committee members, and other adults involved in Scouting know about the Association, and ask them to join by sending in their annual dues. If ALL our current members recruit just ONE additional Alumnus, we will double our membership. Please help us out by doing your part in keeping that *Spirit of Yawgoog* shining brightly for future generations!

PERSONALS

AGRONICK, Joe (Rancho Palos Verdes, CA) – I received a holiday letter from Joe and I'd like to share some of his news with you: "Dotty and I are well. This year, overall, has been a good one for our family, except for the tragedy of September 11th and its impact on the nation. Thanks to lessons learned in Scouting and other life experiences, we'll be stronger and better prepared for whatever the future brings. Our major activity this year was a two week cruise from Petropavlovsk, Russia, south through the Kuril Islands and on to Japan. The sights were remarkable and the contrast between the uninhabited, volcanic, and unspoiled Kurils and our later crowded, steamy stops in Japan was dramatic. As luck would have it, on our return flight, we were only two hours away from Los Angeles – on September 11th – when our plane was diverted to Vancouver for three days. That stop wasn't on our itinerary but we were able to enjoy warm Canadian hospitality and incomparable weather during our short stay. Warmest best wishes." (Thanks, Joe, Bill and I look forward to your letters and I hope you don't mind that I shared this one with all the Alumni. Our best to Dotty. Judy)

ALTERMAN, Toby (Riverside, RI) 1954 – Married September 2, 2001. Father-in-law, Joseph DeStefano, Catholic Committee Member. (Toby, your father-in-law is much more than a Catholic Committee Member with the Narragansett Council – he's an Executive Board Member, Chair of the Scouting for Food Drive for 14 years, and the list goes on and on!!)

BELMONT, Lt. Jonathan (Barrington, RI) – Married 11/23/01 to Sara Gordon of Quincy, MA. Apoche Longbow Helicopter Pilot and Squad Leader.

BOLTON, Robert B. (East Greenwich, RI) 1959 – My son David R. Bolton is now a Patrol Leader with Troop 2 East Greenwich, RI.

BRILLON, Alan (Attleboro, MA) 1956 – Still with Troop 37 Attleboro. Had a great time at the Reunion. The tribute to "Gus" was quite moving and I am sure as he looked down from the Great Campground in the Heavens, he was wondering what all the fuss was about – "A Scout is Helpful".

CHATELL, Roger A. (West Warwick, RI) 1983 – My 20th year in Scouting, I was SM of my troop this past summer, though it was out last year, as Troop 2 Arctic has closed its doors. Former staffman at Medicine Bow, I now am proudly serving the troops, packs and crews in Thundermist District as their District Executive. My wife Cheryl and 2 year old son Ricky are looking forward to this summer at Feinstein Youth Camp, where I will serve as Cub World Camp Director. I hope to bring the lessons learned and pride gained at Yawgoog with me!

CLEMENT, Irving H. (East Greenwich, RI) 1942 – Eagle Scout Kevin M. Clement – Eagle Scout of the Year – 72/73. Retired Lt. Col. USA; Eagle Scout Brian Clement – Police Officer East Greenwich, RI. (Troop #2 EG).

CORNELL, Elmer (Westerly, RI) 1930 – The past two years have been rough (illness) with both my dear wife, Helen, and myself. I have spinal stenosis and will be operated for back correction on 2-1-02. We both are looking to a very good recovery. Keep up the great work of boy Scouting in Rhode Island.

CUSHMAC, George E. (Alexandria, VA) 1950 – All is well! When is the "Paul Slade Story" going to be completed? When is the history of the Yawgoog Fire Department going to be posted? (Well, George, those are two very good questions for the Alumni Committee – I'll ask them! Judy)

DEBROISSE, Richard R. (Summerdale, PA) – Wife Jill, children – Cassandra and Patrick.

DEL SANTO, Ed (Voluntown, CT) 1956 – I live very close to Yawgoog. Many great memories abound.

FEOLE, William A. (Pascoag, RI) 1987 – I am fine and hope you are well and in good spirits. I am very busy working on several books and a course on disability. Also learning how to draw and paint by mouth. Thanks to God, family and friends, I've been blessed in many ways and have much to look forward to. I'm in my 19th year of being paralyzed from the neck down. God bless you. Bill (Thanks, Bill, for your words of encouragement and hope. Our prayers are with you as well. Judy)

FOISY, JR., Frank "Ted" (Deerfield, NH) 1993 – My 7th year (first as adult) 2001 was a great year. See you next year. Attending Florida Seabase in April, 2002.

FOISY, SR., Frank (Deerfield, NH) 1958 – My 8th year as a leader. 2001 was a great year. Hope to see ground broken for Heritage Center. See you next year. Attending Florida Seabase in April, 2002.

FOSTER, Richard K. (Lincoln, RI) 1958 – Practice law in Lincoln. Two daughters – Jessie, sophomore in College; Meegan, Senior in High School. Wife Danielle. Active in Appalachian Mtn. Club and local politics.

GARDINER, W. Gardiner (Waltham, MA) 1930 – Joan and I still manage to attend my WWII annual Navy Seabee Reunions.

GEORGE, Bernard (Coventry, RI) 1953 – Retired this past year 29 December. Scoutmaster Troop 39 Summit. Oldest son, Todd, Senior Investment Officer at Bank RI. Middle son, Eric, dental student at University of Florida, youngest son, Mike, student at URI Mechanical Engineer. Wife nurse at Kent County Memorial Hospital – 33 years.

GIBNEY, J. William (Bradford, RI) 1960 – Son, Austin, became an Eagle Scout on 8-22-01.

JOHNSON, Gary A. (Houston, TX) 1975 – I am an Energy Risk Manager for a trading company in Houston. I have 2 sons (Carlo – 3 years, August 8 months) who I hope to bring camping at Yawgoog when they grow up.

KELSALL, John A. (Warwick, RI) 1967 – My son Jason attained the rank of Eagle at a Court of Honor on January 19, 2002.

LAMORE, Ray (Cranston, RI) – I'm currently a School Psychologist at Attleboro High School in Attleboro, MA. Daughter Katie is 16 and a junior at St. Mary's Academy-Bay View. Son Ray III is a freshman at Cranston West High School.

LEFEBVRE, Alan J. (West Warwick, RI) 1999 – My younger son, Robert, is a Life Scout working toward Eagle. My wife is a physical therapist. We enjoy outdoor activities – skiing, biking, hiking and travel.

PECKHAM, JR., Arthur E. (N. Fort Myers, FL) – I was able to spend only one week at Yawgoog but what a wonderful week it was. It was in 1929 but I remember it well.

RAFANELLI, Dr. Anthony J. (Jamestown, RI) 1973 – I continue to be Cubmaster of Pack 1 Jamestown and also serve as Webelos II co-leader. My wife Karen is co-den leader for Tiger Cubs. Oldest son John is a Webelos II cruising over to Boy Scouts this April. Youngest son Matthew is now a Tiger Cub and loving it!