

**WHITTINGSLOW, Tom** (Delray Beach, FL) 1947 – I received a great note from Tom, it reads: "Hi Judy, experiencing the Webelos Program in 2004 with grandson, Christian, again after about 30 years with my 3 sons! Not much in substance has changed, i.e. same soap, different cover! Really no need to change when you have it right the first time! He can't wait to become a Boy Scout! He has already set some good goals in life, i.e. he wants to earn his First Class Badge to be eligible for National Jamboree in 2005! Keep on keeping on. Tom" (Thanks Tom, for the great note and good news about your grandson. I'm sure you'll keep him on the right track all the way to Eagle!! Best regards, Judy)

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

CHARLES W. BRYANT (Riverside, RI) 1/15/04

N. ROBERT MOREAU (Cranston, RI) 2002

C. ROGER WILLIAMS (Barrington, RI) 1/15/04

HUGO 'ZOOK' ZUCCOLO (Providence, RI) 1/15/04

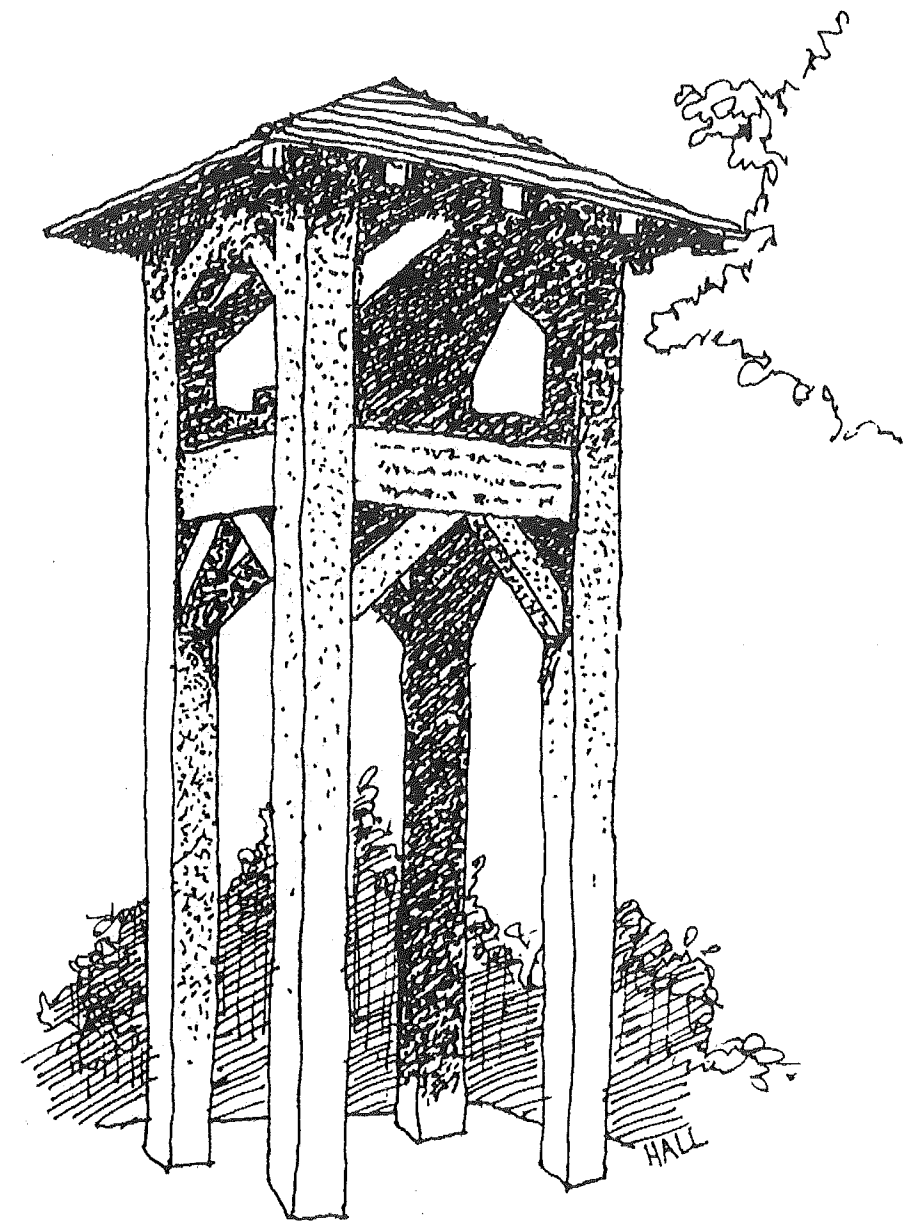
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## GUS'S GOSSIP

By: Judy Ferrante Burns

### HISTORY OF THE MEMORIAL BELL TOWER

On August 8, 1943, the original Memorial Bell Tower was dedicated in honor of those Scouts and Scouters who had died for God and Country during World War II. The inscription then as now reads, "WHEN YOU HEAR THIS BELL, REMEMBER SCOUTS WHO DIED FOR GOD AND COUNTRY". In that year, we probably all knew at least one of the 319 Scouts who had been killed and many came from homes where a Gold Star Flag was displayed in the front window.

The 300 pound bell was a gift to the Camp from Troop 1 Wakefield. It was originally a bell from a mill. 'Chief' Williams conceived the memorial idea and asked "Inky" Armstrong, our Camp Ranger at that time, to create such a tower. "Inky" contacted Doug Gardiner, a Seabee stationed in Alaska and a former member of "Slade's Gang", who had also helped with the plans of the Metcalf Lodge. Doug carried out the Bucklin Memorial's heavy timber idea. Probably George Parkhurst, our camp carpenter on Inky's crew, did most of the actual construction.

The daily ringing of the bell 12 times every noon almost immediately gave birth to another wonderful Yawgoog tradition. Spontaneously and without any direction, Scouts and leaders all over the reservation would stop whatever they were doing, stand up, head bowed, hat in hand, remembering those former Yawgoog Campers who had died for God and Country.

Another tradition for many years was a Memorial Day Service at the J. Harold Williams Amphitheatre, which included the tolling of the bell. This service was jointly attended by the Scouts and leaders that were in camp that weekend, plus a group of some 25 or 30 young men and women who were taking their Water Safety Training at Three Point under the able leadership of Harold Anderson of the American Red Cross. Yawgoog is proud of all its traditions!

Two other uses of this Memorial Bell should be recorded. It is tolled every Sunday morning to call the Scouts to their respective Worship Services in our three religious centers. Also, in case of a fire or a water accident, it is rung to round up those specially trained staff members.

So, today as the bell tolls, let us all 'remember Scouts who died for God and Country' in all of our wars and encounters of all years. May this great Yawgoog tradition be carried on through countless generations of Yawgoog campers. God bless them all and may peace be with us forever.

*Written by H. Cushman 'Gus' Anthony in August, 1993*

Dear Fellow Alumni:

Greetings! I hope wherever you are you are beginning to see signs of Spring. We enter into this season of renewal with high hopes for the future of the Yawgoog Alumni Association. With the Heritage Center project behind us we are focusing on the moving forward to strengthen our mission and commitment. As mentioned in my last letter, we are focusing our efforts on growing the membership ranks of the Association. The Executive Committee has been brainstorming ideas and under the able direction of our membership subcommittee chairman Dave Preston have begun to put together an actionable plan. We have set an ambitious goal to increase the number of dues paying members from 600 alumni to 1,000 alumni. The good news is that they are out there. The challenge is to find them! A few weeks ago, we held a phone-a-thon at the Council headquarters to contact former members of the Association to renew their commitment. It was a good beginning but much work needs to be done. I think back to how I came to join the Alumni Association. My former Senior Patrol Leader and fellow camp staff man Chuck DeBevoise was already a member of the Executive Committee and called one day to tell me about the Association and the good it does for the camp I loved so much. I'm convinced that this is one of the best ways to grow - by personal referrals. So whenever you cross paths with a fellow Yawgoog veteran, spread the word and encourage them to join.

I am pleased to announce that the Executive Committee has voted to continue to fund three \$1,000 scholarships to three members of the 2004 Yawgoog staff. In addition, we will be funding repairs to the three individual camp amphitheatres, upgrading the lighting in the Heritage Center and replacing the worn out fence pickets in the J. Harold Williams Amphitheater and H. Cushman Anthony Stockade. These projects are funded by the income generated from the restricted funds and the 2004 project donations included with your dues payment.

An astute reader of the Belltower may have noticed some new names down the left hand column of this page. I am proud to introduce three new members of the Executive Committee. They are Mike Hogan, Matt Lutynski and Don Maker. (See we have been busy!) Some of our more veteran alumni members may recognize Don Maker as the head of the Over the Hill gang. I look forward to working with Don to leverage the abilities of both groups to provide even more benefits to Yawgoog. Mike and Matt have a long way to go before they are eligible to become members of the Over the Hill gang (although not as long as you think guys - the years do sneak up on you!). Mike and Matt are both more recent staff men and I look forward to the energy and fresh perspectives they bring to the Committee.

We are also working on putting the newsletter up on our website, [www.YAWGOOG.org](http://www.YAWGOOG.org). Please visit the website from time to time to keep abreast of what is happening at Yawgoog and with the Alumni Association. As we boldly leap into cyberspace, we are also making an effort to enhance our alumni database with e-mail addresses. So when filling out correspondence with us, please remember to include your e-mail address. This will help us stay in contact with you and let you know about any special programs that we are offering.

Finally, thank you all for your support of the Yawgoog Alumni Association and Camp Yawgoog.

*Stephen F. Dolan*  
Chairman

P.S. Mark your calendar for the reunion - Saturday, July 31, 2004

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#### ALUMNI

#### SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

#### HONORARY MEMBERS

(2003-2004

Alumni Year)

Mark

Schwendiman

Lucas

Landherr

Glenn Beeman

### THE YAWGOOG STORY--PART III

Attention Yawgoog Alumni! Work continues on the Third Volume of the Yawgoog Story. We are currently looking for information from 1965 to the present day. This could include, for example, descriptions of program centers or other highlights from your time at camp. This is a very large project; so on behalf of the Yawgoog Alumni Association, thanks for your help in this ongoing project. Please forward any information to Matthew Lutynski at [mattlutynski@yahoo.com](mailto:mattlutynski@yahoo.com) or mail it to the following address:

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### YAWGOOG ALUMNI REUNION

**Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> is the day.....Yawgoog is the place for REUNION #24**

The time has arrived for another gathering of the Yawgoog Alumni Association. Registration begins at 12:00 PM in the Donald North Court. While visiting the camp, you can visit the archery range and the rifle range and sharpen those skills you remember as a Scout. An air conditioned bus will provide transportation to the archery and rifle range, as well as a tour of some of the more memorable places at camp. In addition to Alumni activities and challenges taking place in the Donald North Court, there will also be fun and exciting events for the children who attend. Be sure to visit our new Heritage Center, and plan to join camp and Narragansett Council staff in the Memorial Room for a panel discussion focusing on the past, present, and future of Yawgoog. As always, Larry Jette ("The Colonel"), the Campmasters, and the Yawgoog Staff will prepare the best chicken barbecue and provide refreshments throughout the afternoon for your enjoyment. Details and schedules for all events and activities will be noted in the reunion registration letter that you will be receiving next month.

One of our major goals for this year is to increase our membership, so please bring along a potential new member (or many new members!). As a special incentive, if you do bring along a potential new member and he/she does join at the reunion, you will receive your chicken barbecue compliments of the Yawgoog Alumni Association! So join us, help our membership grow, and enjoy a free meal on a beautiful weekend afternoon at Camp!

Please mark your calendar now for Reunion #24 on **SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2004!!** It promises to be a memorable day of great food, meeting old friends, making new friends, reliving wonderful childhood memories, and continuing to help make Yawgoog an "Adventureland for Scouts of All Ages!"

Jim Lanzi, Reunion Chairman

### ALUMNI "MAINTENANCE" PROJECTS FOR THIS YEAR

As most of you know, all the funding from the Yawgoog Alumni Association over the past several years has been exclusively dedicated to the construction of the Heritage Center (museum). With that project now completed, we find ourselves in "overdue maintenance" mode.

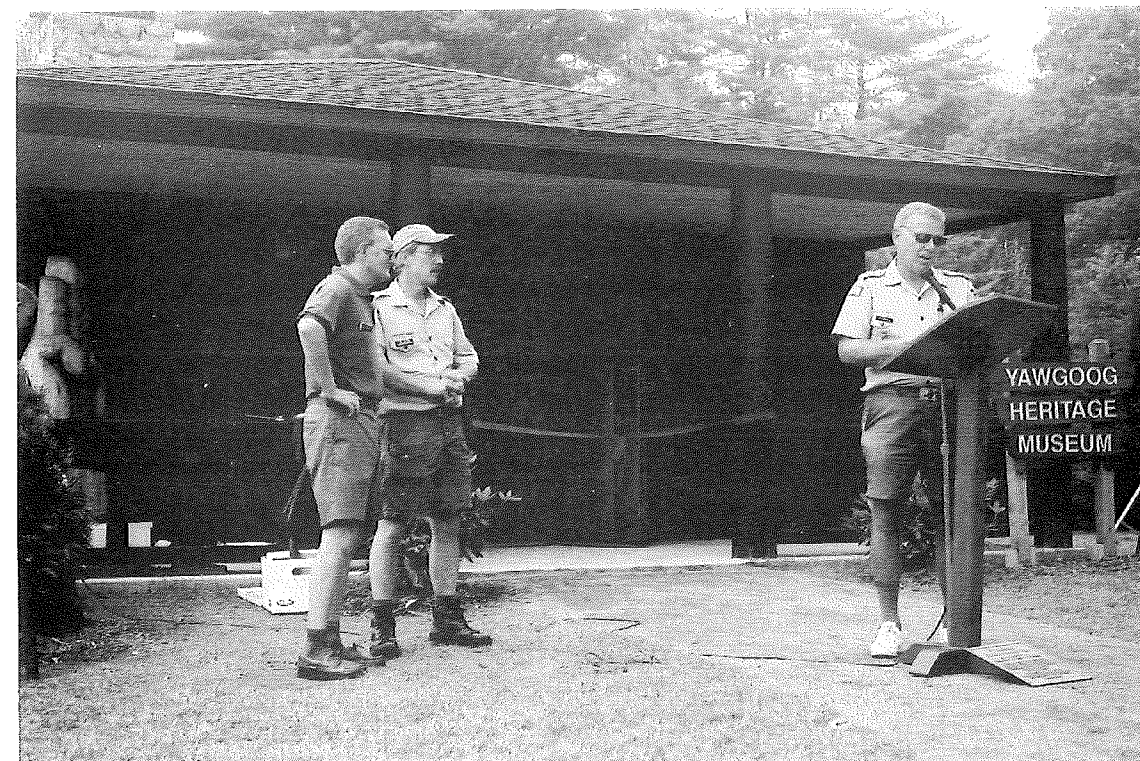
After consulting with Reservation Director Tom Sisson and Reservation Superintendent Paul Forbes, the Executive Committee decided to accept the following "maintenance" projects for this year:

- 1) Repair and replacement of seats in all three Camp amphitheaters--estimated cost \$1500.
- 2) Replacement of the Heritage Center lighting--estimated cost \$600.
- 3) Repair and replacement of many of the decaying "pickets" at both the J. Harold Williams Amphitheater and the H. Cushman Anthony Stockade--estimated cost \$5000.

As you can see, none of these projects is particularly "exciting", but very necessary to maintain the appearance and functionality of camp.

One other project that the Executive Committee considered was the construction of a horizontal climbing wall for the Challenge Center at an estimated cost of \$3500. Unfortunately, this new project has been put on a "wish list" for sometime in the future. If enough additional project donations are received by the middle of June, this new climbing wall could be included in this year's projects.

Ed Bailey, Project Proposal Committee Chairman



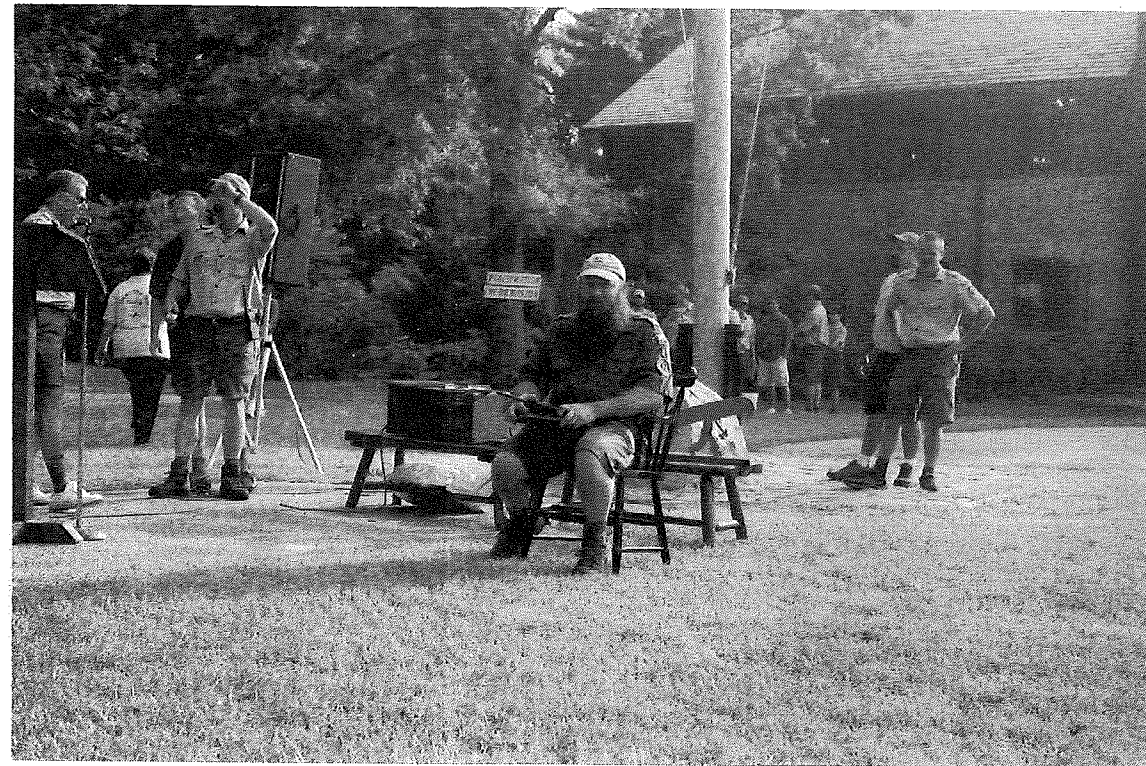
**CHAIRMAN JOE HERBOLD PREPARES TO PRESENT THE HERITAGE CENTER AS A "GIFT" TO RESERVATION DIRECTOR TOM SISSON AND NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL SCOUT EXECUTIVE DAVE ANDERSON**



**BRUCE INGHAM PRESENTS OUTGOING ALUMNI CHAIRMAN JOE HERBOLD WITH A PLAQUE IN RECOGNITION OF HIS 17 YEARS OF SERVICE. THE PORCH OF THE NEW ALUMNI HERITAGE CENTER WAS NAMED IN HIS HONOR.**



**CHUCK DEBEVOISE, WITH THE HELP OF HIS TWO SONS, ADDRESSES THE ALUMNI FROM THE HERITAGE CENTER CHAIR THAT WAS NAMED IN HIS HONOR IN RECOGNITION OF HIS 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.**



**RESERVATION SUPERINTENDENT PAUL FORBES SITS IN THE CHAIR THAT WAS PRESENTED TO HIM IN RECOGNITION OF HIS 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO YAWGOOG**



**JUDY BURNS AND HER "BOYS" FROM THE OVER-THE-HILL GANG STAFF THE REGISTRATION TABLE AT LAST SUMMER'S REUNION.**



**YAWGOOG ALUMNI ENJOY GOOD FOOD, GOOD FRIENDS, AND GOOD CONVERSATION WHILE THEY SHARE MEMORIES OF YAWGOOG AT LAST SUMMER'S REUNION.**



**YAWGOOG ALUMNI FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ENJOY PICTURES AND OTHER MEMORABILIA ON DISPLAY AT LAST SUMMER'S REUNION.**

## PERSONALS

**ALLSUP, Percy** (Bellingham, MA) – I would like to make a correction in the Fall, 2003, Personals. I reported that Ruth and Percy were grandparents and I should have reported that Ruth and Percy were GREAT-GRANDPARENTS! Sorry, Ruth and Percy! Judy

**ALTERMAN, Toby** (Riverside, RI) 1954 – For my 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday my Scouting Family (DeStefano's) gave me a crystal Eagle clock.

**ARCHER, Pat** (Escondido, CA) 1953 – Scoutmaster of the largest and most active troop in San Diego County, CA – 97 Scouts and 37 ASM's. *(Wow Pat! That's quite a troop. I bet all 97 of your Scouts would love to come to Yawgoog! Judy)*

**BECHTEL, Peter** (Raleigh, NC) 1961 – Teaching the kids we mentor how to be good Scouts – doing a lot of camping, hunting and fly-fishing with them.

**BOWKER, Alan** (No. Attleboro, MA) 1965 – My life has entered a new state – empty nest. One twin now at Syracuse and the other at Virginia Commonwealth. But both schools send ME the tuition bills. See you next summer.

**BRICE, Lorrin** (Norwalk, CT) 1929 – Still working plus golf 3 times per week. Shot my age again this year, it still gets easier. Say hello to those of us still around.

**BUCKLEY, Carl & Jeanie** (Greenville, RI) – Jeanie writes: *"Hello Judy, This donation, as usual, is made in memory of my dad, Lemuel Jacques – probably no one remembers him now (from Scouting) but he was always so proud to be a Scoutmaster and a Neighborhood Commissioner back in the 50's – 70's. He loved being outdoors camping and Scouting. Did anyone see Channel 10's Time Line which showed Camp Yawgoog – I was surprised that Chief Williams wasn't mentioned – although there was some good footage of "Gus". Best wishes, Jeanie."* (Jeanie, I'm sure there are more people than you think that remember your dad, Lemuel Jacques – he is certainly remembered by all of the Scouts he helped through the Scouting Program. His memory will live on in the hearts and minds of all those Scouts for years to come. Judy

**BUTLER, Alden 'Skipper'** (Pomona Park, FL) 1933 – Sailing on for God and Country with many, many happy memories of Yawgoog.

**CHERNICK, Warren S.** (Bradenton, FL) 1940's – I was a camper and staff member in the 1940's attaining the rank of Eagle Scout with Palms before the age of 14. Consequently, I feel it is important for me to do my part in helping young boys attain the same goals. *(Good for you Warren – that's the Scouting way – give back a little for all that we have received. Judy)*

**CUSHMAC, George E.** (Alexandria, VA) 1950 – Camped at Wemat/Medicine Bow with Troop 5 Providence. Spent 5 years as a camper and 4 years on staff. Am an Eagle Scout #1400 something in January, 1955. My Virginia license plate is "Yawgoog".

**DEBEVOISE, Charles H.** (Dover, MA) 1969 – I want to say 'thank you' to the Executive Committee and the Alumni Association for the wonderful recognition at the Reunion for my 20 years of service on the Executive Committee.

**DEBROISSE, Michael** (N. Smithfield, RI) – I was lead advisor for Philmont Crew 812-L. My first time to Philmont – what an experience! My son, a Life Scout, is one merit badge and Eagle project from completing a long journey since Tigers – GO CORY – FLY HIGH!!

**DWYER, Bill** (Fallsington, PA) 1949 – Had open heart bypass surgery in April. All is fine. Janet and I will be married 45 years this year. All children (scattered over the East Coast) are fine. Total "9" grandchildren. Hope to make the reunion in '04. *(We hope you make it to Yawgoog this year too – the Reunions are great fun! Judy)*

**FULLERTON, Gary M.** (Limington, ME) 1990 – I got married in 1999 and moved to Maine in 2000. We built a home and recently had a baby boy, Carter James on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003. I currently am a licensed site evaluator and am working towards my soil scientist certification.

**GERSHKOFF, Bob** (Wakefield, RI) 1937 – Married 54 years, 7 children, 18 grand children, feel great! Play tennis 3 x per week, will be 80 next year. Joining Troop 18 Cranston with Stan (Scoutmaster) Bamforth was the best preparation for my adult life and he is still a dear friend.

**HAGERTY, James A.** (Riverside, RI) 1929 – Youngest of eight grandchildren just graduated high school. Wow – how old am I? *(Okay, Jim, I'll take a crack at it. If your first year at camp was 1929 and you were around 12 years old then, you must be approximately 86 years old! How close am I? Judy)*

**JACQUES, George M.** (No. Scituate, RI) 1957 – Retired six years from Ponaganset. Still coaching basketball there. Directing Camp Ruggles, Day Camp for behavior disorder children in Glocester, RI, 34 years.

**JOHNSON, JR., Charles W.** (Williamsville, NY) 1927 – Just celebrated my 89<sup>th</sup> birthday so I am staying close to home not traveling as before. Still active in shrine affairs. Yawgoog is always in my thoughts.

**LESSARD, Phillip** (Castine, ME) 1995 – You'd be amazed how small this world can be. This summer, worked aboard an L.N.G. ship on a route between Japan and Indonesia. I was surprised to find that of the 29 other crew members, four were from RI - that's pretty amazing! Besides that, everything's been the same up here in Maine. I hope to make a return to Yawgoog this coming summer. Until then, fair winds and following seas to all.

**LONG, Louis** (Lincoln, RI) 1961 – My daughter just turned 13 years young. Always very fond memories of those special 7 years at Yawgoog. Doing those camp shows, singing (When the Saints Go Marching In). Planning to go to the next Reunion.

**MACNAUGHT, Ken** (Warwick, RI) 1958 – My son, Rob, (Eagle Scout from Troop 117 Warwick) graduated with an Economics Degree from U. of Chicago in June. He is a currency trader at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. My daughter Heather and husband Eli made us grandparents in March. Zeke now nearly 10 months old – should arrive at Sandy Beach in about 10 years I figure. Been retired from IBM 1 ½ years. Appraising real estate, doing some volunteer fund raising and even some theater in retirement.

**MANNING, Brian H.** (Coventry, RI) 1957 – Caring for my wife who had aortic valve replacement. Slowly recovering from spine surgery and serve on Coventry Fire Department Merger Study.

**MCDERMOTT, Owen** (Hope, RI) 1985 - Serving as Chairman of Narragansett Council's Advancement Committee. *(And, doing a darn good job with it, too! Judy)*

**MYERS, Bob** (North Kingstown, RI) 1969 – Spent another (2<sup>nd</sup>) year with my son (Zach) at Yawgoog (Week 6). Brought back great memories. Heritage Museum is a great addition.

**NERI, Michael S.** (Stoneham, MA) 1952 – Attended my first reunion this past August. Great seeing old timers (I am one!). Yawgoog looks fantastic.

**OLDHAM, John** (Mansfield, MA) 1945 – 2003 was my first year as a member of the Alumni Association and also our first time at the annual barbeque. Enjoyed it very much and we're looking forward to the coming year.

**PEMBERTON II, Gilbert** (Rumford, RI) 1946 – Well, my 'retirement' was very short! Instead of leaving Verizon as a consultant in the State Highway Engineering Group, I have remained in that capacity, but am working through a different consulting firm, as an independent contractor! Still enjoying our summer sailing and cruised south of Rhode Island for a week this past summer. Am also enjoying watching by grandson, now a sophomore, playing defense for Providence College's Hockey Team.

**RAFANELLI, Dr. Anthony J.** (Jamestown, RI) 1973 – My wife Karen and I are truly enjoying watching our sons John (12) and Matthew (8) grow up. Matthew is now a Bear Cub Scout and I'm still Cubmaster with Pack 1 Jamestown, RI. *(Great Tony – let's make sure Matthew makes Eagle Scout!)*

**WARREN, Frank** (Henderson, NV) 1938 – Still hanging in there and enjoying life, but miss summers at Yawgoog after all these years. Hope to make trip back to RI and a visit to new Heritage Center. Also hope this time to see Judy along with my "old" buddies from '81 Troop, Herb Boden and Eve Brunnckow. Anyone, especially those from 82 who remember me are most welcome to visit while enjoying Las Vegas. Just give me a call! *(Thanks for the invite Frank – and you Troop 82'ers can get Frank's phone number from me!! Judy)*