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NEWSLETTER

Message from the CEO

We are between seasons here in the Berkshires. Summer is now a hazy but lasting memory and we are on the eve of the season of giving – reflecting on another year gone by. It has been a great year of camp, full of happy campers and quality programs. Enrollment for 2012 is already 70% full for both Camps, which is a testament to the dedication of staff and the continued efforts to preserve the tradition of character development in a rustic outdoor setting. As we approach into 2012 we will continue to pursue strategic growth through philanthropy and advancement. In this and future issues of the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA NEWS, we will continue to highlight these initiatives and keep you fully informed.

What I really want to share with you in this issue, is the September 23-25 Alumni Weekend, where over 320 alumni returned to the shores of Rudd and Smith Ponds to rekindle the spirit they felt many years ago when they were campers. I had a chance to meet these campers, many a bit grayer, not as agile as they wanted to be while they sailed or hiked or belayed, but

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Fifth Graders Donate Boat They Built Themselves

With a little bit of team work, Haley Elementary School fifth graders from Roslindale, MA gingerly balance a wooden skiff from the Camp Becket Yacht Club dock to its debut launch on top of Rudd Pond September 27. Appropriately painted Becket green, this boat is one of two donated by Haley Elementary in appreciation for their four year partnership with Berkshire Outdoor Center and the continued financial aid they receive from Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA's Annual Fund.

What is truly extraordinary is that these two beautiful, 10-foot rowboats were built by Haley School fifth graders. Part

of a year-long partnership with Boston Family Boat Building, the program has students work from scale drawings, through making patterns, to cutting and assembling the boat pieces.



John Rowse, Steve Hamill and Haley Elementary School students launch one of two handcrafted boats the children built and donated to the Berkshire Outdoor Center.

According to fifth grade teacher Anne Patrick and founder of Boston Family Boat Building Captain John Rowse, fractions and geometry make more sense when you use them in real-life situations, such as building things. Captain John, a certified teacher, started Boston Family Boat Building out of his frustration over the restrictions classroom teaching brings and was inspired to create a way to transfer classroom lessons into hands-on experiential learning.

“Building a boat teaches kids about spatial learning – what’s behind, around, or under something,” and Captain John and fellow teachers have completed an analysis of 2008 and 2009 participants which

showed students’ spatial thinking skills grew 56% more compared to students who did not participate in the boat program. In 2011, The Haley School was honored as a Commonwealth Commendation School by the Mass DOE for closing the achievement gap during a visit by the State Education Commissioner last Spring. Student work in the boat shop and through

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Above photo: Distinguished Service Award recipient Jeanne Shellenberger is flanked by her children David Shellenberger and Susan Bowers at Alumni Weekend.

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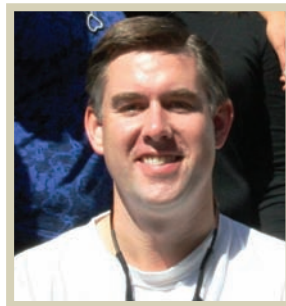
happy to be back at a place where they found goodness, friendships and themselves. Seeing the line of Chimney Corners alumnae, faces lit up for the chance to say hello to Jeanne Shellenberger and share a memory to their former mentor, friend and now distinguished alumna was heartwarming. You never forget the people who influenced you for good, a testament to our motto of *changing lives for good.*

If you missed Alumni Weekend there is always next year, but until then, I'll bring a bit of Alumni Weekend Sunday Chapel to you. The theme of chapel was "Because of Camp..." and several alumni shared how Becket and Chimney influenced and enhanced their lives. Alumnus Philip "Spider" Alton read a poem written by his son Spencer, 2011 Pioneer Village Rover and University of Vermont student. I encourage you to read Spencer's entire poem online at bccymca.org, and you can check out an excerpt on page 6. The poem so eloquently reminds us why so many remain affiliated with Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA. As Spencer infers, The Camps and Berkshire Outdoor Center are a little slice of heaven on earth. I hope Spencer's words inspire you to stay connected and help continue the mission of *changing lives for good.*

Amici & Agape,
Phil Connor

New Trustees Elected to BCCYMCA Board of Trustees

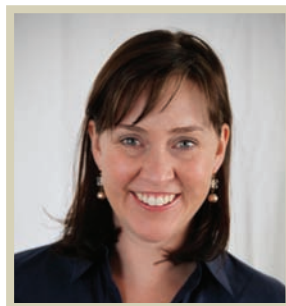
Jack Sharry, Chair of the Board of Trustees is pleased to announce four new trustees who joined the board in 2011. The board is charged with overseeing the Camps and Berkshire Outdoor Center's strategic and master plans, monitoring the financial health of the organization and ensuring the continued positive external reputation of all programs and operations.



Craig Collister

Craig Collister returns to Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA to continue his leadership having been a 1990 Aide and 1991 CIT. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Craig

received his MBA from Harvard Business School where he continues to volunteer as a Class Gift Chair. Craig is a Senior Partner with RoundTable Healthcare Partners, a Lake Forest, IL based operating-oriented private equity firm focused exclusively on the healthcare industry. In his professional role he focuses on the evaluation, execution and financing of new investments. He also serves on the boards of directors of many of RoundTable's portfolio companies. He and his wife have three children who he hopes will one day attend Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA.



Annie (Steeper) Morita

Chimney Corners alumna (1979 - 1990) Annie Morita is an executive at DreamWorks Animation. A veteran of interactive marketing and

entertainment, Annie has held global leadership positions at Electronic Arts, Sony Pictures Entertainment, Warner Bros. Studios, and Turner Broadcasting (Hong Kong). She served as an international assignment editor for CNN (Atlanta) during Operation Desert Storm, the Soviet Union coup, and German reunification. Annie is a graduate

of Smith College and served on the board of trustees from 2006-2011. She also has her masters' diploma from Le Cordon Bleu. Annie was an ICEP traveler to Denmark in 1983, an Aide in 1984, and on staff from 1986-1987. Annie led ICEP China in 1990.



Alex Roth

Alex Roth was a camper at Camp Becket from 1976 to 1980, and participated in the first co-ed ICEP in 1981. He was an Aide in 1982 and a Pioneer staff member in 1983 and 1985. He

is pleased to be back at Becket-Chimney Corners, where his children—Jack, Max and Helen—are all campers. A graduate of Yale University, Oxford University, and Northwestern University's J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Alex is a Partner at Bain & Company in London, a global business strategy consulting firm where he focuses on technology and telecommunications. Alex also organizes a youth baseball league in London.



David Smith

David Smith is dad to two Chimney Corners Campers Laura and Julia and Camp Becketite Charlie (pictured with David). A graduate of Carleton College, University of Chicago

and Harvard Law School, David is the Executive Vice President and General Counsel of The Mutual Fund Directors Forum (MFDF). MFDF is an independent, nonprofit organization that serves the independent directors of U.S. mutual funds by providing educational and outreach programs as well as the opportunity for directors to exchange views with one another, other industry participants, and with industry regulators. David also serves on the boards of Illinois Tool Works, Inc. and the Northern Trust Corporation and is a member of the Board of Trustees at Carleton College.



Mike Jackson, founder and board member of the Bronx Academy of Letters was this year's Annual Luncheon guest speaker.

Annual Luncheon Celebrates Staff and Volunteers

Guests also celebrated the final conclusion of *Traditions and Vision: Our Legacy Campaign*, where a banner of donors to the 2003 campaign was unveiled and co-chairs Amy Hurwitz Gutschenritter and Dr. David Irons were recognized.

Jack Sharry announced the inaugural Henry and Ina Gibson Lifetime Giving Society that pays tribute to those significant contributors who have made transformational cumulative gifts to the Camps and Berkshire Outdoor Center. This year's honorees included: **Amy and David Gutschenritter, Roch and Carol Hillenbrand and Ruth Ann Phillips.**

July's Annual Luncheon brought over 120 parents, friends and alumni to Camp Becket for food, reflection and celebration of everything Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA. Hosted by CEO Phil Connor and Board Chair Jack Sharry, this annual tradition is an opportunity for the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA community to see camp in action while connecting with Board of Trustee members and receiving an update on the YMCA's strategic initiatives.

The afternoon included a special presentation from Mike Jackson, Advisory Board Chair of the Bronx Academy of Letters in New York City and a Director in the Investment Management Group at Hyperion Brookfield Asset Management in New York. Mr. Jackson is co-founder of Bronx Letters, which was established on the belief that students who can express themselves clearly in writing can do better in any path they choose in life. Mike's remarks included the announcement of a new partnership with Becket-Chimney Corners' YMCA's Berkshire Outdoor Center to become one of their primary resources for enrichment programming for his students.



Dads' Committee and Alumni Council member John Bryant, Trustee Jim Finkelstein, Alumni Council president Scott Taylor and Jean (Lady Moose) and Kathy Silva reconnect following Annual Luncheon 2011. The Silva's were on hand to see the newly reconstructed Moose Lodge.

Other award recipients included: Moms' Association Exceptional Staff Award: **Erin Deluca**; Finkelstein Leadership Award: **Matthew Dinger**; Travel And Service Award: **Anne O'Sullivan**; and Berkshire Outdoor Center Award: **Emily Mullen. Anne Condon, Steve Cowell, and Robert Orr** were three members of the board who retired as of July 2011 after many years of dedicated service and received The Trustee Recognition. The Chairman's Award was instituted this year to recognize people who have made a significant difference in the governance and stewardship of our camps. Former

Board Chair **Kim Armstrong Silcox** was the first recipient. The 2011 Volunteers of the Year were **Dick Bankart** and **Joan Samuels Kaiser.**

Save the date for next year's Annual Luncheon set for Saturday, July 28 at Chimney Corners Camp Dining Hall.

Fifth Graders Donate Boat They Built Themselves (cont'd from front cover)

other learning experiences were a part of that success.

"The boat program is part of a year-long program where we build a whole year's worth of lessons around the boat project from map reading to the history of Boston Harbor. In the spring we focus on maritime history, and the African American and Boston influence on its history," explained Anne, who continues to bring her fifth graders back to the Berkshire Outdoor Center each year to kick off their special year of programming.

"The Boat Project and Berkshire Outdoor Center's program for Haley School adhere

to Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA's philosophy of Experiential Education," explains Steve Hamill, Berkshire Outdoor Center's Executive Director. "Both of these programs reinforce classroom lessons in genuine, hands-on learning." Haley Elementary students spend almost a week at Berkshire Outdoor Center, experiencing forest ecology, wetland ecology and a variety of other environmental education classes.

Haley Elementary hopes the boat donation will expand their Berkshire Outdoor Center visits to include boating skills and other aquatic lessons outside of the ecology program they participate in.

"Even months following our Berkshire Outdoor Center visit, students refer back to their time at Berkshire Outdoor Center. It might be new vocabulary they've incorporated into their language. Or when they read a book they can better visualize a mountain or a pond because they have seen it and touched it first hand," explained Anne.

The Berkshire Outdoor Center's Environmental Education program meets curriculum standards for New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut. For more information on how your school can participate in Berkshire Outdoor Center's Environmental Education program contact Steve Hamill at (413) 623-8991.

ICEP Travel Logs a Sample of Once in a Lifetime Experiences



ICEP Vietnam Leader Lee Vaughan, standing, second from left and his 14 travel companions are about to fish with their hands in the me kong delta. According to Lee, the after photos are great, "as we had to get very muddy to catch the fish." After fishing they cooked what they caught for lunch.

For most parents who send their fifteen-year old to a six week international trip, the daily report from these faraway lands is a pipeline of information. Every written word is reassurance that their child is safe, involved in rewarding service projects and having a once in a lifetime experience they will treasure forever.

2011 ICEP Vietnam Leader and New Zealand native Lee Vaughan views these travel logs as examples of American teens' first taste of adventure and worldly exploration. Vaughan is a former manager and instructor at the YMCA Waiwera Lodge, Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA's New Zealand ICEP partner. He himself is an avid traveler and has a strong appreciation for the international YMCA partners who are the key to preparing a successful, safe and fulfilling trip plan.

"For New Zealanders, traveling overseas is encouraged so we can see the world. I want to inspire American children to find out what they love and what they are passionate about and what they are good at. Travel is so important to open people's minds and to take the time to figure out what their future can be while having a great time. I want these kids to grab life by the scruff of the neck."

Indeed, the fourteen teens that traveled with Lee and his co leader Merrill Guzman, certainly grabbed Vietnam by the scruff of the neck. The following is a brief sampling of some of their days' excursions. Go online now to read all of Vietnam's daily reports as well as all international and domestic travel logs in our new Travel Service Programs feature at www.bccymca.org.

Wednesday, July 13th – Final Day of Service at Luong Hoa Primary School

The group had breakfast at the hotel before leaving for their final day of service at Luong Hoa Primary School. The two groups worked diligently to finish painting the inside and outside of the school's new nursery. In an effort to fully complete the project, the group resumed work right after lunch, instead of resting. In the afternoon, half of the group went back to teaching while the others finished up the nursery. The group that was teaching helped facilitate a clean-up with the kids of their classrooms before

saying goodbye to them for the day. When the group left, the school had a newly painted nursery and the kids had many new words and games to play and teach each other. The day ended with dinner at the hotel and chat.

Cabin Chat Question: Describe the person to the right of you as an animal.

Sunday, July 17th – Service at Binh Minh Kindergarten

At Binh Minh Kindergarten in Dong Thap Province, the group split into two groups. One group tore down the front fence as prep for a new one and sanded the windows. The other group taught English to younger kids, while others practiced conversational skills with some of the village's teenagers. After lunch, the groups switched and had a very productive afternoon. Tired from the sun and hard work, the group had a low-key evening at the hotel before barbecuing their own dinner outside at the hotel.

Cabin Chat Question: Do you live your life in the past, present or future?

Wednesday, July 20th – Final day of service at Binh Minh Kindergarten

The group's last day in Cao Lanh was spent doing service and attending the completion ceremony at Binh Minh Kindergarten. Everyone arrived at the school determined to finish painting the outside of the school. Half of the group got to work painting while the other half used games to review everything the children had learned that week. The group enjoyed the same lunch as Sunday, which they unanimously voted to be one of the best the group had had so far on the trip (pineapple shrimp, tofu with tomato sauce, rice and beef). After lunch, the group had a very short rest before getting back to work. All of the group's hard work paid off, and they finished painting the outside just in time to enjoy the completion ceremony. There were speeches from teachers, local leaders and two ICEP participants. The BCCYMCA presented local students with scholarships to further their education in the fall. Both the local youth and ICEP groups gave performances before the principal presented the group with a completion certificate and gift. The group had dinner outside at the Ward 11 government building. After dinner, the group was joined by many local people who came to play soccer, volleyball and dance with the group. A bonfire was lit when it got dark enough, and the entire group started a giant dance party with the kids. Dancing with the kids outside was the highlight of the trip for many participants. To top the night off, the group enjoyed smoothies and a quick chat

Cabin Chat Question: If you could insert yourself into a book, which book would it be?

Friday, July 22nd – Phu Quoc Island

A crepe breakfast overlooking the ocean was the perfect start to an island day. The group walked to the Original Point Museum and learned about the history of the island and its people. From the 6th floor of the museum, the group enjoyed an amazing 360 degree view of the ocean, town and mountains. After the museum, the group drove around the island to Bai Sao Beach

where they spent the afternoon playing volleyball, swimming, and reading on the beach. On the way back to the hotel, the group stopped at Phu Quoc prison. The group walked around the old prison and visited the powerful museum that told the story of what had happened at the prison during the Vietnam War. The group returned to the hotel and quickly dropped off their belongings before walking to a French restaurant for dinner. The group enjoyed gallettes and burgers for dinner.

Cabin Chat Question: What's the first thing you'll do when you get home?

Wednesday, August 3rd – Dai Nam Resort

The group's last full day in Vietnam was a highlight for everyone. After breakfast, the group drove an hour outside of Ho Chi Minh City to Dai Nam resort, where the group spent

the day on rides and visiting the zoo. At the zoo, the group was impressed with the variety of the animals and their ability to feed the elephants and giraffes. After a long day in the sun, the group went to the YMCA for dinner and the trip's completion ceremony. At the YMCA, the group received completion certificates and gave a thank-you speech to everyone at the YMCA who helped make the trip a success. Dinner was with many of the people the group had met over the course of the trip. After dinner, the group enjoyed cultural performances from different YMCA groups in Ho Chi Minh City. The group was also able to perform four songs. To cap off their amazing trip, the group's hosts treated everyone to karaoke. It was a late night, but everyone had a lot of fun singing classic songs at the top of their lungs. The group had late chat and spent the rest of the night packing.

Cabin Chat Question: What is your inner and outer scar?

The Annual Fund – *Changing Lives* – Impacting the Future



The 2011 Annual Fund was ambitious from the start – and will be to the end! The Annual Fund set its most challenging goals ever for this year, needing to raise more than \$700,000 from over 1,750 donors. It then secured exceptional leadership in its Co-Chairs, Amy Hurwitz Gutschenritter and Tucker Schuldt. And ever since, it has been spreading the word, raising awareness of the needs and demands of our community and organization, and gaining ground on both crucial goals with every wonderful turn in the road.

Annual Fund highlights along the way this year include an 11% increase in dollars contributed and a 10% increase in donors (year-to-date); current parents have supported those same numbers with increases of 20% and 25% respectively; both camp staffs this year supported the Annual Fund at nearly 100% once again, and current parents are still pursuing that elusive benchmark at this hour; and just as in 2010, more past donors have

come back to support the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA Camps and Berkshire Outdoor Center again than in any year prior. Something wonderful is happening, and more people are joining this effort, sharing our vision, and supporting our mission than ever before.

If you are among the more than 1,400 alumni, parents and friends who have already made Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA one of your philanthropic priorities for 2011, again, **THANK YOU!** If you have not yet had the chance, or if the time just hasn't been right, then join us now – and experience first-hand how the power of your gift can truly *change lives for good*. Every gift gets us closer to our two crucial goals – every gift has the *Power to Change a Life*.

The 2011 Annual Fund closes December 31st.

Your gift can be made online at www.bccymca.org, by US Mail using the envelope included here, or by phone at 413-623-8991.



The mission of Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA is to put Judeo-Christian principles in to practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

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Alumni Weekend 2011

a little bit of
Heaven on Earth



1981 Chimney Corners Aides (from left to right), Diane Gardner, Holly Flood, Nicki Eisenman, Kristen Forsberg Diebus, Jo-Anna McCort Fischman, Meg Walhimer Joyce, and her daughter Ella attend Sunday Chapel.

Thirteen of the original eighteen 1986 Aides reunited after twenty-five years at this year's Alumni Weekend.
Front Row (L-R) Greg Sharp, Seth Kugel, Joe Goldsmith, Lee Rudy;
Middle Row (L-R) Dave Crawford, Matt Axelrod, James Christian, Jeff Stauder, Dan Halperin; Back Row (L-R) Derek Tate, Brian Eames, Andy LeStage and Chuck Morris.

Alumni Weekend was one of the best attended, evaluated, and most appreciated events on camp in a long, long time. There were many reasons for so many people's return: annual habit, celebrating a landmark LIT reunion for groups from the "1"s and "6"s, honoring Jeanne Shellenberger for her distinguished service, old friends, new friends, a fall family weekend in the Berkshires, because it had been too long... or maybe just "because."

Whatever the reason, those that joined together back on both camps for a weekend of fun, friends, family and fanfare experienced another magical and glorious gathering. Despite challenging weather on Friday people arrived early, activities were full, memories flowed freely, friendships were renewed, celebrations reverberated through the pines, music and song filled dining halls and the air outside, people kept coming and coming, campfires were set, and the band played late into the night.

When the weekend was nearing its end, and alumni and friends were reluctant to accept the approaching eventuality, Spider Alton gave us a much-needed moment to reflect and cherish at the Sunday morning Chapel. Trying to find the words to express how "camp has affected me," Spider turned to someone else's words.

He read a poem that his son, Spencer, had written not long before, drawing on feelings and friends of his days at Camp Becket. These words brought people together, even as they prepared for their own journeys home – words they will remember until they return again, next year. Spider finished with these words of Spencer's:

*It's the cuts, kicks, scrapes, tempers, bruises, dirt,
tears, homesickness, fears, arguments, differences,
clumsiness, mess-ups, bad habits, fights, cold
nights, hot days, friendships, leaders, traditions,
loves, needs of each other, and ability to change
what is bad within us.*

*So maybe I haven't found or seen heaven
but the picture that I've painted is good enough
for me*

so... no, I haven't seen heaven

I saw better.

Alumni News & Notes

Alumni News & Notes appear regularly in editions of the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA NEWS. Send your news and photos by mail to John Anz, or email to janz@bccymca.org.



Bert Biesmeijer (CB Staff 1972), as pictured above with wife Louise and Executive Director of Camp Becket Chris Burke, wrote to Pat Krol in the Camp Becket Business Office, "Yesterday we returned home after a 4-week trip through your beautiful country. For us our return visit to Becket, Massachusetts was a never to forget experience. For me personally it was very emotional to come back after 39 years and feel at home immediately. In spite of all the changes and modern equipment it felt as if time had stood still. Cabin Boone in Pioneer Village still was my cabin! All the names and faces of the 1972 campers of Cabin Boone returned in my mind. One year at Becket influenced my personal life! Thank you for your warm welcome and hospitality! Thanks to Chris Burke for his kind words and the book *Our Loyal Band* – thanks for everything! Hope to keep in touch, one way or the other! Warm regards from Bert and Louise in The Netherlands."

Peter E. Bullis (CB camper '47-'49) and **Tricia Bullis** (Trustee '00-'03) contacted the Office of Development to announce that their daughter **Eliza Bullis** (CCC camper '93-'98, ICEP '99, Aide '00) recently completed the course of study and received her MD degree from Tufts University School of Medicine in May. After her camper years, Eliza graduated from Middlesex School in Concord, MA before going on to Georgetown University. Eliza will spend her residency at Yale New Haven Hospital to become certified in both Internal Medicine and Pediatrics.

Ben Daigle (CB camper '91-'96, TLS '97, Aide '98, Staff '99-'04) wrote in with an update and big news. After a Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA experience that began with Family Camp in 1987 and ran thru his summer as Assistant Program Director in 2004, Ben graduated

from the University of Connecticut, and is now the Public Policy Director at the Connecticut Association for Community Action, Inc. (CAFCA), Connecticut's association of federally-designated antipoverty agencies. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the National Alliance on Mental Illness – Connecticut Chapter (NAMI-CT) and as a Commissioner on the City of Hartford's Commission on Human Relations. In 2010, Ben realized his long-time dream of purchasing land in the Town of Becket to help him stay close to Camp and the Becket community. Most recently and even most importantly, in September 2011, Ben married Katie, his sweetheart since college, who is a social worker in the Greater Hartford area. They live in Hartford and look forward to one day sending children to Becket and Chimney Corners.

Kristin Draper (CCC camper '78-'82, Aide '83, Staff '84 & '85) was married to her long time significant other Bill Shaul in Puerto Rico this past February. They were surrounded by 60 friends and family and enjoyed great weather and a wonderful celebration. Kristin and Bill are the parents of **Elizabeth Shaul**, a current CCC camper, and Becket alumnus **Kevin Driscoll** (camper from '01 – '09). Kristin is the President and Bill the Production Manager of the Draper Knitting Company in Canton, MA where they live and manage the family's 150+ year old textile mill. Kevin graduated from Blue Hill Regional Technical School in Canton and will be pursuing his dream of being in the music production business through an internship and then on to school. Kristen, Bill and the family were just back at camp during Alumni Weekend.

Sarah Klionsky (CCC camper '90-'95, ICEP '96, Aide '97, Staff '98, '00, '03) writes that "after spending several years in Wyoming, working at Teton Science Schools, and then Wisconsin while going to graduate school for Botany and Environmental Studies, I moved back to the Boston area about two years ago. It's been great to be closer to camp and to attend some camp events, including being a surrogate mom at Moms' Weekend. I live in Cambridge with my husband and work at Northeastern University, where I coordinate the cooperative education program for Environmental Science and Studies students (one of whom is a CCC alumna). I'm looking forward to getting back to camp more often and seeing more old camp friends in the coming years."

In Memoriam

Bruce A. Leavitt (A, P) of Pittsfield, MA died on January 3, 2011. Whether as friends, staff members or campers, the Leavitt Family were a part of the Chimney Corners Camp community from 1968-1972. Bruce is survived by his wife, and former staff member "Nurse Helene Leavitt", and by his daughters and former campers Amy, Julie and Kim

Edward Cousins (A, P) of Millsboro, DE died on April 26, 2011. Edward was on staff at Camp Becket in the mid-'60s as Business Manager. He is survived by his wife, and former Chimney Corners Camp staff member Judith, and sons and Camp Becket alumni David and Jonathan.

Phillip N. Berger (A, P) of Simsbury, CT died on July 17, 2011. Phil was a camper and then Aide in the 1940s, following his father Victor who had been a camper at Camp Becket in the early 1900s. He is survived by a large and loving family, including his wife Jane, daughters Penny and Joann, and son and Camp Becket alumnus Jeffrey. The family has invited donations to be made in Phil's memory to the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA Annual Fund.

John E. Smethurst (P) of Millbury, MA died on August 2, 2011. He is survived by his former wife and Chimney Corners parent Suzanne, and their daughters and CCC alumnae Amanda and Kaitlyn.

Judy Demerath (P) of Amherst, MA died on September 25, 2011. She was an active committee member and loyal advocate of the camps for many years. Judy is survived by her husband Jay Demerath, and their three sons, Camp Becket alumni Loren and Peter, alumnus turned parent Ben, and grandchildren and current Becket and Chimney Corners campers Oliver and Emma.

Hector D. Petri (P) of Northborough, MA died on October 1, 2011. He is survived by his wife Deborah and their children Anne, Nicholas, Ogden, and Camp Becket alumnus James.

(A) Alumni, (P) Parent, (F) Friend

If you know or hear of the passing of a member of the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA family, please contact John Anz in the Development Office so that we can be aware, and so others may learn of the news in a timely fashion through this section in future issues. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sat, December 3 – Sun, December 4 Board of Trustees Meeting
- Fri, December 30 – Sun, January 1 New Year's Eve Alumni Gathering (21 and older)
- Fri, January 20 – Sun, January 22 Women's Wellness Weekend
- Sun, February 19 – Sat, February 25 Winter Camp
- Sat, April 21 & Sun, April 22 Board of Trustees Meeting
- Sat, April 28 Camp Open House at Camp Becket and Chimney Corners Camp, 2 p.m.
- Fri, April 27 – Sun, April 28 Spring Work Weekend
- Sat, June 16 Camp Open House at Camp Becket and Chimney Corners Camp, 1-3 p.m.
- Sun, June 24 First Session Begins
- Fri, July 13 – Sun, July 15 First Session Moms' and Dads' Weekend
- Sun, July 22 Second Session Begins
- Fri, August 10 – Sun, August 12 Second Session Moms' and Dads' Weekend

For updates, changes, and a full list of all alumni, parent and camp information events please go to the EVENTS page at www.bccymca.org.



HERITAGE CLUB

The Heritage Club at Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA recognizes members of the Camp Becket and Chimney Corners Camp community who have included the camps in their estate plans or have made a planned charitable gift such as a charitable gift annuity, gifts of life insurance, or inclusion in their will. Log onto "Become a Supporter" at www.bccymca.org and learn how you can become a member.

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