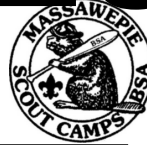


SPRING 2007 Beaver Tales



Newsletter of the Massawepie Staff Alumni Association

Founded in 2000 to provide Spirit, Service and Support!



Notice of MSAA Annual Meeting: June 2, 2007

The Massawepie Staff Alumni Association's 2007 Annual Meeting will be held during Beaver Weekend at Massawepie on Saturday, June 2, following the evening meal. We'll meet in the Loren Hakes Campfire Circle unless the weather keeps us in the Pioneer Dining Hall.

Under our Rules of Operation, elections will be held for officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee. (See the page 4 article regarding nominations.) Reports of 2006-07 activities will also be shared, and future plans will be discussed, especially the upcoming 55th anniversary reunion. Alumni T-shirts will be available for purchase! BarkEater induction ceremonies will be held after the meeting for those eligible. The closing activity will be the traditional group photo shoot! (But socializing may continue afterwards somewhere in greater Childwold.)

Who will travel the furthest to the meeting this year? We hear that alumni in Texas, Alaska, Colorado, and California have made travel plans already. Make your plans now to join the fun!

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Work Weekends *by Mark*

Giving back to Massawepie with some sweat-equity and sharing great times with old and new friends – the work weekend tradition! There are two opportunities to continue the tradition coming up. Skills Weekend is May 18th-20th. Beaver Weekend is June 1st-3rd. We can impact the success of the 2007 camp season by attending one or both. 2007 is the 55th Anniversary of Massawepie; it would be great to get 55 MSAA members at Beaver Weekend! We will staff the kitchen from Friday morning through Sunday morning. You can help on the waterfront and do a little sprucing up at the Campfire Circle. The 3rd-year BarkEater Ceremony site needs construction, and cabins need work. The Properties Committee is setting up other projects, although none quite like those shown.>

Last year about 44 attended BW. More would be better, especially with the Annual Meeting being held. Also, you can see the new "Forester" 3rd-year BarkEater ceremony. If you work *both* weekends and are a 2nd-year BarkEater, you can be in the first group to earn the 3rd-year BarkEater token! 1st- and 2nd-year BarkEater can also be earned.

E-mail Mark Pulvino at mpulvino@rochester.rr.com or call him at 585-872-1507 to reserve your spot, today.



SERVANTS QUARTERS COMING DOWN - 1952 IN CAMP PIONEER PARADE FIELD



PARK HOUSE BEING BURNED, 5/16/53



MASSAWEPIE 55th ANNIVERSARY STAFF REUNION UPDATE!

SEE PAGES 2 and 3!

The Rochester Club Ballroom



Massawepie 55th Anniversary Staff Reunion Celebration

by Stephanie

Fifty-five years ago Otetiana Council opened Massawepie Scout Camp! The Massawepie Staff Alumni Association is sponsoring a 55th Anniversary Reunion Celebration! It will be held on Friday, December 28, 2007 at the Rochester Club Ballroom located on historic East Avenue in downtown Rochester, New York. [Note the change in venue from our last issue.] This will be a fun filled evening!

The MSAA is looking for past and current staff members, family and friends of Massawepie (basically anyone who has ever been there and loved the Massawepie experience – or wished they had) to join in the fun. The semi-formal event will start at 6:30 PM and last until 10 PM. The evening events will include a short program, lots of old camp photos and mementos, and some campfire songs and skits. A recreation of the former OPD (outpost Dumas) will be set up for continued libations and ring game enjoyment.

The ticket price of \$30.00 includes lots of hors d'oeuvres and a commemorative patch for your collection. There is free parking after 5:30 at the East End Garage. Register early to avoid missing out, as we will be capping the event at 250 people. And after November 16th, the price goes up to \$35.00!

REGISTRATION FORM

Massawepie 55th Anniversary Staff Reunion Celebration

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Staff: Year(s) on Staff: _____ Camp(s): _____

Friend/Family Affiliation: _____

Current Alumni Association Member

Number attending: _____ X \$30.00 = \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Otetiana Council Inc.

Send registration form and check to:

Don DeClerck, MSAA 55th
Camp Cutler
7131 Gulick Road
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We are looking for past staff members. Who do you know?

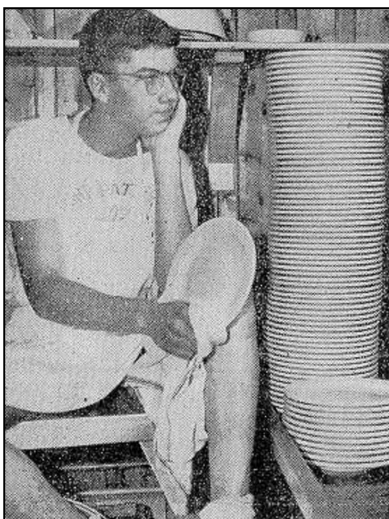
by Stephanie

What year/s were you on staff? Which camp/s? Help us find your former tent mates and summertime friends from your fun-filled years on a Massawepie camp staff. Check the list below for lead contacts for the various years and contact them if you have current address information for anyone, or can assist in contacting staff that you know. There are a few years that we need someone to take the lead in coordinating contact with previous staff members. If you will be a lead contact, we can forward you staff rosters from most of those years.

However, we are missing staff rosters from the following years: 1952 – 1958; 1960 – 1966; 1989 – 1994; and 1998 – 2001. Do have your old staff roster from any of these years? Will you send us a copy?

If you can help us out with information, contacting, or supplying missing staff rosters, please contact Mike Knittel at 585-889-4484 or at the email address listed below.

Years	Lead Contact	Email Address
2006 & 2007	Steve Weisenreder	s.weisenreder@otetiana.org
2001 – 2005		
1996 – 2000	John Zaffino	jaz8256@yahoo.com
1991 – 1995		
1986 – 1990	Mark Pulvino	mpulvino@rochester.rr.com
1981 – 1985	Stephanie VonBacho	stephanie_vonbacho@urmc.rochester.edu
1976 – 1980	Mike Knittel	mknittel@bergmannpc.com
1971 – 1975	Brad Van Auken	vanauken@brandforward.com
1966 – 1970	Peter Collinge	capejo@localnet.com
1960 – 1965		
1952 – 1959		



Peter Barker, then 16 and living at 28 Linden St., Rochester was a bit overwhelmed by his job as a dishwasher on the 1952 Pioneer staff.

1952 Pioneer Staff



Nominees for the MSAA Executive Committee

The Alumni Association Rules of Operation provide that nominations for officers and at large Executive Committee members should be made 20 days in advance of the Annual Meeting (held on Beaver Weekend). The Executive Committee has nominated the following:

- Brad VanAuken for Chair
- Shannon Davis for Vice Chair
- Mike Knittel for Treasurer
- Peter Collinge for Secretary

for Executive Committee
Members at Large:

- Gary Hicks
- David Lippitt
- George Varga
- Stephanie VonBacho
- John Zaffino

(Mark Pulvino will serve as Past Chair)

Any additional nominations must be submitted in advance of the meeting to Secretary Peter Collinge (contact info on page 1).

This year, all of the nominees are incumbents, but we'll definitely need some new blood on the Executive Committee by next year. So please contact one of the officers if you are interested in joining the Executive Committee or know of a good candidate.

THEN & NOW...



Pioneer Nature "Lodge" in 1952!

Pioneer Ecology-Conservation (ECON) Lodge, today!



Upcoming Events

May 2007

18-20 .. Spring Skills Weekend at Massawepie
All Alumni welcome – skill or no skill!

June 2007

1-3 Beaver Weekend at Massawepie
ALL Alumni encouraged to attend!

2 MSAA Annual Meeting following Beaver Weekend dinner, in the Loren Hakes Campfire Circle

December 2007

28 Massawepie 55th Anniversary Event
(see article in this issue)

Kayaks/Membership Renewal

The form enclosed with your newsletter may look like a Membership Renewal form, but it's really a Kayak Program Support Form! Last year the MSAA purchased, through member donations, 12 kayaks to start a kayak program at Massawepie. The kayaks were very popular at camp in 2006! The waterfront staff has requested several more in larger sizes for larger Scouts and for program variety (they will be offering the Kayaking BSA program this summer). Therefore, the MSAA again is collecting donations for kayaks. You can receive a "free" one-year extension of your MSAA membership by returning the enclosed membership form with a donation of \$50 or more (total) to the Massawepie kayak program and/or to the "Square Foot" Endowment (which will support Massawepie kayaks and other equipment and maintenance in perpetuity). Anyone donating \$500 toward kayaks will be able to choose a name (some restrictions apply!) to be stenciled on one of the new larger kayaks.

Moving beyond kayaks, please also check the enclosed Membership Renewal Form to see whether it notes "Expired May 2007" (or earlier). If so, please renew NOW – we don't want to lose a valuable member like you! Just send \$10 (or \$20 for 2 years or a \$50 donation which will include a free membership) to the return address shown on the form. Keep your membership up-to-date, help Massawepie, and keep receiving this fine newsletter.

All members, renewing this year or not, are asked to return the form if there are changes of your address, phone number, e-mail or other information. And speaking of membership, please ask a friend to join the MSAA! Membership forms are available in the "About Us" section of MassStaffAlumni.org – download all you need.