Carol Southall Retires after 20 years as Director of Camp Onaway

Her Leadership has led to closer ties and many benefits to both Onaway and Pasquaney

A congratulatory resolution passed at the summer meeting of the Pasquaney Board of Trustees began:

“Whereas under Carol Southall’s inspired leadership an ever stronger partnership has grown between Camp Onaway and Camp Pasquaney and a sense of common purpose between and Pasquaney and Onaway Councils; and

...Whereas Onaway provides an invaluable experience for Pasquaney daughters, sisters, wives, and cousins; and...Whereas during her tenure a stronger partnership and friendship has grown between her and Pasquaney’s Directors...

Early in her tenure Carol reached out to share ideas and ask for advice from Gem-John. Your editor enjoyed many, many telephone chats with her over the past twenty years, sometimes starting with a shared frustration over a new government ruling affecting camps or a new state form to fill out. It was a particular pleasure to sit down on the porch of the Log Cabin during her final season to reflect on her twenty summers as Director. I came away from that discussion with a stronger feeling of how similar our two camps are in their missions and how much the greater collaboration under her leadership has added to both camps.

Carol knew about Pasquaney from her years as an Onaway camper and her marriage to former camper and counsellor Rogers Southall. Her appreciation for Pasquaney was helped by getting to know Gem-John as Director for her two sons, Brooke and Alec. One of her first concerns as Director was to get the camps coordinated on their opening and closing days. Many parents have been grateful for her efforts to accomplish this. She was also concerned that Pasquaney and Onaway councils had never met each other in daylight. In the late 1980s, we began a joint council dinner during council training week before camp. In recent years, the joint councils have spent an afternoon doing a service project together, most recently building a trail for the new Bear Mountain Audubon Sanctuary in Hebron.

After watching the Pasquaney and Mowglis boys row past each day, she decided that Onaway needed a crew program. Their first two shells, with familiar names “Ouisie-all” and “Hurd-all,” were donated by St. Paul’s School. Eighteen years later, she can say with some pride, “We’ve had varsity rowers at Harvard, Yale, and Princeton.” Carol was interested in Pasquaney’s “tree talk” tradition and established “path talks” at Onaway.

Ten years ago she began the Onaway Wilderness Leadership Experience (OWLE) for girls in the year between camper and counsellor. Onaway obtained a twenty-five year lease on 15 acres on Big Island in Lake Umbagog in Northern New Hampshire. This island is used both by the OWLE program and by Pasquaney’s Umbagog expedition each year. More than half of the OWLE program’s participants have come back as Onaway counsellors.

In 1985 Carol started The Alumnae Circle, a newsletter to help Onaway alumnae stay in touch with camp and each other. Gem-John liked the idea and suggested we start the Alumni White Birch in the winter of 1987-88.

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Onaway has built a sizable endowment under Carol’s leadership. She gives a lot of credit for their first drive to the dedication of Art Mudge, who was head of their Board of Trustees (and also is an Emeritus Trustee of Pasquaney). Onaway’s endowment is currently about $1.5 million and a new drive was recently begun to honor Carol.

An outgrowth of Onaway’s capital campaign was the formation of the Circle Program eleven years ago. It provides a summer camp experience and year-round mentoring for New Hampshire girls, similar to the Mayhew Program begun by Mr. Charlie and Pasquaney trustees in the late 1960s. The Circle Program has used Onaway, Pasquaney, and Mowglis facilities for their summer program, after the camp season. They are in the process of raising the money to build their own camp on Spectacle Pond near Newfound.

As a result of the closer collaboration between the Pasquaney and Onaway Directors, it was not surprising to find that there are many family connections between the two camps today, but we were surprised with the high number of connections today. This summer 34 of the 86 girls at Onaway, or nearly 40%, had relations at Pasquaney. When you look at the roster of Onaway campers, counsellors and trustees, you find many familiar names like Bolton, Bulkeley, Chisholm, Crevoiserat, Denious, Ethridge, Gemmill, Holmes, Keen, Mudge, Platt, and Reigeluth, to name a few. The Search Committee for the next Onaway Director was chaired by Trustee Kathy Broderick Baird.

Carol reflected on her 20 years as Director as we sat on that peaceful porch. “A camp director has a pretty lonely job. For ten months you are keeping a community together that is out of sight. It has been really important to have had the connection with Gem-John and Vinnie. We have the same mission. I don’t see it in very many other camps. Something happens in the few years that they’re in this [beautiful] setting that is special -- being exposed to a group of people who are really committed to the traditions and values. There is so much positive reinforcement. Much of the world is based on discipline. The kids tell me ‘this is the only place where I can be myself.’”

Carol recently answered the Pasquaney board’s resolution with one of her own. Some excerpts are: “Whereas I have always enjoyed my affiliation with Pasquaney, and ... Whereas I was indoctrinated into cold cereal by a loyal husband alum, and ... Whereas I have felt so supported by Gem-John and Vinnie, and ... Whereas Pasquaney will always be important to me and to Onaway. Thank you.”

Onaway camper Caroline Reigeluth joins her brother, Pasquaney counsellor Jack Reigeluth, at breakfast on the morning when the camps switched places to surprise Carol Southall in her final summer. Note the cowbell on Caroline -- a setup we were told!

Vin Broderick and Anne Conolly meeting last summer at Pasquaney as Anne prepared to assume the leadership of Onaway.

Anne Peterson Conolly
To Be Next Onaway Director

The Onaway Trustees have unanimously voted to appoint Anne Peterson Conolly their next director. She is assuming her new leadership role there this fall. Anne was an Onaway camper from 1962 through 1966, a “Cup Girl” in 1966, and a counsellor in 1969. A graduate of Skidmore College and SUNY Albany (Masters in English and Education), she taught in public schools for eight years before moving to Albany Academy for Girls (Girl’s Academy) where she has taught for the past 17 years. She has been serving as Chair of the Humanities Department, and teaching English. She also served as Dean of Students, Student Council Advisor, and faculty-elected representative to the school’s Board of Trustees. Her colleagues there called her “the heart of the faculty” and the “keeper of the flame for the identity of the school.”

Like Carol Southall, Anne also has past family connections with Pasquaney. Her father, Walker Peterson, was a Pasquaney camper in the 1930s, and served as an Onaway Trustee in the 1970s. More recently he made a major contribution to the Randy Brown Scholarship Fund as a close friend of the Brown family and recalling assistance he had received from Mr. Teddy. Anne’s son, Peter, was a camper from 1991 to 1996. She and her husband, Neal, also have three daughters. She plans to set up a winter office in her home in Kinderhook, New York.

The Onaway Search Committee said they felt fortunate to have found “a person of integrity, commitment and demonstrated ability” to be their next leader. She told us that she was “delighted to see how much is the same [at Onaway],” and she hopes to continue the friendly and collaborative relations between the camps. Welcome Anne!
Mayhew Appoints Jim Nute as Director and Thanks Roger Larochelle for his Service

The Mayhew Program, a year-round program for at-risk New Hampshire boys, begun in 1969 by Mr. Charlie and several Pasquaney trustees, hired former Program Director, Jim Nute, last Spring to be their new Executive Director.

Mayhew board President Audrey Hagerman recognized Roger Larochelle’s successful leadership for the past eight years in the press release announcing his resignation, “Roger has a true passion for our mission. He has represented the program marvelously throughout the communities of New Hampshire, and has helped Mayhew grow tremendously in every way.” During his tenure, there was a quadrupling of the number of boys served in the “Link-Up” program, which serves graduates of the traditional Mayhew program; the construction of a year-round base house on the mainland in Bristol, which serves as the center for the year-round activities with the boys; and a significant strengthening of the financial underpinnings of the program.

Pasquaney and Mayhew Trustee Bill Davies served as chair of the Search Committee, assisted by Mayhew Trustee Dick Beyer. In Bill’s usual thorough manner, he spoke extensively with each trustee and staff member. His job became easier as he found that everyone was talking about the same former staff member as the best candidate. Jim Nute was originally hired by Director Al Cantor in 1990 as a summer counselor. After his graduation from the University of Maine a year later, he joined the year-round staff as a Community Outreach Worker. Al, now a Mayhew Trustee, states that Jim commands the unqualified respect of everyone who has ever worked with him. He describes him as “intelligent and insightful, steady and creative, and a man of unquestioned integrity. From the moment he arrived at Mayhew, Jim understood that the program is about the boys, and his every action and decision has been geared toward making their involvement with the program as successful as possible.”

In 1999, Director Roger Larochelle chose Jim to be the Program Director, responsible for facilitating the consistency of the program, training new staff, and overseeing the boy enrollment. Jim received a Master’s degree in counseling from the University of New Hampshire in 2001. For the past two years, Jim has been away from Mayhew, serving the Amherst and Rochester schools as a counselor and a Special Education Counselor. Jim received a hearty welcome from the trustees and staff as he returned in June to assume his new role as Director. He added, “The boys, young men, and staff have taught me about the art of living, about becoming a better person. I’m eager to rejoin them and to keep learning.”

Circle Program Thanks Mary Joyce and Welcomes New Director Elizabeth Beeson

Mary Joyce helped to start the Circle Program with the Onaway trustees beginning in 1990. It took several years to put together the case for the new program and to find the sources of funding. The first group of girls attended a two week session at Camp Onaway in late August, 1993. Under Mary’s leadership, Circle was set up as a year-round program with mentors for each girl, and later a graduate program was added. Mary stepped down last January, after ten years as Circle’s leader, to have more time with her daughter, Maya. But she added that she will never be far from the program. Carol Southall stated, “she was an amazing salesperson.” Hundreds of friends and supporters gathered last January in Plymouth to thank Mary for her outstanding work.

Elizabeth Beeson was welcomed as Circle’s new Director after a nationwide search, chaired by Vin Broderick. She already had Circle experience, having served five years as a volunteer mentor and two years on their board of trustees. She holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Tufts University. Board President, Martha Macomber, describes her as “a gifted writer, devoted champion of children, and a wonderfully warm ambassador.” Those who worked with her in her graduate work stated, “when she speaks for the Circle, she speaks from the heart. You can always count on her. Her commitment is phenomenal, as is her understanding of girls. She listens to them. They love her and feel really connected with her.” Elizabeth is currently living on Squam Lake in Holderness, where she grew up.

The Circle Program has used the Onaway, Pasquaney and Mowglis facilities for their summer camp program after those camps end their seasons. They have recently purchased 21 acres on Spectacle Pond, just northwest of Newfound Lake, to build their own camp. They have already raised over $1 million to accomplish this goal, and look forward to opening their summer program at their own facility in 2005.

The Mayhew Program has helped Circle by sharing ideas. The Circle mentoring system is different from Mayhew, with individual volunteer mentors in the communities where the girls live. Mayhew has a staff of five community outreach workers who cover different areas of the state. There are several husband and wife combinations with one on each board, and a joint Mayhew-Circle Committee was formed several years ago to share ideas and do some joint fund-raising, such as the Jazz Festivals. There is a healthy cooperative spirit between the leaders of the two programs.

Executive Director Jim Nute has just awarded first-year camper Nick, from Keene, New Hampshire, the Outer Circle bandana, one of the Mayhew Program’s highest awards.
Alumni News

Alumni notes are listed under the decade in which the majority of their camper years fall. If camper years are evenly split in two decades, they are listed in the decade in which the alumnus was an older camper.

The 1920s and 1930s

Hart Beardsley lives in Blue Hill, Maine, where he and his wife, an Ellsworth native, retired after 19 years in Camden. Hart has vivid memories of traveling with Mr. Teddy to Vermont in the summer of 1927 to see Charles Lindbergh during his tour of the nation after his successful Trans-Atlantic flight. The picture of Lindbergh—signed by the famous aviator—still hangs in the Pasquaney office.

Morris Brownell, known as “Brownie” to his many friends and “Dusky” at Pasquaney, died on October 26, 2003, in Gladwyne, Pennsylvania, at the age of 96. A graduate of Middlesex School and Harvard College, he served as a Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He had a long banking career, retiring in 1972 as Vice-President of Philadelphia National Bank. A former camper and counsellor, Dusky began a long line of Brownells at Pasquaney as his sons and grandsons followed him to camp. We hope to get to know some of his 16 great-grandchildren soon. “My father made everyone feel good,” stated his son, Larry, longtime camper, counsellor, and trustee. “He was a great friend of Owen [Lindsay] and Charlie [Stanwood]. He was still hugging and kissing the girls up to the end.” Mr. Charlie wrote, in Portrait of Pasquaney, that Dusky and Larry were one of camp’s most distinguished father/son crew combinations: they both stroked Middlesex and Harvard crews after starting at Pasquaney, and they both coached crew as counsellors.

Richard Davies, a camper from 1929 through 1933, died last December at his home in Pompano Beach, Florida, after a short bout with cancer. A loyal alumnus, he went on the 1933 Long Walk and won the singles and doubles tennis tournament in his division in 1932.

Bill Ethridge, a camper from 1936 to 1939, and father of alumni Will, Rob, Dave and Hunt, died on August 6, 2003, in Palm Beach, Florida. In his final camp season he was the camp tennis champion, captain of a Senior baseball team, captain of his crew, a COI, and went on his third Long Walk.

Steve Dittmann passed along some Harvard Bulletin news about George Hurd, retired associate justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court. Boston University honored George during the October 2002 Head of the Charles Regatta by dedicating an eight-oared shell in his name. George served as BU’s head rowing coach from 1940 to 1942—while still a Harvard undergraduate! Steve added that George’s collection of historic rowing prints are on display at BU’s new boathouse and alumni center … they’re a “must see.”

Ivy Lee, a camper from 1922 to 1926, and trustee from 1942 to 1969, died at his home in San Francisco on October 21, 2003, at the age of 94. Born in New York City, he graduated from Hotchkiss School and Princeton University, and received an M.B.A. from Harvard. He worked on military contract operations for Pan American Airways in World War II and served as their unofficial delegate to the United Nations Organizational Conference in 1945 in San Francisco. He moved to San Francisco in 1946 to establish his own public relations firm and was very active for many years in national and state Republican politics there. At camp he was voted “Best Athlete” by the boys in 1925, and was camp tennis champ for three summers. Mr. Charlie said, “as a boy I thought no one could possibly be a more stylish and competitive [tennis] player than Ivy Lee.”

We send our sympathy to Alvah Sulloway whose wife, Susan, passed away last summer. He wrote “she just loved those Water Sports Weekends. She was a true believer in Pasquaney and its accomplishments.” He looks forward to a new generation of Sulloway grandsons at Pasquaney.

Ted Tucker has move permanently to his home in Stuart, Florida. He recently donated his electronic organ to the Pop Watson Theatre. It will surely enhance the quality of Pasquaney’s skits and plays. Again, we thank you, Ted!

The 1940s and 1950s

Bart Thomas wrote “to set the record straight” on Bob Bulkeley’s nickname of “Bubbles.” There were several factors that led to the nickname, which Bart confesses was his doing. First, Bubbles’ brother Dick was also a camper at the time, so first name or some other appellation had to be used to distinguish them. Second, Bart confirms that “Bubbles” nickname does, in fact, have a lot to do with his ebullient personality. Finally, Bart, while neither confirming nor denying the countoff story, admits that it sounds right to him. Bart fondly recalls his Pasquaney years, particularly stroking the winning senior crew in 1953. His winner’s shirt is still hanging next to the 1903 crew shirt in the Office.

Bob Hurd on hearing of Ben Morgan’s passing, wrote that, along with his “exemplar” Dave Ryder, Ben was one of the toughest guys he knew at camp—possessed of a rare combination of intelligence, focus, and courage. Bob credits his undying love of the mountains to Dave and the wonderful training he received at Pasquaney. He often reminisces about one Notchpost expedition that Ben and Dave led … a picture of Norcross Pond still adorns his office wall.

Speaking of Dave Ryder, he and his wife, Melinda, took a well-deserved vacation with their new trailer to Yellowstone Park after the camp season.

Bill Ethridge, right, with Dick Beyer at the “Gemmer Gala,” 1998. Bill donated Landmark wine from his wife’s California vineyard for the 320 Pasquaney alumni and friends that memorable evening.
The 1960s and 1970s

Johnny Highberger stopped by for a visit this fall and found Gordon and Nelson Adams and family: “A great experience...after too long.” In an email he was remembering one of his favorite camping party meals, a breakfast of crusty corned beef hash with catsup, tabasco and fried eggs. “Since I have been a chef for the past 25 years or so, everytime I have corned beef hash I think of Bubbles, Dave Dittmann, and Johnny Buffum.”

Lynn “Monkey” Montgomery wrote to congratulate Bob Bulkeley on his 50th season, adding thanks for helping him as a camper. He said, “I live a very unusual lifestyle that only another Pasquaney person would understand. Here at Sun Farm de las Huertas there is no modern plumbing, solar power provides the electricity, wood heats the tiny adobe house, hard ‘duties’ in the garden and on the acequia.... Materialism and the consumer cult are not allowed here.”

Pasquaney Trustee Bob Pinkard was recently awarded the Nature Conservancy’s Oak Leaf Award, for volunteer service, at their annual international meeting in Costa Rica.

John [Harvey] Manderson and his wife sailed last summer for the US Team in Sweden at the World Snipe Championships. John began sailing at age 10, but “really refined his sailing and racing skills at Pasquaney,” said his mother. John is a marine scientist in Sandy Hook, New Jersey, working on his PhD at Umass-Amherst in Marine Ecology.

Jack Bocock and his wife, Nora, announce the birth of a daughter in September. “Nora Brookfield Bocock, called Nonie, does not like to sleep that much,” says Jack. “Other than that, everyone’s doing great.”

The 1980s

Alex Bocock and his wife, Amy, announce the birth of their third child on October 7, 2003: Mary Lowrey joins brothers Scott and Jimmy. Congratulations also go to Al for his November election to the Pasquaney Board of Trustees.

Jack Cavanaugh and his wife, Cynthia, announce the birth of John Patrick last January. “He’s learning to crawl and making various sounds. I can’t quite make it all out, it sounds as if he’s belting out the Pasquaney railroad, Hip, hip...!”

Michael Findeisen is project manager at Salzgitter International in Dusseldorf, Germany. Norm Farrell visited him and his father last July, reporting that he remembers every minute of camp including the names of the mountains climbed.

Murray Fisher is the Program Director of the New York Harbor School, a new public school that he helped design that uses the New York harbor as classroom. A Wall Street Journal story a few days before the school opened in September said the school will “use human interaction with the water to inspire academic achievement in Bushwick, a struggling neighborhood with a foul creek running near it, but little tradition of maritime enthusiasm... The school’s inventor, Murray Fisher, a 29-year-old environmentalist, predicts that immersion in nautical subjects will give poor and working-class kids from Brooklyn’s Bushwick section a sense of common purpose.”

Peter Harvey is living in Reno, Nevada, and working for Patagonia and “climbing every weekend.” Ted Kerkam is returning to school to get an MBA at Southern Maine in Portland where he lives.

Jon Meredith helped coach lacrosse at Westminster School in Atlanta where he teaches. Because of their great teamwork, they went on to win the state championship.

A front page story last August in the Wall Street Journal entitled “An American Pushes Europe to Embrace a Modern Ice Age” talks about the new company started in Frankfurt, Germany, by Matt Meredith. The story began “these days, with record temperatures scorching most of Europe, the coolest guy in Germany is a 28-year-old American wearing a fleece jacket, a white hairnet and red rubber gloves.” There was a photo of Matt in the hairnet! It goes on, with great humor, to talk about the success of his new company, Ice Age Ice, in spite of the Europeans’ traditional dislike for cold drinks. “In some countries, even in sun-drenched Italy, many people contend that cold drinks upset the stomach.”

Will Randall and his wife, Catherine, announce the birth of a son, Samuel Knight, on September 4, 2003. “We can’t wait for you to meet him.”

Bill Sanford is living in Durham, North Carolina, training at Duke University to be a physician’s assistant. He is also a member of an intramural soccer team that’s “a force to be reckoned with.”

Alec Southall is engaged to marry Kimberly Kos in Toledo, Ohio, on July 31, 2004. Mike Villiard visited both Mayhew and Pasquaney after camp last summer. He lives with his wife in Salisbury, New Hampshire, and works as a contracting consultant.

Teddy Winstead married Ann Barron Carneal on September 6, 2003. “He’s learning to crawl and making various sounds. I can’t quite make it all out, it sounds as if he’s belting out the Pasquaney railroad, Hip, hip...!”
The 1990s

Jon Allen received the bad news of the Old Man on the Mountain’s demise while on a trans-Pacific Ocean voyage, three days out from the California coast. Jon serves as mate aboard a ship skippered by another Granite State resident.

Briggs Anderson is back studying at the University of Puget Sound, but spending his nights working as a sports writer for the Tacoma News Tribune. Briggs reports that the fly fishing is slow due to drought.

Another small world story … Axel Bohlke writes that, while interning in Europe for the Wall Street Journal and attending his first news meeting, he heard about a story the American office was preparing to run on an American selling ice in Germany. Axel raised his hand and asked, “Is the name of that entrepreneur Matt Meredith and is his company Ice Age Ice?” to his amazed co-workers. The next day, Matt’s story made front page of both U.S. and European editions.

Alden Cadwell, Brad Cragin, Chris Reigeluth, and Matt Haslett successfully completed the grueling, one-day, 50-mile hike from Franconia Notch to Pinkham Notch and raised over $1,000 for charity, which has been donated to the Circle Program. Alden is gearing up for the 2004 New Orleans Mardi Gras Marathon to benefit the AIDS Project in Los Angeles. Chris Reigeluth and Matt Haslett, who graduated last spring from Colby and Rollins, respectively, recently traveled cross-country to California, where Matt is now actively seeking Hollywood acting roles.

Dylan Carden is working as a reporter for the Hyde Park Daily in Illinois. He is having quite an impact on the community with his close reporting on Little League and youth sports coaching and behavior. Mark Cattrell is loving life in Boston, where he is working in the Division of Engineering and Applied Science at Harvard.

Ned Congdon is working for EarthSatellite Corporation in Rockville, Maryland, and, by the time this White Birch goes to press, will be married to Heather Ann Brennan. Jesse Congdon is a sophomore at Drexel University in Philadelphia, studying electrical engineering.

Nick DuPont attends Southern Methodist University, where he is specializing in language studies. Martin deMarneffe stopped by camp after the season closed and just after his graduation from Berklee College of Music, where he studied jazz piano. Martin and his parents were on their way home to Belgium.

Nick Downing stroked the Harvard freshman lightweight crew to a respectable finish in the Head of the Charles youth eights race, losing only to heavyweight crews from Harvard, Yale, Penn, Dartmouth, and two German clubs.

Matt Fifield is attending Lasell College in Massachusetts, where he will major in business administration. Matt wrote a great article for the Spring 2003 Mayhew Update about his Mayhew camper and counsellor experience.

Charles Hampton has been promoted to corporal in the Marine Corps. The U.S. Ambassador to South Africa pinned on Charles’ new rank at a ceremony that took place at the American embassy in Pretoria, where Charles serves as part of the Marines’ security detachment.

Mike Hanrahan is teaching at the Lowell School outside Washington, DC. He was elected council representative to the Pasquaney Board of Trustees last summer.

Jamie Hillis is a sophomore at Berklee College of Music, playing bass and studying jazz. Taylor Hillis began his junior year at New Trier High School in Winnetka, Illinois. Last year, he played goalie for the JV lacrosse team and was named defensive MVP.

Jaime Hickey-Mendoza graduated from Vassar College last May. Oliver Jacobi is a junior at Pelham (New York) High School, after a very successful year at Pennington.

Jim Laughlin is working for the Red Cross in New York City, while Hugh Laughlin is at Vassar, playing violin in different non-classical music groups.

Charlie Legg graduated from Gilman last spring and began his undergraduate studies at Bowdoin College this fall. Pasquaney’s long-time Bowdoin connections had a lot to do with Charlie’s college selection.

Dave Madeira is studying at Brown University, playing lacrosse, and hiking in the White Mountains at every opportunity. His brother, Sam Madeira, loves Prescott College, where he has begun his second year, majoring in human development with emphasis in holistic health.

Chris Meredith is enjoying working for ABC in New York City, handling advertising for their affiliate stations. Jake Macarthur spent last summer as an instructor at the National Outdoor Leadership School after teaching at Winter Term in the winter and spring. Tim Stetson, a longtime NOLS instructor, made the connection with Jake, having seen his name in the White Birch.

Jack Reigeluth is playing varsity football at Hamilton College on a team that continues to build and improve.

Christopher Riely, as part of his Master of Forestry program at Yale, is working as an apprentice forester on the “forest crew” at Yale’s school forests in northeastern Connecticut and southwestern New Hampshire.

James Sanstead has spent two years studying aviation management and biology at the Florida Institute of Technology and Pensacola Community College, and plans to continue his biology studies at the University of West Florida. James’ first love is flying. He has earned his private pilot’s license, along with ratings in single and multi-engine, and is currently working on his instrument rating.
Ellen Buell Stanwood, Wife of Two Pasquaney Leaders

Ellen Buell Stanwood, wife of Mr. Charlie and a former Director of Camp Onaway, died on Saturday, August 30, 2003. Most of us recall Ellen as the elegant, friendly and enthusiastic wife of Mr. Charlie. In fact, she had long marriages to two Pasquaney greats: both were great educators and famous athletes -- and both were named Charlie. Born in Boston, Massachusetts, she graduated from Windsor School and attended Sarah Lawrence College. Her first marriage, at age 22, was to Charlie Buell, known at camp by his middle name, Chauncey. Mr. Charlie described Chauncey in Portrait of Pasquaney as “the athletic hero for a whole generation of Pasquaney campers.” At camp he excelled in baseball, swimming and diving, but he gained national fame as the star quarterback at Harvard in 1920, 1921 and 1922. His engagement to Ellen in 1939 was front page news in the Boston Post, complete with a large photo of Ellen right below news of the Nazi’s latest advances. (Nelson Adams recently found an original copy of that article, which compares their courtship to “The Courtship of Miles Standish”).

At the memorial service for Ellen in Concord, New Hampshire, her son, Charlie Buell, spoke about the “personal grace” she brought into all parts of her life. He recalled their move to New Hampshire in 1943, when he was three, to live at Wing Farm in Allenstown to raise food and milk for the war effort. Ellen had the hand-milking chore. Charlie added, “her other duties were cutting the hay, buying cows, caring for the horses, doing the housework, and keeping me occupied so I wouldn’t let the cows out of the pasture.” Chauncey already had 20 years of teaching experience and, in 1944, he joined the faculty of St. Paul’s School. In addition to being “a dutiful teacher’s wife at school,” she took a lead role in a St. Paul’s play, worked for Child and Family Services and other child-oriented charities, and enjoyed birding with a local Audubon group.

In 1966, two years after Chauncey’s death, Charlie Stanwood approached her about becoming Director of Camp Onaway. A year later they were married. After several years as Onaway Director she retired to live at Eastbourne year-round. She has lived in East Hebron and Concord ever since.

Ellen has been close to Mr. Charlie’s children, Carol, Mike and Tessa, and Tessa’s grandchildren, Allison and Laura, as well as her son, Charlie, and grandchildren, Fiona, Ian and Jessica. Carol, Tessa and her husband Alan, and children, Allison and Laura, sang a beautiful rendition of “Ave Verum Corpus” at Ellie’s memorial service.

Ellen wrote in Portrait of Pasquaney about their winters at camp: “When Charlie and I reminisce about our Pasquaney years, we frequently speak of the winters, bright, sparkling and crisp...We loved the lavender tints of winter, the stark grays and black of the pine trees...We snowshoeed in every direction: through the chapel and past the infirmary and around the Red Trail to the Lane...or along the ice to Onaway Beach and around the point to Mowglis Cove... Occasionally, we skated, either clearing a rink in front of the Bath House or bravely striking out through the rough surface toward the west shore. We coasted down the driveway on an ancient Flexible Flyer, pushing off in front of the infirmary and reaching hair-raising speed as we came into the turn below the barn.... When the sun began to set, we would trudge back to Eastbourne. There we stacked our snowshoes on the porch before racing indoors to a roaring fire... Then, cup after cup of boiling-hot tea.”

Alumni Party Planned in New York on May 6, 2004

Alumni, parents, and friends in New York City will be invited to a cocktail party at the home of Bob and Lucinda Ballard on Park Avenue on Thursday, May 6, 2004. The Board of Trustees will have their Spring meeting the following morning in New York. We encourage alumni and friends to mark their 2004 calendars now and plan to attend. Invitations will be sent in the Spring to everyone in the New York City area, including those areas where alumni commute to the city. If the address on this newsletter (page 8) is not in the New York City area and you would like to attend, please contact the Pasquaney winter office to be added to the invitation list. Everyone is welcome! (Contact us by email: office@pasquaney.org).
Camp Mowglis Celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2003

Over 500 alumni, parents, and friends gathered over the weekend of August 1 to 3, 2003, to celebrate Camp Mowglis’ Centennial. Their centennial program stated, “One hundred years ago, Elizabeth Ford Holt bought the Barnard Farm in Hebron and set in motion a lifelong dream. With Rudyard Kipling’s blessing and advice, Mowglis [School of the Open] was established.”

There are interesting early links between Pasquaney and Mowglis and Onaway. Elizabeth Holt, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, founded “the first girls camp of significance, Redcroft,” in 1900 and “[in 1901] occupied a house at Aaron Wellington’s Cilley Point, where Camp Onaway was later built,” according to Barksdale Maynard’s book Chocorua, Asquam, Pasquaney: Where Summer Camps Began. Redcroft moved to the current Mowglis site and closed after the summer of 1911. Twin brothers, Alcott Farrar Elwell and Stanley Bruce Elwell, neighbors of Mrs. Holt in Cambridge, attended Pasquaney as campers in 1902. They discussed their Pasquaney experience with her and may have influenced her decision to start Mowglis the next year. There is also some suggestion that she started this new camp for younger boys with the idea that many would later attend Pasquaney. The Elwell twins moved over to Mowglis in 1903. Alcott Farrar Elwell, known as Colonel Elwell, had a long career of leadership at Mowglis, serving as a counsellor and later as Director from 1925 until 1952.

Mowglis has been successfully rebuilding their enrollment over the past two seasons with the return of Director Bob Bengtson. With the completion of a successful centennial summer and the strong turnout for their Centennial Weekend, their future looks bright. All of us at Pasquaney send our congratulations and best wishes on this significant milestone for Mowglis.