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Remarks by Mr. Vinnie

Ninety-eight years ago, Memorial Hall was dedicated to remember the ten Pasquaney campers and counsellors who perished during the First World War. Since that dedication, in gratitude for their service and sacrifice and in gratitude to their fellow alumni who gave so that this building could be built, Pasquaney campers, counsellors, trustees, alumni, and families have gathered here to eat thousands of meals together. As long as human beings have existed, mealtime, breaking bread together, has been central to our interactions, to building our bonds with each other, to building our relationships and our communities. These walls have heard some of our most engaged discussions, our most playful banter, and our heartiest laughter, and witnessed some of our most intensely contested games of salts. A study of National Merit Scholars a few decades back found only one statistically significant trait that they had in common. And it had nothing to do with studying for tests. They sat down to eat dinner with their families. I love that the greatest contributor to successful test-taking was not based in academics but in relationships and in eating together.

Ballard Morton [T. Ballard Morton, Jr. (camper 1942-48, counsellor 1949-52, trustee 1969-95)], who has made it possible for us to stand where we are standing today, said, “Above all, I have learned the importance of relationships in my life.” He considered love for others one of the two basic requirements for leadership, the other being integrity: he said, “Love is fundamentally unselfish. You want to help; you want to serve those you love. Love is the source of passion. Leaders must have passion—they must be passionate about their organization or community and those they serve and serve with.”

At Ballard’s 80th birthday party, Patty Morton, his daughter-in-law, who is with us today, described Ballard’s attentiveness to relationships: “Ballard, you have shared so much of your heart./ Such kindness, joy, and love, and that’s just the start./ You’ve been teacher, listener, supporter—the list never ends./ But the role you play best is that of dear friend.”

In a conversation on the Shack porch two years ago, just after the end of camp, Ballard told me he would like to underwrite the project to expand our dining room. “When something absolutely hits me,” he said, “and it’s right, I just do it. When something makes sense, you should get behind it. And this makes sense.” (continued on page 5)
Pasquaney’s Dining Hall over the Years

1894 – Joe Adams built the original dining hall on the site where the theater now lies.

1919 – The current dining hall was built to accommodate a larger camp. The larger dining hall enabled Pasquaney to expand from 66 campers in 1915 to 100 campers in 1926.

1920 – The “new” dining hall was named Memorial Hall to commemorate Pasquaney alumni who gave their lives in World War One.

1940 – A mechanical refrigerator was installed in the ice house saving the maintenance staff from cutting blocks of ice from the lake each winter and hauling them up the hillside.

1959 – Cold storage was moved from the old ice house to the location of the present walk-in refrigerator.


2014 – Head of Maintenance Mike Grant remodeled the kitchen to improve versatility, cleanliness, and efficiency.

2017 – The Morton Addition to Memorial Hall increased the size of the dining area to accommodate for the “new, round tables” and to create an additional emergency exit, a new porch, a storage area, bathroom facilities, and a stronger foundation. (As the builders pointed out, Memorial Hall had been slowly sliding downhill.)

The original dining hall (pictured above) had no electricity. Meals were cooked on wood-burning ranges. There was no dishwashing machine, so the day after being the Counsellor of the Day, you were assigned to washing all of camp’s dishes and silverware.
Tidbits on Pasquaney Dining Room Culture

One of the First Pasquaney Dining Hall Games: “You may think that all acorns are essentially alike, but that is because you never had to choose a spinner good enough to win seconds in ice cream from other campers who were foolish enough to bet that they could make their acorns spin longer than yours. The contests were held on the oilcloth that once covered the tables in the dining room… For purposes of the competition, an exceptional acorn was one that was perfectly symmetrical, had a strong and straight point, and had enough twig still attached to its upper end to provide a grip to be snap-twisted between thumb and finger.” (Portrait of Pasquaney, 183)

In the early 1930s rock-paper-scissors arrived on the hillside, Mr. Charlie tells us, and acorn spinning lost its place as Pasquaney’s chief arbiter of who gets seconds on dessert. The end of oilcloth table covers was the final nail in the coffin for acorn spinning. Acorns needed a smooth surface to spin and could not navigate the groove of the grain.

The Origins of Downing Our Morning Orange Juice: In the 1930s and perhaps earlier, you were required to drink a full glass of water and place it upside down at your place before eating in the Pasquaney dining hall. (Portrait of Pasquaney, 169) The tradition lives on today with the semi-requisite breakfast glass of orange juice that we guzzle before even taking a seat.

Where We Share What We Value Most: “Mr. Ned in his talks in Chapel and in the dining room, … gave me an inkling of what… idealism and energetic selflessness could bring about - not only at Pasquaney, but, given half a chance, in the world,” wrote Mr. Charlie. (The Story of Pasquaney, 106)

Memorial Hall remains a place where we share what we value most not only through announcements, but also through conversation and humor. Pasquaney gathers as one community in Memorial Hall more than any other place in camp.

Sadly, I was not able to find any information on the origins of the Sloppy Cow. Please contact me if you have any leads. (jreigeluth@pasquaney.org)
His commitment meant that we have been able to move ahead with this addition deliberately, and it happened much sooner as a result.

We had been contemplating expanding the dining hall for some time to open the space between tables, but no one plan seemed just right until we hired Mike Grant and he suggested a plan that we could all get behind and that would keep the room as an open space.

Randy Mudge and Jeremy Greeley got to work on the plans. They with Will Mudge have monitored the progress of the construction and have worked closely with Dick Batchelder, whom we hired to be our contractor. He brought on Ian Schaefer and Steve Rosen to work with him, Mike gave them regular assistance, and the plan continued to evolve as all of us met.

Ballard died on January 2, while his gift to us was still taking shape. Before he died he told me that he was very sorry not to see the expansion of Memorial Hall completed. Ballard, who had myriad talents and commitments, was devoted to Pasquaney. His roles were many: camper, counselor, parent, grandparent, trustee, President of the Board, and trustee emeritus, friend and guide to many of us.

Ballard’s son Thruston, whose camper years coincided exactly with mine, is here with his wife, Patty, and sister, Mimi,

More than just the place itself and even the day-to-day experiences you have here, it’s that ethos that gets into your skin and sinks into your consciousness. When you’re in the outside world, it’s what reminds you to Stop and Think.

Basically, Pasquaney taught Ballard how to be a good person, how rewarding it is to contribute to something bigger than yourself, and, very importantly, you gotta have fun!

(continued from page 2)
Summer autumn winter spring
They laughed their cryings and did their dance
Said their nevers they slept their dreams
Sleep wake hope and then
Ballard married Muff to begin again

When by now and tree by leaf
They built a life full and complete
Four little sprouts grew to eight
And multiplied rapidly telling the heavens to wait

And all the sprouts as they grew
Came visiting from alar year by year
To eat their eats and speak their sillies
To share their wonder and play their games

And only the beach can begin to explain
How the children come together
And remember to forget their woes
As they bask in the Muff and Ballard glow

More by more and deep by deep
The Duboses and Mortons come together to meet
Earth by April one by all
Wish by spirit and if by yes

With down so floating many bells up
We sing in celebration of the one we love
Ballard is 80 it's a wonderful thing
Our hearts are full our lives replete

Sun moon stars rain
But Dad is gone now
My refrain must change
We sing in celebration of the one we loved

Ballard:
He reaped his sowing he went his came
He danced his mountains sailed his beaches in the sun

He sang his friends they swooned his heart
He loved his wife she thrilled his life

After 84 years in this pretty how town
We lay our father to rest
In this his earthly ground
With up so floating many bells down

**A reading by Ballard Morton (current camper)**

This version was found written on the wall in Mother Teresa's home for children in Calcutta and was one of T. Ballard Morton's favorite poems.

Do it Anyway
adapted by Mother Teresa
original poem by Kent Keith

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.
Mr. Vinnie dedicates the Morton Addition:

And so, with tremendous gratitude for the care and service Ballard gave to Pasquaney, we dedicate his gift to us.

The Morton Addition

This Extension and Strengthening of Memorial Hall was Given through the Generosity of

T. Ballard Morton, Jr.
Pasquaney 1942-2017

“Love is essential for leadership. Because we care about them, we want to serve others, to help them grow and develop.”

Dedicated in Loving Memory of Ballard
August 5, 2017

Ballard’s gift to us here is a sign of his love, his love for Pasquaney and for us and what we may become.

Grace: As we gather here to eat, let us do so in the spirit of service of those who served in the First World War, particularly the ten who died, and in the spirit of fellowship and laughter, love and service that Ballard celebrates with this gift to us.
Remembering Melinda Ryder

by Vin Broderick (which he read at Melinda’s Memorial Service)

Since 1961 when Melinda married Dave, she has been an important part of Pasquaney. I learned last night that her first visit probably came when she was seventeen and persuaded her brothers to take a lengthy detour on the way back from hiking Mt. Chocorua so that they could swing by Pasquaney. Her first official connection began with their honeymoon, which they spent, of course, at Notchpost, our outpost in the wilds of Crawford Notch because Dave was leading one of our trail expeditions there. They stayed at the Inn Unique, and during the day Dave went out to work in the woods with the boys. I am not sure exactly what Melinda did during the day. Perhaps because of that early experience, Dave and Melinda have advised counsellors interested in keeping spouses and significant others around for the summer about what to do and what not to do.

Melinda ran our snack bar, the Mary Lamb, during those early years. To give you a sense of how many burgers she grilled and Squirrel Nut Zippers she distributed, at the end of one summer, Bumpson, one of our counsellors and a fellow Middlebury grad, had to fork over his entire paycheck and more to Melinda.

To have more time with Cindy and Don as they grew, after 1967 the Ryders spent their summers as a family away from Pasquaney. She handed the keys to the Mary Lamb over to her cousin Bobbie Sheldon. But in 1980, with the kids at Bucknell and Middlebury, Melinda and Dave returned to live in the cabin by the lake, a place she and Dave loved, whether Pasquaney was in session or not. There Melinda displayed her decades-old collection of ancient Pasquaney and Newfound Lake postcards and opened their deck to many of us for dinners lit by thoughtful and humor-filled conversations and by golden sunsets. Melinda kept an eye on and cared for her elderly neighbor, Verna Spaeth; was active in Hebron, NH, bridge clubs; and during expedition week, when Dave was working on the trails, she would join Missy Nordstrom, who now ran the Mary Lamb, and hike together into Zealand Notch to greet Carl Nordstrom and our backpackers as they came through.

Melinda was also always at Chapel and would usually make a perceptive comment about the talk afterward. Linda Beyer told me that Linda’s own appearances at chapel were not very frequent. “Once, after a service I did attend,” she said, “Melinda said to me, ‘I want you to know that only three pine trees fell over when you walked in!’” As Linda said, “She made us laugh often.” Melinda also knew the names of any birds that may have been singing in those trees when they fell. She loved and knew her birds.

Soon Melinda began running the camp supply store in Dick Beyer’s office after breakfast each morning. Dick says that she was aggressive in keeping our Lost and Found, or LAF, box empty, and she organized and distributed our uniforms and struggled to persuade us counsellors to exchange our ragged beloved Brine running shorts for an updated model. That responsibility of Melinda’s may have been subconsciously in mind when one alum wrote “Melinda was always a part of the fabric of our life at Camp. A constant presence. A smiling face. A warm heart. A loving wife and mother. And a good friend.”

During her 28 years in her office role, through 2015, Melinda greeted...
boys soon after they arrived. One alum wrote last week, “Melinda was one of the first camp people I met on my first Opening Day, like many campers, picking up uniforms. What a warm, sharp, witty, strong person.” And another: “I remember Melinda so fondly back to my earliest memories as a camper, and she and Dave were also really welcoming when our family visited.” At their cabin the Ryders sometimes housed the international and West Coast campers because those boys flew in the day before our opening.

As one of our counsellors said on Wednesday, Melinda was easy to be around and as a result drew others to her and to Pasquaney. She was attentive to us. She, my predecessor John Gemmill, and Ted Winstead shared a birthday, June 29. Teddy wrote, “I always think of her on our birthday and expect to see her and get a smile and a hug whenever I was at camp. She was always present.” I remember one Opening Day when Rebecca Campbell was a new Pasquaney parent. After they were introduced at the lunch buffet and Melinda learned that Rebecca was the mother of five boys, Melinda announced, “I am sitting next to you because you are a Pasquaney goldmine.”

When we built a museum to house our historical artifacts, Melinda approached me to say that she worked in the Townsend historical archives and would like to volunteer her services to organize Pasquaney’s materials. And the quantities were substantial. Materials flowed to Melinda from attics and closets and files, snatched from the jaws of hungry mice and chipmunks, sometimes not in the nick of time. Almost every time she came by the Shack, my office, I had a pile of materials for Melinda. She organized that chaotic mass. Now we can go to the museum in search of information and find it! Melinda began to call herself “The Ancient Artifact” and would come to me with mystery pictures to see if we could figure out who the people in the pictures were and where the shots were taken. We were clear beneficiaries of her passion for history. The day after Melinda died, I visited the Museum of the White Mountains exhibit on Summer Camps and noticed that they had cited Melinda with thanks for her help in putting their collection together. For years Melinda had waited long past the appointed time for Dave to return to the cabin from the shop because he had gotten absorbed in a problem or discussion. After Melinda took over the museum, however, she would get absorbed in a museum project, and Dave was the one who had to wait.

Most important to me, Melinda was an advisor and friend. Her mind could get to the heart of an issue, and she could communicate that issue with a few concise words, especially on matters that had to do with what was best for the campers. She came up to camp last summer for what would be her final visit. At our reunion celebrating the Ryders six years ago, I mentioned that with Dave Pasquaney got an amazing two-for-one deal because he recruited Melinda.

In the words of Pasquaney alums and friends: “so many fond memories of her!” “We use the term ‘living legend’ a lot on the hillside. Melinda was, by consensus, exactly that, even if now she has passed on to legend. Restless in peace, as in life, I hope.” “She was such a rock,” “An incredibly positive presence,” “a unique, warm, wonderful woman,” “a woman of strength and grace to the end.” “She will be missed in many hearts.”
An Active Debate on Passive Investing and the Endowment

by Gregg Stone (Chair of Pasquaney’s Investment Committee)

From Major League Baseball to world affairs, whether on Mem Hall Porch, around a table, or on a hike, Pasquaney boys have a fondness for pressing a point, and that culture has found its way into the Investment Committee, which is delegated by the Pasquaney Board to oversee the management of its endowment, now over $10 million in value. The Investment Committee consists of a number of trustees and alumni with deep investment experience.

One of the most hotly discussed topics in the investment world over the past few years has been the rise of passive investing, a term used to describe investment vehicles constructed to imitate an index of particular stocks or bonds (think S&P 500), instead of the active purchase and sale of specific stocks or bonds (think Apple). In fact, one can be very active buying and selling these new vehicles, many of which are Exchange Traded Funds, or “ETFs”, and one can be pretty passive while watching over a portfolio of stocks, but put the complications of the English language aside for a moment.

On the recommendation of the Investment Committee, Pasquaney hired Brown Advisory as its investment manager in 2012 with the mandate to build a diversified portfolio of stocks and bonds, directly and through sub-managers, which would grow over the long term without undue risk. We have been generally pleased by Brown’s performance, but like many active managers, Brown has sometimes failed to beat our benchmark made up of the combination of two very broad indexes.

Mr. Vinnie, who is interested in all aspects of camp life and therefore sits in on the Investment Committee meetings, recently read a book by John “Jack” Bogle, the founder of Vanguard Group and the most articulate spokesman for passive investing. Mr. Vinnie remembered that Jack Bogle had been the board chair at Blair Academy when Trustee Emeritus Chan Hardwick (camper 1966-69; counsellor 1971-75, 1977-78; trustee 1993-06) was head of the school. Mr. Vinnie asked Chan if he would be willing to speak with the Investment Committee about their investment policy under Jack’s leadership, if the committee was interested. Chan’s response was to ask if the committee would be interested in speaking directly with Jack himself. After the committee said yes, Chan approached Jack Bogle and invited him to speak.

Astute observers of the investment world, such as Warren Buffett, have recently praised Jack Bogle. In fact, in his 2017 annual report of Berkshire Hathaway, Buffet noted: “If a statue is ever erected to honor the person who has done the most for American investors, the hands-down choice should be Jack Bogle.”

Some of the wisdom of Mr. Bogle is noted below:

• Buy funds indexed to a broad section of the market and hold them.
• Don’t incur fees.
• Avoid trying to time the market.
• Avoid passive funds that are in less liquid markets.
• One doesn’t need to rebalance.
• Bond and equity returns will be similar in the foreseeable future (a ratio of 40:60 bonds to equities is fine).
• Returns will be lower going forward.

Last May Jack Bogle agreed to speak with the Pasquaney Investment Committee. Committee member Scott Kennedy (camper 1995-99; counsellor 2002-04), former master coach of the Pasquaney crew program and now a financial wiz in London, drew up a series of tough questions, and the debate began in earnest.

During the discussion, Mr. Vinnie mentioned that Chan’s recollection was that 30% of Blair’s endowment was in indexed funds under Mr. Bogle’s leadership, and Mr. Vinnie was surprised, as was much of the committee, that the percentage was not higher. Mr. Bogle replied that he believed the number was higher than 30%, maybe 35% or 40%, but he noted that the rest of the endowment was invested in actively managed funds that have very low turnover, low fees, and more or less tracked their benchmarks. Essentially the same results could have been achieved with index funds. Also interesting was that the Blair endowment held no international securities, which Mr. Bogle was quite comfortable with. That statement, of course, left us room for further debate. So ended a fascinating and lively call with one of the greats of the investing world.

Pasquaney first invested in a passive investment fund in February, 2017. Our portfolio now includes a 10% position in an S&P 500 ETF, which tracks the performance of the 500 largest US stocks.

Cartoon by Tommy Mayer (originally published in the 2007 Summer White Birch)
Alumni News

Alumni notes are listed under the decade in which the majority of their camper years fall.

The 1930s

Tom Winstead resides in Baltimore, MD, with his wife (called McMeere by her grandchildren) and grandson Trey (camper 1988-91; counsellor 1993-98, 2002-03). During his long career as an engineer, Thomas invented items that we use every day, including many different plastic containers and the inflatable raft. Tom also invented the collapsible water jug that we have been using for decades on camping expeditions. Tom will turn 100 this summer.

Billy Hill continues to reside in Richmond, VA, with his wife Ruth. The couple celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in November. Ever since his grandson, Harrison (camper 2001-04, counsellor 2006, 2006, 2012-13) can remember, Billy has started the morning with 15 push-ups, sit-ups, and leg lifts.

The 1940s

Louis de Branges is a professor of mathematics at Purdue University and is considered one of the great mathematicians of this day. In an iteration of his proof of the Reiman Hypothesis (The Reiman Hypothesis is “often called the greatest unsolved problem in mathematics.” [Wikepedia]), Louis mentions the two summers that he spent at Pasquaney.

Clay Morton and his family had a wonderful 7-night cruise on the Rhine River this past summer, traveling from Amsterdam to Switzerland. He says that he continues to “relish” retirement and hopes to get back to the hillside in the not-too-distant future.

The 1950s

David Waud recently retired from a long career of presenting underwater programs to schools. He will do one more program on the Titanic as long as the submarine that he has a spot on is able to make the trip. David put his first underwater program together in 1971. His favorite presentation is on hammerhead sharks near the Cocos Islands, which is a rookery for elephant seals (the preferred lunch of hammerheads). Some of David’s presentations also covered great white sharks in Australia and sunken ships from WWII in Japan. A little Pasquaney lore: David is responsible for giving Bob Thompson the nickname “Bumpson,” which has stuck to this day.
Bucky and Randi Buck are enjoying a busy retirement at their home in Albuquerque, NM. The couple had four children together and, after one of their daughters died from a brain aneurism, are now taking care of their two grandsons, Jaewon and Jonwon Choi. Bucky says that being a parent again has brought renewed excitement and joy to his life. The boys are eleven and thirteen, and Bucky loves going to their all-weekend basketball tournaments and so many other events. Bucky and Randi also enjoyed seeing Mr. Vinnie a year ago and were amazed when Mr. Vinnie walked seven miles from his airport hotel to their house.

Fred Dittman took on the role of the boatswain in the Savoy Company of Philadelphia’s 2017 production of Gilbert and Sullivan’s HMS Pinafore. Fred also sings with the a cappella group The Tonics, and when he is not on stage, he is the Senior Vice President with the Pennsylvania Trust Company.

Abbott Chrisman retired as a professor at Webster University in Geneva, Switzerland, and he is now living in Scotland at an ecovillage and spiritual community named Findhorn. Abbott spends much of his time there working in a large organic vegetable garden.

David Richardson resides in Acton, MA, and says he enjoys visits from his two grandchildren, Avery, who is almost two, and Owen, who less than one year old. David says that he often thinks of Owen Lindsay when he hears the name of his second grandson.

The 1970s

Boyd Bartow, who lives in Miami, FL, reported that his family was safe after Hurricane Irene. The day after the storm, he and his son, Frankie (camper 2009-13), woke early to clean up debris and found themselves laughing when clearing and chopping trees reminded them of a Notchpost expedition.

This past fall Kurt and Katherine McCandless started teaching at Tilton School, which is not far from Pasquaney and is where Mr. Gem-John taught for a few years. Kurt is the head of the mathematics department.
If you find yourself missing the puns that are often a part of Mem Hall announcements, check out Arthur Woolverton’s Facebook page, where he posts a pun a week. Some of the best posts include:

• “I’m terrified of elevators. I’ll be taking steps to avoid them.”
• “We all know Albert Einstein was a genius… but his brother Frank was a monster.”
• “If you can think of a better fish pun… let minnow.”

The 1980s

Seth Blodgett lives in Japan with his wife, Sandy, and their two children. Seth is a social studies teacher at the American School in Japan where Sandy is the head of the language department. This summer Seth ran into Chan Hardwick (camper 1966-1969; counsellor 1971-78, trustee 1993-06), who is working as a consultant for the school.

Charlie Kellett has a new job at the State Department, working on the International Disability Rights team under the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor.

Caleb Klauder writes, “I am so honored to have my song ‘Innocent Road’ used in the new award-winning Pixar short film ‘So Much Yellow.’”

Chad Poist is a commentator for the show Ultimate Countdown!, which examines memorable movie moments and moments from the lives of celebrities.

Trey Winstead moved in with his grandfather Tom Winstead (camper 1930) who is one of Pasquaney’s oldest alumni at ninety-nine years old. Trey constructed a treehouse on the property that is outfitted with a slate floor, a sliding glass door, 14 Plexiglas windows, electricity, and wireless internet. The treehouse is supported by suspended cantilevers and its porch features the HEDWIN sign, which Trey salvaged from his grandfather’s old warehouse. Trey spent four days at the 21st Annual Treehouse Conference in Caves Junction, OR, during the first week of October. “If not for Dave Ryder I would never have learned the skills to build the treehouse I built,” writes Trey. “Pasquaney teaches us to discard distraction and focus on focusing. A skill lacking and difficult to find today.”

The 1990s

Peter and Heather Gregg live in Schenectady, NY, with their son, Jackson. Peter works for GE in wind power.

Jesse Allen and his wife, Manja Paschek, celebrated the birth of their son, Otto Paschek Allen, on May 17, 2017.

John (Lachlan) Oliphant married Cornelia Wareham on July 22, 2017 in New York, NY.

Ambrose Faturoti is the Program Director of The Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition.

Bill Cummisky is in his first year as the head of the Community Day Charter Public School in Lawrence, MA.

Ian Robinson appears in the Netflix documentary Mr. Gaga for his work as a dancer with the Batsheva Dance Company.

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**The 2010s**

Ed Hill married Margaret Wood on September 2, 2017 in Chattanooga, TN.

Alex Newell moved to New York City, where he is a graduate student of classical languages at Columbia University.

After graduating from Champlain College, Max Quinn moved back to the Boston area, where he works as a community residence counselor at McLean Hospital.

Lee McElroy lives in Washington, DC, where he works for SparkFund, an energy efficiency financing company.

Last spring John FitzPatrick graduated from The University of Notre Dame. John moved back to Connecticut, where works as an environmental consultant for Langan Engineering in New Haven, CT.

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**The 2000s**

This past summer Will Kryder completed an internship as the second chair with Law Office of the Public Defender in Fifth Judicial District Court (in New Mexico).

Jamey Price is the new assistant team photographer for the Carolina Panthers.

Billy Ford is back from Myanmar and is now pursuing a degree in public policy at Stanford University.

Billy Easton moved to his home state to become a graduate student at The University of Virginia Darden School of Business.

After completing an eighteen-week program at the Fire Department of New York Training Academy on Randall’s Island, Chase Barada became a full-time firefighter for New York City.

Conor McNierney is a student at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. This past summer he worked on the Pasquaney maintenance staff and helped in the kitchen.

In 2017 Patrick Wilks completed a summer teaching fellowship in Holyoke, MA, with Generation Teach. Patrick is an English and creative writing major at the College of the Holy Cross.

Wes Campbell is a freshman at Alfred University where he studies mechanical engineering.

Robert Harvey had to leave his Notchpost expedition one day early so that he could fly to Switzerland, where he competed for the Swiss U19 Junior B American football championship with his team the Thun Tigers. Robert played quarterback for the Tigers, and he threw the winning touchdown pass to William Harvey (camper 2011-15), who played tight end.
William Harvey left Switzerland to spend his senior year at Romeo High School in Romeo, MI. William started as a defensive lineman for the Romeo Bulldogs, who ended up going 7-2 and making it to the playoffs. Now that the season is over, William is doing CrossFit to prepare himself for service in the Swiss Military as a Grenadier.

Ed and Margaret Hill’s Wedding: (back) Billy Ford, Jack Boocok, Alex Kent, Jordy Gwenn, Eric Crewsier, Willis Boocok, Jim MacDougall, Kyle Donovan, Tyler Brown, Tim Jenkins, Walt Sunkind, Mike Morris, Blake Rice, (middle) Forest Granger, Tommy Hill, Ian Munson, Mr. Vinnie, Matt Hill, Howie Baetjer, Lyons George, (front) Margaret and Ed Hill, and (not in photo) Harrison Hill (courtesy of Ed Hill)

When Simon Peterson was taking a tour of the Naval Academy in Annapolis, he was taken aback when he saw alumnus Simon Chuang in a class that he was visiting.
The 2017 Glade Play, Arsenic and Old Lace: Mr. Gibs (played by Charlie Sims) has his last glass of elderberry wine as he is poisoned by Abby (Thomas Krulak) and Martha Brewster (Porter Barnes) (by Kristen Sycamore)

Hugh Lynch, Hunter McGuire, Zac Clardy, and Carlos Getzelman (by Matt Woolverton)
Levi Tyler and Oihan Trecet playing Wall Ball as Ayden Mohamed looks on (by Matt Woolverton)

Ashir Kashyap getting a tour of camp from Peter Bowles on Opening Day (by Matt Woolverton)
In Memoriam

Pasquaney’s Oldest Known Living Alumnus Dies at 101

“I’m not sure if Joe Fox was the oldest living Pasquaney camper, but he was my oldest Pasquaney friend in that he was 101 when he died in August of this year,” wrote Doug Reigeluth (camper 1963-65; counsellor 1970-74; trustee 1994-07). “Going back over forty years, my friendship with Joe originally derived from the fact that we went to the same college in New Haven and shared the same profession in New York City. Periodically we would meet for lunch, and during one of those times I mentioned Pasquaney. ‘I went to Pasquaney,’ said Joe. Our relationship took on a whole new dimension, and Pasquaney remained the ballast of our friendship going forward.

‘After graduating from Yale in 1938, Joe attended the University of Cambridge, an international experience, which convinced him that cross-cultural exchanges are paramount to global harmony. This belief led him to establish the Fox International Fellowship, a graduate-level program that enables scholarly exchanges between Yale and nineteen leading universities around the world. Fox Fellows engage in matters such as poverty alleviation, security, environmental degradation, resource stewardship, and human rights.

‘Mr. Vinnie and I visited Joe on a number of occasions in New Haven where he lived with his wife, Alison. Updates on Pasquaney were of great interest to him, and he particularly enjoyed learning of the growing international camper community where we often have as many as eight or nine foreign countries represented.’

Joe was a camper from 1929-31, and he enjoyed telling Pasquaney alumni that he was at camp with the first four Pasquaney Directors: Mr. Ned, Mr. Teddy, Pop Watson, and Mr. Charlie. Joe spent a lot of time playing tennis at camp. He made it to the finals of the 1929 sub-junior doubles tournament with his partner Ned Levering, tied in the 1930 junior finals with Jimmy Winstead, and finally won the 1931 camp doubles championship with partner Doane Twombly. Joe’s last summer at Pasquaney, he went on the Camp Lollycapop camping party with Mr. Charlie, and the two were voted “Pretty Boy.” Joe was also voted “Best Camper” of the trip.

Because Joe wanted to ensure that Pasquaney remains strong for future generations, he made a bequest to Camp in his will.

1930s

John “Jack” Virden, Jr., died on Tuesday Feb. 22, 2005. Jack grew up in Cleveland, OH, and he was a camper from 1935-36. His first summer Jack was ranked second in the Camp Champion Class for horsemanship and he went on the Long Ride. His last summer at Pasquaney, Jack went on the Cardigan Walk, he came in second place in the Junior Dive and the 50-yard swim, and he won the horse show. After graduating from the Hotchkiss School and Yale University, Jack joined the Marines and served in World War II. Jack received the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Gold Stars and Air medal with nine Gold Stars for his service with the military. After the war Jack returned to Cleveland, where he was President of the John C. Virden Company, which made decorative lighting. Jack and his wife, Tommy, later moved to California, where they lived with their two children, David and Patricia. (some information from obits.cleveland.com)

1940s

Robert L. “Robin” O’Neill-Butler died on July 2, 2010. Robin was a camper in 1942 and 1943. During both summers, he was in a water sports play, winning the Green Room Cup for his final camp performance. In 1945 camp struggled to find college-aged counsellors because so many alumni were fighting in World War II, so Robin returned as a counsellor when he was only a junior in high school. As a counsellor, Robin helped run the theater program and also led a few canoe trips. Robin acted in the short film The Man That Corrupted Hadleybury, which was adapted from a short story of the same title written by Mark Twain. (some information from The Palm Beach Post)

J.W. Kearny Hibbard passed away on July 25, 2017. Kearny grew up in Charlottesville, VA, and he was a camper from 1947-49. His first summer, Kearny won the sub-junior doubles tennis tournament with his partner Freddy Lovejoy. Kearny was a sub-junior baseball captain his final summer, and his team was the runner up in the junior championship in part because of his strong batting. After graduating from Westminster School, Williams College, MIT, and Harvard
Business School, Kearney worked for Westinghouse and became a consultant. Kearney had a clear sense of serving others: he gave more than twelve gallons of blood throughout his life and served on the Westminster Board of Trustees for almost twenty years. Kearney is survived by his wife, Adair, his daughter, Elizabeth Sianturi, and his son, Steve Hibbard (camper 1991-94; counsellor 1996-98, 2000). (some information from obitree.com)

1950s

Polly Platt died on May 14, 2017. Polly was the wife of longtime counsellor Charlie Platt (counsellor 1949-74) and mother of Bill (camper 1976-79; longtime support staff) and Tim Platt (camper 1971-74; counsellor 78-81; parent 01-05). Polly and Charlie were married in 1957. The couple spent many summers in the Woodlot, which they built early in their marriage and were there until 1975. There they raised their two sons, Tim and Bill. Polly was a close friend of Verna Spaeth, who spent summers next door in the Spaeth Cottage.

“Those of us who were campers during those years will remember Polly’s gentle friendliness, kindness, and sense of appreciation,” wrote Mr. Vinnie. (some information from the Concord Monitor)

Richard “Dick” Thorington died on February 24, 2017. Dick was a camper from 1951-53. During his final two camper summers, Dick’s extensive knowledge and enthusiasm for the natural world put him in a position to help lead the nature program. And when not at nature, Dick kept busy. He earned his junior lifesaving, won the junior and senior doubles tennis tournaments with Kenny Browne in 1951 and John Foster in 1953 respectively, acted in the 1952 Glade Play and the 1953 Theater Play, went on the Long Walk in 1952 and 1953, and captained the 1953 Senior League baseball team Thorington’s Thunderbolts. Because of his leadership, Dick was elected a Captain of Industry in 1952, and in 1953 he was voted “Best Camper,” “Most Thoughtful,” and “Most Faithful Boy.” As a counsellor in 1954, 1955, and 1959, Dick led the Long Walk for two years and was again head of the nature program (except in 1959 when he served under Dave Ryder). “He took good care of me and was no doubt a big influence in my interest in natural history,” wrote Dick Beyer. Later in life, Dick Thorington started a family with his wife Caroline and became the curator of the Division of Mammals in the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History. “His legacy continues to this day in both the natural history program and one aging counsellor who learned much about the principled role we must take at Pasquaney,” wrote Bob Bulkeley. (some information from Harvard Magazine)

Eben “Ben” Breed died on October 11, 2003. Ben was a camper from 1952-53. His second summer he played third base for the undefeated junior team, Johnny Harris’s Hornets, and took on the role of Hunter in the musical Treasure Island by Jim Eiler and Jeanne Bargy. Ben spent most of his life in Garden City, NY, and he had five children: Eben III, Billie Jo, Christopher, James, and Kelly. (some information from Newday)

William “Bill” Warfel died on May 28, 2017. Bill spent his childhood in New England before his family moved to the Philippines after WWII. Bill was a counsellor from 1952-54, and he was presumably introduced to Pasquaney by one of the many Pasquaney alumni who would have been Bill’s classmate at Yale College. Alongside Pop Watson, Bill directed many Pasquaney plays. Bill studied theater at Yale, where he met his wife, Phyllis. The couple married the day after graduation. Bill went on to teach theater at Dartmouth College before becoming a technical advisor for Century Lighting, where he designed lighting and special effects for the Unisphere (a large stainless-steel globe in Flushing, NY) and for shows at the New York World’s Fair in 1964 and 1965. Bill went on to teach at the Yale School of Drama, becoming the Chairman of the Design Department. “Bill was an important mentor to me as a camper and a good friend,” wrote Dave Hughes. “It was he who dubbed me ‘Hewes-baybe!’ with a Tarzan-like bellow you could hear on the ball field. Learning stage craft from ‘the Warf’ in the upbeat, can-do environment that he provided was an invaluable experience for me as a theater counsellor. He was, indeed, a significant person in theater and a valuable educator at Pasquaney!” (some information from The New Haven Register)

Brooke Hopkins died on July 31, 2013. As a camper from 1954-56, Brooke had a passion for the theater, taking part in a play every summer. His roles include Snug in the 1954 Glade Play, A Midsummer Night’s Dream; Robert Crosby in the 1955 Theater Play, At Yale; and Joe Harper in the 1956 Glade Play Tom Sawyer’s Morning. His final summer at camp, Brooke was also captain of the winning Junior Boat and he went on the Long Walk. Brooke went on to earn his PhD in English from Harvard University. He later became a professor at the University of Utah, where he met his wife, Peggy. Brooke had a long and distinguished career as a University of Utah professor. He became the English department chair and launched a university-wide writing program. During the last four years of his life, after becoming quadriplegic from a bike accident, Brook taught English from his home to mostly retired professionals. Brooke and Peggy kept a blog on facing quadriplegia: brookeandpeggy.blogspot.com. (some information from The New York Times)
Post-expeditions Bonfire: Hugh Lynch and Chase Carmody (by Matt Woolverton)

A Senior Canoe Tilt: (left to right) Mark Kirby, Hunter McGuire, Carlos Getzelman, and Jack Riggs (by Kristen Sycamore)

The 2017 Turk

Hosted by the Bijoux: (left to right) Stew Brown, Jack Reigeluth, Lance Klingler, Dan Holton, John Rutledge, Aidan Arnold, Wesley Richardson, Simon Petersen, Jonah Klingler, Emmett and Henry Brown, Brooks and Jimmy Tomb, Lola Brown, Hunter Harris, Charlie Sims, Johannah and Simon Brown, Mark Sims, Olivier Bi...
The Woodpecker's Winning Skit: John Rutledge, Fin Zakas, Taylor West, Jet Easterly, Hugh Lynch, and John Chiosi (by Matt Woolverton)

The 3rd Boat Race: Henry Ndayisaba and Kent Hawker (by Matt Woolverton)

Turkey Bowl
Simon Petersen, Stone Harris, Max Reuter, Jake Holton, Mr. Vinnie, Matthew Longo, Tiago Leite, Peter Ryder, Malcolm Klingler, Ollie Longo, Matt Harris, Mark Sims, Olivier Bijoux, Marco Leite, Henry, Sadie, and Robbie Southall, Lilia Klingler, Emma Tomb, Audrey Harris, and Elizabeth Sims (by Kathleen Sims)
When Simon Peterson was taking a tour of the Naval Academy in Annapolis, he was taken aback when he saw alumnus Simon Chuang in a class that he was visiting.

The 2017 Work Weekend: (back row) George Reigeluth, Peter Ryder, Kevin Cattrell, Joe Dillingham, Chris Cadwell, Conor McNierney, Alex Newell, Steve Hibbard, Peter Gregg, Felicien Leterrier, Andrew Day, Robbie Caruso, John FitzPatrick, Mike Filbey, (front) Mr. Vinnie, Doug Camp, James Gregg, Bob Thompson, and Bob Bulkeley. (by Jack Reigeluth) Not in photo: Liam Regan-Casey, Bartolo Governanti, Mike Grant, Jake Holton, Jack Reigeluth, Jon Sycamore

Join us for the Alumni Work Weekend
June 1-3, 2018 (RSVP to jreigeluth@pasquaney.org)
Pasquaney Open House Schedule

Help Pasquaney connect with future campers by attending an Open House with Mr. Vinnie. We still have a few open spots for the 2018 season and are eager to meet families for 2019 and beyond!

- The Finn Family
  Monday, January 22 from 7:00-8:30

- The Fisher Family
  Tuesday, January 23 from 7:00-8:30

- The Leite/Kellett Family
  Wednesday, January 24 from 7:00-8:30

- The Swenson Family
  Saturday, January 27 from 2:00-3:30

- The Kuo Family
  Sunday, January 28 from 12:00-1:30

- The Denious Family
  Monday, January 29 from 7:00-8:30

- The West Family
  Tuesday, January 30 from 7:00-8:30

- The Millspaugh Family
  Thursday, February 1 from 7:00-8:30

- The Bowles Family
  Sunday, February 4 from 2:00-3:30

- The Meredith Family
  Wednesday, February 7 from 7:00-8:30

For more information email jreigeluth@pasquaney.org.
And we still have a few more Open Houses to follow.
The Pasquaney Winter Office: After operating in the same location for 36 years, Pasquaney’s winter office has moved to the address above. Our old office at 5 S. State Street, Concord, NH, was sold to a developer who is turning it into residences. In moving we shed three truckloads of old files and feel much leaner in our new quarters.