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Mr. Gem-John and Mr. Vinnie leaving Tree Talk Ridge, on August 8, 1997, after the camp thanked Mr. Gem-John for his service as Director. (by Jon Allen)

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A Letter from Mr. Vinnie



Pasquaney

September 8, 2020

Dear Parents, Alumni, Campers, and Counsellors,

When he was passing me the baton as Pasquaney's Director in 1997, Mr. Gem-John cited this passage from "Lessons from the Geese" by Robert McNeish, a reading we have sent to new campers for almost thirty years with our letter of welcome: "When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and allows another goose to take the leadership position, where the drag is high."

On September 1, with great enthusiasm, I passed that lead position to Michael Hanrahan. As you read in Rob Denious's June letter announcing Pasquaney's sixth Director, Mike has a long history as a counsellor and Assistant Director, and he will already be known to many of you.

My hope was that, anticipating taking the lead in September, Michael would be able to observe and shadow me during the summer of 2020 and that our current boys, counsellors, and parents would also get to know him well. With the decision to make the season a mostly remote one, we lost those opportunities, though Mike and I spent a great deal of time this summer reviewing the camp season, our rituals, our continued stressing of tough-mindedness in the education of the boys, and my Director's Notebook of daily practices, many of which he already knew from prior years. Michael was also a huge help in organizing our season and addressing challenges that we had never before encountered.

Mike's 2018 talk to the Sigma Alpha, our organization of older boys and counsellors, contained in this *White Birch*, captures not only his eloquence but also his understanding of the education Pasquaney provides. I also encourage you to listen to his 2020 Chapel Talk, found on our website. As an advisor; as leader of the Sigma Alpha; as head of the Shop program; as a dorm counsellor; as COI advisor; and as Assistant Director guiding the growth of our Council, Mike inspired the boys and counsellors to be their best and to accomplish things they themselves might not have thought possible, in addition to initiating several thoughtful innovations to keep Pasquaney growing.

It is very reassuring to know that Pasquaney's pursuit of timeless values and its simple life in the woods will continue, with a deep team of senior leaders – Rich DeSalvo, Jack Reigeluth, Doug Camp, Townley Chisholm – and committed and talented dorm counsellors and campers backing Mike in his work, not to mention the wonderful and essential corps of alumni and parents.

From the start of my tenure, I have felt the steady support of this corps, and I remain tremendously grateful for it and excited for Mike to feel the lift and to hear the honking to "encourage those up front to keep up their momentum and speed."

In my first letter to the Council in February 1997, I said that the coming "summer will not be a summer to maintain Pasquaney but one to continue its growth." With the community of Director, campers, and counsellors taking shape, 2021 will be the same.

With best wishes and gratitude,

Mr. Vinnie



Mike Hanrahan and Mr. Vinnie before a 2020 Chapel Talk (by Matt Wolverton)

In Memory of Jim Marshall

by Mr. Vinnie



Jim Marshall, our Finance Manager, who operated mostly behind the scenes at his home and in our Concord office beginning in the fall of 2006, died suddenly of a heart attack in January. Jim was steady, friendly, positive, patient, and thoughtful. His license plate, which carried the letters UPBEAT, was well-chosen. Pasquaney was the first of a number of non-profits to hire Jim as he began a new venture as a free-lance financial manager. He also worked for the Circle Program and Mowglis. Jim brought us a long way in keeping up with new technological and accounting practices, and he was very patient dealing with requests and changes. I always enjoyed pulling my chair up to his desk to go through our budgets and plans, something that I would not expect to enjoy but that I always found reassuring, and he was really good at explaining things to me. Many, many were the times when I

turned to him to ask about some point of concern, and he would calmly explain to me what was happening. We have missed Jim deeply, especially during what has turned out to be the most complex budgeting year in Pasquaney history.

SAVE THE **NEW** DATES: AUGUST 19th-22nd

2021

PASQUANEY'S 125th* CELEBRATION

We remain optimistic that the 125th Celebration will proceed in 2021. We will make sure to keep you updated. To register for the 125th go to pasquaney.org/celebration125.

*** PLUS 1!**

Thoughtfulness, Consideration, and Kindness

A 2020 Chapel Talk by Mr. Vinnie

This summer the Chapel Talks were delivered in the Chapel, but then shown during a Zoom meeting with campers and counsellors so that there could be an exchange of ideas. Camper and counsellor thoughts from that Zoom meeting are included here.

We usually use the Parable of the Good Samaritan when we talk about thoughtfulness, consideration, and kindness. It is good to remember that the Samaritan at that time was considered an outcast by the Jews. So, this guy who came to the aid of the beaten man was not someone who was viewed favorably. His people were considered inferior.

Since the talk about the Freedom Summer that I gave last week, one of the oldest living organizers of the Freedom Summer has died, perhaps on the same day that I gave that talk: Congressman John Lewis. When John Lewis was a student in Nashville studying the ministry in the early 1960s, he was in his twenties, and he became a follower of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his philosophy of nonviolent resistance. And he protested the refusal of certain restaurants in Nashville to serve black people.

When recalling John Lewis on *The Daily* last Monday, the reporter Brent Staples said that “these students came in that restaurant and sat down and asked to be fed. When they were told they were not to be served because they were black, they stayed. They took a lot of abuse from it. People spat on them, beat them, battered them, and poured condiments over their heads. All kinds of things.”

Author David Halberstam was working at the *Nashville Tennessean* newspaper at the time, and he wrote that “the protest had been conducted with exceptional dignity, and gradually one image had come to prevail: that of elegant, courteous, young black people, holding to their Gandhian principles [of nonviolence], seeking the most elemental of rights, while being assaulted by young white hoodlums who beat them up, and on occasion extinguished cigarettes on their bodies.”

John Lewis and his fellow protestors were putting into practice the principle of returning to no man evil for evil. He said, “One method of practicing this approach when faced with a hateful, aggressive, angry person is to imagine that person as an infant, as a baby. If you can see this full-grown attacker who faces you as a pure innocent child that he or she once was, it is not hard to find compassion in your heart. But then it wasn’t just a tactic, it was a way of life. It was embracing the biblical prescription that one must

love one’s enemies. And it is the hardest thing in the world to carry out.”

But John Lewis worked hard to carry it out and to teach others to do the same.

The Good Samaritan in this parable is on a journey. In both cases, the Samaritan and Lewis chose to sustain another rather than to harm him. When the protestors were being harmed, they chose to raise the other people by showing them what their best could be. Rich DeSalvo introduced me to the Confucian saying that the man of Ren is one who in desiring to sustain himself sustains others and in desiring to develop himself develops others. John Lewis’s approach was treating somebody with kindness who tried to do him harm, sustaining someone who wronged him, serving people who refused to serve him.

My talk today is about kindness, thoughtfulness, and consideration, even in the face of harm. I always like to have us think about times when someone else did something kind for us. When I make a list for myself, the times I remember most strikingly are the times that I felt the most vulnerable and alone. Those times stand out. The Samaritan is alone on a journey. The traveler who was beaten is alone. This was an opportunity for kindness, for helping other people.

Other people also saw an opportunity for meanness because somebody had been weakened. When people are alone and vulnerable, we can step in, we can step up. The thief, the people in the restaurant who ganged up on other people, did not rise to their best.

When people choose to attack another person, they might call people names; they might ostracize; they might circulate gossip. There is a long list of ways in which people can attack others in addition to the physical.

Mr. Vinnie: Why do you think they do it?

Jackson: To get a feeling of security. People feel unsure of themselves. They feel insecure, and so they attack to try to make themselves feel more secure.

Olivier: They may feel as though they are powerless. They think that by attacking somebody else they will feel their own power.

Rabbit: Sometimes they will do it in front of their friends because they think it will give them more social stature.

Mike: Sometimes people attack because they fear someone who is different.

Pip: They may not realize the harm that they are actually doing to someone.



Will: To make themselves feel better.

Mike: They are scared to go against something that their friends are doing.

Mr. Vinnie: In almost any case that we come up with it is a sign of insecurity. We talk about the pecking order in the chicken yard, in which one chicken gets it from everybody because she is at the bottom of the social rank.

When we fear attack, it keeps us from being our best and from producing what we could. I always talk about the example of a bird that is feeding on the ground. Instead of purposely looking for worms and other things to eat, it is always looking up and around and then going back to its work and interrupting that work again to look around. When we fear attack, we cannot be fully on task. Edmund Burke said, “No passion so effectually robs the mind of all of its powers of acting and reasoning as fear.”

All people have times when they are fearful and in need of support. It is in this sort of service that we can protect each other. It is one of the things that we try to create in our community here: that safety, that feeling of protection. If we know that people will defend us and be respectful of us, we can go after the accomplishments that we are eager to go after.

When I was teaching European history, I started noticing the pattern that when there was a dark age, that when people feared for their safety, they built walls. Trade stopped. Ideas and goods were not exchanged from one place to another, one country to another, one town to another. Progress stopped.

Countries and leaders will attack others and look to see what the poll numbers do. The more insecure they feel, the more they look for scapegoats to their problems. If somebody is about to lose an election, they attack and go after the other people. They are cowed by fear or favor

of the crowd as Hymn 519 says. Adolf Hitler, under the guise of traditional German values, made political gains by attacking other people.

Communities like Hitler’s are built on exclusion. Communities like ours are built on inclusion, on respect for the individual. Beware the person, beware the political leader, or the person down the street, who picks on somebody at the bottom of “the social ladder,” people who are trying to gain traction in our community, people who are trying to become citizens. We have been issuing this warning for decades.

Beware of the person who says that I alone have the truth: my religion, my political party, my race. Because in that kind of thinking are the seeds of genocide and persecution. They are the seeds of division because once we start to cut out one group, there are going to be divisions in every different group and ranking. That is why it is particularly important that we not even start.

Mr. Vinnie: So how can we respond when people are mean. It will happen, and it is very important for us to be prepared when it does happen. How can we respond and still be true to the values that we have at Pasquaney?

Henry: One thing that helps is recognizing that it comes from a place of insecurity. When we see someone attacking, if we recognize that this is insecurity that they are showing that helps us to respond.

Olivier: You can walk to where that person is and lead them to where you are standing without calling them a dummy, trying to make it an effort for understanding.

Pip: Thinking about if I were to trade places with the person and have the same upbringing and environment then I might be behaving in the same way.

Townley: As a bystander it is important that we risk speaking up and that can be hard to do sometimes because we don’t know

how other people will respond.

Wesley: *It is important to reach out to victims, to let them know that there are other people out there who stand by them.*

Rich: *It is important that we not allow others to get away with picking on others. We need to think about who our real friends are. Are they in this group that is picking on me? We need to seek out people who bring out our best and are supportive of our efforts.*

Will: *Treat them with kindness.*

Mr. Vinnie: *And it is disarming if we treat someone with meanness and they treat us with kindness.*

Mike: *Speak up and don't be a bystander.*

Mr. Vinnie: *The silence will be seen as acquiescence. It will be seen as approval for that abuse. Think about "Stop and think." If I were the person in the ditch, the person being picked on, how would I want to be treated?*

Count to ten.

Think of our own faults. We all make mistakes.

Think about how we should respond. What is our best?

Volunteer for service of some kind. Having this habit of kindness in the little things makes us more likely to be kind in the big things. Take responsibility the way the Samaritan does. Speak up. That's the glue that holds a society together. And Lord knows, we want the society to hold together.

"Return to no man evil for evil. If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat." This speaks to what Will was saying. If he is thirsty give him water to drink. If he is saying mean things about you, say good things about him. Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.

One of the ways that we support one another, that we put courage into each other, that we give each other strength is through acts of kindness just as the Samaritan did. Let's think about how we can show kindness to others: Listen to somebody who might need a good ear. Practice forgiveness. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Hate the sin but love the sinner. CS Lewis said at one point, that he could not see how you could hate the sin but love the person who committed the sin until he realized that he had been doing this to one person all of his life and that was himself. He might make a mistake, but he would not stop loving himself. He would work harder to correct that mistake because he did not think that it was up to his best. Hate the sin but love the sinner.

Stop and think of ways that we can be of service. Sow that thought and reap an act of kindness from it. Sow that act of kindness and reap a habit. Sow the habit, reap a character. Sow a character, reap a destiny. These acts of kindness give us hope. They make us feel included. They make us feel safe to pursue our dreams. They make us feel a part of the vine. We often traditionally quote Sir Philip Sidney here because when he was dying on a battlefield a foot soldier was brought in, and Sir Philip Sidney refused the water offered to him and said, "Give it to that foot soldier because his need is greater than mine." His need is greater than mine.

How fulfilling our lives will be if we are all Samaritans, if we are all like John Lewis, if we create a community where we all can thrive. Let us remember the Henry James quotation. "Three things in human life are important: The first is to be kind, the second is to be kind, and the third is to be kind." □



Pasquaney Leadership

Amended from a talk given to older boys and counsellors by Mike Hanrahan in 2018



Mr Vinnie, Mike Hanrahan, Jordy Gowen, Tyler Brown, Kyle Donovan, and Chris Watson singing the camp song during the final campfire of 2011

We were sitting in the Carter Notch hut, just the five counsellors with the twenty-five boys of the 2005 Long Walk filling up water bottles and talking outside. It had been overcast all day, and what little views we could have captured on our Wednesday hike over the Carters had been obscured by clouds. The weather had cleared enough to see, on our way down to the hut, that we would be climbing to nearly the same elevation on the Wildcats for the remaining half of our hike. But I wasn't sure I could make it up the Wildcats. I had never been on the Long Walk before, and despite being in my late twenties I was the slowest person on the hike. And, more importantly, my mental toughness was failing. I was exhausted, my ankle was killing me, every bit of self-doubt I'd ever had was screaming at me that I was done, and I was inclined to agree. Andrew Riely, the leader of the 2005 Walk, could see all of that, which was why he'd called the council-only meeting in the hut. We were sitting silently at the table when he finally spoke up and said, "Mike, what are you going to do? Keep going, or turn back?"

That was fourteen years ago.

We often hear talks about bringing Pasquaney home with us, and we hear from alumni what it has meant in their lives. Pasquaney has meant more to me than any institution in my life. I've heard so many people say that before, but I always had questions. I could see how what we learn here would be valuable in someone's family. I could see how having great friends would be an asset no matter how old you are. And, I could see how, if you went into teaching, or something very mission-driven, that you would be in a community like this one, so, naturally, what makes you successful here would make you successful there.

But, what about the private sector? What if you didn't want to work in education or a mission-driven non-profit? Could you earn money bringing "to have a friend, be one" to the Fortune 500? Would it make you successful there, or would you have to hide those values and conform? There were so many alumni I knew who were great people and worked at big companies, but I wasn't sure if they were the

exception to the rule.

My job at Gartner gives me a definitive perspective on those questions. Every day I talk to global talent officers—people whose job it was to help identify and train future business leaders, to help drive culture, to recruit great talent into companies, to create processes that drive equity and reward inclusion. And nearly every day, I heard the same thing: We are desperate for the kind of leaders that are fostered at Pasquaney.

Of course, they didn't exactly say it like that. They use a lot of corporate jargon that hides the simplicity we use here. So, let me present you with a few corporate buzz words and their Pasquaney equivalent so you can start to see the connection:

Number one: Matrixed Leadership. This is a great one. When your parents ask you what you learned at camp, tell them you became great at matrixed management. Here's what that means on the hillside: Can you lead people you don't have control over but can only influence? Think of a Dana inspection: No one's really in charge. You have to lead through listening, influencing, not by saying, "You work for me, so you have to do this now or I'll fire you." Believe it or not, big corporations are starting to look much more like a Dana Inspection than they have in the past. Leaders who grew up in a world where they could tell everyone what to do are now having to partner with people they don't control—and, I'm not kidding, this new world is a CRISIS for them. Because they never learned how to run a Dana Inspection, they don't have any influencing skills necessary to lead a team they don't control.

Jargon term #2:
Crowdsourced
Leadership.



Chris Cadwell, James Gregg, Andrew Riehy, Mike Hanrahan, and Jimmy Hooker on the 2005 Long Walk

If you think this term sounds like a lot of older people using internet terms to describe a thing that isn't much like the internet, you are correct. A Pasquaney example of Crowdsourced Leadership is what Mr. Vinnie does at Chapel all the time: ask people what they think, earnestly listen to them, and learn from them. It is a rare form of leadership because you have to put your own ego aside and believe others around you—no matter what their age or what they look like—have wisdom you can use. Mr. Vinnie is the single greatest example of this that I know; he is always interested in becoming a better leader or solving a problem by asking for wisdom from others. From being here, many of you have already picked up this trait as a habit without even thinking about it.

Jargon Term #3: Continuous Improvement Culture. There are entire teams, curricula, whitepapers, and books dedicated to this topic. Continuous Improvement Culture. We don't have a word for this



The 2005 Long Walk on Mt. Lafayette: (from left to right) Ben Cheney, Will Newell, Sam Potter, Matthew Hill, Nat Proctor, Casey Dean, Josh Bertsche, Gus Harwood, Alex Burns, Alex Castro, Charlie Phelps, Vikram Saini, Billy Easton, Robbie Stone, Walt Suskind, Peter Locke, John Levering, Mike Morris, Lyons George, Chuck Platt, Chris Cadwell, Brian Young, Gordon Matthewson, Jimmy Hooker, Jack Hooker, Blake Rice, Nick Sekula, James Gregg, and Mike Hanrahan



Rich DeSalvo, Mike Hanrahan, and Will Kryder in 2008

at Pasquaney, but I think our sayings, “Have a seeing eye,” and “If the details are right, the performance will work,” come close. It means caring about something so much that you are always looking for ways to make it better. I can’t think of any place that has a more deeply ingrained sense of continuous improvement than Pasquaney. Every summer people here are looking to make little changes to some small thing that, honestly, a reasonable person would not care about. But we care. Should the First Walk gather at the tetherball post or by the kitchen when the bugle blows? I once argued about that with someone for two hours. It used to bother me when alums would constantly ask me why we were doing something differently until I realized it’s because they care so deeply about things getting better that they want to know why you’ve switched the order of clothing on your shelf from shirts, shorts, fleece to shorts, fleece, shirts for Inspection. Improving camp is so deep a part of me, that, twenty years later, I really want to know why and how you’ve changed it. I can’t emphasize how much this quality

will distinguish you in the workplace someday. It is very, very rare to have sown so many acts that this becomes a habit. And all of you have it.

Jargon #4: Navigating the Intergenerational Workforce. In English, that means working with people who are older and younger than you. You might find this hard to believe, but a giant portion of the workforce is still struggling to understand Millennials, and they are completely terrified of all of you in Gen Z because there’s very little data on how you behave in the workplace. People are commissioning whole studies on you now and spending millions of dollars on them. Having been here, having been in real discussions with older counsellors or younger campers, you’ve all learned that you can build meaningful relationships with people who are decades off from you in age. I completely took that for granted, but believe me, in the workforce that is one of the greatest competitive advantages you will have. I turn forty-two in June, and everyone my age can’t believe I get along with people who aren’t also in their forties.

I could go on and on, but here’s the point: what has made you successful at camp, what has made you happy here is desperately needed in all parts of the world today, even where you might not suspect it in big companies. That is especially important for you to know if you think you are too different to ever be an executive. If your family doesn’t have a lot of money, if you’re a person of color, if you live outside the United States—all of those differences don’t change anything about the qualities of leadership you’ve acquired here and which the world is so desperate for.

I was at a meeting two months ago with some of the

Left: Mike Hanrahan and Bob Bulkeley in 2006
Right: Mike Hanrahan at a Tree Talk in 2007



most progressive thinkers in corporate talent, and one of them asked the room about innovative ways of training their C-level executives—the very top dozen or so people in a company. One person raised their hand and said they had mind-blowing results by, wait for it ... taking their executive team camping for a week. Because the outdoors enabled their true selves to come out, they could work on their communication skills.

By that measure, many of you have had more executive level training than most sitting CEOs. Don't ever forget that.

I tell you all of this because, for many of you, it is easy to hear a different message when you go home. You won't see "To have a friend, be one" on your college application. For you counsellors, you won't see "Stop and Think" on job applications. And, that's scary. My favorite poet is named Hafiz, and he was a Sufi mystic who lived in 14th century Iran. Here's what he said about fear:

"Fear is the cheapest room in the house. I would like to see you living in better conditions, for your mother and my mother were friends . . . Your heart and my heart are very, very old friends."

When the world confronts you with fear of what you have learned here, don't choose to live in the cheapest room in the house. Keep your spirit here, in these riches.

Back on the 2005 Long Walk, sitting in the Carter Notch Hut, my mind was stuck in the cheapest room in the house.

Andrew's question, "What are you going to do, Mike? Turn back or keep going?" The question hung in the air for a moment, and I thought of all the boys on the hike, how much I cared about them finishing this walk and how much I wanted to finish it myself—and I thought about my friend, James Gregg, who is also a Millennial and should



Dave Ryder and Mike Hanrahan on the new Shop porch in 2008

not actually be my friend, I guess—I thought about James, and how he had been quietly watching over me all week, hiking next to me, telling me stories, making me laugh, encouraging me to compose the Long Walk song to Bon Jovi's "Livin' on a Prayer"—and I knew he would be there to help me. So, I said, "Let's keep going."

It's time for you to keep going. You have a little over a week to change the lives of the people around you in small ways you will likely never know about. A little over a week to sow acts. I beg you to seize those moments. Trust they will serve you later. Trust that the happiness by indirection they generate will nurture the deepest part of your spirit.

Lastly, let me say something you don't hear often enough: Thank you. Thank you for choosing to come here this summer. Thank you for leading by example for the next generation. Thank you for caring for this place I love so deeply. □



On Happiness

A 2007 Tree Talk by Mike Hanrahan



Mike Hanrahan giving a Tree Talk in 2013

In less than 48 hours, the Pasquaney season will end. What then begins?

Real clothes? Riding in cars? Talking on a cell phone? Going online? Listening to whatever music you want? Watching TV or playing video games?

You have lived without those things for seven weeks. Ask yourself, has their absence made you happy or unhappy?

Think about your life beginning Sunday afternoon. Everyday you will have to decide what to put on, how you will get around, who you need to call or text, what you

will listen to, what show you will watch or what game you will play.

In comparison to your life at Pasquaney, I think it is fair to observe that life at home has more choices. Your life here has more simplicity. In the morning you basically have to decide, Tank top or sleeves? Simple. Has that simplicity made you happy or unhappy?

Perhaps we could better answer these questions if we had a common understanding of what happiness is. How do you define happiness? At first this seems a very simple question. Everybody's been happy at some point, we all know how that feels.

Maybe happiness is a feeling, the opposite of sadness, which is also a feeling. Anger is a feeling, hunger is a feeling, excitement is a feeling, sleepiness is a feeling.

Yet happiness is somehow different from these things because it is something we seek. Most feelings just happen to us whether we like it or not; you hike around, you don't want to get tired, but you do. We don't seek after feelings the way we seek after happiness.

So happiness appears to be something we are looking for, but though we may feel it, it is not exactly a feeling.

Many people believe that happiness comes from possession, that it comes from having things; therefore, the more things you have and the better those things are, the happier you will be. So our pursuit of happiness becomes a pursuit of things. That's why many people think they are in school: you go to school and get good grades so you can get into a good college; you go to a good college so you can get a good job; you get a good job so you get paid well; you get paid well so you can possess the best things, and a lot of them, and finally be happy just before you die. The people with the giant house, the amazing cars and yachts, and a new suit for every day of the year, man, they must be happy.

Yet something seems to be wrong with this definition as well. We have few possessions at Pasquaney, and many of them would not qualify as luxurious beyond the hillside. Dana is no Beverly Hills mansion. Stanwood doesn't even have four walls. If you've driven in the Blue Whale [whale



Ned, Aimee, Addie, and Mike on Mt. Dickey in 2018

is camp lingo for a van], you know it doesn't have an FM radio, and in the White Whale the gas gauge is more of a

suggestion than an actual measurement. Not exactly top of the line.

And yet we have experienced happiness here.

A third definition that many people base their lives on is that happiness equals pleasure. When you eat good food it is pleasing, when you relax into a comfortable chair it is pleasing, when you hear a good song it is pleasing, when you play a good video game it is exciting and that excitement is pleasing. So, the pursuit of happiness becomes a pursuit of pleasure and something we seek immediately, everywhere, and seek in large quantities. Another way of looking at it is that happiness becomes the absence of any inconvenience, suffering, or pain. If something is difficult or slow, it is to be avoided because it won't yield any pleasure so why bother? Taken to the extreme, the happiest person on earth would be relaxing on a La-Z boy, getting a foot massage, eating a double cheeseburger with one hand, playing Halo with the other, listening to a constant mix of tunes and being fed Airhead Extremes intravenously.



Left: Saeed Shomali and Mike Hanrahan weighing down a lathe in 2007



Tim Jenkins, Mike Hanrahan, and Nicky Longo in 2013

Pleasure, however, doesn't last. It is like a small candle that burns out quickly leaving the room dark again. Pleasure is a short-term phenomenon; it is here and gone.

Happiness is something deeper. Something you are truly happy about today will bring you happiness years from now. Think of the Long Walk or a long hike you completed during your expedition this summer. At the time it might not have felt that pleasurable to be grunting up a mountain. But the feeling at the top or at the bus, there is happiness there. If you search your heart you can still sense some of that happiness now – it might have lessened, but it has not vanished. Happiness is not the beautiful flowers that bloom in the spring and die in the winter; it is something deeper in the nurturing earth itself.

Perhaps happiness is popularity. If you can get everyone

to like you, then you can feel good about yourself and be happy. If everyone didn't like you then you would be sad, not happy, right? So happiness becomes a pursuit of trying to please others and gain their approbation, placing the source of our happiness in other people's hands. However, this idea seems impossible. We can't make everyone like us all the time nor would we want to. If Mr. Vinnie told me he would like me more if I stole Dooger's Mary Lamb and I did it, I might get a raise, but I wouldn't be happy. Sorry, Vin.

One last thing people often mistake happiness for is power. "If I am in charge," they say, "if I am giving the orders, if I could have everything my way and under my control, if those people would just listen to me, I would be happy." But is that really the case?

This summer what were you really in charge of? Whether new boy, sixteen-year-old, counsellor, or Director – could you control other people? I think inspection results tell us otherwise. If Mr. Vinnie could control all of us there would be no need for inspection. What then were we in charge of, other than ourselves, our thoughts, and our actions? Each of us has influence, but none of us has power over others.

And yet we have experienced happiness here.

So if happiness is not a feeling, does not derive from possession, is not the product of pleasure, is not generated by popularity, and has no basis in power, what then is it?

I am convinced that if Aristotle were alive today, he would send his sons to Pasquaney to learn about happiness, which he defined as, "Activity of the soul in accordance with virtue throughout a complete life." I would suggest

Below: Sam Denious as Mike in 2012, Mike Hanrahan and Ian Munsick in 2011, Wesley Sulloway as Mike in 2011, and Jake Murphy



you have experienced that type of activity this summer, and that it is the source of the deeper happiness you feel now as the season closes.

We have been trying to view people based on what they do and how they treat others, not by the clothes they wear or how much wealth they have. We have been moderate, avoiding excess in any one thing, except perhaps sugar during the sixteen-year-old breakfast. We have been living an active, not sedentary life, swimming, diving, rowing, paddling, sailing, hitting, serving, building, exploring, sweeping, washing, weeding, waxing, and on. We have been courageous in trying new things, taking on challenging hikes or a daring role on stage. We have been practicing wisdom in the exercise of good judgment, stopping and thinking before acting. We have been honest and trusting with one another and ourselves, leaving what we have unlocked and open. We have made loyal friends by being friendly and loyal. We have been happy.

Yet what has made us happy here can be easy to forget starting Sunday afternoon. Happiness as feeling, possession, pleasure, popularity, or power is how many people live their whole lives, what they build businesses on and advertise in your face twenty-four hours a day. How do you stand a chance against such distracting odds? How can you remember something so simple, that the active life is the one most happy, when everywhere you feel surrounded by confusion? The tide and current is against you.

Consider this image from C. S. Lewis:

Imagine a fleet of sailboats on a vast sea with no land

in sight. Those boats have three primary things to think about. First, each boat must keep itself in good shape or it will sink. Sails need to be trimmed, leaks patched, hulls waxed. In the same way, each of us is responsible for our individual selves; whether we tell the hard truth or lie, whether we put good food into our bodies or junk, whether we exercise or sit on the couch.

Second, each boat must coordinate with the other boats so they don't crash into each other. If one boat is struggling, the others come to its aid. In the same way, we are responsible for how we treat others; are we understanding and compassionate or judgmental and exclusive? Do we think of others first or ourselves?

Lastly, each boat must choose a course to follow and stick to it. Ask yourself, what is my life pointing toward? Where am I going? If I am seeking happiness as my goal, which definition am I really seeking? It need not be anything we talked about here, but I suggest you at least stop and think about the question.

Stop and think, if you have experienced happiness here, where did it really come from and where can it come from at home? There is opportunity everywhere; Pasquaney is no unique paradise, and our lives outside it are what we make of them. Remember the image of the boats on the ocean. Keep yourself shipshape, play nicely with the other boats, and most importantly, don't just drift in the direction the tide will take you. Choose your heading and stay on course.

Thank you.

as Adelaide Hanrahan and Ari Selzer as Aimee Wadson in 2012



Returning to Pasquaney

by Aimee Wadeson, Pasquaney's New Director of Finance and Administration



Aimee in the spring of 2020

On opening day of my first summer at Pasquaney, I helped a new boy gather all the uniform pieces that he needed in the Alumni House, made sure he labeled everything, and then sent him off to his dorm to put it all away. About an hour later he returned having misplaced everything I had given him. He was not able to answer any of my questions of where he might have put his stuff or even look directly at me. We did a second round of gathering items for him to take to his dorm. As he left I wondered how he would navigate the summer given his struggle to communicate and how hard it was for him to keep track of his gear. On the final day of camp at the end of chapel this same camper sought me out, looked me in the eye, shook my hand, and said, “Thank you for a nice summer. I look forward to seeing you next year.” He clearly had gained confidence and internalized not just the mechanics of the morning greeting with Mr. Vinnie and the COD but also the spirit behind it. That was a moment of seeing and understanding the power of Pasquaney, and I was 100% sold.

I first learned about Pasquaney from one of my best friends in high school, Owen Fink. What I did not realize at that time was that so much of what I love about Owen—his thoughtfulness, his seeing eye, his willingness to be the first volunteer—came from Pasquaney. Fast forward to the summer of 2000 when Owen invited Mike to join him for the summer working at Pasquaney. Mike came home that summer deeply impacted by his experience at camp and excited to return. As we settled into our early careers it soon became clear that Mike was committed to Pasquaney, so we decided to figure out a way for me to be a part of this recurring summer experience. I chose to leave my job teaching in a year-round therapeutic nursery program and searched for an administrative job in a school, and Mike was working as a fifth-grade teacher.

Mike and I arrived in New Hampshire a night or two before Council Camp was scheduled to begin. There was a handful of other counsellors who had also arrived early, and it was decided that we should have a cookout at the waterfront. A group headed off for provisions, others got the grill going, and it was a lovely early summer evening by the lake. When it was time to clean, up everyone all of sudden kicked into gear. It was like I was surrounded by lots of Owen Finks! In minutes, all the tasks were complete. That was my first moment understanding the impact of Pasquaney.

That first summer was wonderful for me. Mr. Vinnie was welcoming and inclusive. I worked in the camp store,

Below: Janet Reed, Meredith Funston, Aimee Wadeson, and Melinda Ryder in 2006, shucking corn on the back porch of Mem Hall



handed out uniforms, and tried to be generally helpful with small odd jobs. It was fun talking with the boys as they circulated through our table in Mem Hall, and I enjoyed getting to know the council, being introduced to the Watson Theater, and observing all the good that happens on the hillside. Dave and Melinda Ryder were on sabbatical and graciously offered to let us stay in the Woodlot. A couple of days after arriving in New Hampshire, I received a call from the small independent Pre-K to 8th grade school that I had attended as a student and was offered a job in the development office. The one drawback they mentioned when they called was that it was a 10-month position. It was perfect!

Our second summer together at Pasquaney, Mike and I settled into the Spaeth Cottage. It was wonderful to have Dave and Melinda as neighbors. Melinda helped me connect more with all the amazing women who surround the periphery of camp. Over the years I loved becoming part of this community of women and learning more about Pasquaney from their perspectives. It made me realize how fortunate I was to be welcomed at all the meals in Mem Hall (something that many of them had not experienced early in their Pasquaney lives). We enjoyed dinners, walks, book clubs, house tours, and so much more. When I had Addie and then Ned three years later, visiting these friends helped keep me sane during cold and rainy summer days when cabin fever hit.

I have spent 16 years working at the same school that offered me that job in 2004, and it's been amazing. I started as the Development Office Assistant and I left as the Assistant Director of Institutional Advancement. We were a small office, so I have worn many hats. I've run many events, redone the school's website several times, helped with annual and capital campaigns, managed a database migration, and worked on alumni relations. I attended many of our board meetings and served for a number of years on the Finance Committee. I loved collaborating with my co-workers and parent volunteers, connecting with alumni, and being surrounded by happy students. Leaving was not an easy decision, but it helps that our children are still students there. As much as I have loved it, I look forward to new challenges and developing new skills.

When the Search Committee presented the idea of my working for Pasquaney, I was both surprised and flattered. After a lot of thought and discussion with Mike,



Connor Murray, Scott Crevoiserat, Alden Cadwell, Addie Hanrahan, and Aimee Wadson in at a Sunday cookout 2009

we decided that it would be a leap of faith that we could take together. As I write this, we are well into our stay at home due to COVID-19. Mike and I are working from opposite corners of our family room and I have learned a few very important things:

1. Mike is a very loud talker on conference calls and noise cancelling headphones are a lifesaver.
2. I am more confident than ever to take on this new venture with Mike. With our complimentary skills we will be a strong team.

I am excited to bring my past experience as a Pasquaney wife, a young mother living at camp, and a current parent to an Onaway camper to current and future camp families and to bring a different perspective to the table. I believe my independent school experience, attention to detail, and familiarity with the challenges that small educational institutions face will be an asset to Pasquaney. As with any new job there will be a learning curve, but I look forward to the challenge. Over time I also hope to use my “seeing eye” and fresh perspective to support Pasquaney in continual improvement and growth.

Our last summer at Pasquaney our children were one and four years old. Since then, the hillside and New Hampshire became our destination for family vacations. Addie visited Camp Onaway each summer, counting down until she was old enough to attend. Ned still talks about the friends he's made on his annual Pasquaney tours. As a family we've loved exploring the state, hiking, skiing, sugaring, and spending time with our Pasquaney family. As Addie describes it, “New Hampshire is our happy place.” □

Nothing Rattles Us

How Camp Went Virtual Amidst The Pandemic

by Henry Anderson

When Mr. Vinnie handed in his two years' retirement notice to the Board of Trustees in 2018, he didn't expect his final season at Pasquaney to be canceled due to a world-wide pandemic. And he definitely didn't expect that camp, which has always prided itself in its campers' independence from technology, would be conducting an online program instead.



Mr. Vinnie delivering a Chapel Talk in 2020

"This has been a crazy year," said Mr. Vinnie, "I mean even before COVID, it was already one of the most challenging years that I've had."

2020 was slated to be a year of transition and celebration for Pasquaney. It was Mr. Vinnie's last year as Director and the first summer on the council since 2013 for incoming Director Mike Hanrahan. 2020 also saw the appointment of new Facilities Director Tim Curry, the appointment of Aimee Wadeson as the Director of Finance and Administration, and the development of several capital building projects. Pasquaney's 125th celebration — expected to draw over 600 attendees — was also planned for the end of the camp season.

What's more the winter of 2020 saw the death of long-time friend and accountant Jim Marshall, and his replacement by a team from AMS Accounting; the review of Paycheck Protection Program funding

Right: Mr. Vinnie & Mike Hanrahan in the Council Play

(which Pasquaney eventually declined); the formation of multiple budget scenarios; and collaboration among New Hampshire camps to help influence the New Hampshire Reopening Guidelines.

So when it became clear that risks of the pandemic would delay and eventually prevent a camp season from taking place, it gave Mr. Vinnie and his team one more enormous rolling pin to juggle. They hardly had time to mourn the loss of a season before shifting to designing something new. So Mr. Vinnie, Mike, and the rest of the council got to work, and the Pasquaney Remote Program was born.

Camp Through A Screen

According to Mr. Vinnie and Mike, the goal for the Remote Program was simply to provide a sense of connection for campers: what Mike dubbed, paraphrasing Sir Francis Bacon, "alleviating the suffocation of the heart."

"The principal [goals] were just letting guys feel the connection to each other and to the council," said Mr. Vinnie. "... A lot of it comes through humor, as it does at camp. A lot of it comes from learning things, as it does at camp."

After a series of council meetings, a vision for the program developed.

Every Wednesday the council would hold small-group discussions with returning campers, and old boys





Buckley Huffstetler's cold shower challenge video

could also drop in for Zoom Chapel Talks on Fridays. For new boys there were two opportunities to talk with counsellors and older campers, but otherwise, the month-long program was almost entirely asynchronous, accommodating campers of various schedules and time zones. Campers also were not charged any tuition, though early in the spring Pasquaney committed to paying counsellors their regular salaries regardless of how the season developed.

Each counsellor was responsible for producing activity videos that could be viewed at any time and would teach a short lesson that can be done at home, everything from practicing tennis to baking brownies. The council also produced three Tree Talks and several nail-biting obstacle-race videos featuring counsellors who were able to visit camp over the course of the summer. Counsellors Townley Chisholm, Pip Carr, and Samy Dilley created a sense of connection to the natural world, both at camp and around the globe, through a series of creative videos and Zoom discussions.

While campers missed the shared humor of skits and Watson Theater productions, they still got the opportunity to participate in and to watch the radio play *39 Steps* written by Joe Landry and directed by counsellors Nicholas Longo and Samy Dilley, which was rehearsed and performed over Zoom.

Counsellors Jack Anderson and Evan McClure also provided some levity with their two-part mini-series, *The Directors*, which tells the story of how Mr. Vinnie trained Mike to fill his position. Jack, who directed the series, has been producing videos about Pasquaney ever since

Right: Scottie and Jimmy Bocoock teach Pasquaney how to dance

he was a camper, and the remote program gave him the opportunity to lean into his video talents. *The Directors* was a huge hit, yielding ample praise from campers, parents, and alumni alike.

Six-year council veteran Matt Woolverton, who works in videography for Boston University Athletics, also lent his expertise, filming Chapel Talks, Tree Talks, obstacle races, and more.

With new boys, discussions were designed to introduce new campers to Pasquaney and its traditions without overwhelming them: short but sweet. In the first meeting, older boys led a virtual tour of camp via powerpoint that welcomed the new boys and stirred further conversation.

The Program in Practice

In their communications among the council, campers, and parents, Mr. Vinnie and Mike were quick to establish that the remote program was not intended to be a replacement for a regular Pasquaney season.

When given the choice between participating in the program and other obligations — especially those that get campers out of the house — Pasquaney encouraged them to be active. Perfect attendance was not the goal.

“I think it’s important that it was optional ...” said Mike. “We understood that for a lot of guys anything but being here and having a normal season was either too painful or not what they signed up for, so we created something flexible.”

For sixteen-year-old Roan Hopkins, the program took only a few hours of his week, but it quickly became an essential part of his routine.

“It would get me up in the morning,” he said. “... Sports were early, early in the morning, but I had a routine of going right back to sleep after I had my morning practice, and [the Remote Program] kind of got me to just get my





Ethan Connett showing us proper rowing technique

day going. I'd go to practice; I'd get home; I'd shower, and I'd be on Pasquaney."

Bo Turnage, another 16-year-old camper, said it better connected him to the camp community and provided a familiar boost.

"I felt, especially after the chapels, just kind of refreshed because ... when you're on the hillside, when you come back home after the seven weeks, you just feel kind of refreshed, like a little bit hopeful."

While managing the council over Zoom and email certainly posed a challenge for senior counsellors, Mr. Vinnie was impressed by how the council was able to work effectively despite their physical distance.

"I think it's Samuel Johnson who says, 'Often it's not learning something new that we need but to be reminded of something we already know,'" said Mr. Vinnie. "What I found was, once that schedule was established and we could use that as a framework, in many ways [leading the council online] was similar."

Jack Anderson said that the council still had its signature feeling of brotherhood and unified purpose, albeit in much smaller doses.

"I think the unfortunate reality of the summer was



that what we were doing didn't dictate the same level of camaraderie as a normal season does if we're all making individualized activities that don't require a large degree of cooperation," said Jack. "But at the same time, I did find myself calling camp people and seeing them on Zoom calls and having a blast talking to them. [The Pasquaney spirit] is sort of like an ember that's waiting for a bit of tender to catch and turn into a flame."

Counsellor Pip Carr, that rare breed of counsellor who had never spent a prior summer on the hillside and for whom the virtual summer was his first exposure to Pasquaney, nevertheless felt the spirit.

During the season he said to Mr. Vinnie, "I can feel a deep need being met by being a part of this group. It is so important that young people are still being inspired to show the world their best." At the end of the summer he wrote, "...how grateful I am for this period of time we've all had together, and what a shining highlight it has been for me. What an amazing team of men and boys we get to work with."



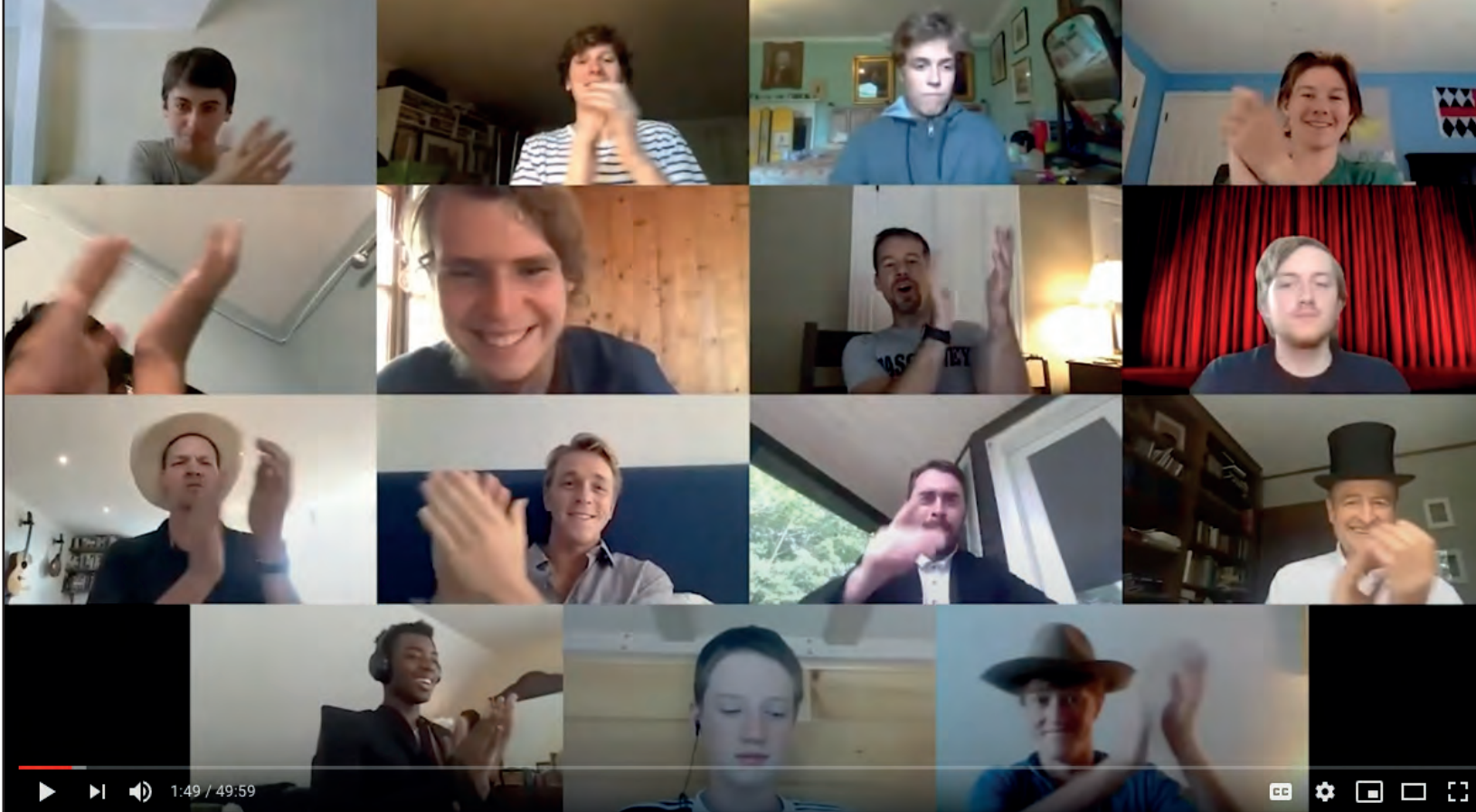
Mr. Vinnie reading "The Devil and Daniel Webster"

Preparing for 2021

After missing an in-person season, there is a great deal of planning underway to prepare the boys and counsellors for the 2021 season.

"My biggest disappointment in not having the summer ... is knowing how much growth we see in the boys in the course of one summer... [and] thinking that they weren't going to get to experience that this summer..." said Mr. Vinnie. "But there was some of that this summer, much more than I ever expected."

Left: Henry Anderson delivering a Tree Talk on racism



A scene from the 2020 Radio Play, The 39 Steps: Bennett O'Reilly, Nicky Longo, Lewis Murray Threipland, Henry Powell, Matthew Clark, Sam Dilley, Mike Hanrahan, Charlie Sims, Pip Carr, Peter Denious, Matt Woolverton, Mr. Vinnie, Olivier Bijoux, Curtis Conner, and Rabbit Barnes

Despite serving his first summer on the council during the remote program, Ballard Morton expects to still feel like a new counsellor in 2021. “I just think in Pasquaney’s history, the idea of the Council necessitates certain hallmarks of a season, and all those hallmarks are intrinsically connected with being on the hillside itself and seeing the boys in person,” Ballard said.

He will be a part of a very fresh team, given that camp welcomed ten new counsellors in 2020 and will be hiring several more for 2021.

A question remains as to what the camper body will look like in 2021. Because the traditional open house format where prospective families meet in person with the Director and other members of the Pasquaney community will not be possible in a world of social distancing, recruiting new campers will need to take on a new form. Mike and the Board are hard at work exploring how to best introduce new families to camp given the restrictions imposed by the pandemic.

Next summer will also include a 17-year-old program for boys who missed their final season at camp and all the opportunities that entails. It will consist of a council-led hiking trip and several days at Pasquaney where 17-year-olds will be celebrated with the lantern ceremony

traditionally held on the last evening of camp.

Both Bo and Roan said they would relish the opportunity to attend.

“In the few moments when my mom told me that camp wasn’t going to happen this year, I felt like it’s over, like there’s no more going back as a camper,” said Roan. “But knowing that there’s a chance that I can go back and do one trip with all the boys and then see camp in action would feel pretty great.”

After a resilient season online and much more work to do, Mr. Vinnie is grateful for the support of the larger Pasquaney community.

“The fact that we have been able to weather this thing so far — [though] we don’t know what the year ahead will bring — is a testament to the support we’ve gotten from our alumni, parents, and friends,” he said. “There are so many accomplishments to look back on and just being in touch with the guys who were eager to be in touch felt so good.”

Those accomplishments reaffirm the mantra Mr. Vinnie has long preached in his Chapel Talks and elsewhere. No matter the adversity — pandemic or otherwise — *nothing rattles us.* □

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FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Dear Friends,

On March 31, 2020, Pasquaney completed another fiscal year and closed the books on a very successful 2019-2020 Annual Fund. It did so in the midst of a global pandemic.

Despite the uncertainty facing us all, Pasquaney received a record-breaking \$330,000 in contributions to the Annual Fund. For this, and for the gifts received over the past year for scholarships, land protection, capital projects and the endowment, I thank our financial supporters.

I know I am not the only one who has been in touch with Pasquaney friends over the past several months. Vin Broderick has shared excerpts from various notes he received from parents, campers and alumni commenting on the strong hold that Pasquaney has had on our hearts and minds through this tumultuous period. As you likely have heard, Pasquaney did not have a camp season on the hillside this summer. That is a strange sentence to write, and a stranger one to contemplate. But Pasquaney will endure thanks to its firm financial foundation, the unwavering loyalty of its supporters, and the power of its mission. If there is one thing that social distancing has taught me, it is that Zoom meetings and virtual gatherings can be a poor substitute for the real thing. At Pasquaney we learned how fulfilling it can be to be part of a community whose members are present for each other and who work shoulder to shoulder toward a set of shared objectives.

We have much to be grateful for and to look forward to at Pasquaney. We had full camper enrollment and a talented Council ready to go this summer, and undoubtedly we will again next summer. We have a dedicated group of full time, year-round employees who take care of many things so that the summers can run smoothly. In August 2021, friends of Pasquaney will gather on the hillside to celebrate, a bit belatedly, Pasquaney's 125th anniversary. We hope to be able financially to take on a number of important projects to rebuild or renovate buildings on campus. And we are absolutely delighted that our new Director Michael Hanrahan and his wife, Aimee Wadeson, have agreed to answer the call to lead us forward.

My admiration for our retiring Director, Vin Broderick, dates from my camper days. It has been a great privilege to watch him guide and nurture Pasquaney, first as a counsellor and then as Director, to learn from him and to be his friend. He has worked joyfully and tirelessly, sometimes virtually 24/7 for weeks at a time, not only dealing with regular day-to-day matters but also officiating at weddings of Pasquaney alums, visiting with friends of Pasquaney, penning notes of encouragement or thanks to countless of us, and doing many other things that keep Pasquaney alive for us. He leaves Pasquaney stronger than he found it – which is saying something.

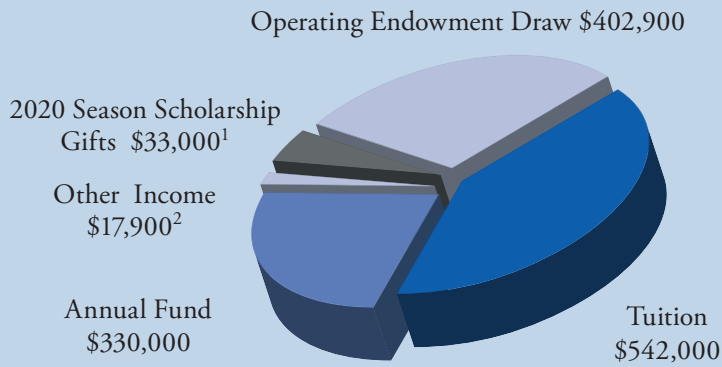
We hope you and your families stay safe, and we thank you for all that you do to keep Pasquaney strong.

With my warmest regards,

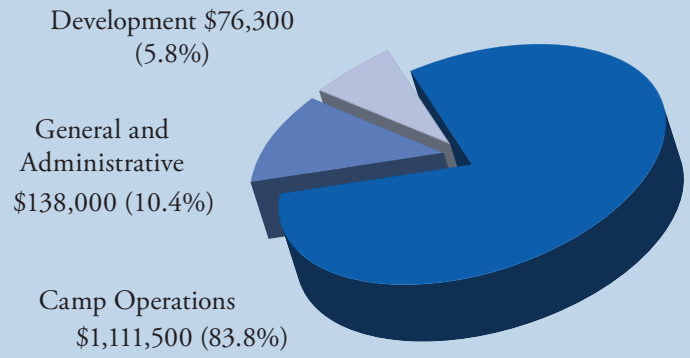


Robert D. Denious, President, Board of Trustees

This report is on Fiscal Year 2020, which runs from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.



Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Revenue \$1,325,800

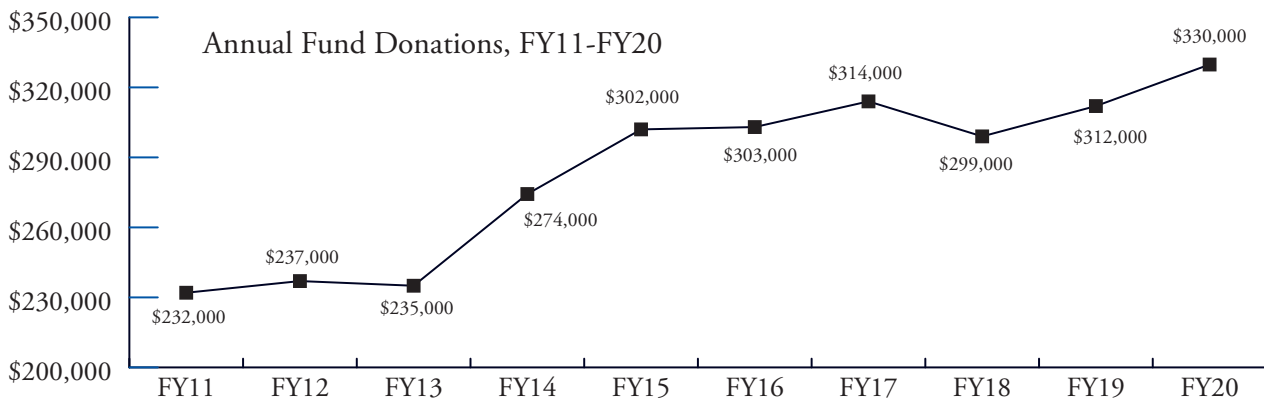


Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Expenses \$1,325,800³

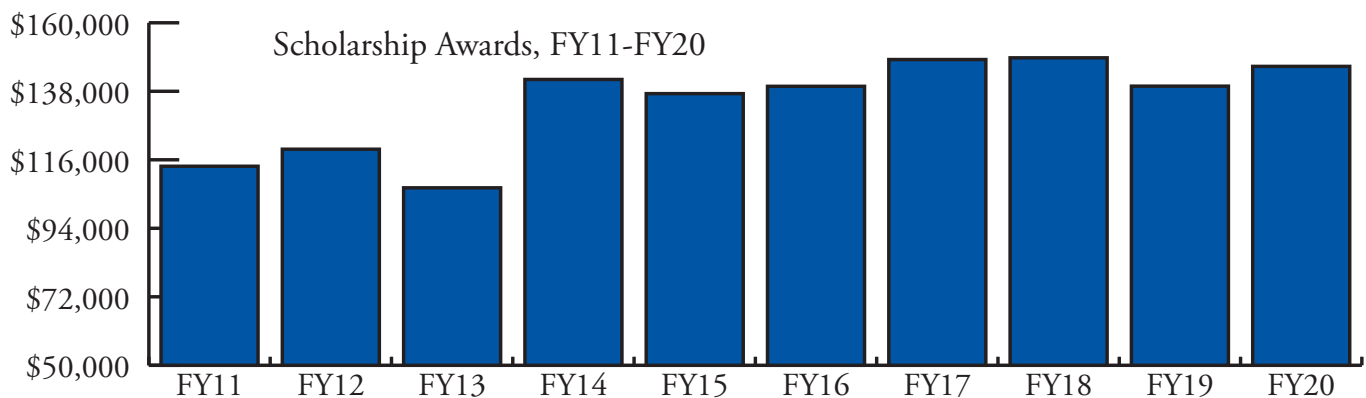
Gifts for capital projects (\$24,000), specific endowment funds (\$5,500), and an endowment draw (\$239,311) covered Pasquaney's Fiscal Year 2020 capital expenses (\$268,811)³.

We are grateful to report that the generosity of alumni, parents, and friends made up a large percentage of our revenue this year through Annual Fund gifts, scholarship gifts, and distributions from the endowment. Consistent with our commitment to use donated funds as effectively as possible and to keep Pasquaney affordable, we strive to operate efficiently and to ensure that the largest possible portion of our resources are applied to educating the boys. If you have any questions about Pasquaney's finances, please don't hesitate to contact us.

1. If donors agree, these gifts will help pay counsellor salaries in the 2020 season. Otherwise they will fund scholarships in the 2021 season.
2. Other Income consists of miscellaneous revenue such as sales at the camp store and advertising income from the Pasquaney Annual.
3. All expenses are categorized in consultation with Pasquaney's auditors on an annual basis.



Pasquaney relies heavily on the Annual Fund to supplement revenues from tuition and income from endowed funds. These unrestricted dollars are applied to the entire range of operating expenses, from staff salaries, to financial assistance for campers, to kerosene for our lanterns. Next year giving to the Annual Fund will close on **March 31, 2021**.



Annual Fund

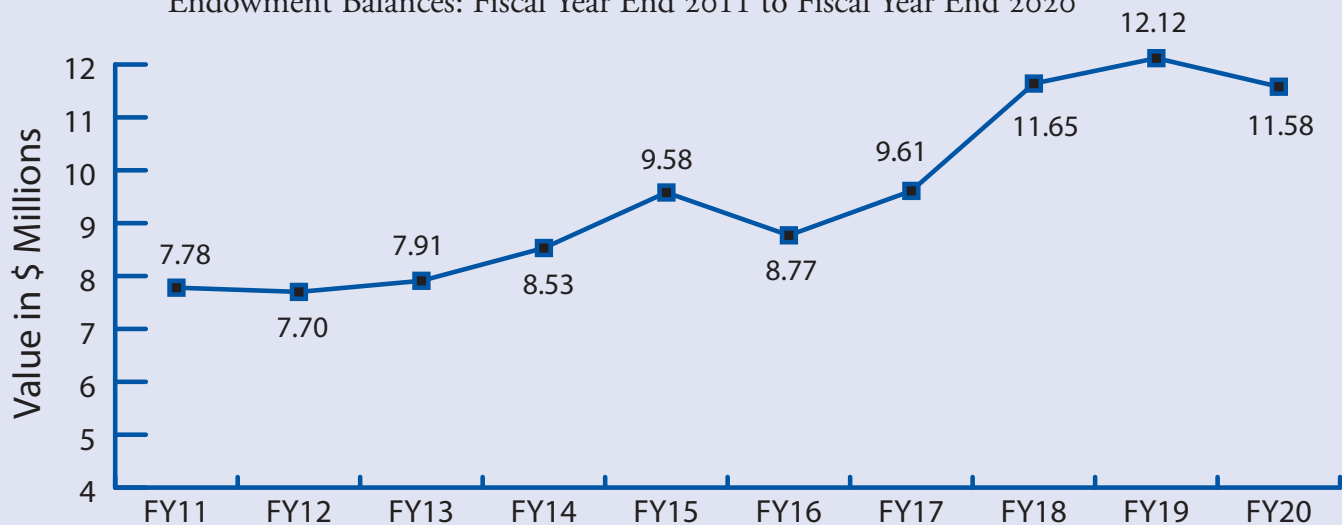
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Gifts to the Annual Fund are unrestricted and help bridge the gap between actual operating costs and tuition income received from families. We are grateful to the following, many of whom have consistently and faithfully supported this important annual appeal over the years.

The donor list only appears in the print edition.

Endowment Overview

Endowment Balances: Fiscal Year End 2011 to Fiscal Year End 2020



Pasquaney draws income from endowed funds that are managed by Brown Advisory, who are overseen by the Investment Committee of the Board. In order to ensure the continued growth of the endowment, the Board has established a spending guideline that is designed to limit withdrawals from endowed funds to 3.6% of its 13-quarter rolling average balance.

The endowment's 4.5% decline in FY20 was driven by the COVID induced market crash when equity indices fell by 19% to 30%. Our portfolio lost 16% in our last fiscal quarter. By June 30 the endowment was down 3% for the calendar year, and it had drawn back to even on the year by early August.

Figures above represent the approximate value of the endowment on the final day of our fiscal year, March 31st. The 13-quarter rolling average referred to above is the average of the endowment value at the end of the 13 most recent fiscal quarters.

Endowed Funds

Roughly 85% of Pasquaney's endowed funds are unrestricted. Funds restricted for scholarship account for approximately 10% of Pasquaney's endowed funds, and the balance is restricted for specific, non-scholarship uses. Memorial gifts are directed to the unrestricted general endowment unless otherwise specified by the donors. Named funds are established in collaboration with donors as requested.

Unrestricted Funds

General Endowment Fund \$6,106,297

This fund is entirely unrestricted and can be used for any purpose designated by the Board of Trustees.

The Leonard J. Sanford Trust, \$1,690,450

Leonard Sanford, known as Jim, was a camper for six years between 1921 and 1928. In his will he determined the creation of the trust, which followed his death in the 1990s. The first use of the trust is for funding the senior council chair and scholarships, but when those needs are met it may be used to support the general operations of the camp. The trust was managed by Jim's nephew, William (Bill) F. Sanford, Jr., until 2012.

Unrestricted Memorial Funds

The Frederic S. Bocock Memorial Fund, \$260,685

This unrestricted fund was created by friends and family of Freddie Bocock following his death in 2008.

The Gilbert B. Bovaird Memorial Fund, \$3,688

Gil Bovaird served Pasquaney for 52 consecutive summers from 1923 through 1974. Gil was a talented artist whose maps, Long Walk cartoons, paintings, and illustrations of camp continue to enrich our lives.

Unrestricted Memorial Funds (continued)

The Edgar M. Church Memorial Fund, \$6,628

Ted Church was a camper from 1920-23 and 1925-27; a counsellor in 1929, 1930, and 1934; and a trustee from 1954 through 1983. This fund was created in his memory at the time of his death.

The John K. Gemmill Memorial Fund, \$68,417

This fund was created after Mr. Gem-John's death in 1998 to endow a council chair in his memory.

The Decatur S. Higgins Memorial Fund, \$9,071

Dec was a camper from 1929 through 1933, a counsellor from 1935 through 1937, and a trustee from 1971 through 1980. He served as treasurer of the Board.

The Charles F. Stanwood Memorial Fund, \$37,777

This fund was created after Mr. Charlie's death in 1999 to endow a council chair in his memory.

Unrestricted Scholarship Funds

Scholarship gifts can be given to the scholarship fund for the current camp season, to the general scholarship fund in the endowment, or to a named scholarship fund. Unrestricted scholarship funds will be for scholarship unless Pasquaney faces other pressing needs.

The General Scholarship Fund, \$668,003

This fund is the repository of scholarship gifts designated for the endowment to be used for the specific purpose of providing scholarship assistance unless another pressing need arises.

The James H. Blessing Scholarship Fund, \$47,708

Jim Blessing was a camper and counsellor from 1939 through 1950. The income from gifts in his memory is designated to provide Pasquaney scholarships to graduates of the Mayhew Program.

The Vincent J. Broderick Scholarship Fund, \$250,500

This fund was established in 2019 by Paul Shiverick in honor of his longstanding friendship with Vinnie, dating to when they were first year campers in 1967, and in appreciation of his distinguished service to Pasquaney.

The G. Newell Hurd Scholarship Fund, \$25,474

This fund was created to honor the memory of Newell Hurd, a camper from 1904 through 1908. During that time he went on three Long Walks, acted in the Water Sports Play (there was only one at the time), and threw devastating curve balls.

The International Scholarship Fund, \$84,599

Started in 1997 by emeritus trustee Doug Reigeluth, this fund is intended to strengthen the geographical and cultural diversity of the camp community by enabling boys to attend Pasquaney from abroad. By creating strong international ties of friendship and cooperation within the microcosm of the hillside, we hope our alumni will spread that spirit to the global community.

The Owen and Nancy Lindsay Scholarship Fund, \$200,337

This fund was established in 1993 to honor Owen and Nancy upon the completion of Owen's 50th year as a trustee. Owen was a camper from 1918 through 1921 and served for many years thereafter as a counsellor and Assistant Director, becoming a trustee in 1943. Owen died during the Centennial Celebration. Income from this fund is first used to provide tuition for graduates of the Mayhew Program but is unrestricted if there are no scholarship needs in a given year.

The W.E. Kirk Phelps Scholarship Fund, \$30,699

This fund was established by an anonymous alumnus in 2007 to honor Kirk Phelps for his years of service to Pasquaney.

The Charles F. Stanwood Scholarship Fund, \$155,687

This fund was established in 1992 as part of the Second Century Campaign to honor Mr. Charlie for a career of service to Pasquaney. Mr. Charlie was a camper from 1921 through 1925, a counsellor from 1928 through 1939, and Director of Pasquaney from 1940 through 1974. This fund is to be used first for scholarship assistance but is unrestricted if there is not a scholarship need in a given year.

Restricted Scholarship Funds

The Restricted Scholarship Fund, \$80,758

This fund is the repository of scholarship gifts designated for the endowment for the sole purpose of providing scholarship assistance.

The Randolph G. Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund, \$138,745

Randy Brown was a camper and counsellor from 1964 through 1970. [As a camper he established a record for the half-mile swim that stood for four years.] Since his death his friends and family have contributed scholarship funds as well as a memorial cup that is awarded each year to a boy who is particularly helpful and spirited at the waterfront.

The Fremont-Smith Scholarship Fund, \$185,499

This fund was started by Goldman Sachs in 2010 at the direction of alumnus Matt Fremont-Smith.

The Gus and Robert Franklin Scholarship Fund, \$27,768

The Gus and Robert Franklin Fund was started in the 1990s with the goal of broadening Pasquaney's scholarship resources. This fund will continue to accrue income until it can sustain a single scholarship each summer.

The William K. Gemmill Memorial Scholarship Fund for Pennsylvanians, \$261,492

Bill Gemmill, a camper from 1961 through 1965, began this fund with his family during the Second Century Campaign. Bill was killed in 1997 while changing a tire on a Philadelphia expressway. Following his death, Pasquaney renamed the fund in his memory. The income from this fund is first to be used to assist a boy from Pennsylvania to attend Pasquaney, and second for scholarship in general. If there is no scholarship need in a given year the income is unrestricted. Pasquaney currently partners with The Haverford School to determine a candidate for these funds.

The Walter B. Mahony, Jr., Reader's Digest Scholarship Fund, \$134,271

Walter "Bun" Mahoney was a camper from 1927 through 1930, a counsellor from 1931 through 1936, and a trustee from 1969 until his death in 1992. Bun spent his career with *Reader's Digest* and became its managing editor. With his own contributions and grants from *Reader's Digest*, Bun established this fund for scholarship use.

The Robert G. Stone Scholarship Fund, \$108,531

Robert Stone was a camper from 1910 through 1913. This fund was created in 1992 by Robert's children and grandchildren. The proceeds from the fund are directed to scholarships for Pasquaney campers with priority to boys from the Boston area, and, when possible, to members of the Boys and Girls Club of Boston. Pasquaney currently partners with Noble and Greenough School to determine a candidate for these funds.

The Yale/Pasquaney Orthopaedic Scholarship Fund, \$38,793

This fund was established in 1992 as part of the Second Century Campaign by and in honor of the nearly 40 doctors from the Orthopaedic Department of the Yale Medical School who have served since the early 1960s as Pasquaney's camp doctors.

Other Funds

The Baetjer Sailing Fund, \$14,947

This fund was created by trustee and past sailing counsellor Howie Baetjer to support the needs of the Pasquaney sailing program or PYC.

The Richard B. Bulkeley, III, Chapel Fund, \$15,052

This fund was created by the family and friends of Richard Bulkeley, a camper from 1951 through 1955 who died in an auto accident in 1958. The principal of and income from the fund are to be used for the upkeep of the Pasquaney chapel and for the purchase of chapel supplies.

The Commodore's Waterfront Fund, \$319,714

In 2017, the family of Robert G. Stone, Jr., established the Commodore's Waterfront Fund to endow the maintenance of equipment and facilities at the waterfront. The fund will help ensure continued excellence in Pasquaney's water sport activities for generations to come.

Other Funds (continued)

The Davies Council Enrichment Fund, \$191,638

Established by trustee emeritus Bill Davies, this fund is used to provide opportunities for Pasquaney counsellors to broaden their knowledge and experience and to improve their skills in areas that will allow them to be more effective in teaching campers.

The Bowman Gray III Land Fund, \$99,209

This fund was established after Bowman Gray's death to fund the purchase of the 262-acre Parker Albee property, which Pasquaney acquired in the 1980s and to fund future land purchases. Bowman was a camper from 1948 through 1952 and a trustee from 1975 until his death in 1985.

The Dana Hardwick Theater Fund, \$21,673

This fund was created in the memory of Dana "Tack" Hardwick, with the proceeds being used to support dramatics on the hillside. A camper from 1924 through 1930, Dana acted in four Water Sports plays and was named Most Faithful Boy in 1930. He also performed on Broadway in the 1937 production of *Babes in Arms*.

The Land Conservation Fund, \$21,981

This fund was created to ensure the preservation of Pasquaney's wilderness setting by enabling Pasquaney to participate in land conservation efforts in the Newfound Lake Region.

The Rosemary Stanwood Library Fund, \$12,641

This fund was established at the time of the construction of the Rosemary Stanwood Library for the maintenance and the purchase of books.

The Vincent J. Broderick Scholarship Fund

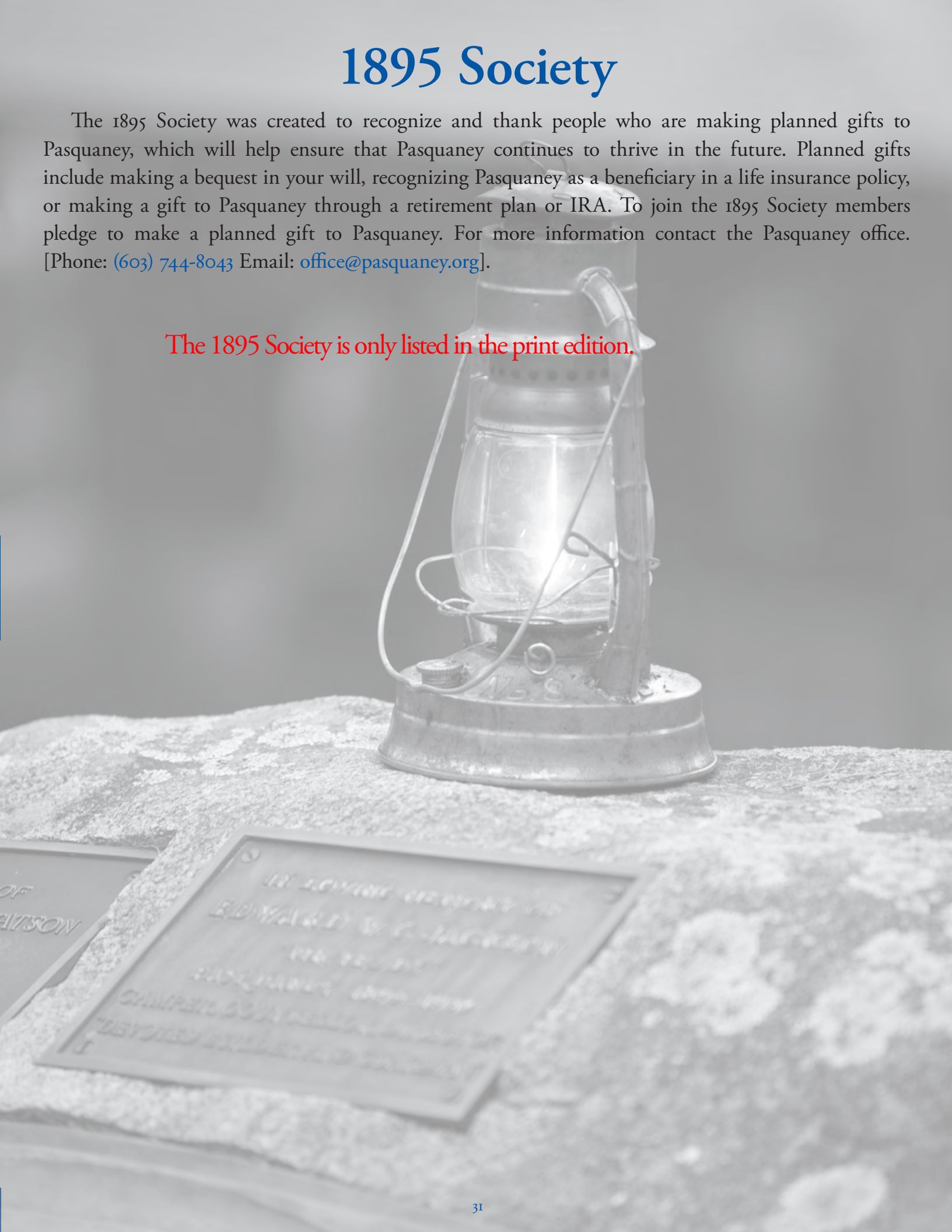


Last December, Paul Shiverick generously endowed a scholarship fund in honor of his longstanding friendship with Mr. Vinnie. They were first-year campers together in Tradition (now called Adams) during Pasquaney's 73rd Season in 1967 and were also canoe race and canoe tilt partners. Mr. Vinnie baptized Paul's grandson, John Shiverick McDonald, at Onaway's Campfire Rock a year ago. John is the son of Jane Shiverick McDonald, an Onaway Trustee, and her husband, Jed, and the nephew of Sam Shiverick who attended Pasquaney, 2001-2003. *[Photo of Mr. Vinnie, Sam and Paul Shiverick, and John McDonald at John's baptism]*

1895 Society

The 1895 Society was created to recognize and thank people who are making planned gifts to Pasquaney, which will help ensure that Pasquaney continues to thrive in the future. Planned gifts include making a bequest in your will, recognizing Pasquaney as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy, or making a gift to Pasquaney through a retirement plan or IRA. To join the 1895 Society members pledge to make a planned gift to Pasquaney. For more information contact the Pasquaney office. [Phone: (603) 744-8043 Email: office@pasquaney.org].

The 1895 Society is only listed in the print edition.





Jordy Gowen, James Dunlap, Kerrigan Addicot-Kase, Mr. Vinnie, Bill MacInnis, and Max Higgins in 2006

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 a younger camper.

THE 1930S



THE 1950S

Jim Sanford's wife, Jean Doyle, mother of Andrew Sanford (camper 1990-94, counsellor 1996-97), died on August 20. Jean had a distinguished career as a professor in political science, retiring from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth in 2002. Jim and Jean were married for 47 years.

THE 1960S

In 2019 Frank Sulloway's book *Darwin and His Bears: How Darwin Bear and his Galapagos Islands Friends Inspired a Scientific Revolution* was published in three languages: English, Spanish, and Dutch. Frank writes that the book "tells the story of Darwin's life, the scientific revolution he precipitated, and the ongoing challenges faced by the Galapagos Islands in dealing with invasive species."

Gregg Stone and his daughter Gevvie ran into Ethan Connett (camper 2015-18), who was coincidentally wearing a P-shirt, at the Boston Rowing Federation's 2020 winter training site in Austin, TX.

Left: Jim and Nick Bolton, Mr. Vinnie, and Dave Bolton at Nick's home in Birmingham, AL.

THE 1970S

Bing Broderick, Executive Director of the Haley House, reopened the Haley House Bakery Café (Roxbury, MA) on February 1, 2020. The Haley House Café's mission is to "to support the physical, economic and social well-being of the community, one meal at a time." (HaleyHouse.org)

THE 1980S



Goochland Country Fire-Rescue recognized Billy McGuire and his son, JP (camper 2005-09), for their 30 years and 10 years of respective service. "Growing up, there wasn't much time for sports practice," writes JP, "but I did spend the duration of Hurricane Isabel on the sofa at the firehouse while my dad was out saving the world. I have so many things to be thankful for, but I'm most thankful for my dad teaching me the finer points of smooth bore and fog nozzles and why certain types of flashing red lights are inferior to others."

Todd Fremont-Smith said that his parents learned about Pasquaney "after spying a group of 'well-behaved young men' [Pasquaney Catholic boys] in church. They secretly followed the Camp van to Pasquaney, where Mr. Gem-John met them on his front lawn and invited them in for tea."



Mr. Vinnie, Howie Baetjer, and Teddy and Trey Winstead at the Baltimore Open House, hosted by Ann-Barron Carneal and Teddy

Peter O'Reilly was quoted in an episode of NPR's *All Things Considered*, which covered the remote production of the NFL Draft during the coronavirus lockdown. (<https://www.npr.org/2020/04/23/843310151/nfl-draft-moves-online-amid-pandemic>)

THE 1990S

Al Nutt married **Abi Ashcraft** on May 30, 2020. The couple live in Billings, MT, and Al is an emergency room doctor at St. Luke's Hospital (Ronan, MT).

Ken and **Tammy McNish** moved to Apple Valley, MN. Ken is the Upper School Athletic Director for St. Paul Academy and Summit School.

Cole and **Jessica Branch** celebrated the birth of their son, **Thomas Maddox Branch**, on April 21, 2020.



Above: Mathew Blandon, Richard Carlson, Mr. Vinnie, Andrew, Ryan, and Randy Carlson at a Pasquaney open house hosted by the Carlsons

Left: Van Taylor and Jack Boccock at Norcross Pond in 1988



Julian Knox married Hannah Lindquist on April 5, 2020, in a tiny socially-distanced ceremony on Hannah's uncle's back porch, which was streamed live for their families. The couple resides in Milledgeville, GA, where Julian is a professor of English literature at Georgia College.

Hugh and **Katharine Antrim** welcomed **George Taylor Antrim** into the world on April 7, 2020.

Peyton and **Claire Gray** have a son, **Peyton Randolph Gray III**, who was born on July 9, 2019.

Christopher and **Katie St. John** were married on September 1, 2019

THE 2000S

Rich DeSalvo and **Nina Li** welcomed their daughter, **Amira Li DeSalvo**, into the world on February 29, 2020. Next summer will be Rich's fifteenth season on the council.

Peter St. John and **Katherine LeVan** are the proud parents of **Corbin Levan St. John**, who was born October 8, 2019.

Jamey Price was named the 2019 National Motorsports Press Association Photographer of the Year.

Will and **Emily Elting** have a daughter, **Louise**, who was born on February 29, 2020, making her a leapling.

Mike Murray lives in Philadelphia with his wife, **Georgia**, and their one-year old son, **Tuck**.

Tyler Ostholthoff is an officer with the Northeastern University Police Department in Boston, MA.

Nick and **Jessica Sekula** celebrated the birth of their daughter, **Lillian Grace Sekula**, on February 14, 2020.

Mike and **Kat Morris** moved to San Francisco, CA, where Mike works for Adobe Inc. as the product manager of Adobe Stock. Once a week, Mike has lunch with **Will Newell** who is also at Adobe.

Phil Hooper married **Caroline Willis** on March 14, 2020, in Woodstock, VT.

Gus Godley is a resident physician at the University of Chicago.

Matt Riley lives in Nashville, TN, with his wife **Rabihah**. After finishing his studies at Vanderbilt and Tennessee State Universities this spring, Matt joined the US Army Reserves as a 1st Lieutenant.

Alec Bolton's band, **The Brook & The Bluff**, was featured in *USA Today* for partnering with **Sofar Sounds**, a music events company, to create streamed live productions for their fans during the coronavirus lockdown.

Gideon Vicini is stationed at Fort Campbell in Kentucky, where he serves in the US Army as a paralegal.

Juan Roure lives in Madrid, Spain, where he is an investment banker at JP Morgan.

THE 2010S

This past December **Niles Easley** graduated from Trinity College (Hartford, CT). He recently moved back to Philadelphia, where he works for PayPal as an account manager focusing on business funding solutions.

This fall **Spencer Pevsner** will be attending the University of Bristol (England) as part of their MSc Paleobiology program.



Geof and Caroline Legg's daughter Charlotte Bladen Legg was born on March 19, 2020.



Dave Madeira ran into Jayshawn Bruce at the Sandstorm Lacrosse Festival in January 2020.

Jake Holton lives in Sanford, ME, and he works as an engineer for Index Packaging.

Bill Talley graduated from the University of Virginia with a degree in environmental studies. When not in the lab, Bill was the President of the Outdoors Club, UVA's largest student organization.

Stone Harris is a sophomore at Boston University.

Scottie Boccock is a freshman at Williams College.



Ian Munsick and Caroline Rudolph welcomed Crawford James Munsick into the world on February 3, 2020.



Robbie Stone, Tyler Tarun, and Mr. Vinnie meet up for dinner in Chicago in February 2020

Alex Horvat is a freshman at NYU Shanghai, where he is majoring in Chinese.

William Langford is a sophomore at Rhodes College.

Ballard Morton is a freshman at the University of Chicago.

Porter Barnes and his mother, Molly Barnes, received the Cruising Cup of America's Charles H. Villas Literary Prize for their article "A Family's Three-Year 36,000-Nautical Mile Adventure," about their family's journey sailing around the world. The article first appeared in the 2020 issue of Voyages. (issuu.com/cruisingclub/docs/voyages_2020/6)

Below: Alisher Persbeyev and Rachel Brown celebrated the birth of their daughter, Isabella, in January 2020.



Remembering Tessa Stanwood

by Jack Reigeluth

“Tessa has been a wonderful friend, for me and for Pasquaney, a guide and thoughtful advisor, giving wise and important counsel and service at critical times, sometimes in a public role, sometimes in a quiet, almost invisible, but essential role,” wrote Mr. Vinnie. “I am sure we all feel wonderfully fortunate to have had Tessa’s wisdom and kindness in our lives.”

Tessa Stanwood Davis, daughter of Mr. Charlie and Rosemary Stanwood, died on April 27, 2020, at her home in Boulder, CO. Tessa was born on May 18, 1943, the same year that Mr. Charlie left Camp to serve in WWII. After the war she spent every childhood summer on Newfound Lake. Tessa was an Onaway camper for three summers, starting in 1954, and in 1958 she was an Onaway Aide. She regretted not taking advantage of learning to sail while a camper. In later years, longtime Pasquaney doctor Wayne Southwick taught her how. Tessa helped her mother, Rosemary Stanwood, prepare for camper birthdays. After Tessa’s mother died in 1963, Tessa stepped in to help Pasquaney and her father by occasionally serving as his office manager, by hosting camper birthday parties, and by visiting campers who were in the hospital.

“When I was sick with pneumonia, during each of the five days spent at the hospital,” recalled Mark Fulford (camper 1958-64, counsellor 1967-68, 1971), “either Carol or Tessa visited me, just to be sure I was OK, to see what I needed, and to check with the doctors and nurses there. Their visits helped me feel I was still connected to Pasquaney and helped Camp monitor my recovery.”

After graduating from Bryn Mawr College, Tessa took part in a teacher training program at the Shady Hill School in Cambridge, MA, and she later earned her

Master’s in Education from Western Michigan University. At age 23 Tessa joined President Kennedy’s new VISTA program, co-editing and publishing Diné Bizaad, a local newspaper authored by Navajo in Chinle, AZ. Tessa felt at home in Chinle. In the summer of 1970, she taught at the Rough Rock Demonstration School, the first school to have control ceded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to a native tribe. Rough Rock was a leader in bilingual Navajo-English education, and in the fall of 1970 Tessa became

a founding teacher at the Navajo-administered Romah Navajo High School.

In 1971 Tessa married Alan Davis in the Pasquaney Chapel. Tessa was a life-long lover of music. Not long after they met, she and Alan bonded singing on a long car trip when they were both working in Arizona. After they were married, the couple moved to Denver, CO, where Tessa was a teacher at Strawberry Fields, a parent-cooperative-



Tessa Stanwood and Mr. Charlie on Eastbourne Porch in 1971

run school. Eight years later they relocated to Boulder, CO, and Tessa took a job in program development and evaluation with the Jefferson County and Boulder Valley Public Schools. For three years she was the state evaluator for Colorado Title IV teacher innovation grants, and she later joined the Prevention Center, whose mission is to stop alcohol abuse among Colorado youth. Tessa also served in a number of volunteer positions, including being a Court-Appointed Special Advocate and a mentor for women released from the Boulder County Jail.

Tessa is survived by her husband, Alan Davis; her daughters, Laura and Allison Davis; her brother, Michael Stanwood (camper 1952-57; counsellor 1961 & 1963); and her grandchildren, Gabriel, Warren, and Bernadette. “Mom had an enduring love for Pasquaney and of her memories helping my grandfather when he was Director,” wrote Allison Davis. □

In Memoriam

1930s

“I was basically a city boy growing up in the outskirts of Philadelphia,” wrote **John Blessing III**, looking back on his time at Pasquaney. “As such, I was most impressed by the sight of White Birch trees, the scent of pine trees, the sight and songs of so many birds, and the abundance of chipmunks, red squirrels, and other wildlife. In short, the atmosphere was intoxicating.” Jack died on February 15, 2020. A camper from 1939 to 1945, Jack captained many baseball teams and won many Pasquaney competitions; the list is too long to include here. 1939 was the only summer that he came up empty handed. Jack’s father was on the council that summer, and Jack was rushed home for treatment after contracting a bacterial infection in his arm. That fall Jack was out of school recovering, and Astrid Bovaird, who ran the Mary Lamb for several summers and was wife of longtime counsellor Gil Bovaird, tutored Jack in English. The next summer Jack was back at Pasquaney and was in fine health, going on the Long Walk and captaining a baseball team, yet again. His final camper summer Jack was awarded Senior General Excellence; went on the Long Walk; won the Senior Obstacle Race; won the Senior Canoe Tilt with his partner Harold Meeks; won the Senior Four-Man Canoe Race with Jimmy Bovaird, Art Mudge, and Harold Meeks; won the Senior Doubles Tennis Tournament with Jimmy Bovaird; had the fastest half-mile; and was awarded Most Faithful Boy. In 1946 and 1947, Jack returned to the hillside to serve on the council. Jack went to Princeton University, where he majored in English and played on the varsity baseball team. Jack met Phyllis when he was in college, and the couple were married during his senior year. After graduating, Jack spent his entire career with General Electric in their finance and banking division. He retired to Grantham, New Hampshire in 1992. Jack is survived by his wife Phyllis, and their children: Richard (camper 1966-67), James (camper 1967-69), David (1981-84), Nancy, and Kathy.

James Birch Geyer died on February 13, 2020. James was a camper in 1939, and he was in the chorus of the Water Sports play, *Double Crossed*.

1940s

William Barrett Register passed away on February 24, 2020. As a camper from 1941 to 1944, Barry was a fairy in the 1941 Glade Play, *A Mid-Summer Nights Dream*;

won the 1943 Sub-Junior Dinghy Race; and went on the 1944 Cardigan Walk. During his last two summers, he was a Junior League baseball captain and also a Junior Boat coxswain. Barry spoke of camp fondly and recalled that during Charles Stanwood’s first day as Director, the campers called a meeting on Dana Porch to vote on what they would call him. That night the boys let him know their decision after prayers by saying, “Goodnight, Mr. Charlie. I brushed my teeth.” Barry went to St. Andrews School (Middleton, DE), and he graduated from Yale University in 1955. Barry was an active member of St. Andrew’s alumni association, serving as President, chair of the Nominating Committee, and a member of the Governance Committee. He is survived by his sons, Andrew and Sam; and his daughter, Amy (Some information from *The New York Times*).

Lawrence D. Brownell, Sr., passed away on April 27, 2020. Larry was a camper from 1942 to 1944. His second summer, he was commended for his “grit” and “good sportsmanship” during rainy day wrestling matches (*1953 Annual*), he acted in a water sports play, and he was on the winning Junior League baseball team. His last camper summer, Larry won the Junior Obstacle Race, and he also won the Junior Canoe Tilt with his partner William Nash. As a counsellor from 1951 and 1952, Larry instructed crew, sailing, and played Senior League baseball. In 1952 Pop Watson presided over what came to be known as “the lipstick trail.” Pop found Larry and his partner in crime, Jake Dunnell, guilty of marking campers’ noses with lipstick one night after taps. “In a most solemn manner our able Judge [Pop] decreed that Brownell and Dunnell were to appear at campfire, put lipstick on each other’s nose, and then wash it off in the shower the next morning – a horrible fate” (*1952 Annual*). Larry went to Harvard University, where he was on the rowing team and stroked the varsity boat in 1953 and 1954. After graduating in 1954, Larry married Sally Whitin, and their wedding ceremony took place in the eye of Hurricane Edna in New Bedford, MA. During their first two years of marriage, Larry served as a Captain in the US Airforce. Larry went on to work in banking before taking on the role of Director of Development at the Hill School (Pottstown, PA). Larry served on the Pasquaney Board of Trustees from 1978 to 1988. Larry is responsible for getting Pasquaney to purchase its first mobile sawmill, which was used to mill our own lumber at Notchpost and Pasquaney. Larry was predeceased by his wife Sally, with whom he was married for 63 years. The couple had four children, and all three of their sons went to Pasquaney: Brownie (camper 1969-71), Tim

(camper 1973-77), and Steve (camper 1975-79, counsellor 1982-83) (Some information from *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *South Coast Today*).

1950s

Martin Shallenberger Brown, Sr., died on August 11, 2019. As a camper in 1951, Martin took up rowing, he played on Billy Watts's Junior League championship baseball team, and he completed his Junior American Red Cross Life Saving. Martin graduated from the University of Virginia, and he earned his MBA from Columbia University. He married Elizabeth Moorhead, and the couple moved to Nashville, TN, where Martin worked for the Jack Daniel Distillery, retiring as Chairman and CEO in 1986. Throughout the rest of his life, Martin pursued different business interests, and he also served on the board of many environmental conservation organizations. Martin is survived by his four children, Martin, Eliza, Nina, and Susannah (Some information from dignitymemorial.com).

Robert G. Bleakley passed away on March 3, 2020. Bob was a camper from 1951 to 1953. His first summer he made it to the finals of the Sub-Junior Tennis Tournament with his partner, Don Hooker. His last summer at camp, Bob went on the Long Walk and he won the Senior Obstacle Race.

Crawford Hoyt Bleakley died on September 24, 2019. Hoyt was a camper from 1954 to 1956. His first summer he was the sub-junior tennis singles champion, and he also won the Sub-Junior Doubles Tennis Tournament with his partner, Rick Brownell. His second summer Hoyt went on the Long Walk and the baseball council awarded him the Harvard Cup for having "the best spirit, hustle, sportsmanship, and all-around ability" (*1955 Annual*). His final camper season Hoyt rowed in the Birch Senior Boat; won the Senior Four-Man Canoe Race with partners Ernie Levering, John

Morrow, and Bill Sanford; was captain of the Senior League baseball team Hoyt's Humdingers; and was awarded Most Faithful Boy. In 1959 Hoyt returned to the hillside as a baseball counsellor. After graduating from the University of Virginia, Hoyt joined the Kentucky Air National Guard. In 1968 Hoyt was called to active duty in response to the USS Pueblo incident, when a US Navy spy ship and its crew were attacked and captured by North Korea. Hoyt is survived by his son, Hoyt, Jr. (Some information from the *Courier-Journal*).

Robert M. Browne died on April 11, 2020. A camper in 1959, Robby won the Junior 50-Yard Swim, the Junior Dive, and Junior General Excellence for water sports. Robby also took on the role of the wife in *My Heart's in the Highlands* by William Saroyan. Robby graduated from Harvard Business School in 1978 and moved to New York City, where he became a real-estate broker for the Corcoran Group. Robby was openly gay, and he was a champion of gay rights and issues facing the LGBT community. Robby competed in the 1994 Gay Games, held in New York City to coincide with the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, and he won the medal for diving in his division. Robby served on the board of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, and in 1984 he started the Toys Party to benefit SAGE, a non-profit that provides services to and advocates for LGBT elders, and to collect toys for children in need. Over the years the Toys Party collected more than 150,000 toys and raised over 3.5 million dollars. Robby was diagnosed with multiple melanoma in 2016, and the treatments he received failed to stop the spread of cancer. In April Robby contracted COVID-19. He died after refusing to go to the hospital for a ventilator. He said that he wanted it to go to someone who had a greater chance of surviving (Some information from *The New York Times*, RobbyBrowne.com, and sageusa.org).

1960s

James D.H. Hooker, Sr., died on April 19, 2020. Jim was a camper from 1960 to 1964. His second summer he made a bow, and every summer after that he was the highest point scorer in the archery tournament. In 1961 Jim and his partner Jim Garnett made it to the finals of the Sub-Junior Doubles Tennis Tournament, losing to Trev Waters and Lew Wilkinson. The following summer, Jim pitched on Chip Young's undefeated Junior League baseball team, he went on the Short Walk, and he took on the role of Chuckles Thurman in the Theater Play, *The Merry Windjammer*. His final summer, Jim went on the Long Walk and played Hap Hooper in *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*.

Left: Hoyt Bleakley, Bob Gray, John Morrow, Dave Hinchmen drying their shoes by the stove on the 1955 Long Walk





Jim Hooker, Bob Bulkeley, and Jimmy, Jack, and Joey Hooker in 2002

After graduating from Washington and Lee University, Jim started his career as a marketing rep for IBM. Jim received his MBA from American University, and he went on to assume leadership roles in several technology/finance companies. In 1995 Jim co-founded Televerde, a marketing and sales teleservice company staffed by inmates and former prisoners from Perryville, an all-female prison in Goodyear, AZ. “Discarding people for the rest of their lives, based on a decision they made on the worst day of their life, is such a waste of human potential,” said Jim in the 2018 TEDx Talk “My Journey from Privilege to Prison.” Televerde gives inmates and former prisoners a second chance by providing them with the training and skills that they need to successfully transition into life after prison. Jim is survived by his wife, Robin, and their sons, Jimmy, Jr. (camper 1995-98, counsellor 2003-06), Joey (camper 1996-99), and Jack (camper 2002-05) (Some information from the National Institute of Justice, [Forbes.com](https://www.forbes.com), [Ted.com](https://www.ted.com), and *American Contact Bridge League Daily Bulletin*.).

William Clarke Scott III, who went by Brother, died on April 2, 2020. As a camper from 1966 to 1967, Brother spent much of his time at baseball and tennis. His first summer at Pasquaney, Brother won the Junior Doubles Tennis Tournament with his partner Lewis Powell, and he was commended in the *1966 Annual* for his performance as a Junior League catcher for Jim Higgin’s Hurricanes. In 1967 Brother played pitcher for Baetjers’s Birds. He made huge improvement throughout the season and ended up having the lowest earned run average (1.84) in the Senior League and a batting average of .353. That year Brother also made it to the finals of the Senior Doubles Tennis Tournament with his partner, John Highberger, losing to Randy Gray and Fred Dittmann. After graduating from Washington and Lee University, Brother spent twelve years working for the Virginia Paper Company. He later became a financial advisor, retiring in 2010. “Brother’s great sense of humor and energy were big spirit boosters no matter where he was,” said Mr. Vinnie, talking of his time as a camper with

Brother. Brother is survived by his wife, Marian Mohler Scott, and his daughter, Margaret Austin Scott Bader (Some information from blileys.com.).

1970s

We have recently learned that longtime Pasquaney doctor **James A. Albright** passed away on June 2, 2020. Jim first learned of Pasquaney through Dr. Wayne Southwick, when Jim was studying to be an orthopedic surgeon at Yale University. Jim served as camp doctor from 1966-1970, in 1972, and from 1975-1978. We will include more about his life and service to Pasquaney in the next *White Birch*.

After being diagnosed with brain cancer nearly four years ago, **William M. Wilson** fought to raise awareness of the disease by speaking to other patients at the Sheltering Arms Institute rehabilitation center and through his William’s Warriors fundraising campaign supporting research on brain tumor treatment. His resilience, love, and courage served as an inspiration to those around him. William died on June 23, 2020, surrounded by family and friends. William was a camper from 1975 to 1977. His first summer he was awarded Mr. Teddy’s Cup for his steadiness and thoughtfulness. That summer William spent most of his time at stage crew, was stage manager of *The Merry Windjammer*, and he was awarded the Green Room Cup. In 1976 William earned his Junior Sailor and was stroke in the Fourth Boat. His final camper summer, William returned to the theater to serve as stage manager for another Dave Hughes production, *A Song for Jenny*. As a counsellor from 1980 to 1982, William was back in the theater, running the stage crew program. In 1982 William led a Notchpost expedition and was a Long Walk counsellor. After graduating from Washington and Lee University, William worked in insurance. William is survived by his wife, Lizzie, and their two children, William (camper 2012-15, counsellor 2017-19) and Eliza (Some information from the *Richmond-Times Dispatch*.).

Below: Billy and William Wilson in Switzerland in 2016





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- 2021 Camp Schedule -

Saturday, June 26 - Opening Day
July 5 - July 9 Camping Expeditions
July 26 - July 31 The Long Walk
August 6 - 8 Trustees' Weekend
August 14 - 15 Water Sports Weekend
Sunday, August 15 - Camp Closes

