

White Birch

Camp Pasquaney

Fall 2021



The Final Soak of the 2021 Season

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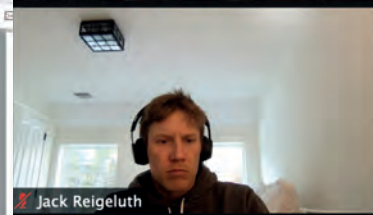
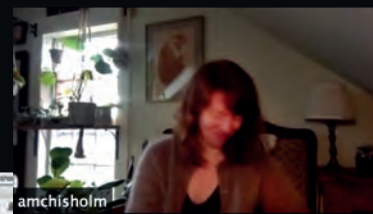
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What have we done so far?
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- Five new sinks for Mines
- Four portable Mini-Mines
- New shower platform planned
- New Infirmary underway
- New Water Building underway
- New Cooks Cabin nearly complete
- Testing schedule nearly complete
- Measurements of Mem Hall, Theater, dorms for planning (thank you, Doug Camp)
- Dana division



A Labor of Love

How the Pasquaney Spirit Overcame the Pandemic

by Henry Anderson (counsellor 2016-present)



In the fall of 2020, when the Senior Council met for the first time to begin planning for the 2021 season, the goal was to identify all the questions that needed to be addressed before Opening Day. What would we need to do to keep campers safe? How would regulations affect Pasquaney’s structure, schedule, and traditions? Would vaccines be available for counsellors and campers? Most importantly, how would Pasquaney still be Pasquaney for the boys?

As Mr. Michael and his team prepared, there were no assurances that the season would be a success. “Camp is fragile,” is a phrase that rang particularly true when considering the stakes and scope of this undertaking: the comeback year after missing the first in-person season in Pasquaney history, a brand new Director, a global pandemic looming.

“I felt a deep belief that if any place could figure this out,” said Mr. Michael, “with the wisdom that we have in this community, with the financial resources that Pasquaney has, with the commitment that we have from the Council and... the boys, Pasquaney should be able to figure out how to give the boys a great summer.”

This is the story of how the pandemic season became a successful season, thanks to committed older-boy leadership, a tight-knit Council, and a Director with a vision.

‘You Just Gotta Make a Call’

Like any usual year, preparation for the 2021 season began the moment the previous season, the 2020 remote program, ended. Except this time, in addition to all the usual off-season work, Mr. Michael, the Board of Trustees, and his administrative team of Assistant Director, Jack Reigeluth, and Director of Finance and Administration, Aimee Wadeson, had to anticipate and execute the unique protocols that would be necessary for operating safely during a pandemic.

To make matters worse, Pasquaney’s leadership had to hit a slew of moving targets. COVID-19 cases were rising and falling unpredictably. The State of New Hampshire guidelines for overnight summer camps were continually evolving, making key planning decisions – such as how large dorms could be – an ongoing unknown until spring. It also remained uncertain whether the U.S. border would be open to prospective campers and counsellors who were foreign nationals, and the final vaccination rate of the camper body was not determined until days before the season started. “That was probably one of the hardest parts of this past year: we just kept getting so much new information to evaluate and to determine its implications,” said Mr. Michael.

Mr. Michael began meeting with counsellors on Zoom as early as October of 2020 while also reaching out to

Left: 1. 2021 Council plaque, 2. preseason council meeting on Zoom, Above: singing on the final night of Camp

counsellors, campers, parents, other camp directors, medical experts, and Board members for consultation. While there were several areas that had clear answers, such as the testing approach researched and spearheaded by Jack Reigeluth, there were other decisions where reasonable people could disagree. “There was a bunch of stuff that fell into the category of ‘You just gotta make a call,’” said Mr. Michael. “I was lucky enough to have the Senior Council to have really good advice and perspectives on those questions... but then also to be supportive of whatever decision I made.”

All the while, Pasquaney’s facilities team, led by Tim Curry, worked throughout the off-season to prepare all the special infrastructure that the pandemic necessitated. The facilities team built walls through the middle of Birch and Dana to allow the housing of smaller cohorts. They constructed temporary sinks connected to 10-gallon water jugs in Jackson and Wilson, outside Jackson and the Watson Theater, and under Adams by the Cardigan Mines. They built and placed portable single-stall mines near the quoits pit, the shop, and the cookout pit. They built rectangular tables to allow each cohort to eat in Memorial Hall with six feet of distance and installed fans in the lofts of each dorm and the Bathhouse to provide ventilation. The list goes on.

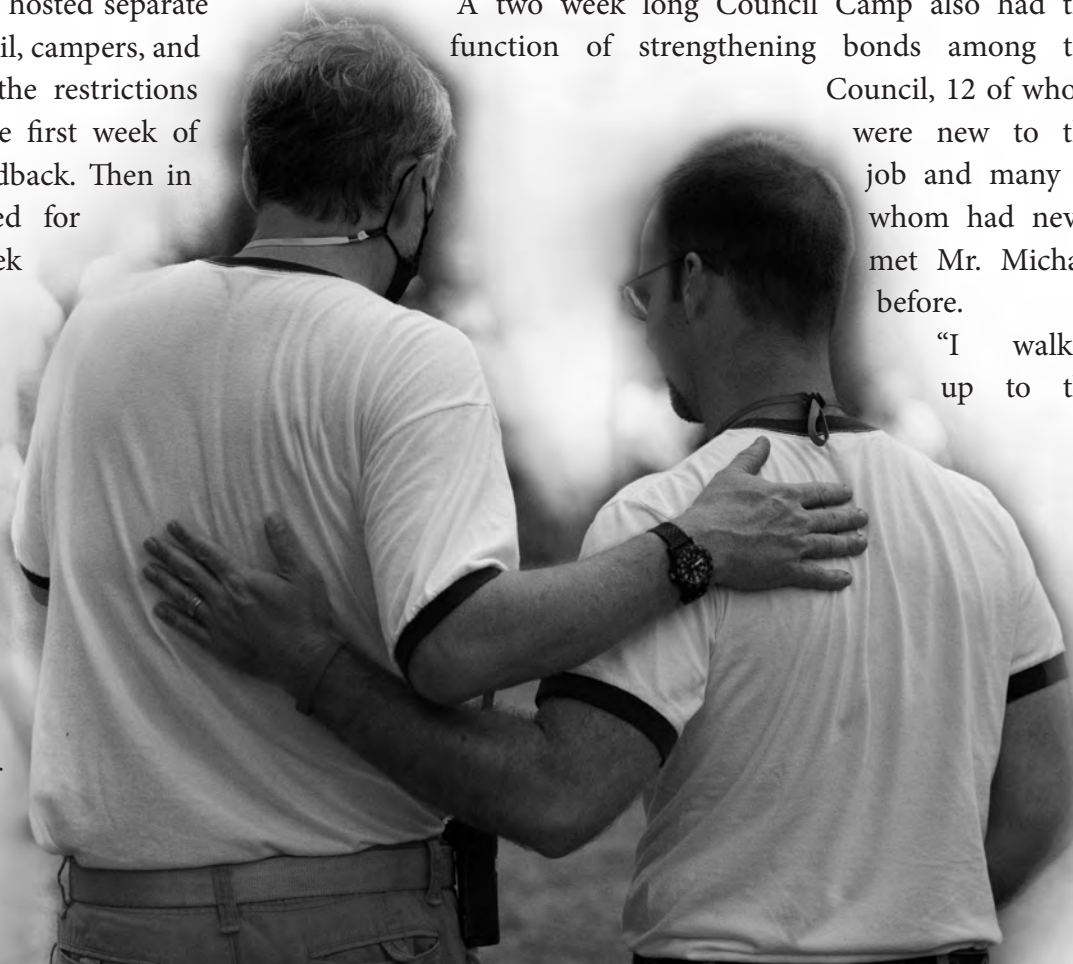
In late spring, Mr. Michael hosted separate Zoom meetings for the Council, campers, and parents to inform them of the restrictions they could expect during the first week of camp and to solicit their feedback. Then in mid-June, counsellors arrived for an unprecedented two week long Council Camp. The extra week allowed counsellors to quarantine together before campers arrived, but there was also plenty of work to be done. Beyond the usual pre-season chores, counsellors set their minds to establishing many of Pasquaney’s COVID protocols.

Suddenly teams of college students were responsible for

tasks that were dauntingly complex but essential to the Pasquaney schedule. “Mr. Michael did an incredible job taking an abstract, ominous, looming season and splitting it up into having different people do smaller obtainable goals,” said fifth-year counsellor Nicky Longo. To operate in cohorts, Rob Harvey and Ethan Connett diagrammed each step of a new prayers and mines routine; Evan McClure restructured the duty system, with one innovation being a 16-year-old duty rotation that addressed the absence of COIs caused by not having a 2020 season; Nicky Longo, Buckley Huffstetler, and Doug Camp restructured table duty to reduce the amount of time table boys spent near kitchen staff, who lived off campus; they also created a system for entering and exiting Mem Hall to ensure social distancing between cohorts; and Peter Denious sketched an elaborate free-time rotation that provided every camper a chance to play games like wallball and basketball without mixing with other cohorts. “Why would you trust a teenager to take kids into the backcountry for a week and not trust them to figure out how we should line up for prayers?” Mr. Michael said. “There’s a lot of leadership that I’ve learned at Camp that involves giving people a vision and then trusting them to do their job and trusting them to actually do more than just their job because they care more.”

A two week long Council Camp also had the function of strengthening bonds among the Council, 12 of whom were new to the job and many of whom had never met Mr. Michael before.

“I walked up to the



Right: Doug Camp and Mr. Michael just before the Opening Day Ceremony



(left) Teddy Marquet playing salts with a water pitcher for a rainy day activity during the first week, (right) Jet Easterly during free time of week 1

museum when we were all getting [COVID] tested on the first day [of Council Camp], and it was just this pack of counsellors hanging out on the lawn,” said new counsellor and shop head Amanda Chisholm, who is Pasquaney’s first full-time woman counsellor. “I was like, ‘Oh my gosh, here we go. What’s this going to be like walking into this group?’ And through the crowd came Nicky Longo bouncing on his toes. He stormed up to me and put his hand out from five paces away, and was like, ‘Amanda, I’m Nicky. I’m so excited to meet you and to work with you this summer.’ And it was just such a warm welcome,” she said. “The camaraderie on the Council is something you can see, even from outside, even as someone who just comes in and visits. You can see how connected everyone is to each other.”

The Pasquaney Bubble

Per recent tradition, 16-year-olds arrived two days early to discuss what they want from their last summer and to bond as a group. For Isaac Garcia, this experience could only be summed up in one word: “surreal.” “I felt like I wasn’t really back. It kind of took some time to

adjust and finally realize that ‘Wow, I’m actually back at Camp.’ And I think when it finally settled in, I was very grateful,” he said.

The extra two days also allowed the 16-year-olds to prepare for a totally different Opening Day schedule. Rather than pulling into the theater parking lot in upper camp, families were asked at staggered arrival times to park in the field below the chapel, where their boys were led to the camp museum to receive a rapid high-sensitivity PCR COVID test. Campers would wait in the field chatting and throwing footballs or frisbees until their results came back, sometimes over forty minutes later. Then they said goodbye to their families and went up the hill to their bunk with an older boy.

Even with these deviations from tradition, Opening Day maintained its typical positive energy, but there was a lot at risk with a potential positive case. Luckily, no one arrived at Camp with the virus.

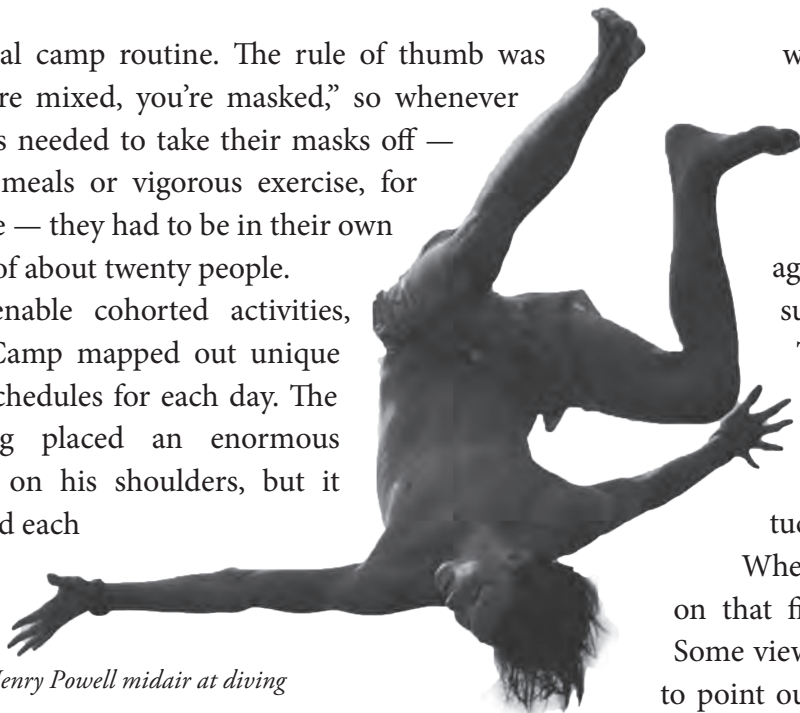
Because it takes five days after someone gets infected for a COVID test to detect the virus, Camp remained in cohorts for most of the first week until receiving the results of a second test. Cohorting drastically altered

Below: DJ Mills, Elliott Randolph, Oliver Smith, Henry Powell, Clay Meredith, Wyatt Winstead, and Teddy Marquet celebrating during the week 1 game show



the usual camp routine. The rule of thumb was “If you’re mixed, you’re masked,” so whenever campers needed to take their masks off — during meals or vigorous exercise, for instance — they had to be in their own cohort of about twenty people.

To enable cohorted activities, Doug Camp mapped out unique block schedules for each day. The planning placed an enormous burden on his shoulders, but it provided each camper the



Right: Henry Powell midair at diving

opportunity to try every activity in the first few days of Camp. “Logistically, scheduling was incredibly hard,” said Mr. Michael, “because each activity could take a different number of campers, we wanted to mix ages anywhere we could, and we had to figure out several rainy periods. Doug and I would stay up until midnight, and then he would work until two or three in the morning, and then we would meet again before Reveille.”

The week also saw several impromptu meetings after Taps — often with Mr. Michael, sometimes without — where counsellors discussed how the new routine could be refined and improved. Real changes resulted from these meetings; two of the Dana counsellors, who were sleeping in the Alumni House and headquarters while working

with Dana during meals, expeditions, and free time, moved into Wilson and Jackson because it quickly grew obvious that the 12-year-olds needed more attention, and creative solutions were found to safely mix age groups during some activities. Early in the summer, the dorm council also gathered after Taps to discuss the importance of modelling and enforcing the standards that concerns about the pandemic had begun to eclipse: habits like promptly responding to bugle, tucking shirts in, and doing duties well.

When you ask campers and counsellors to reflect on that first week, the reviews are decidedly mixed. Some view it as terrible but necessary. Others are quick to point out it was a heck of a lot better than no camp at all. “Our culture is one of mixing ages and freedom of movement, and this was the opposite of that,” Mr. Michael said. “What was good about that first week was that we got through it with enough of our culture intact to still have a foundation for the next six weeks.”

So many of Pasquaney’s traditions and behavioral standards are communicated organically through the example of older boys. After missing a season, there were even more new campers than usual. “I thought that it would be a big challenge for us to get forty new campers on board and understanding what was going on, what was valuable, and what was fun at Pasquaney,” said counsellor Tim Jenkins. “I was worried about fun.”

Below: (left) Oliver Smith and Isaac Garcia , (right) Xavier Lovering and Mr. Michael





The 2020 Walk climbing Mt. Washington: Harrison Hill, Kevin Cattrell, Bruno Cardonel, Rabbit Barnes, Chase Carmody, Jules Finney, Roan Hopkins, Lorenzo Parker Pillow, Bo Turnage, Charlie King, Mr. Vinnie, and Charlie Sims.

The 2020 Walk

The 2020 Walk, which took place in 2021, gave 2020 sixteen year olds, who missed their final summer, the opportunity to spend a week together in the mountains. The group met at Camp on Thursday of expeditions and spent the rest of their nights at Nancy Brook.

From Sunday's Log: We made our way up hundreds of boulders before scurrying up the steep, barren rockface. Upon reaching the top, it was only another mile or so through the mountain's alpine zone to the popular summit. It was as busy as ever, even on a Sunday while our group restocked on water. On the way down towards the Lake of the Clouds, we stopped for a hearty expedition lunch on the rocks of the wide ridge right... After finishing, we made our way towards the Tuckerman Ravine, walking along its Southern edge before descending down the Boot Spur trail for an elongated hike back towards the Tuckerman Ravine Trail. After reconnecting with the initial trail, it was a leisurely walk back to the Blue Whale, with everyone finishing around four PM. All and all, Sunday was a fantastic day.

– Charlie Sims

In cohorts, interaction between age groups was masked, distanced, and largely limited to a restricted free time and a few mixed activities. There was no conversing during meals and limited teaching opportunities between age groups — a 16-year-old with a new boy in a canoe, for example — had to be specially scheduled by Doug. “I imagine it was pretty difficult [for new boys],” said 16-year-old and Camp President Jet Easterly. “Having everyone being in community is just one of the biggest things at Camp for me,” explained 14-year-old Grey Durham. “Like going to an activity with a new boy, seeing them on Jacob’s Ladder with a tennis racket, and your plan was also to go to tennis, so you invite them to play. That’s just something special that you couldn’t do when you were scheduled for other activities.”

The morning when the restrictions were finally lifted, campers and counsellors gathered on the porches of Dana and Birch for prayers, as the new morning routine

required. Then, standing on the bridge between the two dorms, Mr. Michael announced that everyone’s test results had come back negative, and amid hoots, hollers, and fist pumps, he invited everyone to remove their masks and file inside Dana for the first regular prayers of the season.

“I felt overjoyed. It just felt really good to hear the words come out of his mouth, being the Director, telling Camp, ‘Pasquaney is going to go back to normal. Congratulations for working hard,’” said 15-year-old Wilkes Head. “It felt like a proper Opening Day for me,” added Isaac.

The Rest of The Summer...

With Camp freed from cohorts, much of the normal routine and interaction returned with its accompanying joys and learning. Expeditions went out as usual, as did weekly hikes. Boys were free to choose their activities as they usually do, only being scheduled about a third of the time. Dana once again became a hub of inter-age



Ollie Longo, Ruisi Luo, Will Peterson, Curtis Conner, Tucker Semans, Sabby Gillis, James Crowley, Elliott Beveridge, Peter Davies, Grey Durham, Matt O'Reilly, Bennett O'Reilly, Taylor West, and Evan McClure on Mt. Garfield

interaction from the chess table to the wall ball court to people playing music together. High-quality club skits brought the unique echo of laughter to the Watson Theater, as did the three plays. Boys mixed constantly at tables and duties and activities, and the whole camp could gather again as one big group at Soak, cookouts, and for singing. “Protecting our ability to operate normally once that was possible, protecting our ability to give the boys a Pasquaney experience — that is why we took all the measures we did, so no one would lose that gift,” said Mr. Michael.

However, even after Camp was freed from cohorts, Mr. Michael and the Council faced more challenges — some were related to the pandemic and some were just coincidental like a small lice outbreak. The misfortune became a running joke in skits and announcements, and the “curse” was the subject of the 2021 council play.

The summer also saw much more rain than usual, and one thunderstorm was so severe that mud and water flooded the corridor between Cardigan and Birch. At 10 p.m. in a torrential downpour, Mr. Michael and a small squadron of counsellors sprinted down the hill with grub hoes to clear drainage and shovel away debris that flowed into the dorms. “The quick reaction time of the Council, everyone hopping out of bed, running down from the Office and Centennial, protecting our cabins and boys — that was cool,” said Nicky.

Another persistent problem was kitchen staff and food shortages, again related to strain on the workforce from

COVID. Head Chef, Randy Lampron, did what he could with the resources he had, but often there would only be one chef in Mem Hall serving the entire meal, and one night counsellors had to serve. Food deliveries were also unreliable. Sometimes only ten items would come in on a fifty-item order, and the chefs would have to purchase additional supplies at Walmart at night and make do with whatever ingredients were available.

Challenges in the kitchen made it all the sweeter on one epic dinner with steaks, moon rocks, and Long Walk shirts. Steaks, an annual gift from the Saini and Vivier families, are usually served the Saturday after expeditions, and moon rocks, a dessert of ice cream rolled in cake and Oreo crumbs, are concocted by the Council as a treat for boys whose parents could not come to Visiting Weekend. Because of the vagaries of COVID scheduling, both events had to be delayed, so they were moved to Friday of fourth week, the night of the Long Walk announcement ceremony.

“The first image that comes to my mind is seeing [counsellors] carrying the moon rocks above [their] heads out of the kitchen and everyone gasping knowing what was to come,” said Nicky. “Everybody was stomping and shrieking while we just kind of braced ourselves,” continued Amanda. “It was off the walls. So much delight. Such a tide of energy.”

At the end of announcements, Mr. Michael presented the 2021 Long Walkers with their shirts. “You could see some of the real magic of those older boys embodying

the values of Pasquaney,” said Amanda. “Having names being called and them standing up to walk up carefully straight-faced to receive their Long Walk shirts with so much pride, and you could see some of the younger guys starting to look at them. I felt like I was watching the foundations being laid.”

In addition to the logistical challenges, the pandemic also impacted campers’ emotional wellbeing. “After a year and a half of very, very little social contact for most of these boys, we had lots more severe homesickness than I think is normal, and I didn’t even know about it,” said Townley. “Mr. Michael knew about them all.”

Mr. Michael’s capacity for listening and vulnerability extended well beyond his work with campers. “I think it’s very, very telling that in his first summer as Director, and in such a crazy, hectic summer, he was still one of the people that I took great comfort in speaking with when I had questions or uncertainties,” said Amanda. “[He was] just incredibly supportive and patient and good at carving out time for people.”

Some boys also struggled with social skills and making meaningful connections. “It seemed like some guys were really limited in the scope of their conversational topics that they felt comfortable engaging in,” said Tim. “Like there was one boy who really only lit up when we were talking about video games.”

“The ameliorating effects of Camp were some really basic retraining of some of those social skills, some strong structural checks on impulsivity, some real compassion

for mental health, and an opportunity to build relationships with people who were different than you,” Mr. Michael said.

The pandemic had its unexpected benefits, too. Campers and counsellors were tremendously grateful to simply be at Pasquaney, surrounded by their peers, and engaged in activity. “The masks and distancing really were such a barrier to more natural interaction, so watching how excited people were to be having those interactions [without masks or distancing] was striking,” said Amanda.

Campers were also grateful to be outdoors and in nature, and this enthusiasm seeped into expeditions. “I’ve never seen a group get more into hiking at every age,” said Tim, who led the 2021 Long Walk. “The really neat thing about this [Long Walk], the thing that makes it different from others, was that all boys were new to it, so no one was coming in with previous experience: ... So the team dynamic and team formation was really, really natural and straightforward.”

It was also an excellent season for the nature program. Counsellors prioritized getting outside to explore Pasquaney’s vast grounds, and, thanks to a gift from a Pasquaney family, the activity was able to invest in new equipment that attracted heightened interest from campers: small rodent traps to catch live mice and chipmunks, a multimeter to test the water purity and health of the lake, and motion-sensor activated game cameras that captured photos of deer, turkeys, racoons, bears, porcupines, short-tailed weasels, and even a bobcat.

Below: Tim Jenkins delivering a Tree Talk on having a seeing eye





Mr. Michael welcomes Mr. Vinnie in Mem Hall

Mr. Michael's Chapel Talks were especially resonant. "Every time we had a Chapel Talk... I felt like he was talking to me," said Isaac. "I cried every Sunday," added Tim. "I've never had a more emotional summer personally, and a lot of it had to do with a feeling of gratitude for Mr. Michael's leadership and his ability to step into a role that's pseudo-religious or religious, depending on how you want to look at it."

Another of the summer's high points was a visit from Mr. Vinnie during the second to last weekend of Camp. After quarantining for a week and taking two COVID tests, Mr. Vinnie's reintroduction took place in Mem Hall. Mr. Michael staged a skit during announcements where he pretended to get a call from Mr. Vinnie, who interrogated him about whether the campers had received Mary Lamb that week. When Mr. Michael broke the news that Mary Lamb had been delayed, who should burst through the kitchen doors in outrage but Mr. Vinnie himself. "Everyone was just immediately standing up and clapping," said Nicky. After the meal, Mr. Vinnie gathered with boys on the porch for individual greetings and unsurprisingly knew almost all the new boys' names before giving the reading that night at Baird Hall.

But essential to all the triumphs — moon rocks, the Long Walk, Mr. Vinnie's return — was a deep investment from the boys, especially the exemplary 16-year-old class.

Right: 1. Nicky Longo and the cast of the Theater Play. 2. Wyatt Stewart, Baylor Shearor, Evan Beveridge, Nicky Huffstetler, and Xavier Levering. 3. Baylor Shearor and Isaiah Sanchez. 4. Gideon Farr, Amanda Chisholm, and Xander Kryska

"Dana had a blast," said Tim. "They were going on canoeing species and bonding, and they were hugging each other at night, and there was just a really remarkable spirit there."

"That's one thing I think I'm most proud of this summer," said Jet. "How we were able to come together and make a real family in Dana."

These successes would also not have been possible without hours of thought and preparation from Mr. Michael and the Council. New counsellors adapted impressively, and returning ones brought a wealth of experience and care. It was a team built on strong relationships and a unified purpose.

'A Fragile Thing'

"A camp is a fragile thing," said Townley. "There was no guarantee that we were going to have a fantastic summer that would leave the boys and the counselors so excited and so happy about what they did together. There was no guarantee of that at all — and yet it happened, and I think that it happened because of a whole lot of work from the Council, from the older boys, and because of the kindness and enthusiasm of the younger boys."

The responsibilities of such an exceptional season weighed so heavily on Mr. Michael that its success didn't truly sink in until two moments at

the summer's end.

The first was Water Sports Sunday. The weekend was maybe the first ever to take place without a Saturday program of competitions, Tree Talks, and plays for parents. Instead, boys were able to spend their last activity periods freely, and we held the final Soak in the afternoon. The next day, families were invited to attend chapel because there was sufficient space for them to distance. To avoid mingling at the end of the service, families were asked to wait outside the chapel while their boys hugged each other goodbye. It was Mr. Michael's job to wait by the exit, bid a final farewell, and release each boy to his parents.

"It was probably 15 minutes before the first camper left," said Mr. Michael. "That was a very important moment for me where I realized, 'Okay, this really was a very strong summer.' Strong enough for these guys that the attraction to stay and say goodbye to Camp friends is

greater than a very reasonable, natural desire to see their parents for the first time in seven weeks. That's something I will remember for a long time."

The second moment took place during the final Council dinner, two days after Water Sports. During a series of toasts to each counsellor with stories of their contribution to the summer, the Council presented Mr. Michael with a plaque to commemorate his first summer as Director and the collective effort that went into the 2021 season.

"I was just not expecting that at all," he said, laughing to himself. "I knew we couldn't have a perfectly normal summer, but I wanted to have as successful of a summer as we would normally be able to have. That plaque to me was a symbol that we met this incredible challenge with an equal amount of effort and success, for the boys who were with us this summer, and for each other." □



A Chapel Talk on Loyalty

Delivered on the final Sunday of the 2021 Season by Mr. Michael

As we sit here today, some of you might feel as though you have just climbed a mountain – a mountain that took seven weeks to traverse, with a trail that took you through all kinds of terrain, and where you experienced all kinds of weather – and that you are moments away from being off the trail, on the bus, and headed home.

For just under half this group, it was your first time on this mountain; for the other half, you knew the mountain, but had to take some different trails, and this year you were asked to lead more than in the past.

Whenever we hike, we face a variety of challenges. Some challenges are out of our control, like the weather; some challenges are just part of hiking, like steep trails; and some challenges are human challenges that arise from the people we are with and from ourselves.

In hiking, in being at Camp, and in life, there are real and difficult challenges. And, while we all do our best to avoid unnecessary burdens, we must not fall into the trap of thinking we are somehow entitled to have no adversity. If we want to be known as problem solvers, we must be willing to have some problems.

Many things can help us through the miles of a long hike. What helped us get through those challenges?

James: People you can trust

DJ: My friends

Teo: Singing

Wilkes: Your friends giving you confidence

Aubrey: Older Campers

Reggie: Positivity

Grey: Council support

Peter: Telling stories

Jackson: Moon Rocks

Woods: Music

Wesley: Believing in yourself

Ian: Wall ball

Amos: Tree Talks

You mentioned Tree Talks, Amos. Stop and think of

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the themes we heard from the Tree Talks: Henry's talk on finding balance, Timmy's talk on having a seeing eye, Evan's talk on your inner narrative and being the hero of your own story, Nicky's talk on embracing being a part of the collective and thinking of others, Wesley's talk on the magic of self-compassion, and Peter's talk on learning from our mistakes. What wonderful advice we heard there.

We also have Chapel Talks; stop and think about what we discussed here: opportunity and our responsibility to seize those opportunities; kindness, consideration, and tolerance for others; toughmindedness, and not confusing comfort for happiness; Jack's talk about having courage, and the difference between popularity and respect; truth and honesty; friendship; and Rich's talk on respect for others and for ourselves.

Something that has always appealed to me about Pasquaney is that we practice these ideals, we practice them every day, much more than we talk about them. And by practicing them, we see them work. We see what kind of community we can be, what kind of summits we can reach, when we are at our best.

Usually after a long hike, I am filled with a sense of accomplishment. What have we accomplished this summer, what are we proud of?

Evan: Overcoming COVID

Teddy: Shop projects

Peter: Getting through the whole summer

Matthew: Winning a crew race

Isaac: The Long Walk

DJ: Pride of a sense of togetherness

Isaiah: Performing in a skit

Baylor: Getting ready for inspection

Michael: Performing in plays

Max: New gunge bars

Jean: Making really good friends

Grey: Tennis and baseball games

Nicholas: Improving on certain things



Doing great trail work

James: Learning how to teach others

Bay: Strengthening the Pasquaney Spirit

Hiking and building physical endurance

Teo: Winning sailing races

Amos: Getting the dive of the week

Baylor: Getting your Naturalist

So, returning to our hiking metaphor, we've discussed the challenges we've faced, we've thought about what's helped us through those challenges, and we've listed what we've accomplished and how we've grown.

I've saved the discussion of the view for last. The view from the summit of this summer is the subject of this Chapel Talk, which is about loyalty, happiness, and gratitude.

Each of you this summer hiked in Franconia Notch, either on the Franks themselves or on Cannon. Take yourself back to those summits, and picture what is around you. Think about standing there, where you can see for miles around you in every direction, where you can see how the landscape is interconnected, how it all

makes sense from above, where you can see how small some things in our daily life are, where you can see other mountains on the horizon. Up there, you have a unique and beautiful sense of perspective on the world. A sense of perspective that feels timeless and as solid on the granite on which you stand.

What I hope for each of you is that you leave this summer with a higher perspective on how you want to live, the kind of person you want to be, the kind of friends you want to have, and the kind of friend you want to be and that you choose—you alone choose—to be loyal to that perspective, and the values that strengthen that perspective.

Emerson wrote, "It's easy in the world to live after the world's opinion; it's easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he, who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude."

The world is greedy for you to live after its opinion. Loyalty is about choice; it is intentional. That is what separates it from blind obedience or apathetic followership.

Many of us are never asked what ideals we want to be loyal to, and many of us never have a chance to see the benefit of those principles so clearly in practice and the time to think about them so deeply. Many people go decades of their life without stopping and thinking about what truly makes them happy, and they accept that happiness is driven by money, by comfort, by what others think of us, by power, or by passing ephemeral pleasures. We have had the chance to stop and think here, and we have the opportunity to choose how we want to live with a greater perspective. What will we be loyal to? What will make us happy?

Mr. Charlie used to talk about a tree that grew on Mt. Carrigain, which I heard some of you hiked a few times this summer. This tree's main trunk had grown in an up and down shape; it had been reaching for the sun, been pushed down, then reached for the sun again, been pushed down again, and continued to reach back up. Progress is not a straight line.

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From the summits of our proudest moments, we can most clearly see the sun we wish to grow toward. We can most clearly see our best.

But, we cannot live on summits, and living after our best is difficult. It is harder to see the sun clearly lower down on the mountain, where the light is more obscured by branches, and now we have more artificial light from our phones clouding which direction we should grow toward.

What can remind us of that summit view when we arrive home? What can help us bring the spirit of the mountains to our daily lives away from them? What can remind us of our best from here?

Evan: Calling a friend from Camp

Ian: Visiting a friend

Woods: Playing something like tennis that you learn how to do at Camp

Looking Back through the Annual

Bay: Listening to an old Tree Talk



Wyatt: Watching the old Camp videos

Robert: Stopping and thinking

Baylor: Wearing Pasquaney clothes outside of camp

Reggie: Practicing habits you learned here in the outside world

Mr. Michael: The last one I would add is spend time outside.

We also have the collection of phrases we say here: Stop and think; Sow an act...; If the details are right the performance will work; His need is greater than mine; To have a friend, be one; A faithful friend is the medicine of life; and Until it be thoroughly finished.

We all need these reminders, we all need that support system of friends, because there are always, always challenges ahead. There will always be more mountains that we must climb, whether we want to or not.

What challenges are in front of us as we begin the fall?

Teo: School

Ian: More demanding social status

Woods: Sports

Teddy: Rejoining the social group

Grey: Relationships

Wesley: Having our phones back

Evan: Missing our friends from here

Crash: COVID

There will be these challenges and many more we cannot anticipate. That is when values are most important: when you don't know what to do. Values are most helpful when we don't know which way to turn. They act as a compass when we don't have a map. A habit I've formed, when I'm facing a difficult situation, is to run through the topics of Tree Talks and Chapel Talks in my mind, and that nearly always helps me find true north again.

Lastly, after a long hike with good friends, it is important to be grateful for the experience itself.

Do we know how lucky we are to have been hiking together this summer? Do we know how lucky we are?

Mr. Vinnie, in his final Chapel Talk after 49 seasons of being at Pasquaney, said, "The best way to show our gratitude is not what we say but how we use what we were given. Taking these gifts elsewhere shows our belief in those gifts and our ability to apply them in new places, where they will be much appreciated." In that view,

gratitude is an act we sow, it is something we do, not just something we feel. It is something given and passed on to others, not only something received.

As we leave today, I ask each of you to stop and think about what ideals you choose to be loyal to, what truly makes you happy, and how you can act on your gratitude through service to others.

Pasquaney is a small camp, but it has an impact out of all proportion to its size. A few years ago, when an alum was asked why he supports Pasquaney, he said, "Because it educates boys to go out and change the world."

It's you that has that impact. It's you who takes those values and ideals, adds yourself, and takes them out to new situations.

As the Chanukah question says, 'Now is the most important time in human history.' Now is the time when we strive to bring our dreams to shape. Now is the challenge of taking Pasquaney home.

Out there is where it is determined whether we've had a successful summer. Out there is where it is going to be thoroughly finished. Out there is where we will find the true glory from this summer. The test is out there.

Remember the gifts, the great gifts each one of you has.

Hear the trumpet sound within your soul and respond to that bugle call. Don't forget to change out of those Big Dogs.

Many mountains lie ahead. Like the Long Walk, they are a test of thoughtfulness and companionship. Think of the excitement and the possibility of all of them. Savor them. Grit our teeth. Fight all the harder. Remember the view from the last summit and take on the next one.

We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive

where we started and know the place for the first time.

And finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things.

Let your light so shine before men that they will see your good works. □

"The best way to show our gratitude is not what we say but how we use what we were given." – Mr. Vinnie

Thank You Uncle Ted

Ted McCahan retired after the 2020 season, serving 22 summers in the Pasquaney woodshop.

by Alex Kent (counsellor 2010-13)



Ted McCahan and Serrene Turpin in 2011

Dave Ryder, Ted McCahan, and I stood in the wood storage building, pondering. After a year of planning, the pool table I had been working on wasn't square.

"Your mom's going to have the most expensive flower box in Hebron!" Dave joked.

Ted, whose laugh often made him a perennial villain in skits, cackled.

Jokes? Who could make jokes at a time like this? I just stared at my project. Where did my math go wrong? Did it matter? Was my project a failure?

The initial shock eventually subsided and my wits returned to me. I looked at Ted, his leg perched on the edge of a trash can, and asked "Can you help me?"

He nodded thoughtfully for a moment. "I have a couple of ideas."

And so we got to work. Using two six-foot clamps linked together across the diagonal we tweaked and twisted, shimmed and set right, all the while gaining a deeper understanding of the compound angles that formed the beveled body. Eventually, after much trial and error, the cabinet rested square.

That's often how things go when Ted is around. His calm, thoughtful, patient demeanor reassures those nearby that, however fraught the situation, it can always be improved. For onlookers, Ted's problem solving can sometimes seem miraculous.

In 2004, a 16-year old Harrison Hill arrived on the hillside with, in Harrison's own words, "a truly ridiculous plan for a spiral table." With Ted's help, Harrison built a model and they developed a game plan. "That table should never have worked — and yet Ted made it happen!" said Harrison

But that doesn't make Ted blind to reality as Alden Cadwell discovered when he volunteered in 2008 to organize campers to build the shop porch. "I loved being taught the work of posts, rafters and porches by Ted. He has a wonderfully comforting way of telling you all the hard work you need to do."

Ted brought subtler improvements to Pasquaney as well, adding the ramp that connects the main shop to the

Right: Ted McCahan in the theater for the 2014 Council Play

wood storage building and the door between the finishing room and the front porch. Each are a vital artery that have forever altered the shop's traffic patterns. When feeding long boards through the thickness planer, shop insiders know to open the small door in the back wall to relieve the pressure of the cramped space.

In many ways, Ted did as much (or more) for the shop council than he did for the boys. As Eric Crevoiserat noted, "[Ted] made being a full-time shop counsellor feasible. You were never stressed that you were failing a boy or giving him bad guidance by not knowing something. We learned every day because of Ted."

Brian Young put it even more succinctly. "Ted was Google for the shop." His broad range of knowledge, coupled with his gift for teaching, empowered council and boys alike. Even amid all the noise, foot traffic, and sawdust, Ted would find ways to give his full attention and focus to whomever he was speaking. "It's hard to find people like that," Brian said.

Despite his acumen, Ted was always looking for ways to test the boundaries of his own understanding, often selecting one or two complicated projects a summer that he would oversee more closely. "[Ted] was so willing to 'figure it out' with a boy," rather than need to have all the steps planned out in advance, Mr. Michael recalls.

Running the Pasquaney shop seems like an impossible scenario. Think about it – 30 people inside on a hot summer day, all doing different things, the constant buzz of power tools whirring around you. And that's just during the activity period! There's also the planning and organization required to shepherd 85+ projects to

completion each summer, the research it takes to maintain and upgrade new tools, and the presence of mind to handle new

challenges when they arise. On top of that, it requires knowledge of woodworking, machining, circuitry, logistics, project management, problem solving, and prioritization.

All of these skills come together in Ted, who, at one time or another, was a machinist, motorcycle mechanic, bicycle mechanic, woodworker, and clockmaker. Dave Reed, who introduced Ted to Pasquaney, described him as "one of the most versatile, knowledgeable, interested, and interesting people" he knows.

With such a diverse range of knowledge, it's probably not surprising that Ted took an unusual path to Pasquaney. In the mid-1990s, Ted, then a salesman for Xerox, was looking for a change. In his early 40s, married, with two daughters, Claire and Molly, he saw an opportunity to go back to school and get his bachelor's degree.

He enrolled in Granite State College (now Plymouth State University) with a focus on leadership and strategic decision making. In his final year, Ted created an internship for himself, one focused on leadership and teaching through woodworking. As part of his internship, Ted would develop a project to teach those new to woodworking a foundation of basic skills. Dave Ryder would become Ted's supervisor, and the project he developed would soon come to be known as the Pasquaney Chest.

And so it was that Ted's first summer at Pasquaney in 1998 began. Together with Dave Ryder, Dave Reed, and Chip Carpenter, the shop developed a curriculum around the Pasquaney Chest that would require boys to demonstrate certain skills, and, if they showed interest, would allow them to advance those skills and gain new ones as they got older. In many ways, in that summer, on the eve of the new millennium, t h e



modern Pasquaney woodshop was born.

A recurring motif in Pasquaney skits casts the shop as villain, a role we're all too willing to accept, because, as Dave Ryder once told me, "all press is good press." The shop's rapid expansion certainly lends credence to the idea that it is set on hillside domination. But, from the inside, each of these changes was years in the planning and helped stem the tide of rising demand. According to Mr. Michael, "Dave Ryder is the father of the modern shop, but Ted helped it achieve and sustain the scale necessary to support 75-90 boys each summer."

Operationally, Ted helped "organize potential project ideas by age and ability, making the selection of a piece easier [for boys] without sacrificing originality" (2009 Annual). He brought renewed emphasis to the planning of a project, asking each boy to make measured drawings, write up a bill of materials, and enumerate the steps he would have to follow. Through this preparation, boys were better able to conceptualize the process of transforming their idea into reality and increase ownership of their work.

This emphasis on planning meant that everyone was invested in their roles, knew what their next steps would be, and moved with purpose in the shop. There's a saying in woodworking that sharp tools are safer than dull tools, for the latter require more force and are prone to slipping, resulting in injury to self or project. In a way, by prioritizing a boy's ownership, Ted made us all sharper

and safer.

When Amanda Chisholm arrived at camp this past summer to run the woodshop, she found a multi-page document, written by Ted, detailing the shop's operations and procedures. There was a timeline for when to worry about various things throughout the summer and phone numbers for whom to call when various problems arose. At the top was a mission statement: "to help boys learn and grow in the shop through their project."

As with so much at Pasquaney, the things we do are less important than the lessons we learn along the way. Ted understood this deeply. Over the course of two decades, he helped refine the shop program's focus on cultivating ownership and allowing boys to learn the responsibility to make their projects a reality. "It's rare to find someone at or near the top of their craft who is an incredible character educator at the same time" said Mr. Michael.

Anyone who knows Ted knows of his passion for cycling. Known as "Steady Teddy" for his smooth riding ability, other cyclists often get behind him to draft. Rolling hills and great distances are no match for Ted; his focus is always on the road in front of him.

In many ways, Ted's stewardship of the shop is like his cycling. He knows his route and what he wants to accomplish, and one pedal after steady pedal, he sets out to accomplish it. Those around him draft off his quiet confidence, dependability, and generous spirit. Because of Ted, life gets a little simpler for us all. □

Below: (top row) Lee McElroy, Mr. Michael, Ted McCahan, Dave Ryder, Henry Valk, Teddy Carter, and Corey Watson (bottom row) Felecian Leterrier, Nick Chuang, Alex Kent, Jes Scarlett, and Rob Caruso, in 2010. Right: 1. Luke Powell and Ted McCahan in 2013. 2. Ted McCahan and David Cooper in 2011, 3. Ted McCahan, Nick Chuang, Dave Ryder, and Mr. Michael in 2010, 4. Esteban Yañes, Hays Talley, Carlos Getzelman, Ted McCahan, and Evan McClure in 2015. 5. Ted McCahan, Miles Paddock, and Spencer Pevsner in 2013. 6. Ted McCahan and Jack Denious in 2015.





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FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Dear Friends,

Pasquaney received a huge boost last year thanks to many of you. In typical Pasquaney fashion, without fanfare, the need was recognized and help provided. For the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021, Pasquaney received over \$370,000 in Annual Fund contributions, more than 12% higher than the previous record set in 2020. Total giving, including gifts for capital projects, scholarships, and the endowment, topped \$520,000. On behalf of our Director, Mr. Michael, the Council, and the boys, I extend a big thank you to those who responded so generously.

Your support helped soften the financial blow that COVID-19 inflicted. Camp lost \$261,050 due to the inability to operate during the 2020 summer. The lack of a Pasquaney season lowered expenses somewhat, but the Director and Board of Trustees agreed that council salaries should nevertheless be paid given that the season was cancelled too late for counsellors to find alternative work. The result was by far the largest operating deficit in Camp's history, which would have been considerably larger but for the extraordinary financial support noted above.

As a result of a lot of hard work by Michael Hanrahan, Jack Reigeluth (Assistant Director), Aimee Wadeson (Director of Finance and Administration), the Council and the Facilities staff, this past summer Pasquaney was able to welcome 86 campers back to the hillside. That number would have been larger had COVID restrictions not prevented international campers from traveling to the United States. To comply with New Hampshire state guidance on COVID, many people worked hard to get physical plant, testing regimen, Camp schedule, and other changes in place. The good news is that preparation and hard work paid off; after the first week of the season, day-to-day life at Camp looked very much as we remember it. We owe this group a debt of gratitude for having had the perseverance, energy, and commitment to get this work done, and done well.

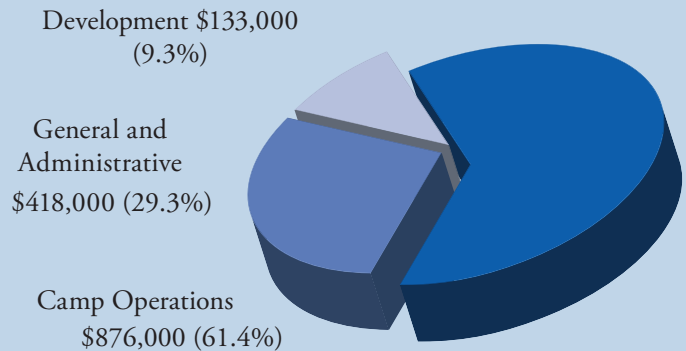
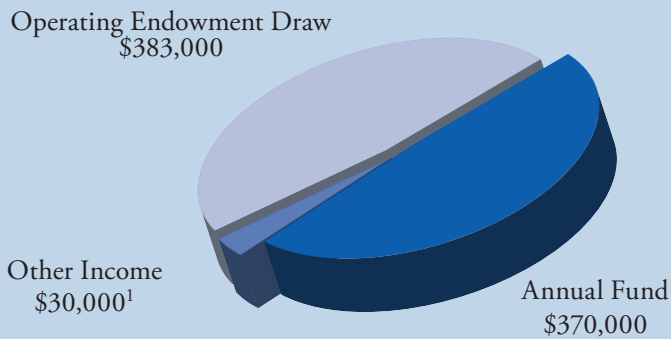
Before I end this letter, I'd like to encourage one and all to attend the much-talked about, and oft postponed, 125th Celebration. Now scheduled to be held shortly after next year's Camp season, August 18-21, 2022, this event will be an occasion to renew old friendships and make new ones, rekindle memories, be reminded of how beautiful and wild central New Hampshire remains, thank some Pasquaney luminaries, share fellowship and laughter, and most importantly affirm our collective support for all that is good and true about what happens each summer on a hillside above Lake Pasquaney.

With my warmest regards,



Robert D. Denious, President, Board of Trustees

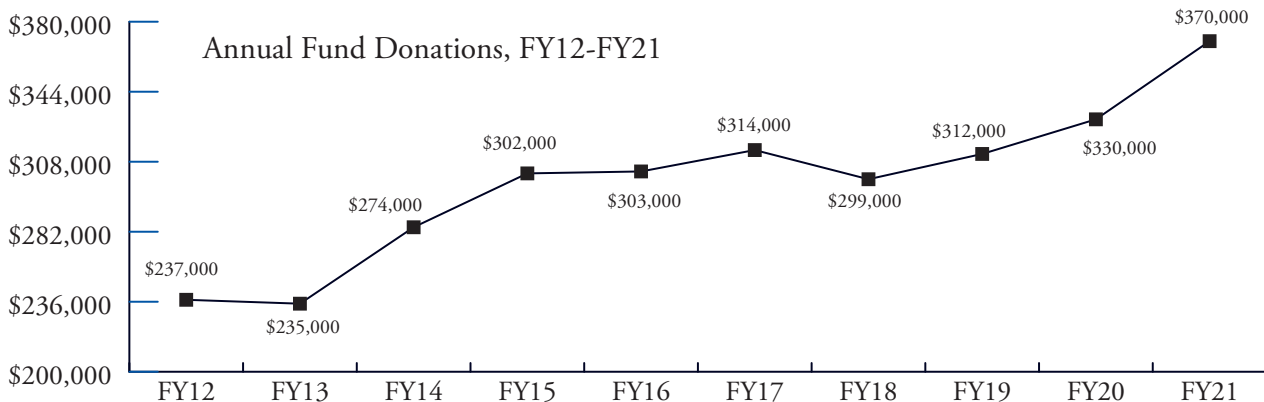
This report is on Fiscal Year 2021, which runs from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.



Gifts for capital projects (**\$133,000**), specific endowment funds (**\$232,000**), and an endowment draw (**\$78,000**) covered Pasquaney's Fiscal Year 2020 capital expenses (**\$443,000**)².

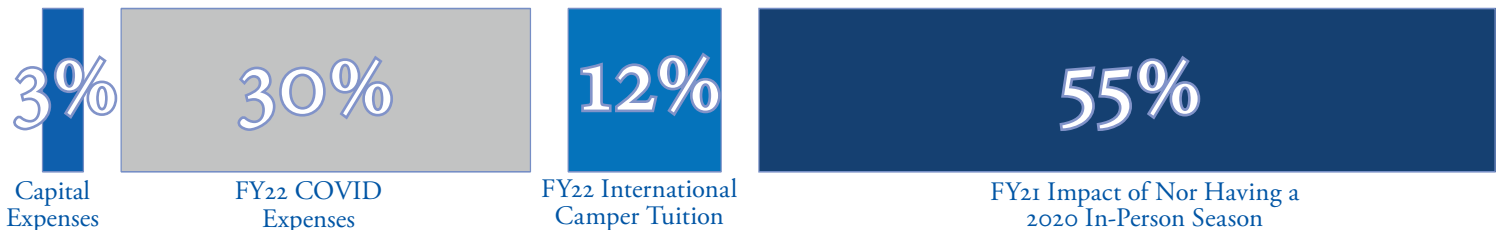
We are grateful to report that the generosity of alumni, parents, and friends made up a large percentage of our revenue this year through Annual Fund gifts, scholarship gifts, and distributions from the endowment. Consistent with our commitment to use donated funds as effectively as possible and to keep 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. Other Income consists of miscellaneous revenue such as sales at the Camp store and advertising income from the Pasquaney Annual.
2. 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, 2022**.

The Financial Impact of COVID-19 in FY21 and FY22



As illustrated above (left to right), Pasquaney's COVID-19 related expenses for FY21 and FY22 were \$14,500 for capital expenses for things like additional sinks, toilet facilities, and tables for Mem Hall; \$145,150 for projected FY22 (the 2021 season) COVID-19 operating expenses for things like testing, increased staff, increased transportation costs, etc.; \$54,250 in lost tuition from international campers in FY22; and \$261,050 in lost tuition from FY21 (the 2020 season) less avoided expenses like not paying for food, transportation, repairs to broken windows, etc. Pasquaney's total estimated financial loss from COVID-19 in FY21 and FY22 is \$474,950.

Annual Fund

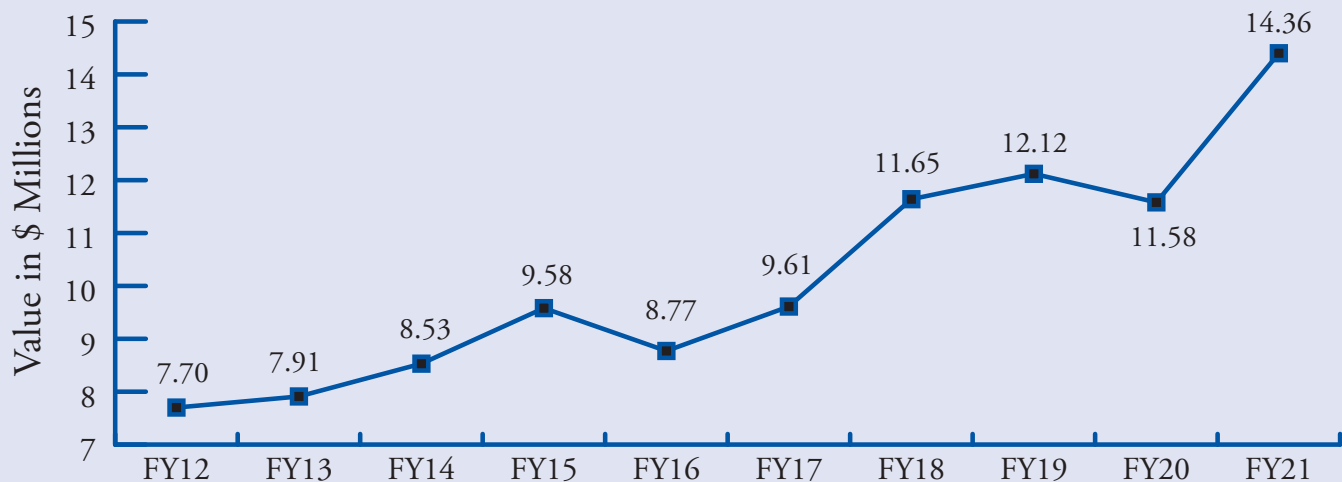
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Gifts to the Annual Fund are unrestricted and help bridge the gap between actual operating costs and tuition income received from families. We are grateful to the following, many of whom have consistently and faithfully supported this important annual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

The donor list only appears in the print edition.

Endowment Overview

Endowment Balances: Fiscal Year End 2012 to Fiscal Year End 2021



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 3.4% of its 13-quarter rolling average balance.

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, \$7,094,470

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

The Leonard J. Sanford Trust, \$2,255,698

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. Bock Memorial Fund, \$359,814

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

The Gilbert B. Bovaird Memorial Fund, \$5,218

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.

The Edgar M. Church Memorial Fund, \$8,845

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.

Unrestricted Memorial Funds (continued)

The John K. Gemmill Memorial Fund, \$91,544

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, \$12,104

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, \$50,409

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, \$1,119,924

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, \$63,686

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, \$338,006

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, \$35,313

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, \$115,349

Started in 1997 by emeritus trustee Doug Reigeluth, this fund is intended to strengthen the geographical and cultural diversity of the Pasquaney 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, \$319,040

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 in 1994. 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, \$41,214

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, \$208,757

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, \$107,763

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, \$185,138

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, \$253,203

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

The Gus and Robert Franklin Scholarship Fund, \$37,054

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, \$348,930

Bill Gemmill, a camper from 1961 through 1965, began this fund with his family during the Second Century Campaign. Following his death in 1997, 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, \$179,168

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, \$144,821

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, \$51,765

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

Other Funds

The Baetjer Sailing Fund, \$20,527

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, \$20,411

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 and income from the fund are used for the upkeep of the Pasquaney chapel and for the purchase of chapel supplies.

Other Funds (continued)

The Commodore's Waterfront Fund, \$433,557

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.

The Davies Council Enrichment Fund, \$257,081

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, \$134,531

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, \$29,389

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, \$34,548

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, \$17,142

This fund was established in 1964 at the time of the construction of the Rosemary Stanwood Library for the maintenance and the purchase of books.

A Gift to Endow the Nature Program

A Pasquaney family spoke with Camp about their desire to establish a fund for Pasquaney's nature program. Proceeds from the fund would go towards strengthening Camp's ability to impart a deep understanding and love of the New Hampshire wilderness, the greater environment in which we live, and to inspire future environmental leadership. This past summer a lead gift enabled Pasquaney to hire a naturalist to survey the natural resources on Camp's property, purchase new equipment, and help nature counsellors prepare for the summer. Campers engaged in a variety of activities this summer such as setting small rodent traps to capture mice and chipmunks; rock baskets to collect algae, insects, and other small aquatic creatures; and using a multimeter to compare the water purity of various areas of the lake. These additions to the program, along with dedicated counsellors and a lot of enthusiasm from the boys, led to one of the most successful summers in recent memory of exploring Pasquaney's wilderness setting. We hope to share more about this fund in the next issue of the *White Birch*.



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].

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A New Infirmary



One of the largest capital improvements at Camp over the past year has been the construction of a new Infirmary. After serving for over sixty years, the Nelson Curtis Infirmary was taken down in the fall of 2020. Led by Facilities Manager Tim Curry, Pasquaney's capable facilities team of Dick Batchelder, Trevor Grant, and Ian Schaefer built a post and beam structure with home-grown lumber from trees that had been felled on Camp's property. The result is an impressive structure that sits on the site of the old Infirmary with a commanding view of Newfound Lake. It has an expanded examination room and a total capacity for six campers—one in the required isolation room, two in a separate bedroom, and three in a main bunk area. The building has radiant heat and is fully insulated, making it winterized.

Dr. Jacques and Carole Bonnet-Eymard created a generous matching challenge to current and past Pasquaney doctors which successfully funded the project in addition to gifts received from numerous alumni, parents, and family and friends in Memory of Dr. Steve Gunther. Steve (36 years) and Jacques (32 years) were the two longest serving doctors tracing their first years back to their Residency at the Yale Department of Orthopedics headed by Dr. Wayne Southwick.

Below: The facilities team of Tim Curry, Dick Batchelder, Trevor Grant, and Ian Schaeffer along with Whit Patridge





Robert Garnes, Aidan Campbell, Tim Davies, and Darian Shomali in 2007

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 1960S

Julian Van Winkle resides in Louisville, Kentucky, where he runs the Van Winkle family distillery with his son Preston. The book *Pappyland: A Story of Family, Fine Bourbon, and the Things that Last* tells the story of Julian's ultimate triumph in resurrecting the company (some information from *The New York Times*).

THE 1970S

Jack Boccock rode in the Skyline Drive, a 110-mile bike ride with over 10 thousand feet of elevation gain, as part of a national campaign to increase awareness about the dangers associated with distracted driving from phone usage (textlesslivemore.org). Jack rode with a group of friends in memory of Merritt Levitan, a cyclist killed by a driver who was texting.

THE 1980S

Dan and Jade Beyer were married in the Pasquaney chapel on October 17, 2020, with Mr. Vinnie presiding over the ceremony.





(left) Kirk and Forest Phelps climbing Mt. Adams, (right) Harrison and Trip Maynard

THE 1990S

Chip Secco lives in Easthampton, MA, and he works in glass blowing. Chip is currently turning a transcontinental bus into a glass blowing studio for demonstrations at art shows and so that he can travel while doing what he loves.

Julian Knox and his wife, Hannah, welcomed their daughter, Marta, into the world on December 28, 2020.

Andy Stearns and his cousin **Evan McClure** went skiing at Crystal Mountain near Seattle this past winter.

Trip Maynard and Diedre Trevett have a son, Harrison, who was born in March 2020.

Joe Dillingham and Sarah Shields welcomed triplets, Penelope, Olive, and Beatrice, on January 20, 2021. Olive was born with a heart defect which led to complications that she was unable to recover from. She passed away on May 9. Joe and Sarah wrote about Olive in greater detail, which he

published on his website, TheBlackLaser.net. Penelope and Beatrice are doing well and tolerating their father taking an endless number of pictures of them.

Allen and Emily Potts welcomed Lottie Jane Potts into the world in March 2021.

Jerry Faulkner and his wife, Amy, were recently married. The couple live in Pembroke, NH, where Jerry works for Continental Paving and Irving Oil.

James and Andrea Gregg have a daughter, Madison, who was born on August 11, 2020.

THE 2000S

Sam Munsick and Callie Knifong's son, Briggs, was born on November 4, 2019.

Brad Simpson and Kim Knoll welcomed Elliott David Innes Simpson into the world on September 9, 2021.

Below: (left) Penelope and Beatrice Dillingham, (right) Scott Fulford and his youngest son, Evan





(left) Marta and Julian Knox, (right) Brad and Elliott Simpson

Ryan Birdsall completed his medical residency in anesthesiology in July 2020 and was matched to a pediatric anesthesiology fellowship at the University of Michigan.

Nick Collantes and **Monica Javid** were married on September 28, 2021.

Harrison Hill was a semifinalist for *The Sewanee Review's* third annual fiction, poetry, and nonfiction contest (thesewanee.com).

Will and Angela Newell welcomed their daughter, **Chloe Cornelia Newell**, into the world on September 16, 2021. In other news, this past spring the couple were surprised by a grizzly bear when they came around the bend on a trail in Yellowstone National Park. Will said that the bear was "absolutely massive, and he had his bear spray out ready to go." Luckily the bear did not seem to notice them as it was busy feasting on something, so they were able to bushwhack far around it.

Below: (left) Lottie, Emily, and Allen Potts, (right) Jerry and Amy Faulkner



Matt and Karen Hill's daughter, **Lucy Maury Hill**, was born on January 5, 2021.

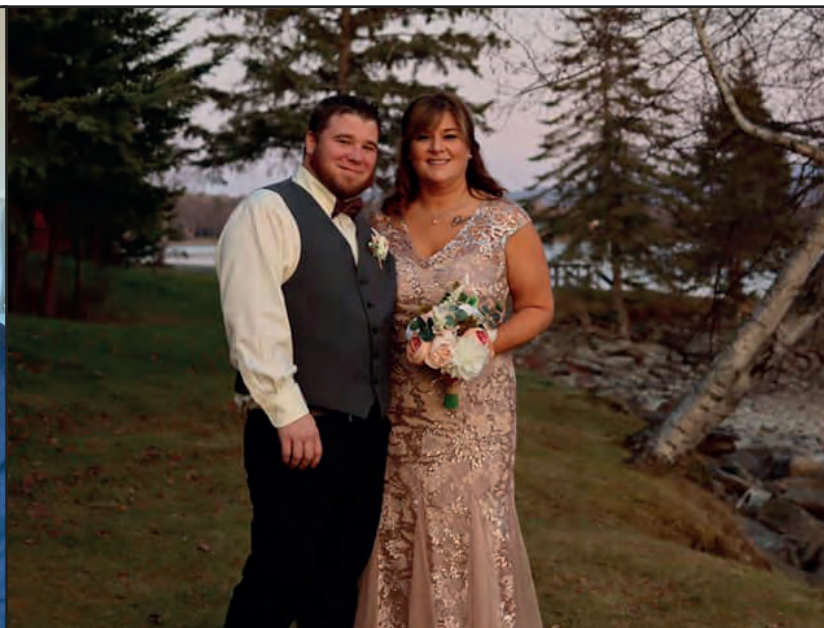
Hugh and Tess Harwood were married on September 4, 2021. The couple lives in Quechee, VT, with their daughter, **Ava Jane Harwood**.

Sam Potter moved to Rhode Island, where he works for Deloitte as a financial advisor and consultant.

Ian Wynyard lives in Somerville, MA, and he works as an analyst at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Jack and Kelly Sellew were married November 2019. The couple lives in Glastonbury, CT, and this past July their son, **Welles**, was born.

Ian Munsick married **Caroline Rudolph** on October 20, 2020. When they are not on tour, the couple live in Old Hickory, TN, with their son, **Crawford**. Their house is next to **Eric Crevoiserat** and **Tim Jenkins**.





Laurence Pevsner is the speechwriter for the US Ambassador to the United Nations, Linda Thomas-Greenfield.

Taylor Barker married Veronica Wickline in April 2020, exchanging vows over Zoom during the pandemic. Taylor is currently a lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

After finishing his service with the US Army in August of 2020, **Gideon Vicini** went back to college, graduating from The American University of Paris, France.

Gus Murphy married Nicole Scotti in October 2020.

THE 2010S

Edward Anderson moved to Spain, where he is a professional cyclist with Alpecin Fenix.

Precious Ozoh graduated from Gettysburg College in the spring of 2020. He is now a graduate student at Keene State College, where he is studying conservation biology.

Peter Woodville is a freshman at Columbia University, where he is on the rowing team.

(clockwise) 1. Andrea, James, and Madison Gregg, 2. Nick Collantes and Monica Javid, 3. Will, Angela, and Chloe Newell, 4. Crawford, Caroline, and Ian Munsick, 5. Cody Dugan clearing the Back 40



In Memoriam

1930s

Thomas W. Winstead passed away on January 14, 2021. During his one summer at Pasquaney in 1930, Tommy won the 25-yard swim and he was a semi-finalist in the obstacle race. After graduating from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Tommy had a long career as an inventor and engineer, which included developing a saltwater purification device for US Navy life rafts during World War II and a liquid packaging container that is on permanent display at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. He was also a business leader and entrepreneur and owned and founded several companies, most notably Thomas W. Winstead & Co. and Gulf States Plastic. Tommy was predeceased by his wife, Helen Hope Privet, and is survived by their two sons, Thomas and David. (some information from *The Baltimore Sun*)

Worthington C. Mayo-Smith died on June 5, 2020. Bill was a camper in 1934, 1938, and 1939. His first summer, he played centerfield for the winning Sub-Junior League baseball team, which was captained by Len Wright. His last Pasquaney summer, he made it to the finals of the junior singles tennis tournament, losing to Mitch Fish, and he won the junior canoe race with Doug Bomsier. Bill was a graduate of Amherst College, where he played on the varsity tennis team. After serving as a Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps, Bill went to Harvard Business School and spent much of his career at Merrill Lynch as an investment banker. Bill was married to Margaret Collet, and the couple lived in Bedford, NY, where they had three children. Two of his grandchildren rekindled their family connection to Pasquaney when they attended the Winter Term, a study-abroad program in Lenk Switzerland, which was founded and then headed by Pasquaney alumnus John Curtis. (some information from *The New York Times*)

Maurice D. Lee, Jr., died on July 11, 2020. A camper from 1935 to 1937, Maurice was a regular in the Horse Show, went on the long ride, and was considered one of the best actors at Camp during his time. In 1936, “Maurice Lee’s admirable performance of the short part of Cousin Hebe gave him the vote of the judges as the best actor of the year. He was dramatically faultless in all that he did and in his beautiful costume was a perfect picture as well” (*1936 Annual*). In 1937, “Maurice Lee... soared to stardom in the *Pirates of Penzance*, and more than justified the opinion we had of him then by winning again the honors of our best actor, and with them our new Theatre Medal. Unmistakably

his acting has gained in maturity and dramatic force. His interpretation of the sinister Ruth was both imaginative and natural, and his pleasantly feminine grace and striking costume made him at all times a most effective figure” (*1937 Annual*). Maurice served in the US Navy towards the end of World War II. After returning from the war, he earned his doctorate, and became a professor, focusing on modern Scottish political history. For his research and excellence in teaching history at Rutgers University, Maurice was appointed to the Margaret A. Judson Professorship, and, for his work in Scottish history, the University of St. Andrews presented Maurice with an honorary doctorate. Maurice was married for over fifty years to his wife, Hellen, who died in 1999. The two are survived by their two children, Maurice and Blair. (some information from history.Rutgers.edu)

Peter F. Guest died of COVID-19 on January 12, 2021. In 1936 and 1937, Peter was a camper at Pasquaney. During his first summer, he took part in the Horse Show and was in a pantomime with Bridg Griswold, Peter Morton, and Doug McClure “concerning a lighthouse keeper’s daughter” (*1936 Annual*). His last summer at Camp, Peter played on the winning junior baseball team. After graduating from high school, Peter joined the Merchant Marines, serving in the Pacific during World War II. After leaving the Merchant Marines in 1946, Peter went to Syracuse University and earned a degree in forestry. Upon graduating, he was drafted into the US Marine Corps and served as a radio officer and electronics instructor. He retired from the Marines in 1953 with the rank of corporal and joined his family’s architectural woodworking business, Nuroco, serving in every capacity from laborer to salesman and finishing his career as the CEO. Peter is survived by his wife, Jen Ellis, and his five children from a previous marriage, Elizabeth, Peter, Mary, John, and Katherine. (some information from chadwickfuneralservice.com)

Robert B. Haynes died on September 17, 2019. During his one summer at Camp in 1938, Bobby spent much of his time on his leaf and bark collection, coming in second place for best collection in nature. Bobby is survived by his wife Elizabeth Stevenson Haynes, and his two children from another marriage, Sophy and Robbie. Bobby was predeceased by his son Schuyler, who died while serving in Iraq. (some information from *The New York Times*)

An obstacle race between Bill Johnson and Greg Garritt
with Bob Bulkeley officiating



1940s

Frank H. Schammell died on May 3, 2021. A camper in 1946, Frank was in the Water Sports play and played for Walt Bovaird's Junior League championship baseball team. After graduating from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with graduate degree in Aeronautical Engineering, Frank had a long and distinguished career as an aeronautical engineer, designing gyroscopes, novel mirrors for lasers, and different components used in missile defense. Frank married Marion Susanne Kendall in 1958, and the couple moved to Cambridge, MA, where they raised three children, Sarah, Thomas, and Amy. In the 1980s, Frank went on to become the Group Leader of Innovative Architecture work at the Strategic Defense Initiative in Washington, DC. (Some information from the *Cape Cod Times*)

1950s

John G. Ogilvie passed away on August 2, 2020. John was a camper from 1954 to 1956. His first summer, he was commended in the *1954 Annual* for playing "heads-up baseball" and for his work in the shops. His exemplary participation in Camp activities continued into his second summer, as he received the award for the Best Collection for his "thorough collection of carefully identified" butterflies (*1955 Annual*). His final Pasquaney summer, John went on the Long Walk, where he was one of five Long Walkers named John. To ease the confusion, Long Walk leader Dick

Porter gave out nicknames, John Ogden was "Og-John," John Harris was "Un-John," and John Gemmill was "Gem-John," among others. During his time at Camp, John also showed a love for the theater, taking on the role of Thesus in the 1954 Glade Play, Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and playing Creed in *The Will* by Sir James Barrie. After graduating from Yale College, John went on to earn his MBA from Harvard University and worked at Morgan Guaranty Trust for most of his career. John is survived by his wife, Sylvia. "Of all the institutions I've been involved with," said John, "Pasquaney is the only one that has held firm. I believe firmly in Pasquaney." (some information from *The New York Times*)

1960s

William F. Johnson II passed away on May 21, 2021. Bill was a camper from 1965 to 1968. Bill was a true member of the Hobbs Field faithful. In 1965 he captained the sub-junior baseball team, Johnson's Wacks, which won the championship with Bill pitching a no-hitter in their final game, and he received honorable mention for the Billy Watts Cup for "sportsmanship, leadership, and ability" (*1965 Annual*). In later summers, Bill was attributed as having the "the finest swing in Camp" (*1966 Annual*) and being "a fine athlete and a leader" (*1968 Annual*). Bill was also a skilled sailor, and with his partner Howie Baetjer took second place in the sailing regatta in 1967 and first place in 1968. A true renaissance camper, he also made a few appearances in the Watson Theater, most notably as Lulu, in the 1965 Theater

Play, *A Song for Jenny*, and as Biondellow in the 1967 Glade Play, *The Taming of the Shrew*. “I have a clear vision of Billy as a terrific fellow camper and quite memorable in his positive spirit and activity,” wrote fellow camper Chan Hardwick. While a student at Harvard College, Bill returned to the hillside in 1970 and 1971 to serve on the Council and was attributed with reviving the lifesaving program for swimming along with Rick Rakestraw and Howie Baetjer (1970 Annual). Mr. Vinnie recalls that during Bill’s second summer on the Council, when they were co-leading an expedition to the southern campsite on Cliff Island, Bill and he scared themselves so badly with ghost stories that they slept on the axe. After graduating from Haverford, Bill went on to earn a medical degree from the University of Colorado with a residence in child and adolescent psychiatry. In 1981 Bill married Denise McAfee, and the couple later moved to Sante Fe, NM, where Bill focused his career on rural and urban underserved populations. Bill is survived by his wife, Denise, and their children, Adam, Claire, and Emma. (some information from the *Sante Fe New Mexican*)

Dr. James A. Albright passed away on June 2, 2020. He was one of the Yale orthopedic residents recruited by Dr. Wayne Southwick, and he served as Camp doctor from 1966 to 1978, missing only a few summer here and there. “When I think of the doctors making their rounds through the dorms as part of inspection during my camper years, the doctor I always picture is Jim, thoughtfully bent over examining camper hands and looking for any cuts that might have gotten infected,” wrote Mr. Vinnie. “Everything Jim did was conscientious. He was soft-spoken and genuine, a man who let his actions speak for him. Jim’s late wife Merrilee, and their family were a perennial presence at the Infirmary, including future camper, counsellor, and second-generation Pasquaney doctor, Dan (camper 1977-78, counsellor 1980, 1983-84, doctor 1995-96, 1998), and future Pasquaney parent Linda, mother of camper James Tomb (camper 2016-17)... [he] was a loyal believer in Pasquaney’s mission.” “Jim had a quiet reserve and pleasant laugh,” wrote Bob Bulkeley. “He was very modest and welcoming. His MG had a stainless-steel hip ball for the shift, and when he said he drove across the country with the top down, I asked about rain. He said he drove fast, and it kept him dry. His first inspection where he looked at hands took forever as he was a hand surgeon and delighted in inspecting 85 pairs of hands. He did the first council first-aid session ever and mentioned how a Bic pen could be used to open an airway and how to cut vertically rather than horizontally. He taught the essentials of cardiac massage and said after four or five minutes he would cut open the chest and do it manually. Then with his wry grin and understated way, he said we

would probably not want to do that.” Ultimately Jim was recruited by Louisiana State University, where he served as Chairman of Orthopedics at the university’s medical school for 28 years. This distance and responsibility drew him away from Pasquaney summers. During his career away from Camp, Jim served for two years in England with the US Air Force, trained many orthopedic surgeons, invented new finger and hip joint replacements, did extensive research to improve clinical practice, and wrote the book *The Scientific Basis of Orthopedics*. “He was kind and self-effacing,” wrote Bob Bulkeley. “I have nothing but fond memories. Jim was one of Pasquaney’s treasures.” (some information from the *Shreveport Times*)

Geoffrey R. McCabe died on March 22, 2020. Geoffrey was a camper in 1967. His entire professional career was dedicated to teaching elementary school students at a few different schools in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. For “not only invest[ing] heavily in the education of each student, but also consistently support[ing] his peers on both the professional and personal level,” Geoffrey received the Spotsylvania County Teacher of the Year Award. (some information from *The Free Lance-Star*)

William C. DuPont passed away on December 29, 2020. A camper from 1968 to 1971, Willie spent much of his time at sailing and was a regular in the regatta. He earned his Senior Sailor, the highest rank for that activity, during his second to last summer, and during his final summer, with the production of the *Merry Windjammer*, he took on the role of Green Room Manager. After receiving his master’s in environmental science from Arizona State University, Willie focused his career on the study of building materials and developed a method for measuring light and heat transfer through windows, which are still in use today. “Willie was concerned for everything environmental, especially anthropomorphic climate change,” wrote his brother Gordie DuPont. Willie’s love of sailing continued throughout his life, and he would venture out on anything from his windsurfer to a 45-foot sloop named Waupi. “Pasquaney contributed mightily to Willie’s active, energetic love of the outdoors,” wrote Gordie. (some information from southeastfuneralhome.com)

1970s

“**Dr. Stephen F. Gunther** was part of the Pasquaney community for fifty years, starting as Camp doctor in 1970 and returning in that role thirty-five more times,” wrote Mr. Vinnie. “I remember my first summer on the Council being surprised when he joined my group on hikes one week and in later years when he came to the shop to work on a plaque

for the Infirmary or a project with one of his grandchildren. As I said to his son Matt (camper: 1989-93, counsellor: 1997-98), I cannot remember him sitting down, even in Mem Hall where he sometimes stood for his announcements.” On December 26, 2021, Steve died in a COVID-19 ICU in Washington, DC. Steve grew up around Albany, NY, where he started dating Beverly Elizabeth Burke when he was in high school. The two were married in 1962, the year before he graduated from Yale College. After earning his medical degree from Albany Medical College, Steve completed the Yale Orthopedic Residency Program, which was then chaired by long-time Pasquaney doctor Wayne Southwick. With Wayne’s encouragement, Steve and Beverly spent their first summer in the Pasquaney Infirmary in 1970, where Steve would become the longest serving doctor in Camp history. “No place fit my dad’s vision of paradise better than Pasquaney,” wrote Steve’s son Dr. Stephen Gunther (Pasquaney parent, 2019-present). “Whether it was a walk up the hill, witnessing the pure joy of the boys on the dock, listening to the Chapel Talks, or sitting by the campfire, my dad always felt completely at home at Pasquaney. He enjoyed the time-honored traditions, the landscape, the outdoor activities, and the daily schedule. He also bathed himself in the timeless essence of boyhood. He relished trying to learn sailing, crew, wood carving, etc... In fact, it was the activities that were new and difficult for him, such as sailing, that offered him the chance to explore,

fail, and then prevail (usually). He also enjoyed the daily encouragement and nurturing of the young campers. For example, he always cheered for the youngest campers who swam the half-mile for the first time. In fact, it is actually the people that make Pasquaney so special.” Steve went on to serve in the US Navy Medical Corps, earning the rank of Commander during the Vietnam War. He left the Navy in 1975 to become the Chairman of Orthopedic Surgery at MedStar Washington Hospital Center, where he worked until his retirement in 2019, taking time off most summers to come back to Pasquaney. In addition to his son Matt, Steve’s grandsons Burke (camper: 2019-present) and Sammy Gunther (camper: 2021-present) and Rob Head (camper: 2021-present) were also Pasquaney campers. “I know how much the Pasquaney community will miss him,” wrote Steve’s son Matt. “I have many great memories on the hillside, and it is so amazing that he was part of the experience. He lived to the fullest and loved to push the envelope. I’ll never forget when he put red dye in all of Camp’s milk to celebrate the Red Headed League of Pasquaney. When he took out a Laser in high winds, he had no idea what he was doing, quickly capsized, lost the daggerboard, and was saved by a crew in the Reg Jenny. I think he flipped a few crew shells as well, but he got right back in and tried again, eventually becoming pretty good. He loved to be active and engaged at Camp – joining hikes, playing on the ballfield, making projects in the shop, and generally embodying the Pasquaney spirit. He also enjoyed the peaceful moments on Perch Rock, the chapel, and in walking up and down the hillside. In a Tree Talk we gave together, he encouraged us all to ‘be your best,’ with a strong emphasis on ‘your.’ As a physician, he was tuned in to everyone’s unique attributes, and while being our ‘best’ is relative, he knew the importance of having of vision of and striving for your own best self.” Steve is survived by his wife, Beverly, and their five children, Gwen, Stephen, Elizabeth, Matt, and Cristi. (some information from *The Washington Post*)

Matthew McCabe died from COVID-19 on January 12, 2021. During his two summers at Camp in 1970 and 1971, Matthew spent much of his time on Hobbs Field. He was a baseball captain both summers, and his first team won the Sub-Junior League championship. After graduating from SUNY Plattsburg, Matthew went into advertising. In 1994 he opened Saratoga Guitar, in Saratoga Springs, NY, where he was considered “an anchor for the local music scene.” (some information from WAMC.org)



Steve and Matt Gunther on the path to the waterfront



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