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*"Home is where the heart is /  
No matter how the heart lives/  
Inside your heart where love is /  
That's where you've got to make  
yourself / 'At home"*

*"Home is Where The Heart Is"  
by: Peter, Paul, & Mary*



*"Live the good you  
have learned here"*

*- Aunt Lillie*

## Presidents Message

Every year on Mother's Day, I walk in the Susan Komen Race for the Cure here in Pittsburgh, PA. It is a perfect way for me to spend my mother's day; particularly because my mother, Sally, died of breast cancer many years ago (she was actually diagnosed when I was still a camper). Given that my father's death was the stimulus for my last President's Message, it seemed only right that this message be in honor of my mother.

My mother was a feminist before the Women's Movement. She worked outside of the home when I was growing up and she would have attended college if her parents had believed in educating girls. She wanted me to go to college, have a career, and not be dependent on someone else to take care of me. In fact, it was my mother's idea that I go to Camp Louise. She did go to Louise – yet asked her parents to bring her home after only one day! Despite the fact that Camp was not a good fit for her, she knew that it would be a good thing for me, and she was right. It was at camp that I learned to function more independently, away from my home. It was at camp that I learned to appreciate what was really important and to stop focusing quite so much on what other people thought. It was also at camp that I had my first taste of the responsibility of a job. Perhaps most important, it was at Louise that I learned the value and meaning of friendship. Some of these lessons I only realize in retrospect; I don't know how many of them I could have identified at the time. I only knew that I was happy at Louise and hated to leave. As I have aged, Circle has provided me with a way to give back for all those wonderful times at Louise. And Circle has continued to connect me with strong, loving women of all ages; some of who I knew from my days at Camp, but many of whom I have met through Reunions or being on the Circle Board. So while becoming active in Circle may have initially felt like a debt or a responsibility, in fact it has been another gift, just as attending camp was in my childhood and adolescence.

To all the strong women I have met through Camp Louise, I salute you.

- Rita

*What if the Hokey-Pokey  
really is what it's all about?*

## MINUTES

### CIRCLE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2009

In attendance: Rita Drapkin (President), Marcia Kolko, Jane Abraham, Lisa Blatt, Andi Abrams, Leslie Salters, Joan Bornstein, Karent Gerton, Lisa Yarmis, Jay Kinney, Amy Corbman, Rachel Sanderoff, Genevieve Conway, Robbin Myerberg, Karen Levin, Reesa Pearlman, and Sandy Bodine

Advisory Board Members in attendance: Alicia Berlin and Bobbie Miller.

Non-Board Member in attendance: Ben Giller

#### I. MINUTES

Meeting called to order and minutes from September meeting approved.

#### II. TREASURES'S REPORT

Reesa Pearlman reviewed the report with the Board members. She added that a correction on the Reunion Scholarship Fund would be sent out at a later date to incorporate a recent change.

#### III. CAMP UPDATE

Alicia reported some physical changes that will be made up at camp. The honorary bricks will be moved to an area across from the Post Office with an enclosure added. Archery and volleyball areas will be moved, and the renovation of the White House has been completed. In addition, after a long hiatus, the Nature Department will return to camp, bringing along two goats and chicken eggs. A small condominium will be built for the goat.

Alicia also reported that counselor staffing for Louise is complete – with a wait list. The following administrative positions are still open: Athletics head, and a division

and unit head. The search to fill the position of Executive Director of Camps Airy & Louise is ongoing.

The impact of the downturn in the economy has led to a decision to maintain the same camp registration fee and to offer more camperships. The camp budget will need to be cut in the Special Guests area; Louise will rely instead on its own staff to provide Special Programming. Genevieve Conway suggested that Circle Members be solicited to conduct special programming for the campers for the last two-week session.

Due to the fantastic popularity of last summer's special guests, the Touring Israeli Scouts, the following was made:

#### Motion:

Circle will underwrite the one-time cost of an evening's performance from the above mentioned variety troupe.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Amy Corbman suggested that the troupe be introduced to the camp by a circle member(s) as a "CIRCLE PRODUCTION." A discussion about using Circle funds to support a campership resulted in general agreement that camp programming (or projects such as this that affect the entire camp) should take precedence over camperships.

#### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS REUNION

Andi Abrams announced the dates for the 2009 Circle Reunion as September 11-13, 2009.

Lisa Yarmis proposed a fund-raising idea – later dubbed the "Spluge." – in which participants would pay \$25 and seek donations from supporters to ride the water slide into the frigid waters of the swimming pool.

#### Motion:

Monies raised from Circle "Spluge" are to be used toward a camper-ship. The motion passed with 1 abstention.

Amy Corbman suggested a Saturday picnic/barbecue lunch rather than a full catered one as a way to save money (and have a change of pace). Bobbie will investigate.

Saturday Night's Campfire was discussed. It was generally agreed that rather than break into two campfires, we will retain just one, and encourage those who wish to socialize (rather than sing) to use the Dining Hall. Volunteer members of the Board will attempt to minimize talking during the campfire so that the singer/musicians can be heard. Rachel Gertz also suggested that the singer/musicians be miked to ensure audibility. Rachels Gertz and Sanderoff will duplicate songbooks prior to the reunion to encourage more singing.

Andi will draft a Circle Reunion Announcement and send it around for others to adapt for their own marketing attempts. She requested that others let her know if they are doing additional marketing. Sanderoff volunteered to do a Facebook announcement.

#### HOUSING

Karen anticipates there will be Minutes contued from page 2 plenty of room, especially with the guestrooms available in the newly renovated White House.

#### MENTOS

Lisa Blatt reported on 2 new ideas: BPA-free water bottles and window clings for cars. There was general agreement to allow Lisa to explore both ideas.

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**MEMBERSHIP****LOUISE LIGHTHOUSE**

Robbin suggested that the handling of the Louise Lighthouse be shifted over to Mark at the printing department of the JCC as both a cost and time-cutting maneuver. Her financial breakdown indicated that he can perform file maintenance, print, fold, affix labels, and mail the newsletter more efficiently and cheaper than she.

Rachel Sanderoff has more than 400 Circle member names with email addresses; 36 members have responded to Robbin that they would like to receive their newsletter via the mail.

**Motion:**

"Handling of the Louise Lighthouse will shift to Mark. The motion passed with 1 abstention

**Motion:**

The choice of paper for the newsletter will be left to Robbin and Mark's discretion, based on paper availability and photo visibility. The motion was passed unanimously

**Motion:**

The newsletter will be sent via email to all those who have provided email addresses, beginning immediately.

Those who have requested they receive it through the mail will continue to do so. The motion was passed unanimously.

Rita suggested that we continue to mention in the Lighthouse that email copies are available, as we have approximately 800 members.

Reesa Pearlman requested that individual's phone numbers and addresses be dropped from the online version of the newsletter, for privacy reasons. Board members agreed, but it was resolved that the hard copy that is sent through the mail will continue to have the

information.

**DIRECTORY**

Henry passed along (through Rita) the thought that there might not be a strong need for an updated directory; Sanderoff will query the membership from the web. Some members of the Board stated that it would be useful for them, so Robbin will research the costs of printing.

**HISTORY DAY**

Scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**TOURS**

Bobbie and Alicia agreed that rather than using Circle volunteers who may not be up on current camp policies and practices, tours should be led by very recent or current employees assigned by the camp office. As a result "Tours" will no longer be a standing committee.

Human Resources

Sanderoff volunteered to handle this function on the web listserve.

**WEBSITE**

Sanderoff announced that she will change the website from its current Yahoo Groups host to avoid "invitation" problems. The intention is that everyone who is online AUTOMATICALLY receive emails, without an invite.

Sanderoff wanted to remind Board and Circle members that the website is always looking for updates and new announcements. She also reported that she has taken on the project of scanning camp photos with the intention of uploading them onto the website.

**NOMINATIONS**

Karen stated that six positions will be open on the Board. Current Board members who are finishing their first term and will run again: Reesa Pearlman, Andi Abrams, Sandy Bodine, Jay Kinney, Rachel Sanderoff (Rita Drapkin is finishing her 2<sup>nd</sup> term)

The following Circle members have been nominated to the Board: Jessie Choate, Andi Snyder, Lisa Gerton, Sammy Holtz, Molly Levin, Jessica Katz

Any nominees who wish to remove their names from consideration should contact Karen Gerton. (Note that the deadline for nominations is the close of the July Board meeting.) Nominees were reminded to write SHORT bios for dissemination at the Reunion Circle Meeting.

**OPEN HOUSE**

Sandy Bodine reported on the planned projects for the upcoming Open House on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. They include assisting on the preparation of a home for the goats during the summer, honorary bricks' relocation, and flower enhancement. Volunteers are needed for these projects.

**Bake Sale**

Amy Corbman reported that this year's bake sale was successful

Karen Gerton stated an objection to the idea of selling goodies to prospective camp families. It was agreed that for newcomers to camp, it's not the best PR.

**Motion:**

In the future, bake sale goodies at the open house will be complimentary.

The motion passed unanimously.

The following dates were established for the upcoming summer: Louise Country Fair – June 30<sup>th</sup>; Airy Carnival – July 28<sup>th</sup>

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Reesa Pearlman announced that 11 scholarships for reunion were handed out this year.

**PLAQUES**

Joan reported that none have been ordered for a while.

Reesa Pearlman informed the

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Board that camp had received an endowment from the estate of Francis Stoler which resulted in a...

#### Motion:

An excerpt of Francis Stoler's letter and words of thanks from camp be printed in the next edition of the newsletter, and a plaque made in her honor. The motion passed unanimously.

#### MITZVAH CARDS

Lisa Yarmis reported that camp sold \$54 in note cards and \$101 in mitzvah cards. It was decided that in the future, the newsletter print the name of purchasers, and advertisements on the availability of the cards will be printed in all camp venues. Lisa stressed the need for Circle members to acknowledge significant life events through the purchase of the cards. Karen Levin reminded the group that she would be happy to receive such announcements for the "Points on the Circle" column in the newsletter.

#### HISTORY BOOK

Joan informed the Board that she expects to be able to put in significant time on the book in upcoming months.

#### LICENSE PLATES

Alicia reported 35 sales in License Plates thus far. She reminded the group that the plates are for Maryland drivers only.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Reunion Pricing

Amy Corbman will report at a later date on any suggested changes in the pricing structure.

#### PINNING CEREMONY

Discussion yielded a consensus that inductees be pinned by someone who made Circle in an earlier year, underscoring the "mentoring" aspect of the ceremony. It was agreed that this policy would be

communicated to staff as soon as possible so that this summer's inductees will be informed.

#### Motion:

A circle inductee's pinner must have made circle in a previous year.

In favor – 13

Opposed – 1

Abstentions -- 3

#### ANNIVERSARY GIFT FOR AIRY

Alicia suggested she or Bobbie ask Camp Airy's directors for guidance in what the camp actually needs.

#### Motion:

The board agrees to donate between \$250 and \$500 for a gift, to be chosen at the discretion of Alicia and Bobbie. The motion passed unanimously.

#### PLAYGROUND

It was decided that research & planning for construction of a new playground not proceed without input from camp directors. Julie Little will confer with them in the future.

#### LIBRARY PHOTO ALBUMS

Leslie Salter raised concerns about the upkeep of the camp photo albums in the library. It was agreed that the books should be kept available throughout the summer and reunion for perusal by campers and well as reuniongoers. Marcia Kolko volunteered to improve their condition at the beginning of camp; Rita Drapkin volunteered to restore that condition at the close of Reunion.

#### CIRCLE MITZVAH PROJECT

Lisa Yarmis volunteered to coordinate a project involving bringing Circle members together during the year for a community mitzvah project.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephanie Grossman Veith is pregnant and due August 11<sup>th</sup>. Wendy Axelrod became grandma to a baby boy. CONGRATULATIONS were ex-

tended to both.

NEXT MEETING – JULY 25, 2009



#### CAMP UPDATE – Summer 2009

Planning is well underway for another incredible summer at camp. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful staff – a great mix of 2008 CITs, other fantastic homegrowns, returners from England, Canada, and Scotland, as well as new staff from America, France, the United Kingdom, and Israel.

One of our programming goals this summer is to utilize the many talents we have at camp. For example, we may have a member of swim staff who can juggle or an arts and crafts counselor who loves to rock out on the electric guitar. In addition, we know that there are many hidden talents out there in Circle. If you would like to volunteer to teach a special activity or help organize a special event, we want you!!!

Please email our Programming Coordinator Shira Kahan: shirakahan@gmail.com and let her know your talent/skills. Who knows? YOU could be the next special guest at Louise who the campers will write home about!

-Alicia Berlin

## Board Members

Each Fall Reunion at the Circle Town Hall Meeting, new board members are voted onto the Circle Board. Initial terms are three years in duration with the opportunity to run for an additional three year term. Board members must take a one year hiatus after their sixth year on the board.

This year I want to thank the following board members who have completed their terms on the Circle Board: Beth Bugnaski, Jolene Fabricant, Elissa Sachs-Kohen, Sara Marcus and Becca Stewart. All of them gave their time generously to the Circle Board. I also want to welcome Joan Bornstein, Amy Corbman and Karen Gerton to their second three-year term and Genevieve Conway, Rachel Gertz, Shira Kahan and Lisa Yarmis to their first three-year term on the Circle Board.

We all look forward to their fresh ideas and help on the many committees that the board has available in the general areas of Reunion, Membership and Fundraising.

In the spring we will be looking for new nominations for the positions that will open fall 2009. Please begin thinking about whether you might be interested

in becoming part of the Circle Board or know someone you would like to nominate. What better way to see that the spirit of Camp Louise continues to grow from generation to generation.

Karen Gerton  
Circle Board  
Nominations Chair

## Website

The Website, the List-serv, and Scanned Pictures.... Oh My!!

I hope by now everyone has had the chance to check out the website! If you haven't, please go to [www.camplouiseircle.org](http://www.camplouiseircle.org) rightnow!

While you are there, click on the "Go Green to Save Green" link and join our email list-serv. As part of the list-serv, you will receive periodic email announce-ments, information and mailings all receive your next Lighthouse by email, saving paper and money. You will be helping to do your part in conservation and saving the planet! So, GO GREEN TO SAVE GREEN!!!

Recently, we have begun a photo-scanning project. Photo albums from the library are being scanned in and put on the website (go to the pictures page). Already, we have pictures from 1979, 1980, 1982, 1986, 1987, 1988, and

1989 online, plus a number of 'mystery' pictures. We can't figure out which year these 'mystery' pictures are from and this is where you come in. We need your help... go to the website and look at the pictures. If you know what year any of them are from, send an email to [rachel.sanderoff@camplouiseircle.org](mailto:rachel.sanderoff@camplouiseircle.org).

If you have any comments, questions, suggestions, etc. about the website, please email me. I would love to hear from you about what you want on your Circle website.

- Rachel Sanderoff

## Circle Reunion

**CIRCLE REUNION IS  
SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2009**

It is time to start thinking of Circle Reunion and calling those people you haven't seen for a while so all of you can be at camp once again and enjoying its beauty. If you are a circle member or someone who worked at camp in the past, but never made circle you qualify to be a part of the Circle reunion held at Camp Louise, Come share memories with those who share the same love and affection for camp as you do.

Shira and Jessie are coordinating the program this year and welcome any

suggestions and help you can offer. We will be having arts and crafts, hikes, folk dance, ice breakers, camp fire, and many other activities. We do need people to run activities, so if you would like to run an activity, please email me [atabramsa0630@comcast.net](mailto:atabramsa0630@comcast.net) and put in the subject area "Camp Louise Circle Reunion". We welcome new activities and would like to continue the activities we have offered in the past. Remember, if you would like to lead and activity, let me know as soon as possible.

Bobbie and Jane are looking into the catering and we are trying to keep the cost of reunion down so many of you can attend. If you need help with paying for reunion please contact Elissa at: [eskohen@bhcong.org](mailto:eskohen@bhcong.org). We are also going to be keeping the cost of momentos to a minimum.

Again, Karen will be working on housing. Please contact Karen Levin to make your reservation and find out how you can be a part of an unforgettable weekend at camp. 2501 Pinebrush Road, Baltimore, MD 21209 or (410) 764-1379, or [kplevin@gateway.net](mailto:kplevin@gateway.net)

**CONTACT AN OLD CAMP FRIEND AND MAKE SURE YOU ARE A PART OF THE FUN THIS YEAR!!!!**

## Points on the Circle

Hello friends of Circle,  
Once again, our readers fill us in on their latest adventures.

### Engagements

Cheryl Green Zusman (Circle 1969) wrote to say that daughter Mara Zusman became engaged on the night of her surprise 30th birthday party on February 28th. Mara and her fiancé, Jeremy Greenberg of Gaithersburg, MD is currently living in Bethesda.

### Marriage

Congratulations to Jill Rosenthal (Circle 1989) on the up coming marriage to Jerry Bass. They will be getting married on June 21, 2009 at the Martins Valley Mansion in Hunt Valley.

### Births

Devin Sears and Cori Zinner Sears (Circle 1998) of Glen Burnie, MD welcomed their first child, a boy named Brady Nolan, on January 19, 2008 (3 weeks early). Brady weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz and was 18.4 inches at birth. He is growing like a weed, and at 5 months old he was already close to 15 lbs and 26 inches long. Contact Cori at: princesscori2002@yahoo.com for pictures of her little boy.

Serene Israel (Circle 1964) of Baltimore, MD

reports that grandchild #6 was born on 8/1/08 at 1:52 p.m. Nora Elizabeth Tromble and her mom, dad, brothers and sister are all doing great.

Melissa Weintraub Pezza of East Greenwich, R.I., camper from 1989-1996 and a CIT in 1995, gave birth to first child Hayley Rose on October 2, 2008. Hayley weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz and was 20 inches long at birth. Melissa was married in 2003. Her sister, Shara Weintraub of New York, N.Y. (camper from 1990 to 2007) got married during Memorial Day weekend, 2009.

Laurie Maier Wasserman (CIT 1996, Circle 1999) married 1996 Airy CIT, Andy Wasserman. They recently had their first son (and future Airy camper), Evan Samuel Wasserman, on 9/25/08 weighing in at 8 lbs. They live in Columbia, MD.

Neil Berlin (Circle 2006) and Alicia Block Berlin (Circle 1990) of Baltimore, Md. are proud to announce the birth of yet another Camp Louise girl – Eliana Bess was born on October 14, 2009. Eliana is looking forward to joining her big sisters Hannah and Marissa in Cascade, Md. this summer!

Elaina Sue Hoffmann was born January 15th, 2009 to Keri Baxter Hoffmann (Circle 1997) and Jason Hoffmann. Elaina weight 6 lb 8 oz and measured

19 3/4 inches long. Keri worked in the music department (trumpet player) at camp and currently lives in San Antonio, Tex.

Lawrence R. Kravitz (Circle 1998) of Aberdeen, MD. became a grandfather again on April 13, 2009. Daughter Jennifer and her husband Larry had a son, Immanuel Dov. Immanuel's sister Maya is the proud big sister.

Robbin Myerberg and her partner Shelley Walman of Lewes, DE welcomed their first Grandchild, Oliver Walman of Buckeye, AZ, April 9, 2009.

### Congrats

Geri Miller Libercci of Baltimore, MD attended Camp Louise from 1959-1963 and wrote to share happy news about two women who went to Louise a long time ago, made Circle, and became grandmas recently.

First is Betty Rosen Kohn (Circle 1966) of Highland Heights, Ohio, who became a first-time grandma on June 6th, 2008. Betty spent many years at camp, as a camper, CA, CIT, counselor and then worked there as an adult. New mom is Erin Kohn Nauert, who also attended camp; new dad is Dan Nauert. Grandpa is Stan Kohn, who also spent time at camp with his family. All live in suburbs of Cleveland, Ohio. Many of the Circle mem-

bers know Betty, as she attended several Circle reunions and spent most of her summers in Cascade, MD.

Second is Rozzie Feinberg Flax (Circle year unknown) of Atlanta, GA., (originally from Baltimore) who became a first-time grandma on Nov. 9, 2006. New parents are Jessica Flax Braunstein and Glen Braunstein, also of Atlanta.

Geri became friends with Betty around 1963 (when she lived in Long Island, N.Y.), and they have been friends all these years. Roz & Geri grew up together in Baltimore and went to Louise together. Although Roz has been living in Atlanta for many years, their friendship is still going strong.

Betty Rosen Kohn (Circle 1966) also retired in June 2008. Betty's comment on retirement: "I taught for 30 years between 1970-2008. Retirement is the BEST! No need to wear a watch, who knows what day of the week it is, and better yet...who cares! I'm not bored yet, but when I get to that place I'll look for something part-time. For me retirement is great, not only because I get to play with my grandson as often as I want, but because I ended my career knowing that I helped many children along the way.

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My salary could never reach the level of emotional investment had with my inner city students... I hung in there because of them and knowing I was being given the gift of helping others. So... for all you young and middle career teachers, hang in there because there aren't too many other professions that permit you to connect with children and adults in this way. "As a side note, I just found out that one of my 6th graders in my very first class is a doctor. In, of all places, Baltimore, Md.! VERY SMALL WORLD!"

After 31 years of unwedded bliss, Rita Drapkin (Circle'88) and Cindy Klink of Murrysilla, PA. tied the knot on July 21, 08 in San Francisco, CA. Although they live in PA, this was their first opportunity to get married in the U.S. and took advantage of it.

Laurie Young (Circle 1970) of Arlington, VA. and her partner of 25 years, Marikay Crangle, were married on August 14, 08. The two were married on the mayor's balcony at City Hall in San Francisco. Their daughter Leah, now 14, acted as their witness. The wedding was immediately followed by a celebratory luncheon at the Cliff House, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Laurie reports that the ceremony was long in coming, but a wonderful family celebration. Thank you, CA!

Ina Blumberg Hamburger of Balto, MD reports that she was the happiest new member of Circle in 2008. Ina was at camp for 5 years in the mid-1950s and was counselor for one year. She always was sorry she hadn't returned to make Circle. Four years ago, Ina started working in the office at camp because she had (and still has) 2 granddaughters at camp. Their mom and dad are also camp doctors for a week. When Ina came back to camp, she had no idea that she could make Circle by earning one-year service for 2 years working and was delightfully surprised. Ina is very proud to be in Circle and says, "It's never too late!"

### **This & That**

Becky Polen Hartman (Circle 1963) of Baltimore, MD. wrote to tell us about her mother Myra Polen Foreman (Circle 1958) also of Baltimore, who as a part of Camp Louise for many years along with Sara Yudlson and Miss Ida. Myra had some surgery last year but is doing very well. She has finally moved to a wonderful retirement community so that she can get busy with new activities and new learning.

Becky says "Transition seems to be what life is about and as we all transition from our life in that wonderful place on the mountains, we go

with the strength and the foundation of love that we were given and learned to give. Although today's campers may never know or remember the woman that went before them, we and they will always know the Louise spirit."

Stacy Derrick (Circle 1998) of Germantown, Md. wrote to say that she has started to make tutus for little girls. Please visit her on the Web at: [www.sararosetutus.com](http://www.sararosetutus.com). Let Stacy know that you are from Camp Louise and she will take 10% off your order. Also, come check out her product review blog:

[www.busymommyproductreview.blogspot.com](http://www.busymommyproductreview.blogspot.com). Stacy is still selling Avon and invites you to ask her about her in-stock items that are on sale.

Amy Weiner (Circle 2004) of Baltimore, Md. made aliyah at the end of September, starting a new life for herself in Israel. For those who wish to keep in touch, her e-mail address is: [Amy.Weiner@trincoll.edu](mailto:Amy.Weiner@trincoll.edu). Need a holiday, birthday, anniversary, wedding, or hostess gift; need new kitchen supplies? Shop online at: [www.pamperechef.biz/ayme](http://www.pamperechef.biz/ayme). There are always the outlet items, which are up to 60% off.

If you are in the Baltimore area and would like to host a show and earn FREE products, contact

Ayme "AY" Smith Lederman (Circle 1994) of Baltimore, MD. at: 410-371-6781 or check her website above.

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Esta Bablan Wolfram (Circle 1938, and married to former Airy counselor Victor Wolfram since 1945) of Walnut Creek, CA. wrote to say hello. Esta was at Louise from 1938-1945 (missing one summer) and at Airy for part of a summer, and now lives in a senior community in beautiful California, and CA is a continent away from Maryland! Esta moved to California so she could swim outdoors every day.

Esta reports that she and Victor recently had a splendid time with much younger folks when they attended a "meet-up" of the Green Dragon group of [LibraryThing.com](http://LibraryThing.com).

Esta says their on-line friendships paid off. There was no hesitation in greeting and they talked and talked for two hours, proving at least one thing, Esta says, that there can be a transfer from fantasy to reality, and that's encouraging in this complicated world.

Esta's computer keeps her in touch at: [estavic@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:estavic@sbcbglobal.net). She spends time on-line at [LibraryThing.com](http://LibraryThing.com) and invites you to try the site if you are interested in books and people who

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read them. You'll find Esta there as esta1923. Membership worldwide: people with a wide range of opinions and you can either pay or not!

Joan Levine Bornstein (Circle 1950) of Miami, FL. wrote to say: "Camp last year was great (as usual). There were many changes and certainly they were positive. My responsibility was to help those who had difficulty adjusting to camp -- campers or counselors. As you probably know, I am one of the "older" members of the staff. I had the privilege of going into the bunks after activities and telling stories of 'the way it was' One day I was asked to meet with a little girl who was very unhappy. We spent time together and I just 'happened' to see her at most of her activities and stopped to talk to her. She usually had a downcast expression. One day she said, "You know, I think I am having a good time." I replied, "Great, now you can make that call to your mom so she will not be upset about all the letters you sent to her." The call was made and after she told her mom all about camp and how much fun she was having, she said 'It is all because of this lady whose name is Joan, Mom. She is old but in very good shape.'"

"Out of the mouths of babes! If you ever want

honesty, talk to an eight- or nine-year old. And if you want to stay young be sure to keep camp on your agenda. Love to all of you."

Joan also wrote: "Several years ago, Ben and I took a trip to Alaska. It was a land trip followed by a short cruise. The travels on land took us to popular places as well as remote areas. Of course, we were in Anchorage and Fairbanks and we panned for gold and ate salmon hot-dogs, etc. We went above the Arctic Circle and walked on the tundra and visited a little known place call Kotzebue. There was a "museum" which turned out to be a large room with stuffed animals. As we entered, I looked around and across the room there was a woman looking at one of the exhibits. Although her back was to me, I recognized it. And at that moment, she turned around. I shouted "Mim"; she returned the happy shout "Joan". We ran toward each other and hugged. We were counselors in "Junior Row" many years ago and the Alaska reunion put us right back to those wonderful times. We spent a long time reminiscing.

"It is not unusual to run into people from Louise. I was in North Carolina coming out of a store and someone said, 'Joan Bornstein, I remember you and your family. I was

a camper when you and your late husband were in camp.' I hear a lot of this but in Kotzebue, Alaska, it was amazing!"

Lawrence Kravitz (Circle 1998) of Aberdeen, MD. reports that he instructs pottery at the wheel to continuing education classes at Harford Community College, Bel Air, and MD.

Judy Raumann Rosenblum (Circle 1949, music department) of Key Biscayne, FL. wrote to say: "So often I think of Camp Louise and the wonderful years I spent there. My husband had 3 strokes in the past 4 years, so I am unable to come to the reunions but hope to get there one of these years. My best to all who remember me. Feel free to contact me at: judy.rosenblum@yahoo.com."

Henri Gewertz Goettel (Circle 1966) of Independence, Missouri says, thanks for the many good wishes during her illness that kept her at home during reunion last year. Henri has been officially declared healthy once again and plans to keep it that way. She will see you at next year's reunion, if not sooner.

Cobi Edelson of Atlanta, GA, (Circle 2001) and Elaine Ross of Baltimore, Md. (CIT 2006) spent a week in Israel with JNF, in March 2009, working in development towns and

learning about the culture of the Negev! They had a great time there, reminiscing about camp and sharing their folk dancing skills with the group!

Former camper and counselor Valerie Lasoff McManus continues to live and work in Ellicott City, MD with her husband, Craig, two children, James (4) and Mackenzie (2) and yellow lab, Willow. Family life is going great and Valerie is thoroughly enjoying her private therapy practice, Healing Therapies Counseling Services. [www.healingtherapiesonline.com](http://www.healingtherapiesonline.com)

Valerie recently became Reiki-certified and is excited to practice her new skills (wink)!

Val is training for the Iron Girl Columbia Triathlon (this August) as part of Team Active Survivors Network (ASN), supporting survivors of illness, injury, abuse, and addition through body awareness, health and movement. Val's triathlon participation, visit

[www.active.com/donateTEAMASNWOMENSTRI109/valmcmanus](http://www.active.com/donateTEAMASNWOMENSTRI109/valmcmanus) or email:

valmcmanus@yahoo.com. The Camp Louise library received a signed copy of Miriam Feinberg's book, "Hear Her Voice" from former camper Ruth Newhouse of Bethesda, MD. for future campers and staff to enjoy.



Reesa Woolf (Circle 1967) of Boonton, New Jersey wrote to remind us of Miss Ida's words. "Miss Ida had a big jar of buttons -- people would keep buttons off of old garments in those days. When a homesick camper was brought to her, she would accidentally spill the jar. The girl would help her put the buttons back and would not be homesick after their meeting because action and a feeling of purpose cures sadness."

Miss Ida said: "See the good in every girl." And she did.

Drazia Schacter Rubenstein (Circle 2006) of Aventura, FL, recently spent time with Phyllis Barsky Meyer at her winter home on the west coast of Florida while Phyllis's cousin, Ann Barsky Curiel, who lives in Italy was visiting. They were all friends and campers at Louise in the '50's and Drazia hadn't seen Ann in 50 years! Drazia and Phyllis reconnected at the 2008 reunion. Drazia spent Pesach this year in Panama with her son, draught-in-law and two granddaughters.

Sherie L. Seff (Circle 1976, pinned by Betty Dressner and Wells Gemberling) of New York, N.Y. reports that she's doing the hokey pokey in her professional life...one foot still in the theater as acasting dirtor and the other in social

work as the kidney transplant social worker at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital in NYC. In addition, she opened a private practice as a psychotherapist and enjoys the work. Sherie specializes in eating disorders, sexual abuse and chronic illness, which she finds very rewarding. Sherie has not been able to attend reunion for a few years, but hopes to make it this year. She has missed seeing everyone.

Mindy Shapiro of Philadelphia, PA. (Circle 1980) wrote: "During the 1970s-mid 1980s I lived at the leather table with Selma Symons. Selma even pinned me.

"In the 1990s I transferred my leather carving skills to paper and became a papercut artist. Please see one example of my work. I left my job in the Jewish communal world and is launching my business called Personalized Papercuts. I do customized invitations for all occasions, ketubot, and personalized works of art for birthdays, anniversaries and really any occasion. My Web site will be launched soon. In the meantime, I have plenty of pictures I can share with you. I have been doing this informally for a while but am now taking the business to a new level. If you have need for a special gift or invite, please contact me at

:mindysue39@gmail.com or 215.242.4403."



### Passings

Frances M. Stolar (Circle 1949) of Sarasota, Florida, passed away on December 17, 2007. Born in 1909, Frances had many fond memories of her years at Camp Louise. Frances generously left a donation from her estate to Camp Louise Circle.

Condolences go out to Circle president Rita Drapkin (Circle 1988) of Murrysville, PA., whose father Leon Drapkin, died on September 24, 2008 at the age of 90. He spent all of his adult years in the Silver Spring/Bethesda area and, prior to retirement, was a pharmacist who owned Packett's Pharmacy in Takoma Park and Higger's Pharmacy in Chevy Chase.

Etta Tourkin (Circle 1977) of CA passed away on July 28, 2008. Etta was a high School English Teacher and a Trust & Estates Paralegal. Etta is best known at camp as a

unit leader in the 70's. Her and her companion Winnie the Pool bear helped many home sick girls get through the day.

### Got news?

Send it to Karen Levin at: karenl@camplouisecircle.org. Please be sure to include the following with your news: your full name, including maiden name, if appropriate, the year you made Circle or the years you were at camp (approximation OK) and the city and state where you live.

### REUNION Mementos

Be sure to keep a look out in the circle reunion packet that will come out this summer about this year's circle reunion mementos! This year we will be selling two items: aluminum BPA free water bottles and static window clings! Not going to reunion? There will also be information about getting the mementos mailed to you!

Check your reunion packet or the website: [www.camplouisecircle.com](http://www.camplouisecircle.com) for prices, images, and information will be posted soon!

-Lisa Blatt

## "WHEN YOU CARE ENOUGH TO SEND THE VERY BEST..."

Hallmark, right? Wrong! How about choosing to support the Circle through their Mitzvah Card program, rather than increasing the profits of a big corporation?

A Mitzvah card has a beautiful sketch of the White House on the front and on the inside acknowledges your donation to the Circle on behalf of a special occasion. It can be in memory of a person, congratulatory (a promotion, a new house, birth of a baby) or really for just about any reason.

The minimum donation we ask is \$5, which includes mailing. We are now using the breast cancer stamp on all of our mitzvah card postings.

You might consider purchasing a block of cards to keep on hand. Please use the attached form or, if you need it sent out expeditiously, call me at 443-690-4770.

Another way to support Circle is through the purchase of note cards. These have a sketching of the White House or the Library on the front, and are blank on the inside to write your own note. These are sold in packs of 10, and can be ordered with the attached form. The cost is \$18.

We would like to acknowledge the following contributions made to the Circle:

### NOTECARDS:

Mary Maslow  
Esther Glickman-Grossman  
Joanie Patterson  
Lisa Yarmis

### MITZVAH CARDS

In memory of Joe Burkom by Ronda Max Pozoulakis

To celebrate re-miniscing with Susan Appel Honeyman by Steven Appel

In memory of Bess Cohen, mother of Elaine Cohen Elkin by Ruthye Shapiro Plump

In memory of Sharon Shapiro, sister of Mindy Shapiro by Lisa Yarmis

A purchase of 10 mitzvah cards by Joan Block.

Would you like the Circle to acknowledge a life event of one of its members?

We are seeking information about significant life events of its members, so we can send a card on behalf of the Circle. Please forward this information to Lisa Yarmis by email to: [lisayarmis@camplouisecircle.org](mailto:lisayarmis@camplouisecircle.org).

The Circle sent a card to Wendy and Hal Goldberg on becoming the grandparents of Daniel Joseph Goldberg. Mazel Tov!

## CAN YOU HANDLE This??????

If so, be a participant in the 1st annual Camp Louise Circle Reunion POLAR BEAR SPLAAAAASH. ....No, this is not for the faint of heart. Yes, of course, it is for a worthy cause. All proceeds will go to the Circle. Camper-ship Fund.

Here's how it works. Each participant will be asked to solicit at least \$40 in donations. You will then demonstrate how crazy you are for the cause by choosing one of the 3 slides at the Louise pool and shoot the chute! OK, OK, W.I.I.F.M.??? A commemorative TEE SHIRT and the admiration of all those watching! Not to mention a chance to ride the slide!

All those who are interested, please email Lisa Yarmis at: [lisayarmis@camplouisecircle.org](mailto:lisayarmis@camplouisecircle.org) and I will send an entry form. See you in September! P.S.

If there is someone you would like to challenge to do the SPLAAAAASH, and you would cover the entry donation to see it happen, please get in touch with me as well!



Want to help save the planet (and a little money too)? Join the Circle member list-serv and receive the Lighthouse and other mailings through your e-mail! Just go to:

[www.camplouisecircle.org](http://www.camplouisecircle.org) and look for the "Join the Circle Member List-serv" link! For more information Contact Rachel Sanderoff at [sanderoff@camplouisecircle.org](mailto:sanderoff@camplouisecircle.org)



We are almost there! We need a minimum of 25 cars to order Camp Louise organizational license plates. License plates are available for most any Maryland-registered vehicle (sorry, no motorcycles!). These plates are NOT vanity plates and do NOT require additional renewal costs (the fee is the same you pay for your plates now). The only fee is the one-time donation of \$50 to Circle (\$25 is tax deductible). More details are available on the Circle Website:

<http://www.camplouisecircle.org/licenseplate.html>

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Answers to Frequently Asked Questions about Camp Louise Alumnae Communications

1. Henri Goettel keeps the master database of Circle members, former camp staff and former campers. The master database creates the annual directory and the mailing labels for all alumnae mailings, including the reunion packet.

E-mail: [hgoettel@publicnetworking.org](mailto:hgoettel@publicnetworking.org)

2. Bobbye Gilden keeps the listserv for all alumnae with E-mail. E-mail: [pbdag@dol.net](mailto:pbdag@dol.net)
3. Robbin Myerberg produces and sends out all alumni mailings except for the reunion packet.  
E-mail: [robbinm@camplouisecircle.org](mailto:robbinm@camplouisecircle.org)
4. Karen Levin produces and sends out the reunion packet.  
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5. Rachel Sanderoff is the webmaster for the Camp Louise Circle website.

To register as a member of the forum, contact Rachel at: [webmaster@camplouisecircle.org](mailto:webmaster@camplouisecircle.org)

Henri, Bobbye, Robbin, and Karen are in contact with each other throughout the year. We provide each other with all additions and updates to camp alumnie information. Contact any one of the four of us to change any of your information or to add someone new. Your information will get to all four of us.



## Circle networking

Have you recently started a business? Do you want Circle Members to know about your business?




For \$20.00 per issue, your business card can be seen by all Circle members on our newsletter.

Send your business card to Robbin Myerberg at: 17382 Taramino Pl, Lewes, De 19958

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