



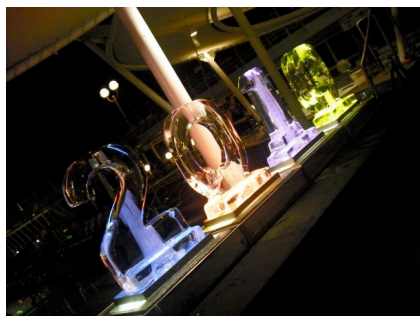
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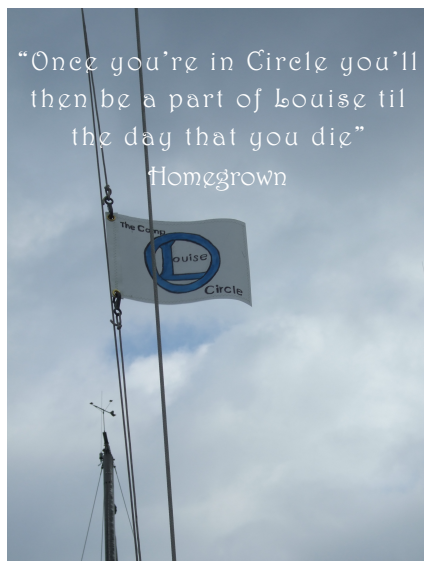


HAPPY NEW YEAR



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"Once you're in Circle you'll
then be a part of Louise til
the day that you die"
Homegrown

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to use my first message as Circle president to introduce myself. I started going to camp as a camper in 1989. I continued going to camp every summer, was a CIT in 1997, and made Circle in 2000.

I worked on staff from 1998 to 2007 (for at least part of the summer). During my 10 summers on staff, I was a bunk counselor, unit counselor, athletics department head, and programming specialist.

I have been on the Circle board for the past 3 years, working on many projects, including the Web site.

I am very excited to take on this new role and to have the opportunity to work with the amazing Circle board and hopefully all of you! So please contact me, or any of the board members, if you would like to help out in any way, have an idea for a project or fundraiser, or just want to be more involved. I look forward to hearing from and working with all of you.

Rachel Sanderoff

President, Camp Louise Circle
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ONLINE RESOURCES

There are now more than 600 people on the email list-serv! That is amazing, but I know that there are more of you out there that are not currently on the list.

Please join in our "Go Green to Save Green" initiative; go to the website

www.camplouisecircle.org and click on the "Join the Circle Member List-Serv" link. This list-serv is the best way to stay informed on Circle events, news, announcements, etc.



PHOTO ALBUMS

Photo albums from the library are being scanned in and archived into new photo albums to help preserve the photos. Check the Web site often to see the pictures that have been scanned in. Also, make sure to go to the "Mystery Pictures" page and see if you know what year the pictures came from.

If you do know, please send an email to webmaster@camplouisecircle.org.

Do you ever get in a "camp mood?" Something reminds you of camp or there is a story you want to share and you know only camp people will "get it." Well, there is a place you can share! Go to the Circle Discussion Board (<http://www.camplouisecircle.org/discussionboard.html>).

Once you register as a user, you will be able to read, contribute, or just enjoy camp discussions. You can create surveys, start topics, post pictures – just about anything! So join today!

MINUTES

CIRCLE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2009

In attendance: Rita Drapkin (president), Marcia Kolko, Jane Abraham, Lisa Blatt, Andi Abrams, Julie Little, Rachel Gertz, Leslie Salters, Joan Bornstein, Karen Gerton, Lisa Yarmis, Amy Corbman, Rachel Sanderoff, Genevieve Conway, Robbin Myerberg, Karen Levin, Reesa Pearlman, Sandy Bodine, Shira Kahan, Jessica Katz (new member), Andie Snyder (new member), and Jessie Reter-Choate (new member).

Advisory board members in attendance: Alicia Berlin and Bobbie Miller.

Non-Board member in attendance: Ben Giller.

MINUTES

Meeting called to order and nominations accepted for executive positions. All nominees were voted in unanimously:

- President: Rachel Sanderoff
- Vice president: Jessie Reter-Choate
- V.P. of membership: Leslie Carmel Salters
- V.P. of Fundraising: Amy Corbman
- Secretary: Genevieve Conway
- Treasurer: Andie Snyder
- Parliamentarian: Lisa Blatt

Minutes from July meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Reesa Pearlman reviewed the report. Report approved.

CAMP UPDATE

Alicia Berlin reported:

- A successful summer with a fully functioning and beautifully restored White House.
- A new end-of-summer "Pick-Up Day Savings Policy" that resulted in the camp receiving 500 advance registrations for next year.
- Kip's house will be taken down; a new flower and vegetable garden will replace it.
- Shira Kahan will join the year-round staff in the Baltimore office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS REUNION

- REUNION DATES

Andi Abrams announced the dates for the 2010 Circle Reunion as September 24-26, 2010.

Motion: That the 2010 reunion be open to non-Circle members. The motion passed unanimously.

- FOOD

A motion was made (and passed unanimously) to table a discussion of Kosher food availability at reunion for a later time.

- MEMENTOS

Lisa Blatt reported whopping sales on the new metal water bottles, especially considering the remaining day of reunion when more sales were expected. The decals were moving nicely also.

- SCHOLARSHIPS

It was agreed that the need for scholarship monies should be communicated on a more regular basis.

MEMBERSHIP

- LOUISE LIGHTHOUSE

Robbin Myerberg endorsed the role that Mark Newton of JCC Print shop has played in handling the printing, labeling, and mailing of the last issue of the Lighthouse. Our "Go Green, Save Green" policy saved us \$74.30 on individuals who have agreed to receive the newsletter through email.

- DIRECTORY

Robbin researched the cost of printing and reported that it would cost \$15 per directory, which includes the mailing cost included.

- HISTORY DAY

Julie Little reported that the day was a whopping success, due in large part to the numerous volunteers who were present.

- WEB SITE

Rachel Sanderoff reported on the new option of "PayPal" for non-profits, a service designed to accept online payment. The fee for such a service could be worked into the pricing of whatever is being sold on our Web site. She will continue to explore this for the future.

FUNDRAISING

- MITZVAH CARDS & MORE

Lisa Yarmis reported a few sales. 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.

Fundraising

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Lisa also suggested a new fundraising idea involving the sale of a group picture with a frame (intended for signing) two frames for \$12. Rachel Gertz and Rachel Sanderoff produced a typed and bound campfire songbook with lyrics and guitar chords. A motion to sell it as a fundraiser was tabled for a later time. It was decided that it would be better to distribute a few copies at that night's campfire to gauge the interest in sales. Rita Drapkin made a motion to reimburse Sanderoff for the expenses in producing the songbook; the motion was passed unanimously.

Karen Levin suggested we could raise additional funds by charging individuals who might want copies of specific photos from the library photo albums.

Lisa Yarmis volunteered to work up a new idea for a competitive game as a fundraiser.

- HISTORY BOOK

Joan Bornstein informed the board that she has begun a reorganization of the book to expedite the editing process.

- LICENSE PLATES

Alicia Berlin reported a small number of sales. She reminded the group that the plates are for Maryland drivers only.

OLD BUSINESS

Charging for hard copies of "Louise Lighthouse" previously brought up by Karen Gerton:

Robbin advised the group that 490 hard copies of the last issue were mailed.

A motion was made (and passed unanimously) to table

discussion until a later time when there is more of a track record on which to rely.

NEW BUSINESS

- REUNION PRICING

Pricing structure for reunion: To address issues related to making reunion more affordable (and/or possible for drop-in guests) it was agreed that comments from this year's attendees was necessary regarding the priorities of attendees (quality of food, activities, etc.) to address the cost. The issue will then be addressed by a multi-generational committee once that information (plus a breakdown of food costs) is in hand.

- RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

Rita Drapkin suggested the creation of a committee to discuss ways in which the board might thank individuals who have worked tirelessly on the board's behalf. Rita, Rachel Sanderoff, and Lisa Yarmis agreed to serve on the committee.

- CIRCLE MITZVAH PROJECT

Lisa Yarmis volunteered to coordinate a project involving bringing Circle members together.

- LIBRARY PHOTO ALBUMS

Leslie Salters 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 reunion-goers. Marcia Kolko volunteered to improve their condition at the beginning of camp; Rita Drapkin volunteered to restore that condition at the close of reunion.

- PHOTOGRAPH UPKEEP

Rachel Sanderoff has been, and will continue to remove photographs from the library, scan them (for preservation purposes) and replace them in new albums.

Robbin Myerberg has also offered to help with the scanning project.

It was agreed that the board take up the idea of an "archivist" position (or committee) at the spring meeting.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alicia Block requested that reunion attendees leave the camp clean and orderly for visiting prospective camper families on Sunday afternoon.

Leslie Salters reminded the group that she would be setting out table signs in the dining room to request quiet during the campfire that night.

Alicia stated that Betsy Rosenthal wanted to extend her thanks to the board for its donation of comforters for the infirmary.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00

WEB SITE

The Web site, the list-serv, and scanned pictures...oh my!!

I hope by now everyone has had the chance to check out the Web site! If you haven't, go to www.camplouiseircle.org 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 announcements, information and mailings including the Louise Lighthouse, which will

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save paper and money. You will be helping to do your part in conservation and saving the planet! So GO GREEN TO SAVE GREEN.

We recently began a photo-scanning project. Photo albums from the library are being scanned in and put on the Web site – go to the pictures page. We already 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 Web site and look at the pictures. If you know what year any of them are from, send an email to sanderoff@camplouisecircle.org.

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

-Rachel Sanderoff

SPLAAAAASH

IT WAS A “SPLASHING” SUCCESS!

By Lisa Yarmis

Perhaps the sun wasn’t out, and it was drizzling off and on, but it wasn’t enough to dampen the spirits of the 1st Camp Louise Reunion SPLAAAAASH to benefit the camper-ship fund. The water was a breathtaking 65 degrees and the crowd that came to watch was impressive.

Also impressive was the amount of money raised: \$1700 and checks are still coming in! I’d like to take this opportunity to send out some thank yous to the people who made this event a success.

- Patti Grossman: She not only created the splaaaaash T-shirts, but also donated 30 shirts for the event participants.
- Kip Martin: He kept the pool open for an extra month so we could splaaaaash.
- Leslie Salters, Lynette Cohn Silverberg, and Sami Holt: These women were our lifeguard staff for the event.
- Melissa Scherr Brownstein: For sending in the first donation!
- Jeff Dunn at Apple T-shirt, Inc.: Jeff gave us the “Camp Louise” price for the T-shirt production. (Appleteel@aol.com)
- Norma Haubenstock- Donation from the furthest location – Fairbanks, Alaska!

The participants: Lisa Yarmis, Becca Epstein, Rita Drapkin, Andi Abrams, Ronda Max Pozoulakis, Pam Pearlman Friedman, Mary Light Maslow, Leslie Carmel Salters, Julie Little, Missy Sachs-Kohen, Elissa Sachs-Kohen, Sybil Kessinger Modispacher, Jill Rosenthal Bass, Valerie Lasoff McManus, Betsy Sterling, Danielle Azoulay, Lauren Winiker, Leslie Hackerman Becker, Laurie Heffler Galfond, and Cobi Edelson.

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CIRCLE REUNION

What a wonderful weekend!!! Thanks to Karen Levin for handling reservations, Jessie Reter-Choate and Shira Kahan for a fantastic program...so many wonderful people stepped up and led activities. Bobbie Miller and Jane Abraham made sure we were fed well with a new caterer. Some of us "took the plunge" to raise money for the camper-ship fund and believe me, IT WAS COLD!

Thanks to Lisa Yarmis for heading this great fundraiser. We made nearly \$2000. We also came home with great mementos: water bottles and window decals.

Next year, we will need help with programming and would like to expand the offerings. Please consider leading an activity – we probably have some bridge players out there who could run a game. How about board games, Pictionary, etc...let me know if you would like to do anything.

The raffle and a silent auction netted over \$2200. Thanks to all who brought things to camp to raffle and auction. And thank you to all who attended and ran activities. It is the people that make a great reunion.

In the coming year, I hope all of you have good health and happiness.

Andi Abrams
V.P. of reunion

CAMP UPDATE

By Alicia Berlin
Director, Camp Louise

It was another very successful summer in Cascade, Md. thanks to the great staff and wonderful campers we had in 2009! It seems like camp just ended, but we are already busy planning for another great summer.

Our bunks are quickly filling up. With our special Pick-Up Day Savings, we had hundreds of campers already signed up for 2010 on the day they left camp this past summer. So...if you know some prospective camp families, please encourage them to register ASAP. There is much great information on our Web site www.airylouise.org – including sessions, fees, and so much more!

Thanks to all of you who continue to support what we do – with your time, donations, and most importantly by sending us your campers and spreading the word about how great Camp Louise is. That, my friends, is priceless!

MITZVAH CARDS

MITZVAH CARDS, NOTE CARDS, AND SUCH!

Thanks go out for the following donations:

- Diane Rodgers Post: a purchase of 10 mitzvah cards.
- Serene Israel: a purchase of 5 mitzvah cards.
- Michael and Paula: a donation to the circle in memory of Mark Abrams.

- Drazia Rubenstein: a donation to the Circle in honor of all the people she worked with this summer at camp.
- Charles Trite: a donation to the Circle.
- Paul Mummert: a donation to the Circle.

POINTS ON THE CIRCLE

Hello friends of Circle,

Again, our readers fill us in on their latest adventures.

Engagements

Mary Light Maslow (Circle 1998) of Reisterstown, Md. wrote to tell us that her daughter, Crystal Maslow (Circle 2009) is engaged to Clayton Brown. The couple will wed after Crystal has finished school for becoming a physician assistant (about two years from now).

Births

Katy Schuman Clemens (who was at camp from 1988-1997 and worked in the drama department) and husband John are thrilled to announce the birth of their son, Samuel Jack Clemens, who was born on September 2, 2009. Katy, John and Sam live in Columbia, Md.

Melody Ballan Cooper (who worked in the athletics department in the '60s) of Baltimore, Md. is excited to announce the arrival two new grandchildren making a total of five so far! Melody's daughter, Jamie Cooper Biegeleisen (former camper and counselor of North Bergen, N.J. had a son, Samuel Eli, on June 5, 2009. The next arrival was Makaela Erin

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Cooper born September 12, 2009. Parents are Mitchell and Barbara Cooper.

This & That

Cheryl Green Zusman (Circle 1969) of Southborough, Mass. wrote to share with us how Louise friendships can last through generations: "All three of my daughters went to Louise, and my son attended Airy, even though we lived in Boston. Amy Corbman is one of my daughter Mara's best friends (she'll be a bridesmaid in her wedding), and Amy's mom, Ellen, and I were bunkmates when we were about 10 years old."

Aimee Levin Weiner (semi-Circle) of Cooper City, Fla. wrote to share some of her Louise memories.

"In my CIT year (1975), I wanted to teach gymnastics at camp but there was no department, so they put me in the athletics department where Dave Miller, who was the department head at the time, insisted that I teach archery along with gymnastics. Fearing for the very lives of my young charges if I were to have followed this direction, I switched to the dance department.

"The year I became a counselor, Betty Dressner had come back to camp. I had always heard about the famous Betty Dressner from my mother (who was at camp in the '50s) so I was tickled to meet her. When she asked me what department I was in, I told her my gymnastics tale-of-woe and she was so excited to have gymnastics added to the list of

activities at camp that she promised me that if I joined the athletics department, I could actually BE the gymnastics department without fear of being in any way responsible for impaling any of my campers! So thanks to the foresight of Ms. B.D., I was able to start the gymnastics program at Camp Louise!"

Faith Goldberg Hailpern of Rockville Center, N.Y., who was a camper in the early '40s shared these camp memories:

"I remember my camp experience vividly...it's the dates I'm not sure of. I do remember taking the train to camp from NY, and then being met by a bus for the final leg of the trip. At the time, Fort Ritchie housed prisoners of war (we always wondered what the POW on their backs stood for). Some names I remember are Elsie Zutz, Cassie Chovitz, Mimi Brodsky, and a few others. Does anyone know where they might be? If you do, please contact me at ronzoh@optonline.net.

"I loved camp enough to send my girls there, and even my grandchildren!"

Bettymerle Zucker Berkow (Circle 1956) of Bethesda, Md. wrote to say:

"I really enjoyed the expanded, newsy summer '09 Louise Lighthouse. It became a reading book of memories for me.

For example, reading of my ex-campers Drazia Schacter Rubenstein and Phyllis Barsky Curiel and realizing they are old enough to be grandparents – they were my campers one season.

With Drazia's mother on camp

staff (maybe Airy, if not Louise), I had her one season and her sister I believe the year before. And so, the "Circle" goes round and round. We too are grandparents, coincidentally living near our grandchildren since we sold our home in Potomac, Md. and bought a condo on Battery Lane in Bethesda, Md. – which you obviously know, as the Lighthouse comes to me there.

"Each year I mark the reunion date, and always have a conflict. Maybe next year, at least for part of the weekend. Wonder if anyone near me would like an "oldie" passenger, especially if they are only coming up for the day as I have an eye problem that compromises my night driving."

You can reach Betty at bettymzb@aol.com.

Carol Oster Kortmansky of Monroe Township, N.J. wrote to say that she spent five absolutely wonderful summers at Camp Louise from 1958 through 1962. She made Circle either in 1961 or 1962.

"My mother was best friends with Evelyn Amstel, who was Judy Amstel's mother. Judy was a counselor at the camp (she became Judy Kahan) and she convinced my mother that I would do well at Camp Louise. When my mother made me go to camp that first summer, I cried bitterly.

"You see, I was dating a boy she strongly disapproved of, and to facilitate the breakup, she sent me to camp. I was miserable. How could possibly know what a wonderful and life-changing experience it would be.

I was a senior girl, Adele Pavis was my counselor, and I got

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involved with Barbara (?) in the theater productions and Isabelle in folk dancing. Janet Keplinger, who we lovingly referred to as Kepy was the other senior counselor, and she and Adele mentored me through that summer, so much so that I cried again without stopping for three days before we went home at the end of the summer.

"I guess I did well at camp, because I went from being a C.A. the first summer to counselor of the younger bunks the second one. I was always involved in anything involving performance – shows, folk dancing, chorus, anything! Rock and roll was just becoming really popular and I became the DJ for so many of the dances that we held with Camp Airy. The only thing I really disliked at camp was the lake!

"Ida and Sara were the directors of the camp then. I truly loved them both. I kept in touch with them for years after, but then lost touch with everyone. I found Janet Keplinger online a few years ago, and she told me how to get on the mailing list. Although I have not gone to any of the reunions, I love receiving the mailings and seeing how, though so many things have changed, so much has stayed the same.

"I was truly hoping to come to the reunion this year, especially when I heard that many old timers like me were going to be there, but unfortunately, it just didn't work. But thank you so much for all the newsletters, emails, etc., and for helping me remember all the fabulous times that I had at Camp Louise!"

You can contact Carol at CAROLEE@aol.com.

Melissa Weintraub Pezza, who was at camp from 1987-1995 sent an update on her life: "I am living in East Greenwich, R.I. I am working as a part-time dentist and my husband and I just celebrated the first year birthday of our beautiful baby girl, Hayley Rose."

Esta Bablan Wolfram (Circle 1938, and married to former Airy counselor Victor Wolfram since 1945) of Walnut Creek, Calif. wrote to say: "Though I could not come to the reunion I did think about all of you! If you will take a few minutes we can "visit" now at www.flickr.com/photos/estawolf. (Note there is no 'e' in flickr.) See what this 86-year-old does on her Mac/AppleWorks 6, and enjoy!"

Ricci Silberman of Tucson, Ariz., who attended camp from 1960-1972, wrote to share the following "small world" Camp Louise stories.

"A few years ago, our family went to L.A. for a visit. We went to a synagogue in Beverly Hills because we wanted to see the rabbi who happened to be the son of the rabbi I grew up with in Harrisburg, Pa. Sitting in the service, checking out the crowd, I saw a woman who looked familiar, sitting about three rows in front of me. She turned around and we both recognized each other. It was Carla Schultz who was a camper and counselor at Louise in the '70s, I believe. We had a lovely connection and my family went to her house for a lovely lunch and met her lovely family! What a trip!

"Another time, years ago, I was flying home from a camp reunion and ran into a friend from Tucson on the plane. He and I were talking and he asked where I had been. I began telling him about camp and the reunions. This woman behind me said: 'I went to Camp Louise when I was a little girl!' (Now she is 70 yrs. old!) Her name was Harriet Silverman; but I don't know her maiden name. We have since become friends in Tucson.

"Finally, many years ago, when my kids were small, I took them to the local JCC to instill a little 'Jewish' in them. We went for a Purim celebration and kids were making arts and crafts related to Purim. We sat at a table where another woman was with her child, doing the same. She and I started talking and I asked where she was from as her accent was east coast she said 'Baltimore.' So I said 'oh, I have many friends from Baltimore as I went to a camp near there.' She asked 'where?' and I replied 'Camp Louise.' She said, 'OMG! I went there for years. I always got in free because my aunt worked there.' It turns out that her aunt was the 'cho-cho lady' at canteen (whose real name I can't remember but we always called her the 'cho-cho' lady!)"

Kepy Keplinger Cyzyk (Circle 1958) of Baldwin, Md. wrote to share: "I just received my 25-year pin as a member of the Sweet Adelines International organization. I've been singing in the 109-member silver medalist Pride of Baltimore Chorus for 14 of those years. We performed with the Alexandria Harmonizers (men's

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barbershop chorus) in November at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Spending 14 summers at Camp Louise, I was in the music department, sang duets or in a trio every Friday night in the musicales, directed the Sabbath choir, married Don Cyzyk (Circle 1964) and had two little towheads that we pulled around camp in a little red wagon.

"I'd love to hear from any other former Camp Louise staffers who are also in Sweet Adelines International. You can contact me at kepyc@verizon.net."

Betty Kohn (Circle 1966) of Highland Heights, Ohio wrote to share a cute camp story:

"At our Rosh Hashanah celebration my niece (Katie) came home for the weekend. She goes to the U of Michigan which is about 3 hours west of the Cleveland area. We were chatting and getting up-to-date. She's telling me about the cities she'd like to go to if she gets accepted into the Teach America program. One of them is Baltimore.

"AB (Aunt Betty): How come Baltimore, Katie?

KK (Katie Kohn): My friend lives there and when we lived in Washington I would go to her house for holidays.

AB: What part?

KK: Pikesville

AB: Oh that's funny, I had so many friends from Pikesville when I went to camp.

KK: What camp?

AB: Camp Louise.

KK: Oh my G_d, Lauren went there. Did you make Circle?

"So we had a long conversation about camp and Lauren Ross and

her twin sister who had gone to camp for 12 years. Lauren is even in Circle! Small world. We called Lauren and Katie left a message while I sang 'We Welcome You to Camp Louise.'

"You just never know when camp will reappear in your life!"

Joan Bornstein (Circle 1950) of Miami, Fla. wrote to remind us that Camp Louise Circle sells plaques as a fundraiser to support Camp Louise. The plaques, which are hung in the lobby of the dining hall, serve as reminders to all who view them.

Says Joan: "I always see people stop to look at the names on both sides of the lobby: 'In Honor of...' and 'In Memory of...'. Many temples charge members \$500.00 for a plaque; the Circle charges \$250.00. People who want to honor others or remember a person who has passed away can do so with a plaque." If you are Interested in creating a plaque for someone who is meaningful to you, contact Joan at joanlborn@aol.com.

Lawrence Kravitz (Circle 1998) of Aberdeen, Md. reported that he recently visited Central Asia – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan:

"An instructive tour. Mongols and Russians in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. Uzbekistan and Tajikistan demonstrate Persian or Iranian roots and Turkmenistan has Turkic roots. Saudi Arabia has been assertive about initiating and promoting Wahabism, a species of radical Islam, anti-this and anti-that, particularly in religious schools, and Turkey has been promoting secular and moderate Islam. The population

has generally no use for religious orthodoxy and the extremists were executed.

"I found what Russian phrases I remembered useful. I found a small synagogue in Samarkand. There was an underground metro in Tashkent – so clean that one could probably eat off the floor, commendably with no trash receptacles and billboards in the stations. Severe earthquakes in Tashkent in 1966 and Ashgabat in 1948 were devastating but the consequence enabled the survivors to discard the legacy and rebuild on the ruins. Scarce American travel the fabled Silk Road."

Former camper, Rachel Schneider of New York, N.Y. wrote to share the details of her 10-year CIT reunion at camp during reunion 2009.

"It seems that everyone stops coming back to camp for their own reasons. Some people move on to internships and jobs, some choose to travel and some just simply move on. On September 11, 2009, my friends and I returned to camp for the same reason: to recapture the feeling from opening days past. We all remember it well; it was so exciting to find out which bunk you were in and to pick the bed next to your favorite camp friends.

"The memory became so clear as I passed the Ott House pub in Emmitsburg on my way to reunion. When I saw Chocolate Park, my mouth watered for cottage cheese and fruit and as I walked through the gates I was jumping up and down singing 'Homegrown.' It may sound trite,

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but I know that I am not the only one who felt this way. In fact, I know of at least 20 other girls who shared this exact feeling.

"It all began a year ago, as I looked at pictures on Facebook from Circle reunion 2008. Every picture was charged with that classic camp excitement and I knew that I had to feel that again. I realized then that it had been seven years since I last stepped through the gate and nine years since I was a CIT. I simply didn't want to miss the opportunity to celebrate the tenth anniversary of one of the greatest summers of my life.

"I contacted a few of my 1999 CIT sisters and asked if they would be interested in attending reunion 2009. The response was incredibly enthusiastic and a year out we were already planning who would bring the cream cheese and salsa so that we could make the 'pink stuff' we used to inhale in Cabaña. For a year we planned our reunion and in that time my friends became fiancées, wives and mothers. Despite these significant life changes, we all felt the same: we simply had to return to camp.

"After nearly a hundred emails, bunking requests, packing lists and the unearthing of old camp shirts, 21 of the 1999 CITs headed back to Camp Louise. The photo albums were packed, the camp mixes were ready and for the first time in years, the 1999 CITs were making their triumphant return.

"The turnout was tremendous; we were even lucky enough to have two of our counselors in

attendance. During our first night each girl gave a recap of the last ten years of her life. Although I wasn't surprised at their success, my friends had become doctors, lawyers, architects, teachers, and social workers.

"Watching the interactions made me gush because I knew that we all needed this; we needed to remember why we came to camp and how we felt when we were all together. The most amazing thing was that although a decade has passed we still giggled at the same jokes, danced to the same songs, and ate copious amounts of cream cheese and salsa. When we were full and couldn't laugh anymore it was time to go back to real life. We left still basking in the camp glow, knowing that we could still have fun together after all of these years. It was so nice to take a break from reality and to be assured that we could return to camp and it would still feel the same."

Passings

Pearl Jean "Pejie" Schwartzman Pomerantz passed away on March 27, 2009. Pejie was at camp from 1935-1947 and worked there in the '70s. Pejie was a counselor in "junior row" and this writer remembers Pejie handling the box lunch orders in the '70s. Contributions in Pejie's memory may be sent to Pearl Jean Pomerantz Fund, The Associated Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore, 101 West Mt. Royal Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Wells W. Gemberling (Circle 1975), 87, died Saturday evening, December 5, 2009, at his home in York, Pa. Born June 14, 1922, in

Northumberland, a son of the late Samuel F. and Ellen (Haupt) Gemberling, he was a prominent pianist and teacher. He was a graduate of Northumberland High School and was an alumnus of Bucknell University, the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, and the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore.

He moved to York in 1950 and immediately became prominent in music circles, often called Mr. Music. Besides teaching, he was the pianist for the YMCA Men's Chorus; the Jewish Community Center Follies, contributing original music and lyrics; music director for many years at York Little Theatre; music director for several shows for York Hospital; and was on the staff of two summer camps in the Catoclin Mountains in Maryland. His first year at Camp Louise was in about 1955.

For many years he was accompanist and arranger for famed singer, Nan Wynn, star of stage, movies, and radio. He was also the pianist for the National American Cancer Society, working in conventions with luminaries such as Ralph Edwards, Kenny Baker, and Gregory Peck.

He was honored by the city with a Wells Gemberling Day, and was given the Arion Medal for outstanding work in the music community. His last public performance was as soloist in the Shostakovich Piano and Trumpet Concerto with the York Symphony Orchestra in 1982. He was a member of the White Rose Bridge Club and played regularly at The Bridge Boardroom, and

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held the rank of Gold Life Master.

Mr. Gemberling is survived by a son, Stephen Gemberling of New York City, N.Y.; a grandson, John S. Gemberling of New York City; four nieces, Cynthia (Moul) Garry, Karen Lenio, Sue Ellen Olszewski, and Patricia Schenk; and three nephews, Barney Gorin, Jerry Gorin, and David Moul.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University, 1 E. Mount Vernon Place, Baltimore, MD 21202; or to The Curtis Institute of Music, 1726 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19103; or to Camp Louise, 5750 Park Heights Ave., Suite 306, Baltimore, MD 21215.

It is with great sadness that we inform you that Isadore "Goody" Goodman passed away on December 24, 2009. Goody and his wife Shirley (nee Kramer) worked at camp for many years, beginning in approximately 1989.

Goody was the loving father of Marsha Saks and Gloria Davidoff; beloved father-in-law of Morris Saks and Steven Davidoff; devoted brother of the late Clara Friedlander, Rose Stern, Max Goodman, Nathan Goodman, and Irvin Goodman; adored grandfather of Karen and Todd Shrager, Michelle and Marshall Davis, Erica Kate Schaffer, and David Benjamin Schaffer; loving great-grandfather of Brendan Shrager, Zachary Shrager, and Ian Davis.

Goody will be truly missed.

Contributions in Goody's memory may be sent to Covenant

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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.

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We are trying to complete accurate records to reflect Circle pinning information. If you have not already contacted me in the last few months, please send me an email missysk1@gmail.com, and give me your Circle information. What year you made Circle, who pinned you and whom you have pinned. We're making a big "family tree" and need your information to make it as complete as possible.

Thank you!

Missy

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1. Henri Goettel maintains 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. Email: hgoettel@publicnetworking.org
2. Robbin Myerberg produces and sends out all alumni mailings except for the reunion packet. Email: robbinm@camplouisecircle.org
3. Karen Levin produces and sends out the reunion packet. Email: karenl@camplouisecircle.org.
4. Rachel Sanderoff is the webmaster for the Camp Louise Circle Web site. To register as a member of the forum, contact with each other throughout the year. We provide each other with all additions and updates to camp alumnae information. Contact any one of the four of us to change any of your informations or to add someone new. Your information will get to al four of us.

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