



# The Clocktower Times

## Alumni Newsletter

*Echoes of the chimes of our time.*

Fall 2016

Dear esteemed Camp Billings alumni,  
I am thrilled to report that nearly 400 alumni confirmed their allegiance to the Billuminati this past June 17-19<sup>th</sup> 2016 as we celebrated our 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Camp Billings. Thank you!

I was thanked throughout the weekend by so many of you for planning the event, but I was not alone. In this issue of the Clock Tower Times, please allow me to introduce the members of the **reunion committee** who truly made this wonderful event come to life. You will also find a few pictures printed here, but don't forget to visit our website to download the all-camp photos taken by Mark Rosenbaum.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Clocktower Times where we revisit highlights from the reunion and the summer.

Please keep in touch! Send me your updates at [jasminestlaurent@yahoo.com](mailto:jasminestlaurent@yahoo.com) and visit our website often at [www.campbillings.org](http://www.campbillings.org).

Cheers,

Jasmine St-Laurent  
Chairperson of the Camp Billings  
Alumni Committee



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# Greetings from the Board....

By Michael Lemme, Board President

Nearly 400 alumni gathered on the shores of Fairlee Lake for our 110th reunion and it was one of our best ever! Many thanks to our Alumni Committee Chairperson Jasmine St-Laurent and her Reunion Committee for doing such an incredible job planning this event! I hope all of you that attended had a great time reminiscing with your old CB buddies and enjoyed your weekend at our “Dear Old Camp”. In all my years, I don’t recall having a full moon at the closing ceremony which was absolutely an amazing ending to such a wonderful weekend. So why should we have to wait another 5 years for our next reunion? After receiving many requests from fellow alumni, your CB Board of Directors will be hosting 1 or 2 “mini reunions” at select locations during the year. By the time you read this we will have just had our 1st one held on October 1st at the awesome roof top bar at the Sagamore Hotel in NYC! We hope you received the postcard notice and/or email for this event which we also posted on the Camp Billings Facebook page, but in case you didn’t make sure to update your current contact info with our Database Chairperson Elissa Malcolm. Please fill out a form available on our website on the lefthand tab of the Alumni page. **Many thanks to Board members Yutaka Tamora and Eliza Browning for organizing our Saturday “CB in NYC” alumni gathering and stay tuned for our next event!**



Another important article in this issue is covering **our search for a new Director**. In our last issue of the Clock Tower Times Bobby wrote an article titled “ The Long Goodbye ... ..”, announcing his upcoming retirement, giving us time to find his replacement. Bob’s last full summer will be 2018. Here’s a brief timeline of how this transition will occur. Our new Director will be chosen at our summer board meeting of 2017. Then, 4 months later the new Director will start working with Bobby in November of 2017 which is when the hiring process for the next summer staff begins. The new Director will be “shadowing” Bobby for the Summer of 2018, and will take over the reigns completely the Summer of 2019. Take a look at the article from the Director Search Committee and see if you have what we are looking for! We will also be placing an advertisement with the American Camp Association ( ACA ), but our hope is to find our new Director (or Director’s!) “in house”. If you or anyone you know wants to apply all the info you need to know is in this issue. Email our New Director Search Committee Chairperson Carolyn Churchill at [shlseekr@aol.com](mailto:shlseekr@aol.com) if you have any questions. Attention All Campers! Let your parents know NOW that you must be at camp for “Emperor” Bob’s last summer of 2018!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays!

# CAMP BILLINGS IS SEEKING OUR NEXT DIRECTOR (OR DIRECTORS)!

Are you passionate about providing memorable experiences and unique individual growth opportunities for children?

Do you have a unique ability to identify, hire and retain talented young adults?

Do you possess both the organizational skills to manage a business and the leadership capabilities to inspire people to exceed their goals?

## IF SO...

The Camp Billings Search Committee would love to hear from you!

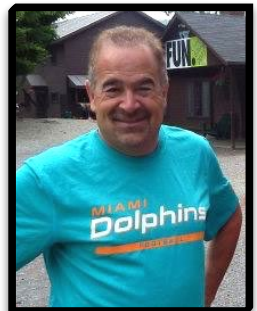
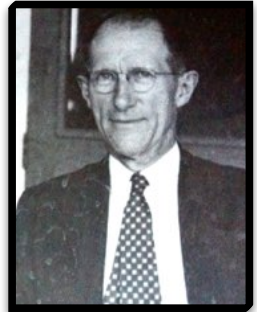
We are seeking our seventh Director(s) in our 111 year old history, to begin to work with our current Director in the fall of 2017, through the summer of 2018, taking over upon season's end in August.

We offer a very competitive salary, room and board, and an insurance option for a position that is full-time June through August, and part time for the remainder of each year.

Our application period will run from November 1 through January 31, 2017, with the intention of announcing our new Director(s) this summer, 2017.

To find out more about the attributes we are looking for and to apply: **SEND YOUR RESUMÉ AND COVER LETTER TO**

Carolyn Churchill,  
Chairperson Camp Billings Search Committee  
at [shlseekr@aol.com](mailto:shlseekr@aol.com)





# Thanks for a GREAT 110th anniversary reunion!

Thanks to our very supportive Camp Director, **Bob Green**. The attitude and energy of the **2016 staff** were fantastic under Bob's leadership. Throughout the weekend, staff worked on maintenance, all the program areas, parking, set up and tear down and countless other tasks. And if you had not guessed, it was Bob -- not Donald Trump -- who hosted the reunion ceremony on Saturday afternoon.



**Marianne St-Laurent and Babbie McComb** established the program for the weekend and camp was bustling with activity all weekend long. Leading to the reunion, **Marianne** edited all of the printed information about the reunion in the newsletters, on our website as well materials posted and distributed during the reunion. Marianne purchased the reunion supplies and managed



the rentals of tents, tables, linen and chairs. She was the queen of the small details that made a big difference: bathroom baskets, ordering overnight shipping of candles for the triangle in the nick of time, getting guys to cut more trees to make the name tag lanyards and managing the media throughout the weekend. Nine months pregnant, Marianne had a walkie talkie



from the clock tower lawn identifying and fixing issues before they blew up. **Babbie** left her newly established medical practice to fend for itself, and arrived two days early to set up the reunion logistics. She persevered when the CB brander was a pain to use, and in the end we made enough wooden name tags for everyone who wanted one. Babs contacted dozens of volunteers before the reunion and managed camp duties and volunteers throughout the weekend. Leave it to busy

working moms to whip up such a big event!

**Elissa Malcolm** did a superb job of managing the registration. She brought reunion registration into the 21st century by working with **Jay Lance** to enable online registration. This helped us get a great turn out. Her organization made it easy to have up to date number of attendees throughout the planning process. She also spent a great deal of the reunion welcoming all of you to your home away from home. Thanks to all her helpers too!





*Thank you, thank you,  
thank you!*

**Casey Huling** wore many hats in hosting the reunion. He coordinated the purchase of fireworks and broke a few saw blades to make a slit in a toilet bowl for the fundraising booth. He hosted the final campfire that assembled a few moving acts including an outstanding round of Jack's Alive led by **John Freitas Sr.** Finally, Casey and his team of cooks did a fantastic job catering the reunion, including all the cocktail spreads, meals, and even the special treats served at the campfire after taps. This was a huge job and while Casey was in the kitchen and out of site for most of the weekend, his management of the food was a key factor in the success of the weekend.



**Carolyn Churchill** prepared our dear alumni room and managed all the flowers around camp. As always, she provided excellent support and guidance throughout the organization of the reunion as she planned the past few reunions. Hope we made you proud! Thanks also to **Ted Rossi** for being such a supportive and wise treasurer throughout the planning process.



**Sean Collins** spent over a year researching CB apparel that would appeal to our alumni and campers. He worked with alumni **Patti Green** (graphic design) and **Katie Bussey** (HeadGearplus.com) and the products were a big hit. He also spent most of the reunion at the camp store responding to the demand from our dear alumni.

Visit the Camp Store online! You can get  
some new gear anytime!





Thank you to **Yutaka and Eliza** for setting up a very appealing fundraising booth near the cocktail tent. There is no better place than Billings to throw money in the toilet! Get it?

**Beth Crocker & Kate Rosenbaum** Beth helped with her wise advice throughout the planning process and recruited her sister Kate who led a great tie dye program on Saturday. Her husband **Mark Rosenbaum** graciously took photos throughout the weekend, including the all-camp photos available for download on our website. [www.campbillings.org](http://www.campbillings.org)

**Jon Cone** organized and served the cocktail parties along with his brother and their sons-in-law on both nights. Thank you!

**Willie Crocker** had camp grounds and cabins ready in time with his crew. Camp looked amazing by the time we arrived. He managed maintenance and water stations throughout the weekend. He also spent a good deal of the reunion dealing with the problems with the bathrooms. Thank you for handling this huge task.

Thanks to Buglers **Rob Gilpin** and **Ethan Krauss!** Thanks to **Jay** for reviving the Initiation to the kingdom of Siam! Thanks **Alice Still Henderson** for coming all the way from Australia and for all your help!



# Good friends, old friends, good times!





## In case you missed it, here is the song Paul Levine wrote and performed at the Reunion



### We're Here Again

Paul Levine (CB 1969 – 1979)

(to the tune of Wagon Wheel by Old Crow Medicine Show – with my apologies)

Capo 2<sup>nd</sup> Fret (G, D, Em, C alternating with G, D, C)

Interstate under the tires  
Goin' to the place where there's old time flyers  
Leavin' work and years melt away

Exit ramp slows me down Headed into Post Mills town  
See the church  
Know I'm here to play

Chorus  
Cabin 1, Cabin 2  
Mountains against the sky so blue Hey, we're here again  
Cabin 3, Cabin 4  
Take a run to Baker's store  
Hey, we're here again

Camp fire  
Chairs pulled 'round  
Laughin' till the early bird sounds Coffee's brewin'  
Sun's bright in my eyes

Chorus

Morning dew  
Fog lifting up  
Balloons rising over pine tree tops Fairlee waters  
washin' my worries away

Chorus

Single engine planes reach for the sky Old friends  
never saying goodbye

Gliders whisper home

Against the setting sun (repeat 3 X)

### INTERNATIONAL Alumni! You from Canada, and abroad....

We want to confirm that you still want to receive a paper copy of this newsletter. We also want to confirm you are not lost in the woods. As a non-profit organization, we qualify for a low rate to mail in the US, but it is very expensive to send mail abroad, and we would rather not waste dollars that could be used to buy new sailboats. **Please contact our database manager**, Elissa Malcolm by filling out the 'update address' form on our website. And please indicate whether we can e-mail you the newsletter instead.

# Anne's Song

by Jay Lance

I know you walked on Pinewold porch  
All those years ago.  
You heard the lake waves lap the shore  
All those years ago.

When that bugle blows how our memory shows  
All those years ago,  
When you walked this lawn and you sang these songs  
All those years ago.

Chances are we'll look back one day  
To that long lost time on this Fairlee lake  
When we knew we were at home again  
When that day we left was still so far away.

The storm blew in with a wall of wind  
All those years ago  
And your voice so calm said we'd carry on  
All those years ago,

But that same old fate that spared us then,  
And that same old wind well it blew again  
And it stole your voice and so many a choice,  
All those years ago.

But I still hear your voice  
When the chairs push in  
When the pulley spins  
When the buddies call  
When the door spring springs  
When a whistle sings,  
I still hear your voice through it all.

Chances are we'll look back one day  
To that long lost time on this Fairlee lake  
When we knew we were at home again  
When that day you left was still so far away.





# Summer 2016 Highlights



## The 3 busiest program areas:

3-Watersports (Water-polo made a real comeback this year. It was especially popular with our oldest campers!)

2-Ropes course (always full, thanks to the amazing energy and creativity of our new ropes staff Izzy and Jodie!)

1-Paddleboarding (always and forever...)



## Top 5 evening programs for the summer:

Rock Drop, Halloween, Row Nights, International Night, Hunger Games.

## Top 3 songs blasted in dining hall:

Love Yourself (Justin Bieber)

Uptown Funk (Mark Ronson)

Loch Lomond (Scottish folk song... thanks Aidan!)



## Top 4 songs heard at the dances, battle of the band or Glee:

-Light Em Up by Fall Out Boy (Winning Glee final performance)

-Peanut Butter Jelly Time (BOTB)

-Can't Stop the Feeling (Justin Timberlake)

-Cheap Thrills (Sia)



## Top 3 new cheers and chants -

“FORM BANANA, FORM FORM BANANA!”

“Ohhhh YEAHHHHHH!!”

“Let's get a litte bit rowdy, R-O-W-DY!”



## Top 3 fashion items for boys and girls -

Patterned leggings, 'Flash Tats', high-neck bikini tops, budgie smugglers, staff tanks. (feel free to google all of the aforementioned for a visual aid)



# *The awards recipients of 2016*

## **The Triangle of Honor Award:**

*Maggie Mixer, Clío Dakolias, Lochlan Humphrey, Donovan Kolker, Anna Rogers, Max Wilson, Annika Heegaard, Maggie Amaral, Stephanie Godes, Kendall Gilvar, Anette Jones, Alexa Norton, Jane Burdett.*

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## **The Charles Crowley Award: For most improved in the water**

*Greta Curley, Morgen Wilson-Collins, Brennen Wesgate & Chandler Wescom*

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## **The Dr. Cobb Award: For most interest in camping**

*Ariel Felcan & Danny Ruben*

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## **The Larry Drew Award: For athletic achievement**

*Olivia Zarzycki & Graham Walker*

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## **The Brian Kauffman Award: For most interest in theatrical arts:**

*Alexa Norton & Oliver Lance*



We need your help to reach out to as many alumni as possible to make sure they get invited to all our alumni events. Please visit the Alumni home page on our website [www.campbillings.org](http://www.campbillings.org) and click the link on the left side bar to update your contact information, or email [elissa.malcolm@gmail.com](mailto:elissa.malcolm@gmail.com).

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campers!!

