



# The Clocktower Times

## Alumni Newsletter

*Echoes of the chimes of our time.*

*Spring 2019*

### THANK YOU LARRY DREW: WE LOVE YOU!

Like many Camp Billings alumni, my life was touched by Larry Drew. When I was a teenager, he was a formidable leader always with a sharpened pencil in hand to neatly write down names of volunteers to help around camp. He made me want to raise my hand so that my name would be on his lists.

Larry was the embodiment of our camp's motto and over and over he taught us that "anything worth doing at all, is worth doing well." He taught me the expert way to plunge the toilets on girls senior row, and he also taught me how to paint properly to avoid dripping. Larry liked to have fun. His voice boomed the loudest in the dining hall when we sang some of his favorites from the songbook, like "run along home Cindy Cindy...I'll marry you some day!" among others. And he shared his joy for dance with countless generations who hoped for the honor of dancing a polka with Larry, breathlessly trying to keep up.

After his dear friend Ralph Lawrence retired as director, he continued to serve camp alongside the Freitas and then Bob Green, all while sharing his wise

advice to the board of directors. His commitment and love for Billings was unparalleled. All this time, Larry continued to act as a bridge between the local community and the campers and counselors who parachute in every summer from every corner of Vermont, New England, and all over the world. The round the lake race is his legacy and embodies so much of what what Larry was about: volunteering, challenging yourself, being fit, building community and having fun. It is thus very fitting that the Billings alumni and surrounding community will honor his memory this summer at camp after the race. Join us on Saturday, July 27th at 9:30 sharp!



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# Greetings from the Board....

By Michael Lemme, Board President

Lawrence E. "Larry" Drew - 85 years - December 15, 1932 -  
December 2, 2018

The Man The Myth The Legend



I had the pleasure of knowing Larry as a camper, then working with him as staff member and finally as a Board member. He was my coach, along with Bobby Green when we had a baseball team back in 1973. He was always so enthusiastic and a great mentor to us all. Then back in 1979 when I decided too late to come back to camp on staff, the only position open was a Maintenance Assistant, so I took it and I wasn't all that good at it! But Larry never gave me any grief, and instead took me along with him and showed me the ropes and I actually became pretty good at fixing broken screens and porch steps. I joined the Board in 2004 and have worked with him ever since. Larry brought to the Board an important voice whenever we had questions about camp's electric, plumbing, septic, well water and infrastructure. He was always the one we turned to.

Larry worked for Billings for 47 years and was the Assistant Director for many of those, and was always involved with Athletics, but for me, he will always be remembered as the one and only Head of Maintenance.

Outside of camp, Larry had a lengthy career as an educator teaching math, receiving his BS and MA from St. Michael's College in Winooski, VT in 1957. He eventually retired from Thetford Academy where he was a beloved coach of basketball, skiing, cross country and track and field. I'd like to personally thank his wife Margaret of 60 years, for always letting Larry come back to camp each summer! I had many fun summers with their kids, Ed, Sarah and Megan. Larry was also very active in his town of Bradford VT where he served on the Bradford Town Planning and the Water-Sewer Department as well as a communicant of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Larry will also be remembered for his boisterous announcements in the Dining Hall and his love for Square Dancing, but it was his love for running that he brought to camp his famous annual Race Around The Lake. This year just happens to be its 50th Anniversary and we will be having a Memorial Service for Larry on campus after the race is complete. Not being a runner at all, I found

this race to be quite a challenge and I finally ran it my last summer on staff...and thanks to one of my best friends Chip Henderson who forced me out on a few practice runs. To this day I always remember how proud I was to have completed the 10K and in just under an hour at 59 minutes! Myself along with thousands of other campers and staff have Larry to thank for this. I'm looking forward to running it again this summer. How many of us have collected those coveted Race Around The Lake T Shirts, a new one generated each year, that several of my camp friends have even made quilts out of them! One of the best T Shirts honoring Larry was one of the last and it said:

"Race Around The Lake, Larry Drew. The Man The Myth The Legend. Thanks Larry for all you have done for our beloved Camp Billings."

May you Rest in Peace.

Memorial donations can be made to the Camp Billings Tree Fund:  
P.O. box 3539, Stowe, VT 05672  
or on our website.

# A note from our new directors, Anne and Sean Collins!

As summer fast approaches, we couldn't be more eager to get started on our first official year as directors. We have been working hard to maintain the amazing traditions and of camp, while hiring some fresh minds to bring new ideas to our summer experience.

If you take a walk around camp you might notice the skyline looking a little different. This winter we took down many large trees that our forester deemed unsafe. A lot of us were skeptical that taking them down would affect the aesthetics of our campus in a negative way. However, when you visit, you might not even be able to tell. The space has allowed for other trees to spread out their roots. It is quite nice being able to not the smaller younger trees!

We're sure you remember sitting on boys' junior row duty in the pouring rain huddled under a garbage bag. The future staff and campers will be spoiled this year with a gazebo on the upper ballfield. With a table in the middle, we know it'll be a popular spot for cards and hanging out during downtime.

We have such a great staff for Summer 2019. An amazing group of CITs is moving up to senior staff and many returning staff are moving into new roles. Longtime returning staff member, Jonas Cole, will be joining us this summer as the head of the ropes course. As an outdoor educator and longtime Billings Boy, we

know he will be an incredible leader.

As most of our staff is returning, we would like to introduce you to

the three new faces joining our senior staff. Hailing from Scotland we have Lucy Grant who will be running our drama and dance program. After hearing about camp through another Billings Scotsman, she couldn't stay away. Levi Life joins us from Washington, West Virginia to work with Jonas on the ropes course. We are so lucky to have him. Heading up our ceramics and arts program, Sawyer Thompson comes from Framingham, Massachusetts. As a certified art teacher we can't wait to see the new projects he brings to our crafty campers.

In the kitchen, we have partnered with a River Bend Technical School in Bradford, VT to hire high schoolers with a strong interest in culinary studies to come work alongside Casey and learn the trade of food and join the camp family.

During the 50th Race Around the Lake we will be honoring Larry Drew with a short ceremony after the race. The ceremony will include a resolution passed by the Vermont legislature, honoring and acknowledging Larry and his commitment to this event and Camp Billings. All are welcome to join and will be offering a lunch as well.

We are so excited for this summer and can't wait to see you whether you are visiting, working, attending, or dropping off your kids! Come introduce yourself—we'd love to meet you!





# Dear Larry Drew, Uncle Larry, Lare-bear

Dear Larry:

I am not quite sure who first convinced me to run around Lake Fairlee in 1992. Maybe I felt pressured by my friends in Cabin 7 who all seemed to think that we would complete the 10 kilometer course in just under twenty minutes and be back in time for a few rounds of tether-ball before lunch (conveniently, none of us knew the length of a kilometer, nor did our Canadian peers choose to tell us); maybe my counselors, Paul Behar and Sean Kiley, informed us that we wouldn't get lunch or dinner if we didn't all leave the cabin and run; or maybe I simply enjoyed the hype leading up to the event and came to appreciate the race as a rite of passage. But memory has a way of acting upon us in strange ways, and I have always chosen to believe that you convinced me to run. After all, it was *your* race.

Years later, I returned to Billings as a CIT, and you inadvertently found another way to challenge my relationship to the race. Each year, you would bring one or two of your Thetford Academy runners to "help out in maintenance," but we all knew that you just wanted to keep them honest with their summer training. Thanks to you, I met John Milanese that summer, one of your best runners of all time, and still one of my best friends to this day. We logged about fifty miles a week together through the back ridges of Vermont, sometimes with you following us in your truck to make sure that we weren't slacking off. John would finish first overall that year, and I would finish fourth. You made sure to tell me that my form was crap and that I was the stiffest runner you had ever seen.

In 2004, the Friday before the race, after you, Casey Huling and I had spent the day pretending to fix things around camp but mostly just telling each other inappropriate jokes while sitting in the 9 to 5 shop, you invited us to hop in your truck and go for a drive around the lake. You said that you "needed help with the mile-markers," yet we learned quickly that you didn't need the help; you wanted the company. Around mile marker three, you said the competition had gotten soft. The race times were nothing like they used to be back in your day. You reminded me that if I chose to run, I should relax my arms and I better not be wearing some stupid costume. It's a race, after all, you said.

You came back in 2017 to watch your last race. This time, we drove you. You wanted to sit at the bottom of Quinibeck because you always said that you could tell who was going to win the race that year based on how confidently they were running down that hill just before hitting the 4-mile marker at the intersection of 244. I chose to run that year, partly because I felt strong, but mostly because I knew you would be watching. I wanted to bring something full-circle even if I didn't know exactly what that thing was or if I would manage to do it. As I ran down Quinibeck, I intentionally relaxed my arms, brought my elbows in, and lengthened my stride. I felt as if I had finally lived into the form toward which we had been working for so many years. As I turned on to 244, we locked eyes for just a moment, and I saw you smile. You may have been thinking that

my form had finally improved and that I was well positioned to do well in the race, but something in me will always rather believe that you were smiling because you knew damn well that if you had been running, you would have "whooped" me and you would have been waiting at the finish line to tell me another inappropriate joke.

We'll all keep running, so long as you keep watching.

Tyler



From Sak:

After exchanging Christmas cards for years with the Houles (JoDee, Larry and their son Jessy) Jennifer and I figured out that we both go to the same area of Florida to escape winter.

On January 14th we got together in Florida to share stories and memories from our time working at Camp Billings in the 1980s. I am always curious about a person's first impression camp. The Houles shared their story of their first day at CB. The Houles arrived at camp in first week of June, 1983 after driving across the country from northern Wisconsin. JoDee was in charge of the Dining Room/Dish Room, Larry the head of maintenance. As they pulled into camp with very little gas in their truck and little money in their pocket they notice a very "rough" looking camp. Additionally they saw their living accommodations..... "Cabin in the Woods" which was across the street where the current Rain Shadow field is located. Back in the 1980s that was all woods and swamp. It was very dilapidated building hidden in the thick brush with broken windows, mice and spiders everywhere. Behind the cabin was the "BB's shed" and beyond that the "22 rifle range." JoDee and Larry thought that they had made a big mistake. Then Uncle Ralph came out of the office and walked across the Clock Tower lawn and immediately Jessy, who was 7 years old, went running at full steam at him and hugged Uncle Ralph around his legs.....at that moment they knew it would be ok. No matter what camp looks like it truly is the people that make it a special place. Hard to believe how clear the memories are after 35 years!



From L-R: JoDee Houle, Larry Houle, Jennifer (Scannell) Lisak and Sak (John Lisak)

Bob Green was one of the first members of the camp family to learn of Larry's passing. He posted a message on facebook. The comments from all over came pouring in, and we thought we ought to share those here.



"His 47 consecutive years on staff were only surpassed by Dad Hurd, and his many contributions to camp were profound, diverse and lasting. He was a role model and father figure to many campers and staff, none more so than me when I was growing up at Billings. Larry's impact upon all those who spent any time on a small corner of a lake in Central Vermont was immeasurable. Margaret has asked that donations to the "Re-Grow Billings" campaign be made in his honor. Let's all plant a tree for Larry this spring....." - Bob Green

Thank you Bob for this. A funny tidbit about dad and his legend...he actually had been further than RI. Niagara Falls for his honeymoon and earlier than that, he drove his parents and aunt and uncle to Long Beach California back when the way to go was rt 66!! I am trying to imagine what he would say, perhaps "once was enough"! -Megan (Drew)

Rest in paradise Larry Drew. You will be remembered every sunrise and sunset on Lake Fairlee! Thank you for all that you did for camp. - Kelsi Barry



Larry has been in my life since I was 10. I was always sure where I stood with Larry, even if he wasn't pleased with how I ran a race, or if we disagreed on something. He was a consistent figure during times in my life that were anything but consistent. He so appreciated a good prank and a good laugh. He showed me that you can still be a kid regardless of your age. He set reasonable standards ("Good enough for Government work!") and achievable goals ("Bird can't fly on one wing!") Fly on my friend; you will be sorely missed. Casey Huling

1978....Larry Drew with one of his best friends Elaine Connors. Sr. Sr. Staff will never quite be the same. Larry will always be remembered for his Race Around the Lake, Dining Room Announcements, Maintenance, Athletics, the Shore Shack and Square Dancing, but what I'll remember most was his acceptance of others... to make sure camp was a place where Everyone is Accepted! -Mike Lemme



He was one of a kind. A real force of nature. He was one of the reasons Camp Billings is so special. -Jeanne Arbuckle

A Camp Billings icon is gone. May his legend live on in all of how we knew him and may we always use his example as a way to conduct our lives. It was a joy to know him. Our condolences go to his family. -Alice Boyd

Larry was such a positive role model for me as a camper and then counselor at Billings. Just a nice, great guy. So sad to hear of his passing. -Michael Hayes

Sending my love and warm thoughts to the Drew family, and to the Billings family at large. He will be missed and was a cornerstone of the Billings experience. -Larry Miller





A truly amazing human. He impacted so many of our lives, and he is greatly missed ♥ -Ana Ally

Oh- how this news just brought tears to my eyes... I remember a time when we were out for a training run and he mentioned that at a recent doctors appointment the doctors couldn't fathom how large his heart was... His heart will be missed -Price Waldman

My heart is heavy, but mixed with tears are smiles. I think of so many great qualities he had. We spent a lot of time in the office together and had many great talks. Then I think of all the "corny" jokes he told and how he loved to get reactions. His heart was so very big and caring. Loved that man. -Carol Miiller Reddekopp

I have so many memories of Larry! He was always there to offer advice or tell a story. He will be missed . -Jen Frederick:

A sad loss of a hard working, disciplined, and loving man. Larry taught a lot of us how to do things the right way and how to care for the camp. And always did so with a smile. -Jonathan Slavuter

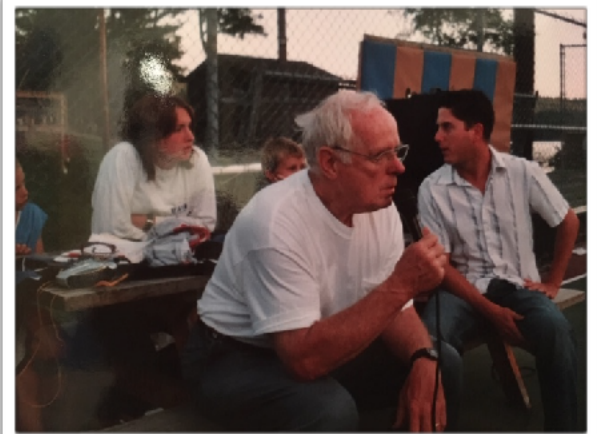
This is sad news. A very large member of the Camp Billings is gone. Larry did so much for so many at camp. Often with no one knowing. We can not Thank him enough. -Chuck Carrier

Larry Drew was an important piece of the Camp Billing story, dating way back to when I was a counselor in 1971 and 1972! What a lifetime of contribution making Life special for youth!! He was obviously quite The Man! Thank you for sharing! -Mary Mudgett-Van Dyke

Truly an amazing example of a human being for us all to look up to, he will be missed but never forgotten. Thinking of my Billings family today. -Adam Wruck

So long Larry and thanks for the positive influence you had on mine and many many others lives. For some reason one of my enduring memories is following those formidable calves all the way up Mount Moosilauke on some jr. trip :-)-Rob Gilpin

So grateful for his presence and contributions to Camp Billings. - Marlene Davis



Larry "calling" the square dance. He always made sure to facilitate Everett's transport to camp for as long as possible and took over when needed. (2004)

So sad to hear this news. He taught me how to use a power drill, polka, and once let me use ride-on lawn mower. -Jordan Redell

I am so saddened to hear this news. Larry was an large influence on my during my years at Billings. As a runner he taught me many things but not nearly as many as he did about being a good person. -Jasen Boyd

This is very sad news. I have many memories of Uncle Larry from when I was a toddler up to when he met my own children. He will be greatly missed. -Kate Freitas



Larry finishing off an Olympic Torch Relay around the Lake to kick off Country Fair. He got to throw the torch into a giant pile of wood to start a bonfire. Larry was always up for a challenge. (early 2000's)

He'll be missed dearly. We'll all sing the kangaroo song for him 🍷 -Stephanie Godes

The epitome of hard work. I will be wearing high white socks with the back (@ the calf) just slightly cut in his honor and in honor of his amazing calf muscles ! -Gaz

Larry wouldn't want us all crying, but there's just no preventing that. Laughter remembering a thousand good things about Larry at camp and running and doing all wonderful things in Larry's beautiful "God's Country" of Vermont, and unstoppable tears for his passing. The polka in heaven has begun. -Ellen Smith Cron

With an easy laugh and a bright smile, Larry was always pleasant. He was a solid man with a heart of gold. He taught me so much about what's important in life, and I am a better person because I knew him. -Marianne St-Laurent

Thank you for letting us know, Bob. Larry was an incredible man; whose legacy for Round the Lake Race will always be remembered. -Babbie Lester

Larry was a unique individual and so specially tied to CB he was personification of the Camp spirit. What a personality and commitment he had that impacted so many lives... this thread is a testament to the joy and happy memories I/we/so many of us feel about knowing Larry and sharing our experiences and memories with him on Lake Fairlee. You are missed Larry...enjoy the rest of angels. -Jason Greenberg

A great man! For all of his gruff exterior he really was open to folks from diverse backgrounds. He made an impact on my life. Who would have thought that a long haired Jewish kid from downstate New York and a real Vermonter would form a life long friendship. But that was Larry. I think he and I started at CB the same year - 1969. I'll miss him. He, Ralph and Elaine were surrogate parents to all of us children of the 60s and 70s. -Paul Levine

His encouragement to try new things, like running around a lake and the Virginia Reel, will be with me always. Such a great spirit, my condolences to the entire Drew and Camp Billings family. ❤️ - Christine Hinz

My thoughts with Ed and the rest of the family. Larry has nourished early on my love of sports. As a 12 under catcher, I remember catching one of your fast-ball Ed and your father was proud that you had heated my hand. He was funny and had huge calfs. -Francois Duckett



Larry helping staff rescue a turtle caught on a fish hook. Larry never missed a teaching opportunity.  
(early 2000's)

A night out at the Third Rail with Emperor Bob and Sarah Halton, July 30, 2002.

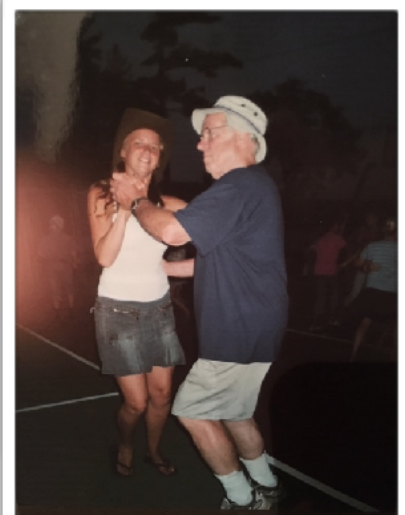
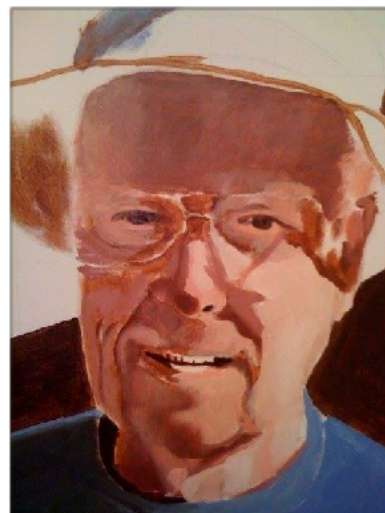


RIP Uncle Larry. One of the best summers in my life. Fran using a mower for the first time. Road trips with Chip. Meeting Carol, Lucy, Tom, Price, Ellen, Barb, Ralph and MANY other special people. And running, 4-wheeling, and beers with Larry. He was and is a very special man. -Jim Ewing

RIP Larry Drew. You taught me hard work and tough love. Not to mention, not putting too much comet in the toilet and how to kill a porcupine with a pitch fork. Thoughts and prayers for his family and of course CB. Missed but never forgotten. -Helen Mahon

It is sad to lose Larry, but I would love to sit in on Larry and Uncle Ralph's first conversation!! Loved them both!! -Marti Warren

There's no better feeling than being physically fit" I always remember him saying. I still take that advice to heart whenever I'm feeling down. I always feel better after I go for a run, ski/bike, play a game or polka! -Justin Barrell





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From everyone who has been touched by Camp Billings we thank you, et un gros merci, for your support!





# Camp Billings in the Community



## Balloon Fest!

For the fifth year running, the Post Mills Airport hosted an Experimental Airship Meet - or a Balloon Fest for the rest of us - in mid May. More than a thousand people came to mingle with balloonists and watch the amazing spectacle of dozens of hot air balloons as they lifted off into the sky. Camp Billings provided large charcoal grills, refrigerator space, and folding tables to help with the meals prepared by Caring Community Preschool as their principle annual fundraiser. Fun fact: 2 alumni of Caring Community are current campers at Billings, Lucca and Cecilia Huling!



## Thetford Academy holds their prom at Camp Billings!



Camp Billings' Dining Hall turned into a magical ballroom for this year's prom at Thetford Academy. 85 graduating students attended and enjoyed the quintessential lake front setting for their big day. Our own Casey Huling prepared the feast of pork tenderloin, grill salmon, fettuccini Alfredo, green beans, roasted potatoes, and local salad. For dessert, homemade cookies and brownies. It was a raging success! To rent camp, check out more details on our website!

Camp was full by April 25th, 2019. That was quick! It took some of our parents by surprise to learn that they were waitlisted. We have a few new campers from France, and Wales! Word spread from happy campers all the way to Europe! We also have many children of alumni and I can never tell who is more excited to be returning to camp: the alum, or the kids.

## Fun Facts:

We have 177 brand new campers!

87 Canadians are registered for this summer!

The longest distance traveled to get to Billings is from China!





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## **Clock Tower Times Editors**

Jasmine and Marianne St-Laurent have loved working together to assemble this newsletter for the last 7 years. We both feel it is time for us to pass the torch to the next dream team or individual. If you like keeping in touch with Billings Alum, and you love graphic design and photography, then you would LOVE LOVE LOVE this volunteering opportunity. It is a great way to give back to the camp we all love so much and get involved in very positive way.

Contact Beth Freitas, the Chair of the Alumni Committee to let her know you'd like to take this on!

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xox Marianne and Jasmine St-Laurent

ELISE IS LOOKING FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO WRITE A BLOG ENTRY FOR OUR WEBSITE. THIS WOULD BE A SHORT TEXT DESCRIBING WHY YOU CHOOSE TO STAY INVOLVED WITH CAMP, HOW IT INFLUENCED YOU, PERHAPS SOMETHING RELATED TO OUR CAMP PHILOSOPHY (E.G. FUN, PLAY, OUTDOORS, NO-TECHNOLOGY, FREE-CHOICE, BIG LOVING FAMILY, ACCESSIBLE), IF YOU HAVE KIDS/GRANDKIDS THAT GO SOMETHING RELATED TO THEIR EXPERIENCE.

CONTACT ELISE BRACARD TO GET INVOLVED:  
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