

**MASSAWEPIE
STAFF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER**

Providing Spirit, Service and Support

August 2001

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SAVE THE DATE

MASSAWEPIE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Massawepie's 50th Anniversary celebration will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2002 at Massawepie (where else?!). The celebration will start at about noon and finish with a campfire that night. This event will be open to everyone, including past and present staff members, scouts, leaders, Council representatives and local residents.

As noted in the last newsletter, the Massawepie Staff Alumni Association will be developing, organizing, and putting on this fabulous event. The patch contest is already underway, as is planning for this event.

We need lots of Alumni members to help plan, organize and run the anniversary celebration. Areas where we will need support include: facilities (lodging [alumni encampment?], parking, toilet/shower facilities, etc.); food/meals; health & safety (health code issues, medical coverage, etc.), publicity and promotion (Rochester and Massawepie-area); logistics (event and meal reservations, etc.); special commemorative articles (selection, design, ordering and sale); song book; campfire skit book; anniversary activities and much more.

There is a lot to do, but with that old camp staff spirit we can and will put on an event that will be remembered for a long time after the closing campfire ends.

If you're interested in helping you need to be a member and contact us by e-mail at MassAlumni@aol.com or write us at:

Massawepie Staff Alumni Association
c/o Don DeClerck

Camp Cutler

7131 Gulick Rd., Naples, NY 14512

SPIRIT - FUTURE

Fall 2001 Picnic/Clambake

On Saturday, September 29, 2001, the Alumni Association will hold its second annual Fall Family Picnic/Clambake at the Shady Rest pavilion in Powder Mills Park in Rochester. Spouses and kids are welcome. Last year about 35 people enjoyed a great time of fellowship and superb food. This year's event will start at 2:00 p.m. and last until they send us home. Because you asked for it, the menu is the same as last year (clams, chicken, corn-on-the-cob and salt potatoes). Please bring your own beverage, and a munchie or dessert to pass. Please also bring your camp pictures and memories, and your ideas for Massawepie's 50th anniversary celebration. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. A reservation form is enclosed. Please return it to our address at Camp Cutler by no later than Friday, September 14. We hope to see you there.

SERVICE - PAST EVENTS

Beaver Weekend On Beaver Weekend (June 1-3, 2001) about 15 former staff members, spouses and one daughter finished the Loren Hakes Memorial Campfire Circle. Among other things, we spread a truckload of mulch over the entire campfire area, finished the fence, finished seeding the old road, planted additional trees and ferns, cleaned up downed trees, completed the fire altars and put up the windscreens. Everyone agrees that the campfire circle is now one of the most beautiful spots on the reservation.

Another crew of about 10 former staff members

worked on the archery range and sports fields. All in all, a very successful and productive weekend by the Alumni Association.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Our second annual meeting was held at Massawepie on Saturday, June 2 (Beaver Weekend). It was held at the beautiful Loren R. Hakes Campfire Circle. About 25 members attended, which we can prove by the digital photo of our crew on our web site. Discussions centered on planning for Massawepie's 50th anniversary celebration and future events.

T-SHIRTS

Have you seen the Staff Alumni tie-dyed t-shirt? It's a beauty, and you can have one for only \$12. To order one, please write us with your name, address, t-shirt size (XXL, XL, L or M) and a check for \$12 per shirt (made out to Otetiana Council). Available only to dues-paid members, so add \$10 membership dues, if you haven't paid them already.

MASSAWEPIE HISTORY

Peter Collinge has put together an excellent history of Massawepie on our web site. A sample of his history is enclosed with this newsletter. If you have more history that needs telling, contact Peter through our e-mail address.

SUPPORT

Loren Hakes Campfire Circle - Almost there!!!
The Staff Alumni Association continues to raise funds for the new Campfire Circle at the reopened Camp Pioneer. The Campfire Circle is a gift from the Alumni Association and was dedicated at the reopening of Camp Pioneer in the memory of Loren R. Hakes, Massawepie's beloved and long time camp superintendent. Over 40 people have contributed more than \$20,130, over 90% of our \$22,000 goal. Mail your tax deductible donation to the Alumni Association address listed at the end of this newsletter. Checks should be made out to

Otetiana Council and note "Loren Hakes Campfire Circle" on the check.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We currently have 60 dues-paid members!!!! Our goal is 100 for the 50th Anniversary, so spread the news. If you know former staffers who haven't joined, encourage them to join. One of the easiest ways to promote the Association is to make copies of this newsletter and send them to the former staffers you know (we won't object).

NEW MEMBER INFO

Anyone who is age 18 or older and a former paid or volunteer Massawepie Staff member may become a member of the Association. Annual dues are only \$10. Persons who make a contribution of \$50 or more to the Loren Hakes Campfire Circle with their membership application will have their dues waived for 2001-2002. The membership application can be down-loaded from our web site, or can be sent by contacting us by e-mail, letter or telephone.

LAST NOTICE - MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership in the Association runs from June 1 through May 31. About 20 members from last year have not renewed their memberships for 2001-2002. Unless you pay your dues this will be the last newsletter you will receive. Please don't let that happen - rejoin us by submitting your \$10 membership dues (\$20 for two years). Please note that your dues for 2001-2002 will be waived if you make a contribution of \$50 or more to the Loren Hakes Campfire Circle (see previous article) with your renewal. If you have questions, contact us by e-mail, letter or telephone.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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