

# MASSAWEPIE STAFF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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## **Fall 2003 Picnic/Clambake!!**

On Saturday, September 27, 2003, the Massawepie Staff Alumni Association will hold its fourth annual Fall Family Picnic/Clambake at the Shady Rest Pavilion at Powder Mills Park in Rochester. Last year over 35 people enjoyed a day of good friends, good food and good fun. This year's Clambake will start at 2:00 PM and last until they send us home.

Back by popular demand, the menu will include steamed clams, chicken, corn on the cob and salt potatoes. Spouses and kids are welcome. Please bring your own beverage, a munchie or dessert to pass and a big appetite! Please also bring along your camp pictures and memories. Cost is \$10.00 per person for adults, \$5.00 per child. A reservation form is enclosed. Please return it to our address at Camp Cutler no later than Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, so that we'll have enough food for everyone.

We hope to see you there!!!

## **Council Klondike Derby**

Our esteemed MSAA Chair, Mark Pulvino, has been drafted as the chair of the upcoming Otetiana Council Klondike Derby Feb. 6-7, 2004. He'll be looking for alumni help; more details later. Save the date!

## **Massawepie: Summer, 2003**

Massawepie recently concluded a successful summer season. Camp attendance (measured in boy weeks) has risen from a low of 1553 in 1999 to 2201 this year. This 40%+ increase has been made possible by the larger facilities of the renovated Camp Pioneer, along with lengthening the season to 7 weeks this year. By the way, these attendance figures don't include the many staff, leaders, and trek groups at camp. Based on this success, 2002-03 Camp Director Steve Weisenreder is expected to return in 2004!

2003 also saw the return of regular bear visits in camp for the first time since the early 1990's. Bears became enough of a nuisance this summer in Pioneer that the D.E.C. was called for assistance and Forester-style "bear buckets" were back in use at night.

**Current Paid MSAA Members**

Listed below are the 66 current paid MSAA members for 2003-04. Thanks to all for renewing your membership!

We'd like to grow to 100 members this year. If you know a Massawepie staff alumni or friend of Massawepie who's not on this list, please encourage him or her to join or renew. (Membership forms are available in the "About Us" section of [MassStaffAlumni.org](http://MassStaffAlumni.org).)

If you think your name should be on this list, please contact the MSAA Secretary, Peter Collinge, at 585-334-4132 or [capejo@localnet.com](mailto:capejo@localnet.com).

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| Arlauckas, Micheal      | LaVoy, Loren         |
| Backus, Geoffrey J.     | Lewis, Robert        |
| Barclay, Todd           | Lippitt, Dave        |
| Bausch, Michael         | Logory, Larry        |
| Belaskas, Jim           | Lombart, Kenneth     |
| Bergman, Bernie         | Loncle, Pierre       |
| Bills, David            | Maurice, Mark        |
| Bundschuh, Peter        | Mee, Timothy         |
| Collinge, Peter         | Meyering, Addy       |
| Connor, John            | Meyering, Ray        |
| Cooney, Jeremy          | Newberry, John       |
| Couch, Henry Jr.        | Newhart, Dan         |
| D'Ambrose, Martin       | Oyer, Mike           |
| Davis, Shannon          | Pape, Paul R.        |
| DeClerck, Don           | Perryman, Douglas    |
| DeMarco, John           | Poray, John          |
| DePalma, Dick           | Pulvino, Mark        |
| Eggiman, Tom            | Salmon, Debra        |
| Elliott, Brett          | Scribner, Peter      |
| Elliott, Kathy          | Smith, Todd B.       |
| Ferraro, Mark           | Snyder, Robert       |
| Fitzgibbon, Kevin       | Thaine, Berl         |
| Forsythe (Pfeil), James | Turner, Doris        |
| Gleason, Patrick        | Turner, Gerald       |
| Glenney, Sean           | Van Auken, Brad      |
| Henry, David            | Van Griethuysen, Tom |
| Hicks, Gary             | Varga, George        |
| Hoselton, David         | VonBacho, Stephanie  |
| Kier, Chris             | Walters, Bill        |
| Knittel, Mike           | Whitcomb, Don        |
| Kunkel, James           | Whitmore, Jeremy     |
| Kurtz, Eileen           | Willet, Ron          |
| Kurtz, Mark             | Williams, Pat        |

**Beaver Weekend 2003 -  
A New Beginning!**  
by Mark Pulvino, MSAA Chair

A new beginning! The next 50 years of Beaver Weekends was kicked off on the first weekend of June 2003. Some of us even showed up Wednesday Night, to get a jump!

The 51<sup>st</sup> Beaver Weekend was a great success. We had close to 40 current Alumni members working on various projects. Along with the Alumni we had family and "Friends of Alumni" working along side of us.

We got the campfire spruced up. On 4 of the staff cabins, we dry walled ceilings, painted them and spruced them. We also cleaned them up a bit, and put together donated furniture.

We had a crew worked in the troop sites. They fixed platforms, put 48 new tent frames in place, and made sure the tents were set up properly.

I can't say enough about the kitchen crew! They put on a super spread! The banquet was phenomenal! Strip steak and baked potatoes, and even a great slide show of all the Beavers on different projects was shown.

I have never seen so much get done. The Alumni Officers were impressed with the quantity and quality work that got done. We must express heartfelt thanks to all who were there. This summer got off to a great start because of you.

**Meyering Rifle Range Update**

Over 65% of the \$33,000+ in pledges to date for the new Rifle Range for Camp Pioneer have come from Massawepie Staff Alumni. Thanks to all who've helped. We still need \$57,000 to build the range in honor of Ray and Addy Meyering, so encourage your friends to help out! More information is available at [MassStaffAlumni.org](http://MassStaffAlumni.org).



MSAA members after the Annual Meeting at Beaver Weekend, 2003



2003-04 MSAA Officers: (l to R) Mark Pulvino, Chair; Brad VanAuken, Vice Chair; Mike Knittel, Treasurer; Peter Collinge, Secretary

(See the color version of these photos, and much more, on the web at [MassStaffAlumni.org](http://MassStaffAlumni.org) !)

## Friends of Alumni

Alumni membership in the Association is now open to those who love Massawepie, but never served as a paid or volunteer staff member. If you know someone who wants to be part of the Association, is at least eighteen years of age and in good standing with the BSA and the Council (does not have to be registered), encourage them to join as a Friends of Alumni member. For \$10 in membership dues, Friends have full membership in the Association, except they can not be officers. A Friends of Alumni membership application can be found under "About Us" on our web site at [MassStaffAlumni.org](http://MassStaffAlumni.org) - the more the merrier!!!!

## Upcoming Events

### September

- 19-21 Massawepie Fall Skills Weekend  
(for info contact Don D. @585-374-5770)
- 27 Fourth Annual MSAA Family Picnic/  
Clambake in Powder Mills Park  
(See article & flyer in this issue)

### January, 2004

TBA MSAA Happy Hour

### February, 2004

- 6-7 Otetiana Council Klondike Derby at  
Mendon Ponds Park – help from Alumni  
will be greatly appreciated!

### May, 2004

21-23 Massawepie Spring Skills Weekend

### June, 2004

- 4-6 Beaver Weekend at Massawepie  
MSAA Annual Meeting

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## 2003 Annual Meeting

The Alumni Association held its fourth annual meeting at Massawepie on Saturday, May 31, 2003. Approximately 38 members attended the meeting, which was held in the Pioneer Dining Hall due to rain that conveniently arrived just after Beaver Weekend work was done.

David Lippitt, outgoing Treasurer (to spend more time as Council Vice-President of Camping) chaired the meeting in the absence of Kathy Elliott, outgoing President. David reported there were over 70 paid members in the Association as of the annual meeting.

David also reported that the Association was in excellent financial shape due to membership dues, concession stand revenues from the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and sales of the special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Alumni Association patch.

(Annual Meeting, continued)

As of the annual meeting, the Association had about \$1,400 in its account. David thanked Peter Collinge for his great efforts in developing and coordinating the sale of the special Alumni Association 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary patch, which resulted in a profit of more than \$1,600 to the Association.

The major expenditures in the last year were: \$520 to complete the Association's commitment to raise \$22,000 for the Loren Hakes camp fire circle, \$350 to purchase a square yard in the Otetiana Council's square foot/square yard endowment campaign for Massawepie program equipment and supplies, and an initial \$1,000 contribution to the Ray and Addy Meyering Rifle Range. Not bad for a three-year old organization!

Mark Pulvino talked about the Association's help with training and recruiting of summer camp staff. Mark also talked about the significant Alumni Association support of Beaver weekend, including providing the menu, cooks and kitchen staff to feed all the volunteers. Special thanks went to Gary Hicks, head chef.

Proposed Rules of Operation, courtesy of Pete Collinge and the Executive Committee were handed out and approved. Copies of the Rules will be posted on the Association web site. New officers were elected. Mark Pulvino will be the new Chair (the new title from our Rules of Operation), Brad Van Auken the new Vice Chair, Mike Knittel the new Treasurer and Pete Collinge, the new Secretary. Congratulations to all.

Finally, David thanked Kathy Elliott for her significant efforts as President of the Alumni Association since its beginning - for the last three years. As David said, the Alumni Association would not have happened without her. Thanks, Kathy!! The meeting closed with the taking of the annual meeting picture. We'll try for an outdoors picture again next year!