

MASSAWEPIE STAFF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Providing Spirit, Service and Support

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BREAKING NEWS

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO PLAN MASSAWEPIE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Massawepie Staff Alumni Association has been given the exciting responsibility of developing the celebration for Massawepie's 50th Anniversary in the summer of 2002!! We have a lot of great ideas, but need more.

Tentative plans involve a weekend gala celebration in late July or early August for past and present Council representatives, leaders, staff members, local residents and anyone else who wants to join us. Other plans include holding special events each weekly camping session during 2002. And of course, we will need a commemorative patch and neckerchief.

One of the specific ideas was a campfire (or campfires) where the all-time greatest openings, songs, skits, stories and closings are performed - hopefully by the original cast who made them popular. If you have a nomination for your favorite(s), please send it to us, with the name(s) of the former staffers who made it a success.

Finally, we will need lots of Alumni members to help us plan and put on these events. If you haven't become a member, please join us. If you are, but know a former staffer who isn't a member, encourage them to join. Membership is easy (and cheap) - see next column.

ANNUAL MEETING

We will hold our second annual meeting at Massawepie on Beaver Weekend, immediately after dinner on Saturday, June 2. We hope you can join us for the meeting and our work during

the rest of the June 1-3, 2001 Beaver Weekend.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership in the Association runs from June 1 through May 31. If you are a current member, it is time to renew your membership. You can renew at our Annual Meeting at Beaver Weekend or send back the enclosed form with your \$10 membership dues (\$20 for two years). Please note that if you make a contribution of \$50 or more to the Loren Hakes Campfire Circle (see below) with your renewal the membership fee for 2001-2002 will be waived.

NEW MEMBER INFO

You must be age 18 or older and a former paid or volunteer Massawepie Staff member to join the Association. Annual dues are only \$10. If you make a contribution of \$50 or more to the Loren Hakes Campfire Circle (see below) with your membership application your dues for 2001-2002 will be waived. The registration application can be found on our web site, or can be sent to you by contacting us by e-mail, letter or telephone. (See page 2 for "How to Contact Us.")

SUPPORT

Loren Hakes Campfire Circle

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 last summer in the memory of Loren R. Hakes, Massawepie's beloved and long time camp superintendent. Over 35 people have contributed more than \$18,350, nearly 80% of our \$22,000 goal. Mail your tax deductible donation to the

Alumni Association address listed in the "How To Contact Us" section of this newsletter. Checks should be made out to Otetiana Council and note "Loren Hakes Campfire Circle" on the check.

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SERVICE - FUTURE EVENTS

Beaver Weekend On Beaver Weekend (June 1-3, 2001) we will be working on the Loren Hakes Memorial Campfire Circle. Specific jobs including completing the topsoil and seeding of the old road, additional planting of trees and ferns, clean up of downed trees, completing the fire altars, and mulching the hill to reduce erosion. If we have enough people, we will also work on a second project.

If you can join us for Beaver weekend, or need more information, please contact us by e-mail, letter or telephone.

SPIRIT - PAST

January Happy Hour(s)!!

On January 25, 2001 about 20 members got together at Chi Chi's Restaurant on Jefferson Road. They represented staff from the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, and yes, the '00s. Seven generations of renewed friendships, stories and memories!!!! A great time was had by all - we'll do it again next year.

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. Last year, about 35 people enjoyed a great time of fellowship and superb food. More details will follow about this event, so save the date and join us this fall.

THANKS

Jim Stahl was one of the Association's founding members and its first Secretary. Due to other commitments, Jim has stepped down as Secretary. We thank him for his efforts and

support. We look forward to seeing him at future events.

ASSOCIATION BROCHURE

Kathy Elliott has put together an excellent brochure describing the Association and its activities. If you would like a copy for yourself, or another staffer, please e-mail, write or call us.

EDITORIAL

In our unbiased opinion the Alumni Association is off to a great start. Nearly 60 members, a web site, sponsorship of the Loren Hakes Campfire Circle, three work weekends at Massawepie, a fall clambake/picnic, a winter happy hour and responsibility for Massawepie's 50th anniversary.

Many of us became staffers because of the great experiences we had as scouts at Massawepie. As staff, we were all rewarded by the friendships we made with other staff and the knowledge that our efforts benefitted all who attended Massawepie.

With your support, and that of other Alumni, we can help continue great experiences for scouts, ensure similar rewards for future staff and enhance the opportunities of all who will attend Massawepie in the future. And, we can have fun doing it - because that is what the Alumni Association is all about.

We look forward to a successful "year 2" of the Alumni Association, culminating in Massawepie's 50th anniversary. With all your continued support and friendship it will be another great year for the Association. Who says you can't relive the glory days (and nights) of being on Massawepie staff? Not the Alumni Association!!

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