June 2005 *"More Fun than Your Bill"* Volume Pre-1

THE RE-GEMS

Welcome From the Dean

WINNI 2005 promises to be another week of reconnection with old and new friends, renewal for ourselves and families, classes in which to learn with gifted teachers, and beauty to behold. I commend our theme, *Healing Our Divisions* to each of us as a goal for our community for the week – that we find ways to listen to the personal hurts, the global injustices, the decisions made on all levels of our lives, that they may promote health and healing under the light of a just and loving God. Big job? Perhaps – and, we are a community for a week of tremendous strength where learning and love are shared giving us a vision for the journey beyond Winni of commitment to the healing process all year long.

I look forward to sharing a terrific week with all of you and working together with the 2005 staff team. May everyone have a safe journey to Geneva Point – see you August 6th.

- Ginny Houghtaling, Dean

Morning Watch is Breakfast for Your Spirit!

Come to the outdoor chapel first thing in the morning each day for a short worship service before our breakfast meal at the Inn. Like breakfast, it is good and good for you! Contact Senior Trustee Lelly Smith at LellySmith@aol.com by July 22nd if you would like to be a leader for Morning Watch.

Chaplain Wanders Aloud

Greetings!

A long time ago, somewhere in the Middle East, a large group of people wandered around for forty years trying to figure out who they were and where they were going. In the not too distant future, somewhere in New England, a large group of people will gather together to wander around for a week, trying to figure out who they are and where they are going.

Reminders of where we want to get to are helpful. Bring some along. Reminders of where we've come from are helpful too. You might want to pack some. Be sure to have a nametag at all times so that you'll have a better chance of knowing who you are. And if I might make a suggestion: don't limit your ID to the name on your birth certificate. How about Child of God as your primary name?

I'm looking forward to wandering around with all of you. I'm looking forward to worshipping with you, to sharing stories with you, to listening to you. See you at camp!

- ***Ruth LeBar***

Trustees to Meet

A Trustees meeting has been called for Sunday, August 7th at 1:00 p.m. in the Meeting House.

This will be brief but important. Job descriptions of all leadership positions will be distributed along with Minutes of our April meeting. Len Raymond will update us on our new Winni website. Alerts and advisories for the week will be introduced. Our official summer meeting will be Thursday afternoon.

Greetings from the Evening Coordinators

This year we've tried to provide a program with a little something for everyone with some old favorites along with a handful of new ideas. (What? Did you think we were going to be the ones to go down in history to scrap the Hoot, Bill & Barb, and the Weston family campfire all in the same year?) My central focus so far this summer in our preparations has been focused on one of said new ideas, Tuesday night's Nostalgia Night. Quite simply, the concept is that given the fact that half the time spent at camp is spent reminiscing about years past, we would incorporate that side of Winni into an evening program. I am currently working on the production of what will most likely be a 60-90 minute film amassed from video footage, slides, and pictures from NNESRE's storied past to try to put faces, as well as the sounds of singing and laughter, with the memory of events that have gotten us to where we are today as a Winni family. From what material I have and am in the process of receiving from some generous campers (thank you thank you!) I believe the film will span about 50 years' worth of NNESRE weeks with memories new and old.

One way we are asking for your help is to ask you to bring pins, scrapbooks, t-shirts, pictures, and any other form of Winni memorabilia to share on Tuesday night. We will have tables set up along the windows at the stage-left side of the meetinghouse for people to take a look and reminisce. All we ask is that you are sure your name is located somewhere on any item you bring so no memories wind up getting lost.

Apart from Nostalgia Night, we look forward to dancing, campfires, a concert from Bill & Barb & Lindy & Lynn, an open-mike coffeehouse Monday night, the return of capture the flag (minus shoe polish!), a presentation from the nature center, and of course The Hoot! For anyone interested, there is still a slot open for a Dock Row camp fire discussion so if you have a topic you would like to chat about around the campfire (on any other concerns or questions about this year's evening program) contact me at STSublime1@gmail.com and I'll be happy to get back to you. From myself and my father, enjoy your summer and see you on Lake Winnipesaukee!

- Your 2005 Evening Coordinators,
Sheldon & Charlie Soper

Reiki Instructors Need Tables

Lisa Coleman and Leslie Dockendorff are offering a Reiki class this year. They are looking for additional massage tables for the week for the class. The more they have, the more time folks can spend giving and receiving Reiki. In that's not an inducement, we don't know what is. If you have a massage table and have room to bring it with you, please contact Lisa at LMColeman@aol.com. Thanks!

With A Song in Your Heart – and in Your Bag

Attention Winni songwriters: We look forward to some more great songwriting times together at Winni! Feel free to bring your guitars or other instruments to class. And we especially want to encourage everyone to be writing this summer, and to bring finished or in-the-works songs to class if you like. We've got new songs to share too! We'll have our new duo CD with us - "Opposites Attract." We'll also have song lead sheets available of the song we all collaborated on last year: "From This Place." In the meantime, visit our new Web site at: www.adlerandhearne.com - and sign our guestbook! We'd love to hear from you. Counting the days 'til we're together again at Winni.

~ Lynn & Lindy

Craft Show And Sale — Another Round

Crafters, musicians, et al., bring your wares, CDs, tapes, and what-have-you to sell at the third annual Winni show & sale. A fee to show and sell will be donated to the Winni scholarship fund. The show will be held in the Meeting House early in the week one day after lunch for a couple of hours. Details will be finalized at camp. So, come prepared if you need change, displays you normally use, etc., etc. We will have tables for you and plenty of eager shoppers.

Talk to Your Nominating Committee:

Robert Campbell, Chair, Ken Cheek, Linda Higgins, Victor Olsen, Courtney Kendrix-Mason, Ron Kittel. These folks are charged with finding NNESRE Trustees and filling leadership positions including Dean, Program Chair, and Gems Editor. The Winni community is remarkable for involving a broad range of people in what I call "horizontal leadership." Who will guide our camp team? Talk to your Nominating Committee!

- Lelly Smith

String 'em Up

In keeping with the Chaplain's suggestion about nametags, the Cheeks will be bringing the letter cubes and materials for making nametags again this year. If you don't have one, have one but can't find it, want to make one that reads "Child of God" (stock up on those letters, Ken & Jane), or just want to unleash your imagination and come up with a new design for 2005, you're in luck. Like last year, each nametag comes with a request for a small (or larger if you're so inclined) donation to the Scholarship fund.

And Speaking of the Cheeks

Ken and Jane Cheek are now officially full-time beach bums. They have moved to Cape Cod. Their new mailing address and phone are

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The Usual Reminders*:*

- GPC will not be ready for us to arrive until 3 PM on Saturday, August 6th. Please plan to arrive no earlier than 3:00.
- Remember to bring beverages in cans when possible to help with the recycling burden. If you bring bottles, be prepared to bring them home with you!

Top Ten Ways You Know Your GEMS Editors Need Help

1) They provide in-depth, gavel-to-gavel coverage of all Trustees Meetings.
2) " They devote five out of six pages to grainy, poorly reproduced "action" photos. Closely scrutinized, the photos all prove to be shots of the editors sweating and dozing in the GEMS office.
3) They outsource the Hoot review to Simon Cowell.
4) They begin reissuing editions from prior years with only the date changed, figuring the news, weather, and menus are pretty much the same anyway.
5) They begin reissuing editions from prior years without bothering to change the date, figuring that the point of Winni is to forget what date it is anyway.
6) They bring a dozen chimps into the office, figuring that if theory holds they would eventually type out the complete text of *Hamlet* by chance, they certainly can come up with an above-average GEMS before lunch.
7) In a "cost saving" move, they start publishing "Top One" lists.
8) The Dean declares the paper to have so little redeemable content that she orders it issued in a wallet-size format. People still put it under their drinks at dinner.
9) You receive a phone call at 2 am asking "Got any dirt on Dennis Courtney?"
10) They make an earnest plea for anyone interested in helping out with the GEMS this year and/or stepping into the Editor position next year to please come forward, such as this:

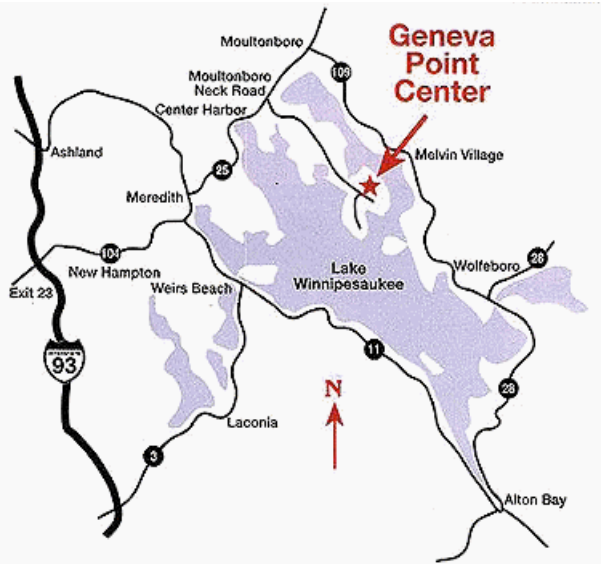
Will anyone who is interested in helping out with the GEMS this year and/or stepping into the Editor position next year please come forward. We offer overheated working conditions, no pay, no benefits, an occasional cup of tepid institutional coffee, and a thoroughly good time. And if you think *you're* sick of our jokes, imagine how *we* feel. Come, bring new perspective, new energy, and new ideas to the Geneva GEMS. Or live with a steady diet of shamelessly recycled Internet jokes.

- ***Bill Milford & Din Stevens***

T'Was The Night Before Winni….

(Or My Favorite Things to Bring)

T'was the night before Winni,
And I thought to myself,
I must get the packing list,
Down off the shelf.
I slowly unfolded the swan,
For you see,
Each year I save it,
As origami,.
Once fully unfurled,
The contents do hold,
All things needed for Winni,
The essentials in **bold,**
Stuff for the cabin,
The sheets and the blanket,
And, oh yes, the large cooler,
Last year's contents? We drank it!
(A cruise through Old GEMS,
And I recall from last year,
GEMS are better digested,
With hors d'oeuvres and a beer),
Flashlights and raingear,
extensions and fans,
And let's not forget
Beer n' soda should be ***cans***.
Bug spray and sunscreen,
'Gainst varmints and sun,
Imodium and Pepto,
'Gainst things served on a bun,
Sunglasses and swimsuits,
And my ol' dancing shoes,
Toothpaste and Lysol,
Should I battle mildew,
The script for my hoot act,
(Which is seemingly cursed:
It started out funny,
Then became "Who's On First?")
Spare change for laundry,
And cash for the store,
A stick I have nurtured all year,
For S'mores,
And this year the evening coordinators do ask,
You bring to the week something from our past,
A piece of nostalgia, a photo or two,
A poem or drawing from a Winni class you went to,
It's all 'bout remembering from whence we came,
And having a laugh (and sharing the blame!),
And as many things as there are,
That I find,
I also have a list,
For what to leave behind,
My stress and all memory,
Of stressful relations,
All my "should" attitudes,
And unreasonable expectations,
And most important of all,
Before I travel the miles,
I'll bring lots of friendship,
And even more smiles!



Map and Directions

From the south, take I-93 North to exit 23 and turn right onto route 104 for 9 miles. At the junction of Route 104 and U.S. Route 3, take a left onto Route 3 for approximately 1 mile. At the traffic lights in Meredith, bear right onto Route 25 (stay on Route 25) for 8 miles. Take a right onto Moultonboro Neck Road at the traffic lights (just beyond the Service Station) and travel for 5.7 miles. Bear left at fork in the road. Turn left onto Geneva Point Road and follow to the Geneva Point Center entrance sign.