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THE GENEVA GEMS

Barb&Bill&Lindy&Lynn Concert

They have their cake and eat it, too!

Amidst pomp, circumstance and some delicious cake to celebrate 20 years of the annual Sunday concert, Barb Siftar, Bill Milford, Lynn Adler and Lindy Hearne put on a show that spanned the ages and numerous musical formats. Barb and Bill opened the show with *All Day Singing*, a song that Dotti Siftar had recorded on her album back in 1965. Lynn and Lindy then joined them on stage for a folk medley of *Take Time in Life, All Night-All Day, Swing Low, and I'm On My Way.*

Lynn and Lindy then performed the title track from their new CD, *Opposites Attract.* It was sing-a-long time again with *Hail to Brittania* which made every nursery rhyme a challenging verse in the song. Lynn and Lindy performed their own bossa-nova composition of *I Guess I Love You* from their soon-to-be-a-hit musical *King Kong.* Bill Milford then performed a song written by singer/songwriter Julie Snow called *My Jesus.* Then a complex round of *There Was A Young Woman from Clyde* which was made considerably more confusing by additional verses discovered by Bill. An additional verse was discovered last night after the concert:

There was a young athlete named Tribbling,
Whose hobby was basketball dribbling,
But he dribbled one day,
On a busy freeway,
Now his sister is missing …a sibling!

Bill then took the helm for the emotional lowlight of the night with *If My Nose Was Running Money, Honey – I'd Blow It All On You.* A tune that seemed to run on and on and prompting our illustrious Dean to state "This is the first clean X rated song we have had at Winni…" (Get it, clean X rated? Kleenex rated?)

Lynn and Lindy did a song about domestic communication between their homes with *Hollerin' In The Hills.* Barb and Lynn then dazzled the audience with their soft, sultry and romantic presentations of *My Romance* (Barb) and *When You Wish Upon A Star* (Lynn). Astute audience members also noted some rather fancy guitar work by Bill and Lindy. Bill then presented his own domestic observations with *In The House.*

Fifteen year old Kate Hearne then joined the quartet on stage and proceeded to bring the house down with her skilled blues guitar licks with *Soup's On.* Kate also stayed on the stage to help close the show with the parental control favorite *Mom and Dad Can Still Rock N' Roll.* After what must have been milliseconds and a call (perhaps long distance from Bill's parents) for an encore, the band returned to for the closing song on Lynn and Lindy's new CD entitled *Do Justice, Love Mercy.*

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MONDAY EVENING EVENTS

6:45 VESPERS – *Chapel*
7:30 Weston Campfire – *Council Ring*
7:30 Movie: "African Queen" – Meeting House
8:30 – 10:00 CAMP STORE OPEN
9:00 DANCING IN THE BARN – Dotti and Barb
9:00 Drumming Circle -- Chapel

Dis n Dat: *Kite Runner* Rules

A random sampling of NNESRE campers reveals that *The Kite Runner* is the literary choice du jour of Robin Ogden, Susie Hawthorne, and Ginny Houghtaling. Lou Weeks and Mike Nissum do not read apparently but stated that they were enjoying summer hobbies of water ballet and engaging Young Republicans. Abigail Weeks noted she had enjoyed *Black Beauty* while her mom (the lovely and talented Lillian Daniel) recommended *Early Bird.* Bobbie Davis exclaimed that her favorite movie of the year was *The Incredibles* and that "I want to be Elastigirl!" Anyone can be if they are willing to stretch a little.

Jumble Fever

Congrats to Robin Brosious who was the first to get to the GEMS office to proclaim she had discovered the mysterious hidden bonus word in yesterday's word Jumble – COCOA. Robin states her time from start to finish was only about 15 minutes. Other Jumble-ites are welcome to join the competitive fray.

Get Up For Morning Watch

Join Jean Koh Peters tomorrow morning for Morning Watch starting at 7:45 am. Special thanks to Tom Weston for his leadership this morning and for his wonderful seasonal memories of this special place.

TUESDAY MENU

Breakfast: Gently and Tenderly Scrambled eggs (surprise!), Eerily Uniform Home fries

Lunch: Tangy n' Tempting Tomato Soup, Mostly Dehydrated Grilled Ham N Cheese Sandwiches

Dinner: It's Party Time! The annual NNESRE Outdoor BBQ! Chicken fresh off the Barbie and a wide offering of mayonnaise enhanced, sun baked salads.

Accu-Winni Forecast

Tuesday, Aug 9

Warm and humid with clouds and sun; an afternoon thunderstorm in parts of the area. Winds from the SW at 5 mph.	High: 87° F	RealFeel: 95° F
Tuesday Night: Clear. Winds from the N at 2 mph.	Low: 63° F	RealFeel: 65° F

Wednesday, Aug 10

Very warm and humid with periods of clouds and sunshine; widely-separated afternoon thunderstorms. Winds from the SSW at 6 mph.	High: 89° F	RealFeel: 95° F
Wednesday Night: Rather cloudy and humid. Winds from the S at 5 mph.	Low: 65° F	RealFeel: 65° F

Thursday, Aug 11

Warm and humid with times of sun and clouds; chance for a thunderstorm in the afternoon. Winds from the ESE at 8 mph.	High: 85° F	RealFeel: 86° F
Thursday Night: A chance of evening rain; otherwise, mostly cloudy and humid. Winds from the SSW at 6 mph.	Low: 63° F	RealFeel: 64° F

EXCITING EVENING EVENTS

Song Leader Tom Weston with his able voiced companions has an exciting evening planned around the council ring campfire. Join us as we sing about a pickled Minnie, a woman with an injured waterfowl, unlaundered footwear, and a rabbit being saved, among others. Following the singing you can grab a stick and make a s'more. Join us at the council ring at 7:30.

For those who find the council ring a bit far to go or wish for a more quiet evening you can head over to the meetinghouse for the cinema classic "African Queen" with Katherine Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart. Showtime is 7:30.

At about 9:00 we will enjoy another evening of barn dancing with Barb & Dotti Siftar. Also, Bernadette will be sharing a time of

contemplation and praise through the use of drums as we form a drum circle in the chapel. Bring what you have to use as a drum or come and use what's there. This was a hit last year as the sound of the drums drew many in just to listen for a few moments.

Roll Out for the Cookout!

This Tuesday evening is the annual Big Night Out for the GPC staff. Our dinner here will be a barbecue, and GPC staff asks that all campers arrive promptly at 5:30 PM so that the meal can be served and the staff can get out in good time for their well-deserved night on the town. Please plan your afternoon/evening parties accordingly.

NOSTALGIA NIGHT NEWS

As we anticipate a time of nostalgia we are asking that if you brought articles or items to share or show you bring them to the Meeting House after dinner on Tuesday so they may be arranged for others to see. See Sheldon or Charlie if you have questions.

HOOT SIGNUP

It is that time again when are looking for that new Winni Idol. Loosen up your vocal chords; dust off those dancing shoes; simply get your act together! A poster board is on the Inn porch for signups. We are asking that you give us act name, participants, and type of act, such as dance, song, skit, etc. Remember that we are asking that they be kept short so we don't miss the scoop shop. Signups will end at lunchtime on Wednesday.

More On Movies From Jimmy Holcomb

If music touches your soul you should see the documentary "Touch the Sound." Evelyn Glennie in her early teens was told she was going deaf and would never be a musician. But her gift would not be denied. She took up the drum because she could feel the vibrations on the side of the drum, the wall, or with her bare feet. Now a world traveling percussionist, she makes music in interesting places and with interesting and everyday objects. "Touch the Sound" is not only a treat for the ears but the eyes as well.

THAT Explains It

The GEMS Editors were shocked to learn (from a well-informed reader) that the 5 star rating the Business Manager gives to various accommodations around GPC was awarded by *Country Mouse Quarterly*. Said our informant: I began to be suspicious when the reviewer commended the "Great variety and abundance of crumbs."

Swimming with a Rudder

News has come that Ed Cunningham came to camp without his swim trunks. In a startling revelation, he has been overheard boasting that he will swim nonetheless, potentially straighter.

All Points Bulletin

With appreciation to Joe Morrissey for his leadership of the Ed School thus far, an All Points Bulletin was put out Saturday on his wife, Lorraine. Last spotted boarding a plane for the Cayman Islands, Lorraine assured Joe she would arrive at camp "in the next few days." Thanks to the efforts of "America's Most Wanted" and vigilant citizens, she was eventually tracked down in Vegas with her best girlfriend, Thelma, and returned to GPC yesterday afternoon to care for YOUR children.

The Fix Is In

Sunday, 7 Aug 2005, Missing Towel Bar Department: Within a mere 19 hours, Steve of Maureen & Steve (Gibbes-4) has validated the lofty promise of the GPC Guest Coordinator who, at the Orientation, stated: "God is here.

You are here. Whatever we can do to get you two together is why *we're* here!"

Steve reported that something just wasn't right at G-4. Whenever he attempted to hang up his bath towel it would just slip to the floor in a damp, unkempt mound. After several additional unsuccessful attempts, Steve, an engineer by trade, determined the root cause of the problem. The towel bar was, well, missing!

Making a long story interminable, Steve reports that he advised the Guest Coordinator of the missing bar Saturday afternoon at 4:55 PM, and less than 19 hours later, upon return from Sunday lunch, there was a brand new, shiny, perfectly horizontal towel bar just waiting to be used!

Kudos from Steve to the Guest Coordinator and her highly trained and accommodating Towel Bar Replacement Team!

Yoga in the morning, yoga in the….

Due to popular request, in addition to the 7am yoga class we will be doing an afternoon yoga class beginning at 3:15, somewhere in the meeting house—come join the fun. We have a few extra mats for those who are matless. Any questions—ask Jennifer.

Limerick Contest! Be The Winner!

The GEMS challenges you to write your own limerick about Winni. See if you can beat our first try:

There once was a man called John Dibbs,
Who would lodge no place other than Gibbes.
Of the Dock Road festivities
With their junk food proclivities
He sniffed: "Can't you please give them bibs?"

Top Ten Things You May Overhear During the Week About Winni That Aren't True

1.. "Rubbing the Dean's head is good luck!"
2.. "Them duckies by the shoreline, well they'z good eatin'!"
3.. "Bat poo has "energizing conditioner" in it that makes your hair shiny and it makes it smell great."
4.. "The new ice cream flavor at the scoop shop, Gravy and Meatballs, doesn't taste nearly as bad as it looks. That's good eatin."
5.. "Rubbing the cook's head, hey, that's REALLY good luck."
6.. "Mike Nisson is Georgie. And when he opens the window in your cabin and pops in his head, he really does say "ooo-ee-ooo-ee-oooo" but I'm not really thinking that he means "good morning", if you know what I mean."
7.. "They can't serve it unless it is good for you…."
8.. "Time flies when you are at the Hoot!"
9.. "Hey, the dining hall – thatz good eatin'."
10. "Hey, the GEMS is getting better this year!"

Still Got It? Here's a Test of your Failing Memory

Donna Dawes brought in this memory test. Only a Few Senior Citizens can make a perfect score on this one! Youngsters can try their luck. Stuck? Donna has the real answers. For <u>our</u> take, see below.

1. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man? Invariably, someone would answer, "I don't know, but he left this behind." What did he leave?

2. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. in early 1964, the nation watched them on the _____ show.

3. "Get your kicks _____."

4. The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed _____."

5. "In the jungle, the mighty jungle, _____."

6. After the twist, the mashed potatoes and the watusi, we "danced" under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a routine called the _____.

7. "N-E-S-T-L-E-S, Nestle's makes the very best, _____."

8. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking?

9. Some American women who protested male chauvinism did so by burning their _____.

10. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the Volkswagon _____. What other name(s) did it go by?

11. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about "The day the Music Died." This song was a tribute to _____.

12. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it; and they called it _____.

13. One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large ring we twirled around our waist; it was called the _____.

Answers the GEMS would choose:

1. A mortgage. Most people mispronounce his name—he preferred to be called "the loan arranger."
2. On Interstate 95. Specifically on Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom. Their episode on the European insect invasion was almost nominated for a daytime Emmy that year.
3. the "Q" bridge in New Haven. Actually, that's the place where you kick yourself for not choosing another route.
4. To Mike Nissen.
5. The senior high's don't sleep tonight.
6. Dominatrix?
7. Infant formula advertising campaigns for developing nations.
8. Mike Nissen.
9. Husbands.
10. Sheila.
11. Radio station "disk jockeys" who finally had a chance to take a bathroom break during Maclean's record-breaking 10 minute ballad. Second acceptable answer: The Hoot.
12. "Kruschev's first wife."
13. Your "spare tire" – how 'bout a salad?