

# THE GENEVA GEMS

## Bill n' Barb n' Chris n' Gail n' Fred Rock the House

### *The View From The Stage*

Thanks to the added energy of Gail Nickse and Fred Griffith, the annual Chris n Barb n Bill concert got kicked up a notch in gospel-infused energy and super vocal craftsman (and woman) ship! The addition of camp newcomer Einar Han Ulfsson on keyboards helped to fill out the band with piano, organ, bass and a wide variety of other sounds native to Iceland. It was an evening filled with sing-alongs, instrumental delights, and stirring vocals. To relieve the magic just imagine hearing: **I'm A Believer** (delightful old Monkees standard!) **My Old Man** (is an everlovin', finger lickin', chicken plucker – whaddya think about that?), **I Don't Fit** (but I ..... belong!), **Wasted Hours** (Chris Peters in a 60's groove!), **IHOP** (this guitar instrumental bagged a standing ovation!), **Quarter Moon** (A gem from Bill's Shadows On The Wall CD about comfortable aging couples), **Trouble Soon Be Over** (Fred and Gail came on stage and it took it by storm – "sorrow with have an ennnnnnnnnDDD!), **Make You Feel My Love** (Fred does Dylan better than Bob himself...), **Sideman** (Chris solos with a lovely tune about being the sideman but to us – he's a star!), **Faith Carries Me Up** (and onnnnnnnnnnn.....), **You've Got What It Takes** (Gail rocks out a Dinah Washington standard), **Another Train** (A lovely, nearly a cappella, presentation of the Pozies tune – lead by Barb), **Up Above My Head** (Gail raised the roof as get got our gospel on!), and encored with an **Amen/This Little Light of Mine** (Every camper had their chance to pipe in on this one as Fred went into the crowd. A big whoop-whoop to Rose Ganley for raising the bar!). Thanks to all who attended and participated in the songfest and especially to the performers – Barb Siftar, Bill Milford, Chris Peters, Einar Han Ulfsson, Gail Nickse, and Fred Griffith!

## Water Happens.... Or Sometimes Not

### *Pipes leak like Whoppi Goldberg....*

In the one scenario not covered by GPC Director Peter Claypoole on Saturday night, the wettest part of the campus (Chapel Line, the Inn, the Bathhouse) – found itself tragically "dry" yesterday afternoon as a mysterious disappearance of @ 5,000 gallons of water was noted from the GPC Well Storage Tank. After thoroughly searching Mike Nishman's cabin, the water was not found there. However, what was found in Nichman's cabin was a 12-person setting of GPC silverware, a 1984 Nissan Maxima, Jimmy Hoffa, Brownie Troop 103 from Peoria, Illinois, a fearful pony from Camp Robindel named Thunder, and Dr. McGillicuddy himself.

After closing down the water system to the affected areas, the camp staff carefully monitored the camp well as it refilled with water. Around 5:30 am – the camp's water supply was re-pressurized and service was restored with a suspected leakage area cut off. Delighted campers hit the showers in record numbers this morning and the camp is slowly rehydrating as deflated bladders are becoming re-energized. Special thanks to all of the affected campers for their patience and creativity in dealing with the water crisis and to the dedicated GPC staff for getting out the divining rods. We are all glad to be up and running – figuratively and literally.

### Tonight's Schedule

**6:45 Evening Watch with Winni Choir - Lone Pine Rock (by the Council Ring).** See the Dean if you need transportation to the Council Ring.

**7:15 Weston Family Campfire - Council Ring**

**8:00-10:00 Scoop Shop Open**

**9:00 Dancing in the Barn with Barb**

**9:00 Drum Circle - Chapel**

**9:00 Meet with Peter Claypoole – What's New at GPC? - Meeting House Side Porch**

## Thanks-Yous from the Evening Coordinators

- Thanks to Barb, Bill, Chris, Einar, Gail, and Fred for an amazing concert that took us from rock to folk to gospel and lots of places in between. Bravo!

- Thanks, Barb, for topping off your performance in the concert with another evening of high-energy dancing in the Barn. We don't know how you do it, but we're glad you do!

- Thanks to Tom Weston for adding to this week's secentricity with a Morning Watch focused on the seven natural wonders of the world.

## Congress Comes Through

Word reached the GEMS office this morning that Congress finally reached a budget deal, perhaps averting immediate financial meltdown. Details were not yet available but an unnamed source suggested that involved a combination of spending cuts, tax loophole closures, redemption of government Green Stamps reserves, and a tag sale on the White House lawn.

## Have You Got The Power??

*Dee Shea is looking for a charge!*

If you have a Canon HD CMOS Charger – can you see Dee Shea – she has a camcorder with no get up and go! Other power adapters may work if you have a camcorder with you. Thanks!

## Amy Bruch Wants the Shirt Off Your Back

*Shirts to be screened tomorrow*

On Tuesday afternoon from 2-4 in front of Malden come with a shirt to get it silk-screened with an image of the Barn, trees, and the words "From this place, go build a better world." Make the shirt light-colored because the ink is dark green.

Please speak to Amy if you have any questions.

## I Don't Fit

*In this place, feeling out of place*

Barb's song "I Don't Fit" at the concert last night was a reminder that all (or at least many) of us are subject to moments here at Winni when we may feel out of place, at loose ends, and, well, like we just don't fit. We think of this as a problem that newcomers wrestle with but it plagues old-timers here too. Myself, I'm an introvert and I don't sing. It's a tough place to be in under those circumstances at times.

We are so scheduled and programmed, so ritualistic in our every move -- from Georgie in the morning to where you have your pre-dinner gathering in the evening to our closing dance at night – that when you find yourself with an unprogrammed moment you don't know whether you're relieved, wracked with FOMO\*, homesick, a misfit, or maybe a little bit of all of the above. In recognition of this phenomenon, we give you:

## Top 10 Ways to feel like an outsider at Winni

10. You come for the food.
9. You have two left feet and even when Barb explicitly teaches the two-left-foot-waltz you're just not comfortable.
8. You hate folk music.
7. The sales agent told you it was a timeshare and you're beginning to feel ripped off
6. You were hoping for some quiet time alone.
5. You're not religious.
4. You ARE religious.
3. You have a few other things to say to freaking Georgie.
2. Nobody seems to gather 'round the campfire when you pull out your accordion.
1. You've had a recent shower.

\* FOMO – Fear Of Missing Out.

## Accu-Winni Weather

Tonight: Low of 57, a few strong thunderstorms.  
Tomorrow (Tue): High 84 with a shower or thunderstorm in spots. Low of 58 at night with possible thunderstorms.

## Yoga in the Chapel

Jennifer Brosious invites you to join her for Yoga classes in the Chapel 3:30-4:45 today through Thursday this week. Her sharing her teaching with us is a great gift for the community. Thank you, Jen!

## What's That You're Reading?

*Faye Hess wants to know*

We have to strap our shoes on, sip the Big Gulp, get to work, back from work, check the television--things happen fast on America's Got Talent--and you're asleep. Twitter is a solution, Wr&peas w/out evn wrmng th lu. But it would be a shame to give up reading all together. What are you reading that you can't put down? Classics, Oprah's replacement favorites, maybe you've written your own that you want to sell?

## Winni Worship

TONIGHT AT 6:45 – Evening Watch at Lone Pine Rock

Please join us at Lone Pine Rock tonight at 6:45 (15 minutes later than usual) for Evening Watch. The Winni Choir will sing a cappella, and we will reflect on quietness, forgiveness, diversity, and acceptance.

TUESDAY AT 1:00 – Winni Worship feedback & planning

Please join me to give feedback on Winni Worship and, if you wish, help plan upcoming services right after lunch on the Inn Porch.

– Chaplain Bob Fellows

## Keep it clean, Kids!

Due to an alarming number of calls to service clogged commodes, Sir Plunge-a-Lot has been diagnosed with a rotator cuff injury. As he prepares for six weeks of traction, he asks campers to heed the GPC dictum to flush early and often. Let's all do our part to keep the lines of communication open.

## Thanks be to...

Certain moments happen during this week that seem scarcely imaginable anywhere else. Can you think of another place where, upon returning to your loads of laundry, you find them not only moved from the washer to the dryer but also neatly folded?

Another moment like that happened last night following the Barb and Bill concert. After waiting in line at the scoop shop, I tried to pay for my Orange Delight Cooler, only to learn that someone ahead of me in line had anonymously covered the bill for a significant number of us in line who happened to be in the right place at the right time. I have my ideas as to the benefactor's identity, but I'll respect her or his wish for anonymity and simply say "thank you" on behalf of those who were the recipients of that unexpected, but much appreciated, act of generosity. It's another piece of the wonderful patchwork that is Winni.

- Jim Peters

## POETRY CORNER

There once was a laddy named Sammy  
Who sheared the wool off of his lambie,  
The lamb, I was told  
Caught a terrible cold  
'Cause Sammy made lambie feel clammy.

Starlight and moonbeams  
Awaken the ebon sky  
For our nighttime walk

- Linda Sacco

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*Limerick #1 and #2:*

When faucets are no more than damp  
And toilets bear "do not use" stamp  
Then what should be gone  
Remains on and on  
What happens at camp...stays at camp!

- Anonymous

## Diary of a New Camper: Day 2

Dear Diary,

Trying not to get too discouraged about how camp is going so far. I really had high hopes for this week.

But on the plus side, I made it to breakfast! Pancakes and bacon! Unfortunately, the person who was ahead of me in line must have missed the 4 hour mandatory orientation on Saturday. She took about twelve strips of bacon out of the bacon trough. I tapped her on the shoulder and told her that we had been specifically instructed to leave enough bacon for those following us. She turned around and grunted at me in an angry way. Was this the woman named Deb that I had been warned about?

After breakfast I tried to find the class that talked about Jesus. Unfortunately, I ended up in a class where people were listing their favorite sins. Many people said envy was their favorite sin. Others said anger or sloth. I had never thought that anger, envy and sloth could all co-exist together until I came to Winni. Never have I met people who embodied these concepts so well. In different parts of camp, folks would talk about each other behind their backs and whether they had hot showers, looked after their children, or had a toilet in their cabin. As if these daily necessities were the epitome of luxury!

After class I was feeling very prideful as I headed to lunch. I enjoyed lunch under the tent outside the dining hall. Apparently, many bees did also. I think that I ate a bee, because my hotdog was unexpectedly crunchy, and after I ate the hot dog I had to have a few Benadryl. Many people who said they were from "Chapel Line" gave me their Benadryl and offered me some other help as well. They also said that I should see a doctor who stayed in Chapel Line, but when I asked around about this guy, many people said that he was a quack.

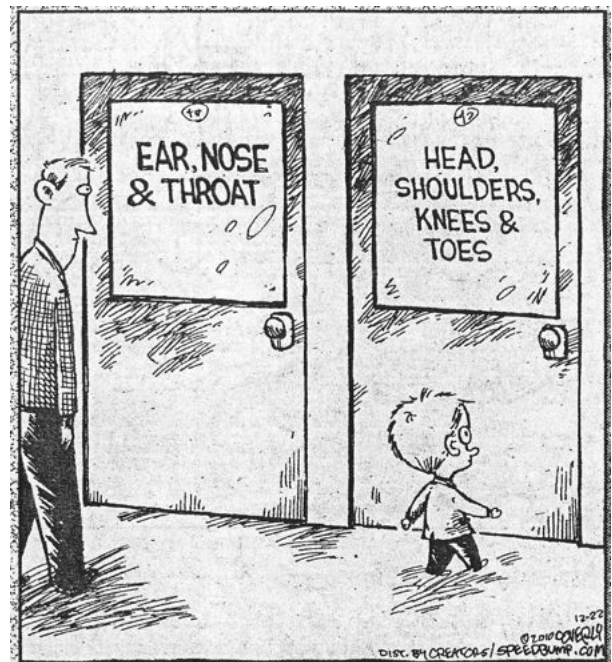
After I had the Benadryl I felt pretty good. I also needed a shower. I was all lathered up when, (imagine my surprise), the water cut off. What was I to do? I was covered in lather, with no water. I wrapped a towel around myself and headed down to the lake. I was a little embarrassed and snuck out into the lake to rinse off.

Once I had swum out into the lake, I started to cramp up and thought I might actually not make it back to shore. But the lifeguards had seen my trail of soap bubbles headed out into the lake, and came to get me on their surfboard that they use for sunbathing. "Hey you!" She screamed at me through her bullhorn. "If you don't start swimming, I'm going to throw you out of here." Somehow I made it back to shore.

The rest of the day passed in a haze—I enjoyed the concert/singalong, but I worried that I had offended people because I didn't know all the lyrics of all the songs. Then there came a time when we were supposed to "harmonize." I noticed people moving several chairs away from me.

After the concert one of the kids who had been scared by my singing must have felt bad for me so he invited me to the ice cream shop. He looked a little like the Children of the Corn, but I let my guard down and ordered a mint chocolate chip shake. It was really good. Then he invited me to go dance with his "friends" and I knew that he had been sent by his demon overlords to entrap me so I could be sacrificed to the corn god. I hurried back to my room. I was really tired. Maybe if I stay away from the angry lady at breakfast I will have a better day tomorrow.

Good night, Diary. Talk to you tomorrow.



## Seek and Ye Shall Find

*Today's Challenge for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders*



I heard the last two were too breezy,  
Hunt for this – it's not as easy!

(Yesterday's answer – porch rocking chair)

## Things Never Seen at Winni

1. Clean water. At home this may seem like a reliable thing. At Winni this is a luxury. You may swim in the lake and go back to your cabin to have a nice clean shower. Little do you know the water you're showering in may not be so much cleaner than the lake. And it always makes you feel better when you can look up into the corner of your shower and spot the spider you'll be seeing for the rest of the week.
2. Ice. You may think you have ice in your cooler. I mean you made that long trip to the ice machine and lugged it back trying to get it to your cooler before your bag broke. Yet somehow an hour later it's turned into a luke-warm puddle that seems to resemble the pond near your house. Swimming with something you'll probably eat for dinner that night.
3. A well-rested person. Most people are either night owls or early birds. Here at Winni we attempt both at once. Although this idea is anything but rational, it is extremely serious. Many people at Winni suffer from a disease they don't know they have. The side affects

can cause people to be exceptionally exhausted all the time and constantly surrounded by people. If someone hasn't already diagnosed you with this then it's time. You have FOMO. The scientific name being "Fear of Missing Out".

4. Sushi. Enough said.
5. Calm little girls. They may seem cute and innocent at first. But as soon as you make eye contact with one of them you know you're in trouble. This is when you make a break for it. You'll see one whisper to the other and at that point you have around three seconds before the newly vicious power puff girls are tackling you to the ground.
6. A cup with just orange juice. You may think it's a nice ice-cold glass of orange juice sitting on the picnic table in chapel line. But remember to take a whiff before you take a sip because you might end up drinking something you were planning on waiting until happy hour for.
7. Mike Nisson for a whole week. Mike is someone most people love or at least pretend to. He seems to be the life of most of the evening activities he remembers to go to. With Mike at Winni it makes it crazy and fun. Yet people quiver with fear as to think what might happen if he were here all seven days. This list is a little bit of a downer so to bring up your spirits here's a contradicting list of things you'll always see at Winni.

Things always seen at Winni

1. Beer.

- By Abby Weeks

## Good News Selections

*More highlights from the year...*

### John Hoda

*My work team is performing wonderfully and we are being courted by cable TV producers to create a pilot for a show about heir hunting. Our adult kids are doing really well and we are adjusting to being empty nestors. Other than a harsh winter and a cold spring, it was a very good year.*

# THINGS WE LEARNED OR EXPERIENCED DURING THE WATER CRISIS!!!!!!!!!!!!

*Can you find: community, friendship, sharing, conservation, fun and 17 others?*

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