

## The Wednesday Geneva GEMS

### **"The Girls" Dominate Newlywed Game When It Comes To Spousal Knowledge, More is Less**

It didn't take long for the unsightly truth to be revealed about couples' communication: the longer you are married – the less you pay attention. Soundly defeating their more experienced counterparts, Travis and Carrie Leap – mere neophytes in the biz that be nuptials (3 years) – exhibited an ease and intuitive knowledge of one another that the other couples could barely recall, let alone demonstrate.

The Leaps' competition seemed formidable at first, but wore away after having to contemplate such weighty questions as: "What is your wife's favorite thing to do at Winni?", "Who initiated the first kiss?" and the most loaded Q for the hubbies of "What most caught your husband's attention when you first met?"

As Heather Weinland's (14 years married) face blushed to the color of her hair and then to the color of her husband Jay's face upon response, it created a 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row where mammary apparatus has been highlighted, appreciated, and indeed – honored. Scraping the marital barrel throughout the contest were Alan and Marilyn Kendrix (39 years) whose miscues kept them in last place until Alan pulled out a remarkable detail of historical memory by recalling "culottes" as being the garment that most caught his attention upon their first meeting. Replacing the Kendrix' in the final slot (and garnering prizes as pity) were Ed Cunningham and Din Stevens (21 years).

Wesley and Debbie Gundersen (13 years) made an impressive showing both in points and in healthy self-esteem when Debbie responded that the thing that caught Wes' attention upon first glance was "all of me!"

Special thanks to the Nissans for the organizational prowess (Susan) and verbal loquaciousness (Mike), which made the event a spectacular success. The cutting questions they prepared such as "what is your spouse's most annoying habit" made for great fodder for discussion throughout the camp last night as witnessed by crying, yelling, and general discontent around the camp.

### *Wednesday Evening Schedule*

**6:30 The Hoot! - Chapel**  
**8-10 Scoop Shop open – staffed by  
NNESRE volunteers for the night.**  
**9:00 Barn Dancing – Barn**  
**9:00 Movie – Al Gore's "An  
Inconvenient Truth" - Meetinghouse**

### **HOOT TONIGHT!**

Get your acts, your spirits, and your doughnut pillows ready for tonight's HOOT. The festivities start at 6:30 in the Chapel. BE THERE!

### **Weather**

**Tonight: Low 54°** Partly cloudy, less humid  
**Tomorrow: High 79°** Pleasant with sunshine and patchy clouds  
**Tomorrow Night: Low: 54 °**Mainly clear

### Thursday Menu

**Breakfast:** A Bar of Schnapps, Scrambled Eggs, Western Scrambled, Home fries, Business Fries and Banana Muffins

**Lunch:** Soup, Salad, Sandwich Bar, Sweet and Sourdough Chicken, Pleasing Rice, Stirred Tried Veggies, Pudding

**Dinner:** Boiled Bread and Baked Ham with Pineapple Sauce, Musseled Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, and Back for it's third but hopefully not it's last appearance, Veggie, Lentil-Spinach Sauté and a Vegetable Pas De Deux

### Ed School Thank-Yous

Thanks to lifeguard Brad for lifeguarding the teen sunset swim last night!

### Thank Youz from the Evening Coordinators

- To the drummers who made the Chapel reverberate with Spirit and rhythm.
- To the many musicians and singers who gave us a great campfire last night.
- To our couples from the Not So Newlywed game. Which reminds us....

### WINNI WANTS TO KNOW

- Deb and Wes – Deb, you let us know it is all about “me” and Winni wants to know what Wes does with the toenail clippings?
- Heather and Jay – We have all met Duncan and Tessa but Winni wants to know, what are “The Girls” names?
- Din and Ed – Ed, you are such a warm, gentle person, Winni wants to know what was it that made you fall in love with a self-centered, stuck-up “Snob?”
- Marilyn and Alan – Is it 39 days, 39 weeks, 39 months? Thank God for those culottes = 39 years. Winni wants to know – do you still have them?
- Carrie and Travis – It must be difficult to be so perfect.
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Winni wants to know if “the Girls” are snobby, culotte-wearing, toenail-clipping imperfectionists, or is it all really wedded bliss?

### Wednesday greetings from Chaplain Jim!

What a wonderful service of music we experienced last night! Starting with a glorious, pitch-perfect rendition of “How Can I Keep from Singing” performed by Carrie Hawthorne, and continuing with the choir’s awesome, indeed awe-inspiring “Sew it on the Mountain, Reap it in the Valley,” and concluding with Jean and Liz Peters re-teaching “All We Need is Love,” it was a musical night to remember. We were also blessed by the oratorical gifts of four splendid readers: Dean Tom, Barb Siftar, Cynthia Campbell and Faye Hess.

Abundance, indeed!

- Chaplain Jim

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Al Gore’s An Inconvenient Truth will be shown at the Meeting House Wednesday night at 9:00 PM. It lays out the facts of climate change with the politics. All are welcome, especially those who haven’t seen it yet, children, and/or people who are taking Chris and Trevor’s class on “Sustainability in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”.

The Programming Committee will meet Thursday afternoon at 1:00 pm at the Meeting House on the screened porch. Please come with course proposals for the Adult Ed. Program. You may also request a course to be taught. We will be choosing a date for the Fall meeting, so bring your calendars, PDA’s, cell phone calendar, etc.

Campfire open discussion on Obama’s presidency Thursday afternoon at 3:00 pm on the Meeting House Porch led by Lou Weeks.

## Winni Swimmi on for Thursday

Boaters and swimmers wanted for the annual Winni Swimmi, which will take place on Thursday afternoon at 2:30pm. This is your chance to swim or boat one mile in the open lake. Swimmers of many abilities will be participating. Accompanying boaters will make it fun and safe for all.

We now have 10 years of Swimmi history recorded, going back to Sonja Whipp's amazing time of 25:27 in 1999. Ed Cunningham has been the most consistent participant, swimming for the last 9 years in a row. Dennis Courtney has swum 9 out of the last 10 years, and Leslie Ganley has swum in 8 of the last nine. Last year Stefan Livsey finished first at 36:23 setting a new personal best.

This year we have prizes to be awarded for every swimmer! Come one, come all, the sign-up sheet is now on the Inn porch. See Bob Ganley or Ed Cunningham if you have any questions.

## Tyra the Cat

Who's that little tiger cat we're seeing around camp these days? Peter Claypoole tells us that her name is Tyra and she is owned by the Barnard family who live nearby. Tyra enjoys the attention she gets from campers, but be careful – she has a full set of working claws.

## MILESTONES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Kate Eskra Fioravanti received her MA and EdM in Educational Leadership from Columbia University

## MISHAPS AND LOWLIGHTS

- Jim Nolan reports that the ladies of Chapel Line marshaled by ship captain Bobbie Davis ran aground and busted the propeller. Ships ahoy!

## Old Gems from the N.N.E.S.R.E. Archive

*Friday August 12, 1955*

Dues – All second year students are requested to pay their dues of 25 cents to Elizabeth Illsley today on the front porch of the Inn immediately following the noon meal.

*Wednesday August 8, 1973*

7:00-9:00 THE HOOTENANNY in the BARN....

Beginning with games on the lawn in front of the Barn and moving to sharing in the Barn. Dottie & Bob Siftar will bring us together. They want to get across to the group that the term "hootenanny" means "sharing of songs" - "exchange of songs" - it is not meant to be a performance or talent night type of thing.

*Thursday August 6, 1981*

Someone suggested that if you increase the Hootenanny by 20 minutes each year, it would last all week by the year 2000 A.D. Dotti Siftar comments, "And why not?"

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## From the Archive...

The Nostalgia Night II Trailer that debuted yesterday in the meetinghouse can now be seen on the N.N.E.S.R.E. Group page. For those interested in learning more about Facebook, contact Robin Ogden or Kate Eskra Fioravanti. Additionally, if you are new to Facebook (or a wily veteran) and looking for some more Winni contacts, search "NNEsRE" and become a member of our group! For those still feeling overwhelmed, there will be a list posted on the Inn porch bulletin board for you to add your email if you would like Robin to send you an invite and friend request.

**HEARD AROUND CAMP:**

In the dining hall:

Mom – You can't eat that now.

Kid – But Mom it's dinner.

Mom – Oh, I thought it was cookies. What is it?

Kid - I don't know.

Undisclosed location: "It gets kind of crunchy in there, so hold onto your part."

**YOGA NOTES**

**Yoga Moving to Chapel both periods  
– we bend to the bats!**

Jennifer Brosious offers the following thoughts:

I read this quote and commentary from *Meditations from the Mat* by Rolf Gates for both Lillian's first class and both yoga classes – words I find so apropos and inspiring....

You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth. The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite, and He bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far. Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness; for even as He loves the arrow that flies, so He loves also the bow that is stable.

--Kahil Gibran

Some of us have children now, some of us will have children some day, and some of us will never have children. The practice of yoga encourages the birth of a different kind of children, the children of our art. These children are the works of art and selfless service that we bring into the world. They are the love we share with the world that is uniquely ours. As practitioners of yoga, we come to see that no moment, no act, is ordinary—they are all our children. The asana (physical practices of yoga) make us a stable bow from which these children can fly. "Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness."

--Rolf Gates

**Dean's Reception  
Honors Deans*****Party Hosts Large Collection  
of Has-Deans***

Dean Tom Weston threw a gala cocktail reception along the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee, in front of Lake View Lodge. While the intent of the annual soiree is to honor current staff and their contributions toward creating a vibrant camp week, this occasion bore an even grander agenda: to honor the Deans who have served so nobly in the past. It was an impressive list that when read, garnered great gasps of collective affection and appreciation. See how many administrations you can remember?

1962-1966	Rev. Percy Smith
1967-1968	Dr. Bob LaCamera
1969-1973	Rev. John Collins
1974-1978	Rev. Dave Ebert*
1979-1982	Rev. Lelly Smith*
1983-1986	Stu Elliot**
1987-1988	Jim and Jeanne Koh Peters*
1989-1990	Dennis Courtney*
1991	Bonnie James
1992-1993	Bill Foster
1994-1995	Gary** and Anita Jones
1996-1998	Robert and Cynthia Campbell*
1999-2000	Beth LeBar*
2001-2002	Jon Arnold*
2003-2005	Ginny Houghtaling*
2006-2009	Tom Weston Jr.*

\*=In attendance \*\*=deceased

Impressively, 11 former Deans were in attendance at the reception which not only demonstrates that Winni is a place you can comfortably return to after leading the flock, but how desperate ex-Deans are for a free drink somewhere.

Special thanks to Tom and Holly Weston for throwing such a wonderful feel good event and to all of the teachers, class instructors, staff, and families of the aforementioned for making our Winni week such an enjoyable one.

## Greetings and Peace to all from Jane and Ken Cheek

We miss you all very much and are sure you are having another remarkable week. This is to let you all know that we had planned on attending this year, and had been looking forward to it for a long time. However by the end of this last week it became clear that Ken would not be able to deal with the "rigors" of the week because of an ongoing problem with nausea since early June. We had thought we had gotten it under control but this last week was not a good one. The first four episodes took us to the ER but I have managed to avoid that the last five episodes. They have eliminated all serious possibilities but are still trying to figure it out. My guess is that it started with food poisoning but no one knows. Laura is sure I am pregnant since so many symptoms are the same. Please keep in touch and we will be with you all week. All our love,

*Jane and Ken Cheek*

## Mo' Haiku 4 U

Haiku on you, oh  
Dear words are so troubling  
When one has so few

- By Kathleen LaCamera

## *Strong Tuesday*

Wild leaping presence  
Now, creative dance of life  
Steps across barn floor

- By Barb Siftar and Len Raymond

## *Some Tuesday*

Shedding apathy  
Stepping up when no one will  
Inspiring strength

By Kate Fioravanti with assist by Len Raymond

## Hope You Like This! *The Optimists' Club Creed*

Jon Arnold is involved with a number of civic organizations including the Shriner's Club (hence his necklace of can tabs which raise money for charity) and the Optimists' Club. Jon wanted to share the Optimists Creed for Winni inspiration. Great words to live by and powerful actions to live out.

## The Optimist Creed

### *Promise Yourself...*

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something worthwhile in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful expression at all times and give a smile to every living creature you meet.

To give so much time to improving yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world, not in loud word, but in great deeds.

To live in the faith that the whole world is on your side, so long as you are true to the best that is in you.

## Inspired Limericktry

By Linda Sacco

There once was a lady named Minnie,  
Who pondered while packing for Winni,  
"What's the camp style for dresses?"

And then made these three guesses,  
See-through, maxi or mini!

## Who's Your Angel?

Yesterday, in Mr. Kendrix's Dog Therapy class the topic was cancer and your angels. When I was three, I was diagnosed with leukemia. With going through chemotherapy and radiation, my chance of surviving was greater than not having any treatment at all. However, the greater sacrifice would be that for the rest of my life my comprehension of learning would be on a slower level, hence causing me to have a learning disability. The journey to complete school would be a struggle and a long journey at that. I have completed that struggling long journey by graduating from college May 2nd, of this year. I challenged myself to a greater level by graduating with a biology degree. My completion of my education wouldn't have been so successful, if it weren't for my angels. I claim my first set of angels to be my parents: without their decisions, my life would not have been saved. My second group of angels were my doctors and nurses, who were the ones that put my parents' decisions into action. My third group of angels are the teachers who took the time to understand me and took the extra effort to help me. Through my educational struggles, my eyes have been opened to recognize that there are angels in everyone, and I feel these angels should be recognized. I write to the readers of the Gems, asking you to take time in life to remember your angels. I thank Mr. Kendrix and Kelly for helping me remember mine; without my angels there wouldn't be much meaning for me to be writing this or for viewers to read it.

*-Danielle Moehring*



Kendrixes Score with Nap Time

## WIRELESS UPDATE

>>> SPOILER ALERT <<<

Caution, reading further may spoil your Winni reverie. Skip as marked to save yourself.

>>> SPOILER BEGINS <<<

GPC has updated the WiFi (Internet wireless) networks at GPC. The GEMS office now has a strong signal with the new "Office Bridge" signal and the tenting area even has its own "Camp" signal. Chapel line, picnic tables and Inn porch seem to do well with "Meeting House Bridge". However, GPC is having problems with the "Meeting House Wireless" and is working on a solution -- may not happen until Winni is over. As a temporary fix, a camper's WiFi box has been set up in the lounge area on the lower level of the Meeting House, broadcasting a signal named "NNESSRE". If it too crashes (signal goes off) then just unplug for 10 seconds to reset.

>>> SPOILER ENDS <<<

## SINGING WITH YOUR SUPPER:

- Tonight's Lyrics

### Tell Me Why

Tell me why the stars do shine,  
Tell me why the ivy twines,  
Tell me why the skies so blue,  
And I will tell you just why I love you.

Because God made the stars to shine,  
Because God made the ivy twine,  
Because God made the sky so blue,  
Because God made you, that's why I love you.

I do believe that God above  
Created you just for me to love;  
He picked you out from all the rest  
Because He knew that I'd love you the best.