



KAMAJI ALUM NEWS

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"One Friend"

***I always thought you were the best
I guess I always will.***

***I always felt that we were blessed
And I feel that we're still.***

***Sometimes we took the hard road
But we always saw it through***

If I had only one friend left, I'd want it to be you.

***Sometimes the world was on our side;
Sometimes it wasn't fair;***

***Sometimes it gave a helping hand;
Sometimes we didn't care.***

***'Cause when we were together
It made the dream come true ~***

If I had only one friend left, I'd want it to be you.

***Someone who understands me, knows me inside out
And helps keep me together and believes without a doubt
That I could move a mountain - Some one to tell it to.***

If I had only one friend left, I'd want it to be you.

***'Cause when we were together
It made the dream come true ~***

If I had only one friend left, I'd want it to be you.

Written by Dan Seals

YE DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

As we find ourselves in transition between winter and spring, it dawns on us that we owe you a letter. Truly, in spite of all our best intentions to sit down in January and write you our yearly lengthy letter about the goings-on at Kamaji, we find it is now March and we've yet to get this in the mail...What's that saying about "best laid plans sometimes going awry?" At least we find some comfort in the expression "Better late than never!!!" And so we bring to you the seventh issue of Kamaji's Alum News. We begin by. . .

RECAPPING THE SUMMER OF '95

What a summer it was!!! It will be a long time before we can again boast about the wonderful combination of great staff, super terrific campers and outrageously glorious summer weather that prevailed at Kamaji during the summer of '95. Truly, the only time it rained during the day all summer-long was over the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of July!!! In fact, it was so dry that by summer's end we took to setting up sprinklers on the pathways and around the Lodge just to keep the dust from flying as campers and staff went their merry ways about camp. Most days, we saw temperatures hovering in the high 80s/low 90s; we even had an eleven day stretch (breaking all kinds of records) in June with temps over 90° and peaking at 102°. Sometimes it was so hot that we sought the cool in the shade of the office deck and watched the mercury on the "Kami Thermomi" try, albeit in vain, to edge beyond it's highest setting of 95!

After quite an electrical storm mid-summer, we did experience a 24 hour down-time with absolutely no power. Now, while that generally poses no problem in terms of the cabins and activities, it did leave us without flushing toilets, a working walk-in cooler/ freezer and running water because the pump that operates the wells are electric. Still, we had the PGs which were reopened and used after years of serving only as treasured wonders of Kamaji (many of the campers had only heard of "PGs" in camp songs; now they had the opportunity to experience first-hand the privilege of re-living Kamaji history). The pump up beyond Cabin 3 came in real handy as we filled bucket after bucket with the deliciously cold, refreshing water; in fact, we even delivered water to near-by Camp Chippewa for Boys who were without power for a longer period than we. As for the food in jeopardy of spoiling, a big "Thanks" went out to the Cass Lake High School kitchen personnel who let us borrow space in their coolers/freezers (of course, as luck would have it, we had no sooner transported three days worth of perishable food items to the high school when Kamaji's power was restored). We were experiencing some anxiety about using the "old root cellar" still intact but awfully dingy, musty, and cob-webby after eons of non-use; we had no volunteers who were willing/brave/crazy enough to enter the cellar. Finally, we got to "rough" it eating BBQ served on

paper because much of the kitchen equipment, including the dishwasher, runs on electricity. In some ways, it was a treat to live "differently." Still the cheers heard throughout Kamaji when the power was finally back on still resound on the southern bluffs overlooking Big Wolf Lake!!!

Enrollment-wise we had a record number of campers: first session had a total enrollment of 138 campers; second session, 160 campers.

In addition, we had a staff totaling 91 (only 26 of whom were new to Kamaji in '95)!!! This number includes Ye Directors, 12 Counselors-in-Training (CITs) and seven different on-site camp physicians. As always, it is the staff who are 100% responsible for all the wonderful things that campers achieve at camp. And given our camper return rate for 1996, it's clear that the staff of '95 performed beyond all our expectations. Speaking of staff ~ Jill Fisher, affectionately known at Kamaji as "Mama Fish" has "retired" from camp after more than 10 years of active service. We first met Jill in 1983 when daughter Julie became a Kamaji camper. Over the years Jill became a personal friend of ours, an enthusiastic supporter of Kamaji, a part-time Kamaji recruiter, a part-time "relief Camp Director" and finally, in 1992, a full time Co-Director. Her lasting contributions to Kamaji include the long list of campers whom she recruited (some of whom are now alum), the overseeing of improvements to Kamaji's activity program, her huge smile and her even "huge-er" heart. We will miss Jill's personal touch and presence at camp. Jill will not be forgotten by those whose lives she touched at Kamaji.

Kamaji now boasts a wonderful Theatre/Arts Village comprised of three separate buildings which house our Photography, Ceramics, Painting and Drawing, Arts & Crafts and Drama programs. This new village is situated on the site of the "oldest" of the old tennis courts (the one with the green backboard).

Tumbling down into oblivion came the old three-stall, 1½-story storage building at the top of the hill (up by the old icehouse/shop) as did the old campcraft/Arts & Craft shack opposite the kitchen. The Trip Shack was converted into a much needed store room and the old shower house/painting & drawing room has become the new "Trip Shack."

In the camp kitchen we replaced the old walk-in cooler and various odds 'n ends of freezers with a new side-by-side walk in cooler and freezer. As you can well imagine, we need lots of space to store enough food for 250 campers and staff members!

Activity-wise, we introduced a sea-kayaking program and purchased 10 kayaks. We even offered overnight kayaking trips to Star Island for those who wanted to put their newly-acquired kayaking skills to good use. To say sea-kayaking was well-received by the campers and staff would not do it justice! The popularity of the program was such that we are now purchasing 10 additional kayaks for the '96 season and hiring an additional trip leader to lead sea-kayaking trips (more about these under Looking Ahead to '96). We are grateful to the generosity of J.P. and Cammie Endres (owners/directors of Camp Chippewa for Boys); they and their staff warmly welcomed and trained our canoe staff in sea-kayaking. We couldn't have asked for better training!

We held a surprise 10-year Kamaji celebration for Emily Ronk who first attended Kamaji in '80 and, off-and-on, has returned to camp for 10 years - first as a camper, then a counselor/sailing director and in '95 as a Unit Director. Emily was presented with a Woolrich Hudson Bay blanket (monogrammed with Kamaji in the six tribe colors). We also surprised our Head Cook Marjena Sloan who was celebrating her 15th consecutive summer at Kamaji! Marjena, who received her 5-year paddle in '85, followed by her 10-year blanket in '90, was presented with a blue and white letter jacket. When we went to purchase cakes from a baker in town to celebrate Marjena's and Emily's tenures at Kamaji (after all we couldn't ask Marjena to bake her own celebration cake!!!), the baker asked how many I needed to feed. When I replied "250" she responded "Your cook feeds 250 people???" to which I (with a straight face, of course) countered "Only three times a day!!!" We also had the pleasure of presenting 15 campers with their 5-year paddles in '95!

Oh, indeed, what a summer it was!!! And now. . .

LOOKING AHEAD TO '96

Camper enrollment for 1996 is nearing completion. Second session is completely full at 150 campers and first session has 125 campers enrolled to date. Needless, to say, we are not complaining - especially in light of the fact that our camper return rate from '95 to '96 is 83%!

Since enrollment is 100% dependent upon word-of-mouth referrals, we are always asking for the names of interested campers/staff from our current and past camp families as well as alum. We would appreciate your contacting us at our toll free number 800/7KAMAJI (800/752-6254) if you know of anyone who might be interested in attending Kamaji for first session (June 20 to July 16) 1996 and/or future summers. As always we thank you for your support of and loyalty to Kamaji.

New to Kamaji's program for this next summer will be four-day kayaking trips to Hook Island on Rainy Lake (which is on the border between the US and Canada); these trips necessitate the immediate purchase of at least 10 more sea-kayaks. The owners/directors of neighboring Camp Chippewa for Boys, JP and Cammie Endres, have graciously extended an invitation to Kamaji to use their Lodge (complete with master chef!) on Hook Island as a base-camp for the kayaking trips. We are also reintroducing 3-day Lake Superior sailing trips - these will leave from Bayfield, WI and tour the Apostle Islands.

We are also having the tennis courts (built in '88) resurfaced. Additionally, the camp kitchen is in the process of being renovated and hopefully the renovations will bring us closer to the state-of-the-art camp kitchen of the 90s for which we long!!!

Plans for the immediate future include hiring of qualified staff to work at Kamaji. With the large number of three/four/five year staff graduating from college and moving on to "real" grownup jobs this spring, we anticipate that we will need to hire a large number of new staff for the '96 season. Of course, we would welcome any staff referrals you might have. Again, call us at 800/7KAMAJI with the names of friends, "kid"sitters, relatives whom you think would make exemplary camp counselors.

Speaking of staff, we have a few camp physician spots available this summer. Openings include the following:

- (1) Thursday, June 20th through Saturday, June 29th
- (2) Saturday, July 20th through Saturday, July 27th

It's a pretty good job. A camp doctor spends about two hours a day helping out in the Infirmary (affectionately known as "Club Med"), has a wonderful little cabin in the woods for the entire family, enjoys the culinary delights of camp life (including gooey rolls on Sunday mornings), and participates in all the camp activities. If you, your spouse or a friend might be interested in being a Kamaji physician please call us at 800/7KAMAJI. Incidentally, alum **JANIE HAGLER** Marples (Hays, KS '68-'71) and her physician/husband Doug and children Kate and Peter spent a week living such a life at Kamaji last summer.

Those are our immediate plans/needs for the summer of '96. Of course, as the season quickly approaches, we often find that our list of "Things to Do" grows increasingly longer. First and foremost, we will continue to work hard to insure that Kamaji will continue in the same tradition as it has for the past 82 summers!!!

WANTED: KAMAJI PHOTOS/MEMORABILIA

Recently several Kamaji alum sent us mementos from their camping days at Kamaji. To say that we were delighted would be a gross ^{under}statement as we had precious few photos of Kamaji days prior to the summer of '81. Truth is, we didn't realize that there was such a wealth of "information" about Kamaji to be gleaned from the pictures and memorabilia (including awards, pendants, postcards/letters home, personal recollections, etc.) alum have so generously bequeathed Kamaji. We have begun to compile a "pictorial" and written history of Kamaji which we very much look forward to sharing with campers next summer and in summers to come. The photos and awards tell quite a story of Kamaji!!! We would like to send our sincerest appreciation on behalf of this and future generations of Kamaji campers to...

MARY VEASEY Leech (Tulsa, OK '16-'23)
GAY SEWALL Thompson (Racine, WI '33-'42)
SIGNE "SIGGIE" SLETTELAND Behring (Madison, WI '39-'46)
GAY NELSON Fahrner (Moline, IL '40-'47)
BETTY ANN MINAR Richardson (Minneapolis, MN '41-'53)
JANE EDMONSTON Sewell (Topeka '50-'64, '67-'70)
MARTHA CLAGETT Lussenhop (Rochester, MN '55-'56)
JANET SHUREMAN Wilson (? Mrs. Shureman's daughter)
JEAN WILSON Thayer (? Mrs. Shureman's granddaughter)

...for the pictures, awards, "history," personal memories, postcards, letters and songbooks.

Words seem inadequate in truly expressing our gratitude. Please know that any and all contributions to Kamaji's archives will be acknowledged as we intend to eventually frame and hang in the Lodge a complete pictorial history of Kamaji. Alongside this history will be a plaque crediting those who have so generously "given back" to Kamaji.

Now knowing that such historic mementoes do exist, we are asking any former Kamaji campers who would like to do so, to please send us any "old" Kamaji memorabilia. We will be forever grateful...

"OVER THE RAINBOW"

The purpose of this section is to pass on messages from you to other alum. The following are special messages alum asked us to include in this issue of the Kamaji Alum newsletter:

To NAME: "Message" from NAME

To **JANIE BURHYDT, CINDY BREWSTER, NANCY STUCKEY, BETSY LOFTUS, TERRY SYMONDS, "SHERIFF", MY SAILING C.I.T.S, AND THE MILWAUKEE CREW ('61-'67)**: "Would love to hear from any of you. Also, any ex-Kamaji campers living in the UK or Europe." from CATHERINE HAYWARD ('61-'68) Current Address: East Wing Old Manor House, Hunts Common, Hartley Wintney, Hampshire RG27 8AA, United Kingdom.

To **NANCY JONES**: "I've been reading The Secret Garden to my daughter...remember Nutshell Porch 4? I think of you and your family often." from ZIBBY PLATTER Ling ('66-'76)

To **EMILY LARDNER**: "What a shock to see your message to me! What great memories it brought back. Now how the heck do I find you? Would love to renew friendship!" from PRISCILLA MILLER FOX ('69-'75, Sisseton, SD)

To **JANIE BARHYDT, NANCY JAMES, SUSAN COTTIER, CATHERINE HAYWARD, CINDY BREWSTER, DIANE MEYER, SALLY "GEORGE" SNELL, and JAKE**: "Love to you guys always - Write and let me know how, what and where you're doin'" from BETSY LOFTUS ('62-'65)

To **SMOKEY SCHROEDER**: "I've been thinking about you!" from ALISON BARNES ('61-'67)

To **BARB BAILEY**: "Marty wants to say 'Hi!' She's in Vermont! from" ALICE RICE Walden ('60-'65)

To **LEAH FREDMAN**: "Hey you! I assume you're still in Ann Arbor - I'm still in D.C. and would love to hear how you are!" from LIZA BEARMAN ('87,'89,'92)

To **GAY NELSON FAHRNER AND CAMPERS FROM 1941-1952**: "Hi, Gay, we are still out here. Who remembers the summer we played 'Kick the Can' in front of Cabin 2. Remember husking corn by the kitchen door?" from BETTY ANN MINAR Richardson (B.A. '41-'53)

To **KATHY COOPER**: "Getting married? You're nuts! I'm totally excited for you! I miss you! Oh, and I've been keeping in touch with your former co-counselor! I'll think of you at relays!" from KARINE SAYLOR ('80-'84)

To **JANIE HAGLER, TAT LITTON, CHRISTY BARNES, MARY LOU REESE, PAM FRENZEL**: "Please go to the reunion in St. Louis! We've just got to catch up!" from MARY GREAVES Hodge ('65-'77)

To **NAN RICHARDSON** from Wahpeton, ND: "I think of you each summer - what fun we had in Cabin 5!" from ANN RICHMOND ('66-'71)

To **BETSY BRUENING**: "Would love to hear from you!" from BETTY ARMSTRONG Koets (50-'54)

To **JOELLE ETZEL, SUE ROGERS and AMANDA BEELER**: "Joelle - it was great to hear from you! Sue - Where are you? Amanda - Where are you? I've seen your brother more often than you; I'd love to hear from all of you!" from WENDY MILLS Vorhies ('79-'83)

To **LOUISE KLINGEL**: "How could I forget! Please call (316/662-1073) or write. I think of 'G often and smile!" from SIBYL BREWSTER ('54-'64)

To **CABIN 5/1982 - ROCHELLE, LAUREN, LAURA, RACHEL and JENNIFER**: "I think about you all and wonder how you are. I'd love to hear from you." from MARCY FRAZIER ('79-'83)

To **SUSIE OFFER and SUSAN ANDERSON and ALL OF CABIN 5/PORCH 2 - 1986**: "Please write! I'd love to hear from you!" from TRISH "THE DISH" McNEER ('81-'86)

To **COURTNEY MURPHY, EMILY SITRIN AND BECCA NASH**: "Hi! How are you guys? When I got the latest Alum News I started thinking about camp and I wondered how you were all doing. I hope all is going well! Kami ♡ from BECCA DRAGON ('88-'91)

To **CABIN 2/PORCH 2 - 1986**: "I hope all of you are doing well. I would love to hear from you. I think about you guys often when I think of Kamaji." from SHARON MILLER (Your CIT) ('81-'87)

To **1980 1ST SESSION CANADIAN**: Remember eating beef stroganoff from off of the ground after 2 days of rain with no fire and only peanut butter and hardtack to eat?" from JANE ANDERSON Bush ('77-'81)

To **JENNIFER TIMMEL**: "Congratulations on your wedding. I am so happy for you!" from TRINA SOLANO Baker ('83-'89)

To **ANY COUNSELOR OR CAMPER AT KAMAJI FROM 1949-1955**: "It would be fun to hear from some of you - **BOBBI PETERSON, JANE HOULTON, SALLY MINER** - from Texas." from RUTH "GREENER" BLUM ('49-'55)

To **KATIE RICHARDS and SAILING STAFF OF 1987**: "How and where are you guys? I would love to hear from you all! Thanks for all the memories that summer (motorboat excursions and the dead fish, counselor show, corn roast). I'll never forget! Keep in touch!" from EMILY "EMLA" RONK ('80-'94)

"OVER THE RAINBOW" (continued)

To SUE HAHN, MARGARET PRIEBE and GANG: "Our family will be canoeing to the boundary waters this summer and I'll be thinking of you and the magical times we had on our Canadian trips." from SUSAN LOFTUS Price ('63-'70)

To ANYONE WHO REMEMBERS SHERRIF: Remember the banquet toast - Here's to the girls of Kamaji and the rainbow bright they wear; Here's to the fun we've had together and the times we've shared; Here's to Bill and Mary Frances and to all the counselors too; Here's to the best, we'll always love you, love you; Here's to Kamaji; Here's to you!" from SUSAN "SHERIFF" MARSHALL ('61-'74)

To JUDY BETH BERRY, M.E. MORGAN, JOAN BULLEY, SUSIE B. STRONG, SALLY MUIR, ANNER WILLIAMSON, SARA FUNK, ADIE SHUTZ, MARY HURST, NEENIE AND SIPI EELS, MARY JO STAHL, LIBBY WARREN, ANN LACKEY - to name a few: "Where are you?" From GAY NELSON Fahrner ('40-'47)

To THE CITs OF 1987: "Hi everyone! Thinking of you all and wondering how you've been even though we aren't in touch...I miss those fun days and think of them often." from HILARY MILLS Lindsey ('84-'87)

To HILARY MILLS: "So sorry we've lost touch. I think about you all the time and I'll never forget our "rock." Please write and let me know how you are! I miss you!" from AMY LYONS ('81-'85)

To TRINA SOLANO, KARINE SAYLOR and RUTH ANNE RONK: It's been too long! Can't wait to see you!" from JULIE HOROWITZ ('84-'89)

To SALLY FRY and MAGGIE RUTH: "Where are you? Remember the Nutshell...Nancy Jones (engaged to Bob that summer) would read us The Secret Garden each night. Where are the campers from my Canadian?? Remember bathing in a beached canoe with Bubbles?" from LINDA GIFFORD Ward ('68-'72)

To JENNY GIFFORD SATTERFIELD: "Sorry I laughed at you that time during flag lowering - nice river - what about that creamed corn?" from JENNIFER WOLFE ('71-'76)

To CAMPERS and STAFF '88-'91: "Hello to everyone I knew - I hope everyone is doing well. I miss our camping days; they were the best! Please write." from ALISON PLOUGH ('88-'91)

NEWSWORTHY HAPPENINGS

This header lists prior years' life events (i.e., marriage, birth of children/grandchildren, school graduation, etc.) We would like to congratulate the following who recently found their lifestyles changed:

"**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**" to...

...AMY LYONS ('81-'85) on her December 16, 1995 marriage to Doug Ashford.

...MOLLY HERRELL ('79-'87) on her April 8, 1995 marriage to Gary Labrum.

...SUSIE ANDERSON ('83-'94) on her November 25, 1995 marriage to Steven Wilson.

...and Belated "Best Wishes" to HILARY MILLS ('84-'87) on her September 25, 1993 marriage to Troy Lindsey.

We wish you all a lifetime of health, happiness, love and girls!!!

and "**BEST WISHES**" to...

...KELLEY ANDERSON Colby and her husband Bill on the January 11, 1995 birth of daughter Anna Grace. Little sister joins big brother Zachariah who was born September 17, 1992.

...JANE ANDERSON Bush ('77-'81) and her husband Jim on the May 1995 birth of their son.

and "**CONGRATULATIONS**" to...

...SHARON MILLER ('81-'87) on her May '95 graduation from St. Louis University School of Law followed by her passing the Missouri Bar Exam in July 1995.

IT'S A SMALL, SMALL WORLD!!!

This column tells of chance meetings between Kamaji folks when/where least expected.

LINDA GIFFORD Herrick ('68-'72) writes: "JENNIFER WOLFE and I grew up two blocks from each other, went to the same camp, she was my scribe one year; now we both live on this little island of Nantucket!"

GAY NELSON Fahrner ('40-'47) tells of the following: "When I transferred to the University of Iowa as a junior I was temporarily housed in the dorm basement during rush week. The first week the phone rang and someone called JANE McCoy to answer. Bells went off - not **the** Jane McCoy of Waterloo, **the** legendary Kami camper who won everything and had her name in "the log" every week? I had only read therein of her prowess as she attended the three week early camp while I attended the later camp. I watched carefully who answered the phone and when she came back I approached her, asking if she had gone to Kamaji. Expecting paroxysms of joy from her at finding a common bond in that scary scene, I was only rewarded with a dismissing "Yeah" and a turned back (Jane being, as I later learned, a shy girl of few words, but succinct!). As the week wore on, we ran into each other at various parties and on preference night found each other pacing the floor in a corner of the Union, agonizing over what we should do. As it turned out, we pledged the same sorority, became roommates and great friends - which we remain today."

GAY NELSON Fahrner ('40-'47) also writes: "My other small world story took place probably 25+ years ago when our family vacationed at Lake Almanor. One day when leaving the "swimmin' hole" with my kids, a woman in a station wagon (with a bunch of kids) passed me going in. She was very striking and I was sure I knew her so I returned and approached her. As I came near she gasped at me and said "Gay?" as I said "**SIGGIE?**" It had been nearly 20 years since Kami days, but Sig was a very distinctive, beautiful gal (and hasn't changed!). Turned out the Norwegian girl from Madison, WI had married a dentist from nearby Chico (CA) and they had a lovely summer home on the lake and four children. We've had great times together since (including a wonderful two weeks rafting the Colorado in the Grand Canyon - sans husbands!).

CAROLYN "SKEETER" OSWALD Workman ('64-'73) writes us: "In 1984 a woman in the same church pew in Kansas City said I looked familiar...it was SHELLY ZIMMERMAN and I was her CIT mom in 1973! We remained "soul mates" until my family moved from Kansas in 1990. In Troy, OH - our home of four years - I took my daughter 'prom dress' shopping. We ran into one of her classmates named Sybil. The only other Sybil I knew was SYBIL BREWSTER, a Kami counselor in 1963. This Sybil's mom was CINDY BREWSTER, Sybil's sister and the Geshig Tribe Leader '64!"

ALLISON PLOUGH ('88-'91) writes "KAREN FREER and I both ended up (coincidentally) at Bradley University and are sorority sisters in Sigma Delta Tau.

BECCA DRAGON ('88-'91) writes "I was looking through the freshman face book at Northwestern University (which I currently attend) and saw a picture of ALISSA "WHAT'S" SHAIKUN, who was a cabinmate of mine five years ago in Cabin 3. When I finally was able to reach her, we both agreed it was truly a "small world!"

MARCY FRAZIER ('79-'83) reminisces "My senior year at Smith College I heard a friend mention another student named CHRIS WEIDMAN. I remarked that I was good friends with a Chris Weidman at Kamaji. I got Chris' number and called her. The Smith student was indeed my camp friend! Yes, it is a small world!"

ELIZABETH ARMSTRONG Koets ('50-'54) writes "My daughter CINDA KOETS ('83-'84) and TUCKY EBY (of Tulsa) graduated in May '94 from Vanderbilt University in Nashville where they were ADD sorority sisters."

KARINE SAYLOR ('80-'84) writes "I was playing bingo at a hall near my work when a girl called out 'Bingo!' at the wrong time. I recognized the voice - turned around and it was ROCHELLE ZISOOK. I hadn't seen her since I was 11! Her life and mine had taken almost the same paths."

MARSHA HAYLES Shieber ('63-'68) relays "CAROLYN EAGLE, one of my best friends at camp, and I ran into each other at a grocery store in Webster Grove, MO where, ironically enough, we were both living at the time. We re-established our friendship; unfortunately I recently moved to Rochester, NY."

BECKET HAMPTON Warren ('77-'80) tells "WINDY HODGES babysat my daughters while she was a student at KU. She just graduated last May."

SECOND/THIRD GENERATION KAMAJIANs

Below is a listing of '95 campers and staff members whose moms were one-time Kamaji campers:

<u>Camper's/Staff * Name</u>	<u>Mom's Maiden Name (Hometown & Years While @ Kamaji)</u>
Lucia Anderson	HEIDI HUBESCH (Milwaukee, WI '66-'68,'70)
Krysten Barns	PAM PAINTER (?)
Meredith Bruner	Kathy LARSEN (Wichita, KS '73-'77)
"MJ" Catanese *	JANE STUCKEY (?)
Kelley Hanrahan	Kim Hess (McPherson, KS '60-'75)
Julie Housiaux	KATHRYN JACOBS (Milwaukee, WI '?)
Emily Kaufman	Katie MASTIO (?)
Molly Kaufman	Katie MASTIO (?)
Lauren Kernes	JANET FAYMAN (Lawrence, KS '61-'62)
Kelsey Milton	Ann BUNTING (?)
Caroline Mundt	JULIE BLANKENSHIP (OKC, OK '69-'73)
Anne Osborne	JANET SHOUSE (Muskogee, OK '60-'61)
Caroline Owen	Ginger McCORD (Kansas City '65-'72)
Lacey Owen	GINGER McCORD (Kansas City '65-'72)
Mary Reeds	Ellen ORTHWEIN (Tulsa, OK '63-'68)
Sarah Robe	DIANE OLIVER (?)
Emily Ronk*	KAYE OLIVER (Sallisaw, OK '57-'61)
Julie Sewell *	JANE EDMONSTON (Topeka, KS '50-'64,'67-'70)
Jenny Snell	HATTIE SNELL (Covina, CA '60-'64)
Katie Vesely	MARIANNA WILKE (?, '57-'59)
Becky Walden *	ALICE RICE (Kansas City '60-'65)
Anne Wasson	MARTHA MUMFORD (?, '61-'66)
Elizabeth Weidling *	SUSAN EDMONSTON (Topeka, KS '53-'60)
Katie Weidling	SUSAN EDMONSTON (Topeka, KS '53-'60)
GiGi Welsh	Kathy McCORD (Kansas City '61-'66)
Dotsy Zirkle (Tulsa, OK)	DOTSY ORTHWEIN (Tulsa, '61-'66)
Julia Zirkle	Dotsy ORTHWEIN (Tulsa, OK '61-'66)

SECOND/THIRD GENERATION KAMAJIANS

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In addition, several nieces/granddaughters whose aunts or grandmothers attended Kamaji were also at camp in '95:

<u>Camper's/Staff * Name</u>	<u>Alum's Maiden Name (Hometown & Years While @ Kamaji) - Relationship</u>
Caroline Crump	Ann ALBERTSON (Sioux City "?") - grandmom
Ann Marie Johnston	Jo Anne OLIVER (Sallisaw, OK '?') - aunt
	Kaye OLIVER (Sallisaw, OK '57-'61) - aunt
Cally Mastio * }	Ann MASTIO (?) - aunt
Carolyn Mastio}	Katie MASTIO (?) - aunt

Many of the above-listed campers/staff will be returning to Kamaji for the 1996 season. Additionally, the girls listed below are daughters/granddaughters/nieces of former campers and will attend Kamaji for the first time in 1996:

<u>Camper's/Staff * Name</u>	<u>Mom's Maiden Name (Hometown & Years While @ Kamaji)</u>
Kristie Bauer	ANN ALBERTSON (Sioux City, '?') - grandmother
Sarah Bauer	ANN ALBERTSON (Sioux City, '?') - grandmother
Julie Steppe	ANN ALBERTSON (Sioux City, '?') - grandmother
Sommer Chatwin	DEBRA SILLS (Minneapolis, '?') - mom
Molly Hanrahan	KIM HESS (McPherson, KS '60-'75) - mom
Mariam Kramer	DEIDRE BIRD (Canada '?') - mom
Margie Johnston	JO ANNE OLIVER (Sallisaw, OK '?') - aunt
	KAYE OLIVER (Sallisaw, OK '?') - aunt
Kimmy Sirridge	JUDY JOSS (, '68?)
Leigh Sirridge	JUDY JOSS (?, '68)
Helen Wilbur	JANIE BURCHELL (Minneapolis, MN '?') - mom

As evidenced by the many names above, Kamaji is still the camp of choice with several of its former campers. And this list does not even include those alum who have sent their daughters to Kamaji over the last 16 years since we assumed owner-/directorship. We are only too happy to provide a camping experience that is uniquely Kamaji to the daughters, granddaughters, nieces and/or grandnieces of former campers in hopes that they will enjoy, as did their moms, grandmothers, aunts and great aunts before them, all that Kamaji has to offer. Such is the legacy that Mrs. Shureman, "Bert" and "Phil", M.F. and Bill, and Nancy and Bob passed on to us.

CAMP KAMAJI ALUM REUNION

On October 14, 1995 the St. Louis Airport Marriott became the gathering place for several Kamaji alum. In attendance were:

SUSIE ANDERSON Wilson (Salina, KS '84-'94)
LIZA BEARMAN (Santa Monica, CA) '87, '89, '92
AMANDA BEELER (Rochester, MN '79-'85, '87, '89)
EMILY BERG (Denver, CO '83-'87)
SUSAN CARPENTER (St. Louis, MO '75-'82)
ASHLEY CHRISTOFFERSON Cunningham (Tulsa/OKC, OK)
LAURIE DIAMOND (Denver, CO '83-'88)
JANE EDMONSTON Sewell (Topeka, KS '53-'64, '67-'70)
NANCY EDMONSTON Jones (Topeka, KS '53-'80)
JOELLE ETZEL (Topeka, KS '82-'85)
LYNN FRAZIER (Tulsa, OK '82)
MARCY FRAZIER (Tulsa, OK '80-'83)
ANNE FUNK (Springfield, IL '77-'81)
EMILY GALLOP (St. Louis, MO '84-'90)
MARY GREAVES Hodge (Kansas City '67-'77)
LUCY HARTWELL Heegard (Wayzata, MN '71-'76)
HEIDI HUEBSCH Anderson (Milwaukee, WI '66-'68, '70)
TAMARA INKS (Topeka, KS '80-'89)
BETH JONES Carreno (Topeka, KS '79-'89)
KATHY LARSEN Bruner (Wichita, KS '72-'76)
KATIE KENNEDY Chalfant (Salina, KS '73-'74)
TAMMY MARKS (Highland Park, IL '86-'89, '91)
PEGGY MARTIN Ball (Parsons, KS '51-'59, '80)
SHARON MILLER (St. Louis, MO '81-'87)
SUSIE OFFER (Winnetka, IL '81-'93)
BRESEE OLANDER Tomick (Kansas City '64-'70)
CAROLYN "SKEETER" OSWALD Workman (Owatonna, MN '64-'70)
BECKY POWELL Moots (Topeka, KS '69-'75)
PENNY POWELL Jenkins (Topeka, KS '72-'75)
MARGARET PRIEBE Hodge (Rock Island, IL '59-'70)
RACHEL RICHMAN (Highland Park, IL '86-'90)
ROBIN TAGGART Hannigan (Topeka, KS '70-'81)
LISA SEAMAN Fairchild (Topeka, KS '72-'76)
BECKY SEWELL (Topeka, KS '80-'81, '85-'87)
MARY SEWELL (Topeka, KS '78-'81)
KIM STROUP Wells (McPherson, KS '79-'86, '89)
MARY "BUTCH" STUCKEY Cofran (Hutchinson, KS '62-'70)
SARA VESELY (Tulsa, OK '83-'87, '91, '93)
KAREN VOSS (Winnetka, IL '71-'80)
BEV WALTERS Piehl (St. Louis, MO & Austin, TX '74-'83)
SALLY WEBER Kristin (St. Louis, MO '76-'77, '79-'81)
MAGGIE WISEMAN (Fremont, NE '83-'84, '86-'87, '89)
KARAN WITTER Sauls (Shawnee Mission, KS '65-'76)
SHELLEY ZIMMERMAN (Topeka, KS '67-'78)

Following the reunion, we received several letters from those in attendance. Two, in particular, stood out. Mary Cofran writes "I had a wonderful time - Kamaji was so far back in my past. I had some trepidation about attending, especially when the attendance list included so few from my generation. I ended up meeting new (to me) and younger campers and really enjoyed them. The

reunion also brought back all that Kamaji had meant to me, growing up..."

And from Heidi Hubesch Anderson: "The reunion...was wonderful - how special it was to get together with friends from 30 years ago and also to make new friends with members of the "younger generation." There was some skepticism by the "old guard" that the Kamaji traditions and ideals couldn't possibly be upheld in 1995, but you did a great job of reassuring them. (The irony here is that we tried to break every one of the rules that were in place while we were campers - yet we want to ensure that this generation has every bit as hard a time trying as we did! Is that convoluted logic, or what?!"

It was wonderful to receive your feedback and find that you support us as we, Kamaji's caretakers for the present, carry those same traditions that were so much a part of your life at Kamaji into the 21st century. Accolades such as "it appears that your new ideas and changes have been good for the camp, and I applaud your creativity, dedication and vision" as well as "Thank you for helping to preserve what is the essence of spirit for so many girls and women whose homes span the globe but whose hearts belong to a place called "Kamaji" makes us feel so right about what we are doing. Know, too, that we owe all of you a great deal of "THANKS!" - for your loyalty, support and good words!

As for future Kamaji reunions - there was a rumor circulating at the reunion that several alum are hoping to organize the next one to be held on the shores of Big Wolf Lake. We'll let you know if this rumor becomes fact!!!

STATUS OF THE "ALUMNI DIRECTORY"

I know! I know!! I know!!! I've been promising *forever* to finalize a directory of Kamaji alum which would include biographical information as well as current address, phone, etc. Believe it or not, we have completed an updated alum directory. In fact, it was printed in time for the Alum Reunion. Still, as you can well imagine, the directory was no sooner off the presses, printed and bound than it became obsolete!!! We are only too happy to reprint and bind and send you a copy of the latest revised directory. However, given the high cost of printing and mailing the directory necessitates that we charge a nominal fee to cover the costs of printing and mailing; in this case the cost will be \$10. If you are interested in ordering a copy of the directory, please check-off where noted on the enclosed 1996 Alum Questionnaire and return the form to us NO LATER THAN APRIL 15TH with your \$10 payment. We will mail directories out by April 30th. We do apologize for having to charge any type of fee; however, the cost (paper alone has doubled in price over the past year!) to provide each of our 1200 alum on our current mailing list precludes us from absorbing the expense. And remember, if you're only trying to track down the whereabouts of one or two of your camp friends, you can always write us and we'd be happy to provide you with the most recent address(es) if we have them in our database.

ALUM QUESTIONNAIRE

We are enclosing with this newsletter an Alum Questionnaire form. Please make time to complete and mail back to us both sides of the enclosed form! Be sure to include messages to be sent "Over the Rainbow", "Newsworthy Happenings", and "Its' a Small, Small World" chance encounters with other Kamaji folk to include in our 1997 issue of Kamaji Alumni News.

On the reverse side of the form we ask you to list the names and addresses of other Kamaji alum. We can only mail to those alum whose names and addresses are current in our database. Given that the alum list is only seven years old, we know for a fact that there are many alum out there who either don't know Kamaji is alive and flourishing. And even if they do know Kamaji exists, they don't receive mail from us because we don't have their names on our mailing list or they moved sometime ago and the forwarding order on their mail has long expired. So please don't assume that all alum are on our mailing list. If you have a relative or are in close contact with an alum, check with them to be sure they've received this newsletter. If they have not, please send us their name(s), address(es), phone #(s) or have them call us at 800/7KAMAJI. "THANKS LOTS!" for your assistance in helping us reach as many Kamaji alum as possible!!! (Reminder: Let us know if you move so we don't lose you!)

IN CLOSING. . .

This brings us to the end of our seventh edition of Kamaji Alumni News. As always, our alumni are very important to us. There is a lot of loyalty and goodwill out there which we'd very much like to keep alive. We look forward to hearing from you via mail - or better yet - in person up on the shores of Big Wolf Lake.

Campingly yours,

Kathy & Mike Jay