



# KAMAJI ALUM NEWS

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The following is dedicated to camp friends . . .

## "Because You Loved Me"

For all those times you stood by me ~  
 For all the truth you made me see ~  
 For all the joy you brought to my life ~  
 For all the wrong that you made right ~  
 For every dream you made come true ~  
 For all the love I found in you ~  
 I'll be forever thankful.  
 You're the one who held me up  
 and never let me fall;  
 You're the one who saw me through ~  
 ~ through it all.

You were my strength when I was weak ~  
 You were my voice when I couldn't speak ~  
 You were my eyes when I couldn't see ~  
 You saw the best there was in me ~  
 You lifted me up when I couldn't reach ~  
 You gave me faith 'cuz you believed.  
 I'm everything I am  
 because you loved me.

You gave me wings and made me fly ~  
 You touched my hand  
 and I could touch the sky.  
 I lost my faith, you gave it back to me.  
 You said no star was out of reach ~  
 You stood by me and I stood tall ~  
 I had your love ~ I had it all.  
 I'm grateful for each day you gave me.  
 Maybe I don't know that much  
 But I know this much is true  
 I was blessed because I was loved by you.

You were my strength when I was weak ~  
 You were my voice when I couldn't speak ~  
 You were my eyes when I couldn't see ~  
 You saw the best there was in me ~  
 You lifted me up when I couldn't reach ~  
 You gave me faith 'cuz you believed.  
 I'm everything I am  
 because you loved me.

You were always there for me ~  
 A tender wind that carried me ~  
 A light in the dark shining your love  
 into my life.  
 You've been my inspiration  
 Through the lies you were the truth.  
 My world is a better place because of you.

You were my strength when I was weak ~  
 You were my voice when I couldn't speak ~  
 You were my eyes when I couldn't see ~  
 You saw the best there was in me ~  
 You lifted me up when I couldn't reach ~  
 You gave me faith 'cuz you believed.  
 I'm everything I am  
 because you loved me.

. . .from those who know how special camp friendships truly are!

Words and Music by Diane Warren  
 Theme from "Up Close and Personal"

## YE DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

As we find ourselves growing weary of a much-too-long-and-grey winter and longing for those sunny summer days on Wolf Lake 'neath the tall Northern pine, it occurs to us that it is time we sat and wrote to Kamaji's long-standing, loyal and supportive alum! Come the first of every new year, we "resolve" to sit down on the 2nd of January and write you our yearly lengthy letter about the goings-on at Kamaji. But, as always, we find ourselves weeks behind and only now are able to give this eighth issue of Kamaji's Alum News our primary attention. We begin by . . .

## RECAPPING THE SUMMER OF '96

1996 was a summer of records! It followed a winter that was the coldest and snowiest on record for the Cass Lake/Bemidji, MN area. While we don't know the exact snowfall totals for the winter of '95-'96, suffice it to say that in order to plow the road into camp, there came a time when the snow needed to be bulldozed off the roadway, loaded into a dump truck and literally carted out of camp. Prior to that point, those brave enough to endure the cold and snow to find themselves at the entrance to Kamaji were witness to snow banks on either side of the drive - banks high enough to give one a feeling of entering a tunnel. The snowfall amounts, however, don't even begin to come close to the record low temperatures experienced that winter. On one such cold day, the local bank thermometer got stuck at 62° - MINUS 62°, that is!!! And that temperature does not include any wind chill factor (that's for "wimps" according to the locals!!!).

When we arrived at camp in early June, the locals were still talking about the winter! And, on the first summer day when the temperature reached +100° the local newspaper printed a picture of that stuck thermometer as a reminder that only a mere four months earlier folks were complaining about being too cold! The temperature variance of 162° was the biggest yet recorded in that neck of the woods!

Now the summer wasn't the rainiest or the coolest or the hottest or the driest on record; however, it was a summer of records at Camp Kamaji! First, we enjoyed the highest return rate of campers in our 17 year history - 87% of those who attended Kamaji in 1995 returned in '96. There was a total of 148 campers the first session and 157 the second which, together, add up to the greatest number of campers in one summer in Kamaji history. Add to that number 82 full-time seasonal staff plus Ye Directors plus our six rotating on-site camp physicians (and their families) ~ that made for a record number of daily meals being served up by Kamaji's kitchen (4893 meals a week during the first month; 5082, the second month!). The kitchen was supervised by the longest running Kamaji Head Cook, Marjena Sloan, who spent her 16th summer with us. (Incidentally, Marjena will be back in '97!) And talk about record number of sisters at camp this past summer!!! During first session we had 13 sets and second session 26 sets of camper sisters. Added to that number were 6 sets of sisters who overlapped camper/staff and finally, 3 sets of staff sisters for a grand total of 48 sets of sisters at Kamaji in 1997.

Activity-wise, we introduced 4 day sailing trips on Lake Superior. We chartered a "ketch" complete with a licensed and experienced certified "Captain" who taught our campers the finer points of sailing a 40 foot boat on waters that are a bit more "temperamental" than those of Wolf Lake. After purchasing 10 additional sea-kayaks for the summer of '96, we premiered four day kayaking trips to Hook Island on Rainy Lake, Canada. The owners/directors of Camp Chippewa for Boys, JP and Cammie Endres, extended to Kamaji an open invitation to use their Lodge (complete with Master Chefs renowned for their wild blueberry pancakes and pies!) and "yurts" (sleeping quarters) as a base camp while our campers and staff took day trips touring neighboring islands. Again, the experience of kayaking Rainy Lake is much more arduous from that of Wolf Lake and the Mississippi River. Still, many of our younger/less experienced sea-kayak-ers enjoyed 2 & 3 day trips to Star Island.

## **RECAPPING THE SUMMER OF '96** (continued)

Our oldest campers, in keeping with Kamaji tradition, embarked on a seven day Canadian Canoe trip. However, rather than return to the Boundary Waters Area in Northeastern Minnesota where many of you went, our girls were even more adventuresome. As much as we loved the BWCA, it seemed that the more restrictive the authorities became regarding boating/group size limits and the increased number of people canoeing in this wonderful recreational area, the Canadian canoe trip became less and less of a challenge for our campers. So, instead of returning to the BWCA, our campers headed even farther into Canada to the White Otter Wilderness Area north of Atikokan, Ontario. The White Otter is a true wilderness area which translated to a more challenging, less people "disturbed" and more remote trip. The voyagers returned to Kamaji feeling truly good about themselves and their accomplishments in canoeing, portaging and wilderness camping - much as you probably felt upon your return from the Canadian.

The camp kitchen saw some much needed improvements. As those of you who have renovated your own home kitchen know, it is a never-ending task and lots of money to completely update a kitchen. Well, imagine what it takes to remodel one that serves 5000 meals (give or take) over a summer's week!!! The progress is slow but steady and we hope that by the next century's beginning we will have a "state-of-the-art" camp kitchen!

The perfect ending to a healthy, safe, fun and memorable summer occurred on August 24, 1996 when Camp Kamaji hosted the wedding of staff members Jessica Fredrickson and Kris Franzen. All gathered in a spot overlooking the lake where, together, Jess and Kris stood before their family, friends, minister (and the Great Spirit who most definitely had a hand in the picture-perfect day) and were wed in a ceremony that celebrated love in a place that unquestionably means so much to Jess and Kris. In retrospect, Ye Directors are more than a little flattered that Jess and Kris had chosen Kamaji - a place that had special meaning for them - as the place to begin their married life.

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

## **LOOKING AHEAD TO '97**

Camper enrollment for 1997 is nearing completion. Second session is nearly full at 152 campers and first session has 125 campers enrolled to date. Since enrollment is 100% dependent upon word-of-mouth referrals, we are always asking for the names of interested campers 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 in 1997 or future summers. As always we thank you for your support of and loyalty to Kamaji.

Our most immediate plans include hiring of qualified staff to work at Kamaji. We are fortunate in that many of our long-time staff members will be back this summer so our staff needs are not so urgent as last summer. Of course, we always need new staff to complement our line-up of returning staff so we would welcome any staff referrals you might have. Again, call us at 800/7KAMAJI with the names of friends, "kid"sitters and/or 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) Sunday, July 6th through Sunday, July 13th
- (2) Sunday, August 10th through Sunday, August 17th

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.

Plans for building/renovations for 1997 include the following:

- Continued renovation of the camp kitchen.
- The resurfacing of the two tennis courts which were built in 1988.

- The final demolition of the old boathouse on the lakefront. One summer in the early 80's we returned to find that the boathouse roof and roof timbers had caved in after a particularly harsh snowy winter. For years since the old three-sided cracked concrete foundation has been a necessary eyesore on the southern shores of Wolf Lake as it held back the bluff behind it. Thanks to modern technology, we are now able to remove the old foundation and build a tier-ed wall in its place. This tier-ed wall will gradually step down to a small beachfront area where you once housed Kamaji canoes. Also along the waterfront we will be conducting a major effort against years and years of erosion along the bluff where the original boathouse (which burned down in the 30's) stood.
- Construction of a new washhouse near Cabins 1 and 2. The building is up; the plumbing lines are in; we just need to add toilets and sinks before the start of the season. With this washhouse, there are now a total of three centrally located bathhouses throughout Kamaji. For those of you who most certainly remember washing up in the lake, using PGs and brushing your teeth at cold-water troughs, the idea of "real" bathrooms at camp must seem "foreign." Please know that this is the only concession to modernization we've made since 1980; the cabins are still rustic and have no electricity and we have absolutely no plans to ever change that.
- Construction of a new small log home for Ye Directors. For better or worse, the home built in 1937 by Bert and Phil has, over the years, seriously deteriorated to the point where it is more cost effective to build a new home rather than renovate. Ye Directors' new home has been built over the old root cellar - it inconspicuously blends into its setting and matches the log addition to the dining hall. Given our advanced ages we have begun to retire to our camp home immediately after the evening programs; we needed a place where we could relax and re-energize yet still be in the center of camp. We are excited about the prospect of having a home up at camp that will not only be a place of respite for us during the summer but also allow us to visit during the off-season as it will be fully insulated. We look forward to welcoming and entertaining campers, staff and visitors - including alum(!) - in our new camp home. (At this time plans as to what to do with the "old" house are up in the air - we are thinking of restoring it over time and perhaps turning it over to our camp doctors and their families for use during the summer.)

Those are our immediate plans/needs for the summer of '97. 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 83 summers!!!

## **WANTED: KAMAJI PHOTOS/ MEMORABILIA**

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of several Kamaji alum, our archives now boast pictures of camp dating back to its days on Star Island. We have begun compiling a pictorial and written history of Kamaji gleaned from the mementos that Kamaji alum bequeathed to Kamaji. This past summer when we orally relayed the history of Kamaji to our campers our words "came alive" by the pictures we were able to share with the kids. Kamaji's history has truly been enhanced by the addition of well-kept and treasured photos that span the 8 decade lifetime of Kamaji. We send our sincerest appreciation on behalf of this and future generations of Kamaji campers to the following who, since the last copy of the Kamaji Alum News went to press, so generously "parted with" treasured photos of their days at Kamaji:

MARY VEASEY Leech (Tulsa, OK '16-'23)  
BETTY ERIKSON Minar (Minneapolis, MN '25-'33)  
GAY SEWALL Thompson (Racine, WI '33-'42)  
BETTY ANN MINAR Richardson (Minneapolis, MN '41-'53)

Without wanting to appear "greedy" we would welcome any additional photographs/memorabilia of Kamaji to add to our collection. Should you not want to permanently let go of your pictures, perhaps you would loan them long enough to allow us to make copies of the photos. We promise to safeguard them until their return to you.

As always, thank you!

## THE CAMP KIDS FOUNDATION

**"DIVERSITY ENRICHES CAMP KAMAJI, MIRRORS OUR WORLD, AND REFLECTS OUR FUTURE."**

About five summers ago Camp Kamaji began recruiting minority scholarship campers. In 1992 we welcomed six girls to camp; since then the number of scholarship campers at Kamaji has grown to 20. These girls have been wonderful additions to our camp community. Many of them have returned for two, three or four summers and have benefitted from their camping experience in much the same ways you did. The girls have returned home with a more positive self-image, meaningful and long-lasting friendships, and a sense of joy that only summer camp can bring. In addition, the scholarship campers also receive some benefits that we often take for granted. Many of these girls live in dangerous neighborhoods and camp offers them a safe and secure community which allows them freedom of movement. Many of the girls are exposed to the wonders of the outdoors for the very first time and have a chance to learn skills (particularly swimming and other waterfront activities) which are unavailable to them at home. Camp may also provide these girls with their first racially integrated experience. These scholarship campers have found a whole new world waiting for them at camp. In addition, we feel that all our campers' Kamaji experiences have been enriched by having a racially diversified camp population. We are proud to have offered this opportunity to such wonderful girls over the past five summers.

Funds for these scholarship campers have been donated anonymously since 1992. Funding increased each summer which meant Kamaji could accept more scholarship campers. Between the summers of 1995 and 1996 we entered a whole new phase. Increased funding allowed us to form a tax exempt charitable not-for-profit corporation, **The Camp Kids Foundation**. The purpose of this foundation was to expand this program to camps other than Kamaji. We are proud to say that during 1996, The Camp Kids Foundation funded **62** girls and boys who attended **seven** different private camps in the upper Midwest. Participating camps and each camper's family also underwrote a portion of each camper's scholarship. The foundation was responsible for recruiting both the participating camps and the campers and monitored each camper's experience during the summer. 1996 was a great beginning for The Camp Kids Foundation.

The goal of The Camp Kids Foundation for 1997 is to send 85 to 100 children to summer camp. All of our funding has been donated on a year-to-year basis, so we have no guarantee that we will be able to reach our goal. In order to grow, The Camp Kids Foundation needs your help. We invite you to contribute a gift that will allow the foundation to provide a camping experience for more children in 1997. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, you may write a check payable to **The Camp Kids Foundation** and either mail it directly to us or to:

The Camp Kids Foundation  
c/o David Capes  
Rosenblum, Goldenhersh, Silverstein and Zafft  
7733 Forsyth Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63105

If you would like to learn more about the foundation or the participants, feel free to call us. As always, thank you for your generosity and support!

## "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 **JAREE DUENKE**: "Hi! I miss my old pen pal from camp. I am starting a new and hopefully less busy phase of life and would like to pick up our correspondence again! From **CAROL CHENAULT** ('78-'80, San Antonio, TX)

To **AMY SANFILIPPO**: "I can't believe we lost touch after all those years! I'd love to hear from you! I think we should go back to camp again and relive our Mundahmin days!" From **KATHY CUNNINGHAM Alexander** (2nd session '66-'74, Oklahoma City, OK)  
To **PRISSY SHARP, BETH HEADLEY, MARGY McCUNE, KITTEN WALTERS, CAROLYN SIMPSON, JEAN WARREN, CAROLYN WELLS, JOY BATCHELDER, DIANE WHITE, CAROLYN AND ANN BLAUL, SARAH SMITH, PAM BROWN, MARY ANN GIFFORD AND BETTY ANN MINAR, TOO!** '1947, 1948 and

1949 - what wonderful summers we had at Kamaji. My yearbook and photo album is full of pictures of all of you. Many fun memories!" FROM **LUCY MCKITTERICK Mott** ('47-'49, Burlington, IA)  
To **KIM STROUP, LIBBY FIKE AND KATIE RICHARDS**: "Here's to the fun times in the Nutshell 1980! I miss you guys, can't seem to find you anywhere - please find me. I'd love to hear what you're doing now." From **MOLLY HERRELL Labrum** ('80-'89 Rochester, MN)  
To **ALL THE CAMPERS AND COUNSELORS FROM 1952-1961**: "Thanks for all the wonderful memories and "CHEERS!" to you all. . .thanks too to **SHERIFF** for the banquet toast in the last Kamaji Alum Newsletter ~ it's a real favorite of mine too. From **LINDA MCARTHUR Lee** ('52-'61, Kenilworth, IL)

To **Karine Saylor**: "I finally took the plunge. When are you heading back to Drake for a reunion?" From **KATHY COOPER Bloemker** ('89, Fremont, NE)

To **NANCY JONES, JANIE SEWELL, BREESE, WITTER, PRIEBE, SHELLY ZIMMERMAN**: "Wish I could have joined you at the reunion!!! Let's get together - it would be great to see you guys!© From **SUE "SUSA BELLA" HAHN Hawn** ('63-'74, Waterloo, IA)

To **CLARA BESHOR**: "Boy do I miss you! Glad to hear you're still in the States! Would love to get together." From **WENDY JO BIRT Miller** ('80-'85, Tokyo and Edina, MN)

To **MARY ANN GIFFORD, ANN SHERMAN, EDIE STAHL AND MILLIE HOBBS**: "Hi!" to some never-forgotten friends. If you're in the Twin Cities please call (612/944-0045) © - coffee for sure!" From **ANN BLAUL Platter** ('44-'50, Edina, MN)

To **SARAH SCHUSTER**: "I would love to hear from you. I remember the fun Ann Fothergill and I had at your home over Thanksgiving." From **NANCY ABBOT DILLINGHAM** ('54-'57, Kansas City, KS)

To **LUCY DIGGS**: "Where are you?" from **CAROLYN "COCKY" COCHRAN CLARK** ('56-'60, Columbia, MO)

To **SUSAN PETEFISH**: "Hi Susan! I've thought of you often over these years and remember the fun times we had as Kami counselors. Remember our days off? Bridgemans? The time the VW bus burned up? I'd love to hear from you." From **JUDY JOSS Sirridge** ('68-'73, Topeka, KS)

To **SHERIFF**: "I remember lots of things including you as a great manager of CITs and sailing enthusiasts? Cheers?" From **CHRISTY BARNES** ('63-'73)

To **MIMI GIFFORD McFall**: "Hey! Where are you? I am here. Pammy and I want to see everyone at the next reunion! How come every time I do laundry I think of you and Voss "Skeet-Shooting" your fine washables with those old fire extinguishers? Ha!!!" From **MITTY FRENZEL Hensley** ('68-'75, Golden Valley, MN)

To **AMY LYONS Ashford**: "Thank you for your message in the last newsletter! Let's make a pact to keep in better touch from now on. Remember "the rock"? Congratulations on your marriage. Ain't life great?" From **HILARY MILLS Lindsey** ('84-'87, Hutchinson, KS)  
To **DIANE SAVAGE, NANCY EDMONSTON, SHELLY SMITH, ANN MUMFORD, NANCY STUCKEY AND EVERYONE ELSE ON THE 1ST BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE TRIP WITH M.F. AND JAKE**: "Great trip, great friends and great bakery splurge for the finale. I miss you all!" From **NANCY PRIEBE Clark** ('57-'62, Rock Island, IL)

To **ELLEN BERREY**: "Where are you??? We've lost touch, my dear sister. Please write me - I would love to reconnect." From **PAULA LINN** ('85-'87, Winnetka, IL)

To **ELISE HANSER**: "I can't wait to get together one of these days!?"...Spring in Florida sounds perfect!" From **JULIE SAYLER Green** ('75-'81, Kansas City, KS)

To **ANNA SPACEY AND ALL OTHERS WHO MIGHT REMEMBER ME**: "I wish you a life full of happiness and love. I would love to hear from you." From **MONICA GONZALEZ** ('84-'85, Mexico City, Mexico)

To **ANY FORMER CAMPER/STAFF PERSON COMING TO BELIZE**: "Please stop in for a visit! Contact me at <http://www/Belize.com>." From **SUSAN DART Lala** ('59-'64, Belleville, KS)

To **LINDA GIFFORD HERRICK, MIMI GIFFORD MCFALL AND JENNIFER GIFFORD SATTERFIELD**: "I will always cherish my camp memories with you all and am so grateful to have "landed" on Nantucket and fulfill my dream thanks to the Giffords?" From **JENNIFER WOLFE Kennelly** ('71-'76 Winnetka, IL)

## 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...

...**CAROL CHENAULT** (San Antonio, TX '78-'80) on her May 26, 1996 marriage to Donald Smith.

...**KATHY COOPER** (Fremont, NE '89) on her June 24, 1995 marriage to Bradley Bloemker.

...**WENDY Jo BIRT** (Tokyo and Edina, MN '80-'85) on her November 1993 marriage to Greg Miller.

...**JOELLE ETZEL** (Topeka, KS) on her August 2, 1996 marriage to Albert Parker Scott III.

...**JENNIFER WOLFE** (Winnetka, IL '71-'76) on her June 23, 1996 marriage to Tom Kennelly.

...**EMILY RONK** (Norman, OK ten summers beginning in '80 and ending in '95) on her June 8, 1996 marriage to Dan Zemke.

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

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

...**JODI SAYLOR** McGannon (Shawnee Mission, KS '73-'79) and her husband Patrick on the August 31, 1994 birth of son Connor who joins older brother Patrick (dob 3/19/93).

...**JULIE SAYLOR** Green (Kansas City '75-'81) and her husband Robert on the March 4, 1995 birth of daughter Elizabeth Anne.

...**LINDA WARD** O'Hara (Kansas City, MO '78-'79) and her husband John on the 1996 birth of son David.

...**MARY BETH FRITZ** Fitch (Tulsa, OK '76-'81) and her husband Pete on the February 17, 1996 birth of son Charles Frank. Charles joins older sister Philippa (dob 10/18/92).

...**JADE LATIMER** Graham (Tulsa, OK ) and her husband on the January '97 birth of daughter Chloe.

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

...EMILY "SHINER" GALLOP (St. Louis, MO '83-'87,'89) on both her recent graduation from the Washington University Graduate School of Social Work and her engagement to Scott Coen. Emily and Scott will wed on September 20, 1997.

## IT'S A SMALL, SMALL WORLD!!!

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

Four + years ago when **JENNIFER WOLFE** (Winnetka, IL '71-'76) first moved to Nantucket Island, her "old" camp friend and fellow Nantucket-an **LINDA GIFFORD Herrick** (Winnetka, IL '68-'72) gave Jennifer's phone number to an "interested" male friend. He phoned and Jennifer agreed to a blind date scheduled for 9/10/92 (which coincidentally was Linda's wedding anniversary). That blind date was one of many, many dates which culminated in Jennifer's marriage to Tom Kennelly this past June 23, 1996!

**LIBBY WARREN Blankenship** (Tulsa, OK '43-'46) met up with former Kamaji camp friends **SIGGIE SLETTELAND Behring** (Madison, WI '39-'47) and **GAY NELSON Fahrner** (Moline, IL '40-'47) in Kona, Hawaii 50+ years after their Kamaji days!

**MARY ANN GIFFORD Horner** (Mpls and Houston '43-'50) moved to Worcester, MA as a newlywed in 1961. She and her husband had the opportunity to rent a "young couples" dream home. When introduced to the couple moving out, Mary Ann found herself face-to-face with **TRISH LAWSON Gow** a fellow Kamaji Waubun who attended camp in the mid-40's. Mary Ann and Trish have kept up a friendship since and most recently saw each other in Houston.

While in Dallas attending an opera conference, **MARY ANN GIFFORD Horner** by chance sat next to former camper **Jo ANN OLIVER Posey** (Sallisaw, OK '55-'59) and spent the evening reminiscing about their camp days - there were many similarities in spite of the five year lapse between the last year Mary Ann attended and the summer Jo Ann first went to Kamaji. It was Jo Ann who alerted Mary Ann to the Kamaji Alum News and the fact that Kamaji was still very much the camp of their childhood days! **MITTY FRENZEL Hensley** (Golden Valley, MN '68-'75) writes that she recently received a post card from **Liz EVANS** ('69-'75) who was vacationing in Mexico and ran into someone from Minnesota who knew Dorothy the Rootbeer Lady. Mitty remembers that Dorothy wore black jeans **before** they were "cool".)

## DO YOU KNOW WHERE WE CAN FIND. . .

. . . the following former Kamaji campers and staff members?  
JAREE DUENKE, AMY SANFILIPPO, PRISSY SHARP, BETH HEADLEY, MARGY McCUNE, KITTEN WALTERS, CAROLYN SIMPSON, JEAN WARREN, CAROLYN WELLS, JOY BATCHELDER, DIANE WHITE, PAM BROWN, KATIE RICHARDS, ANN SHERMAN, EDIE STAHL, MILLIE HOBBS, DIANE SAVAGE AND SHELLEY SMITH. We don't have up-to-date addresses for these folks whose whereabouts are being sought by other Kamaji alum. If you know how we might contact any of the above-mentioned alum, please let us know at 800/7KAMAJI (800/752-6254) or FAX 314/721-5309 or e-mail Kamaji1@aol.com. Much appreciated!

## SECOND/THIRD GENERATION KAMAJIANS

Below is a listing of '96 campers and staff members whose moms were one-time Kamaji campers:

<u>Camper's/Staff * Name</u>	<u>Mom's Maiden Name (Hometown &amp; 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)
Kate Casselman	LOUISE KLINGEL (Minneapolis, MN '55-'62)
"MJ" Catanese *	JANE STUCKEY (Hutchinson, KS ?)
Sommer Chatwin	DEBRA SILLS (Minneapolis, ?)
Kelley Hanrahan	KIM HESS (McPherson, KS '60-'75)
Molly Hanrahan	KIM HESS (McPherson, KS '60-'75)
Julie Housiaux	KATHRYN JACOBS (Milwaukee, WI ?)
Emily Kaufman	Katie MASTIO (?)
Molly Kaufman	Katie MASTIO (?)
Mariam Kramer	DEIDRE BIRD (Canada ?)
Caroline Mundt	JULIE BLANKENSHIP (OKC, OK '69-'73)
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 (?)
Julie Sewell *	JANE EDMONSTON (Topeka, KS '50-'64,'67-'70)
Kimmy Sirridge	JUDY JOSS (Topeka, KS '68-'73)
Leigh Sirridge	JUDY JOSS (Topeka, KS '68-'73)
Jenny Snell	HATTIE SNELL (Covina, CA '60-'64)
Becky Walden *	ALICE RICE (Kansas City '60-'65)
Anne Wasson	MARTHA MUMFORD (?, '61-'66)
Katie Weidling	SUSAN EDMONSTON (Topeka, KS '53-'60)
Helen Wilbur	JANIE BURCHELL (Minneapolis, MN '?)
Dotsy Zirkle (Tulsa, OK)	DOTSY ORTHWEIN (Tulsa, '61-'66)
Julia Zirkle	Dotsy ORTHWEIN (Tulsa, OK '61-'66)

In addition, several nieces/granddaughters whose aunts or grandmothers attended Kamaji were also at camp in '96:

Julie Barton	MARY BARTON - aunt
Margo Barton	MARY BARTON - -aunt
Kristie Bauer	ANN ALBERTSON (Sioux City, ?) - grandmother
Sarah Bauer	ANN ALBERTSON (Sioux City, ?)- grandmother
Caroline Crump	Ann ALBERTSON (Sioux City "?) - grandmother
Ann Marie Johnston)	Jo Anne OLIVER (Sallisaw, OK ?) - aunt
Margie Johnston)	Kaye OLIVER (Sallisaw, OK '57-'61) - aunt
Cally Mastio * }	Ann MASTIO (?) - aunt
Carolyn Mastio)	Katie MASTIO (?) - aunt
Julie Steppe	ANN ALBERTSON (Sioux City, ?) - grandmother

Many of the above-listed campers/staff will be returning to Kamaji for the 1997 season. Additionally, the girls listed below are daughters of former campers and will attend Kamaji for the first time in 1997:

Caitlin Ashley	MARTHA MUMFORD (?, '61-'66)
Emily Dix	KATHY HART (Kenilworth, IL '66-'70,'73)
Libby Dix	KATHY HART (Kenilworth, IL '66-'70,'73)
Anna Kaufman	Katie MASTIO (?)

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.

## 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! On the reverse side of the form we ask you to list the names and addresses of other Kamaji alum. 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 eighth edition of Kamaji Alumni News. As always, our alum 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*