



# NEWS FROM ECHO HILL CAMBERSHIP FUND

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## LETTER FROM THE BOARD ...

Greetings Echo Hill alumni, friends, and supporters. Welcome to another annual summary of the Echo Hill Campership Fund. Times are tough but we're still hanging in there, along with the twenty-two kids we sent to camp this year! We write this newsletter so you, our esteemed donors, can share these underprivileged children's experiences, keep abreast of our fundraising efforts - and, of course, read the gossip column ...

The big news at camp was good ole' Peter Rice celebrating 50 years at Echo Hill. It was a momentous occasion. Sadly, he also suffered a more tragic milestone, the passing of his mother and Echo Hill matriarch, Pauline Rice. The Board has also experienced a changing of the guards, with the resignations of long term members Patrick Gorman, Mike Grossman, Kyle Jossi and Jordan Chasoff. They will be greatly missed.

But with every night comes the dawn and we are extremely fortunate to welcome enthusiastic new talent into our midst! Joining us at the table are the incredibly dedicated and energetic Emily Porter, who served with us previously (craving more of a good thing - not?!), and Kiva Zytnick, who, but for her organizational skills and access to seemingly everyone connected to Echo Hill, our micro-fundraising events would not have occurred this year. Who said Christmas was always in July?! Kiva has also taken on our social media efforts, so please visit our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/echo.fund](http://www.facebook.com/echo.fund)) for updates throughout the year. Finally, Katharine Hope stepped up to the plate as well, but then immediately took a hiatus to create an Australian chapter of the Campership Fund (hint, hint). We love you, Katharine, safe travels! We'll see you when you return.

We want to thank everyone who donated to the Fund in 2013 since the last newsletter. Your donations are the lifeblood that sustain us year to year. The EHCf has a 100% volunteer board. Virtually every dollar you donate is used toward a campership. There are very few non-profits that can say that, and we take pride in it. This is a great time to donate, as all gifts for the next 12 months will be matched by a group of our staunch supporters. See page 3 for details. Please go to [www.ehcf.org](http://www.ehcf.org) today!

## CAMPERSHIP UPDATE ...

This summer the Campership Fund sent twenty-two kids to camp for fifty-eight weeks, a feat that required almost \$55,000. Seventeen of the twenty-two kids were returning Campership Fund participants, including five that just completed their CA summers. That means we will be looking for new applicants for the summer of 2014. If any alumni or donors know deserving children that would benefit by attending camp next summer, please encourage them to email [camperships@ehcf.org](mailto:camperships@ehcf.org) for an application. And to glimpse what some of our kids experienced this summer, please see "*The Long Ride Home*" on page 3.

## PETER RICE 50 SUMMERS

(sing to the tune of EHC song)!

~ By Katie Rice Mouldsdales

That's what we heard all summer long... campers and staff singing their hearts out after meals, on the bus ride to Crumptions (yes, we still go to Crumptions!) and during thunderstorms. This past summer was incredible for many reasons, and one of them was because it marked the 50<sup>th</sup> year my father, Peter Rice, Jr., has been at Echo Hill.

It all began the summer of 1955 when Peter and Terry were first-time campers at Echo Hill Camp. It was owned by the Wasserman Family then and Peter and Terry spent 3 amazing summers on the Chesapeake Bay. Little did they know how much Echo Hill would impact their lives.

In 1965 my grandparents, Big Pete and Pauline, heard the Wasserman family wanted to sell the camp ... and the rest is history! In 1966, my dad got a call asking if he would like to drive a ski boat at his parents' newly purchased summer camp. Thankfully for all of us, he said yes. It quickly became a real family affair. My dad was the Ski Director (having never driven a motor boat in his life!), Terry was the Riflery instructor, Big Pete the Director, and Pauline, wearing many hats, was Program Director, Nurse, Tutor and Camp "Mom!"

Fast-forward to 2013, to celebrate my dad's 50<sup>th</sup> year at Echo Hill (1955-1957, 1966-2013), campers and staff held a big surprise party for him July 25<sup>th</sup> on the waterfront - with lots of surprises, dances, good food and much laughter. 50 summers of Peter Rice, Jr. ... That means a heck of a lot more than simply 50 years. That means thousands of chil-

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The Expanding Rice Family!

## PETE'S 50TH!

dren spending summers filled with love and laughter, growing up somewhere they can be who they want to be, learning great life lessons while having the time of their lives. It means thousands and thousands of school children challenged to think outside the box and about their personal impact on our planet. None of this would have happened ... certainly, my life wouldn't be what it is today ... without one, my grandparents' desire to become owners and directors of Echo Hill Camp and two, my father's hard work and dedication to keep camp and the remarkable place that is Echo Hill Outdoor School up and running.

The years 2012 - 2013 marked big changes for the Rice Family: weddings, the births of 5 babies - Anna, Adele, Oliver, Gardner & Landen, and most recently the passing of Echo Hill's matriarch Pauline Rice on September 5, 2013. It has been a time of great joy and great sorrow. **Peter Rice 50 Summers!** - a celebration not only of Pete's amazing 50 summers on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay, but also of what that means for *ALL* of us who call this place home.

### 6-CITY FUNDRAISING COMPETITION

This Fall, over 100 supporters got together to raise nearly \$9,000 for the Echo Hill Campership Fund. From DC to New York City, Kent Island to Philadelphia, and even San Francisco to Los Angeles, former EHC campers and counselors—along with their friends and family—ate, drank, laughed, reminisced, and started scheming about how to make next year's events even bigger and better. We hope these gatherings will become a fun tradition for EHCF and our awesome community!

As part of a friendly competition, EHCF challenged each of these cities to best each other in several categories: the most tickets sold, the most money raised, the most creative invitation image, and the best group photo. Creativity and best-ness were determined by the images that garnered the most "likes" on EHCF's Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/echo.fund](http://www.facebook.com/echo.fund). Additionally, the most senior and junior guests competed for a coveted award, plus a wildcard category, the contributor of the juiciest bit of gossip! (Winners announced on page 4 ...)

The competition began in Washington, DC on September 21st at the home of always-generous EHCF supporters David and Suzanne Boyd, parents of Peter and Michael. Despite the unwelcome rain, **Michael Boyd** created a fantastic feast and a cozy space for the crowd: **Liam Gilbert** (who won the unofficial EHC longevity award), **Nick Kirsch**, **Jamie Welch**, **Cary Robertson**, **Justin Radano**, **Hugh Beshers**, **Christine Lusk** and brothers **Greg** and **Marc Porter**, not to mention their partners (who debated starting an EHC-adjacent support group), a cousin and in-law or two, and a gaggle of future campers. EHCF Board Members **Nicole Halbreiner**, **Emily (Ignat) Porter**, **Katharine (Hope) Gordon**, and **Kiva (Feldman) Zytnick** were also in attendance. The party finally wound down after multiple rounds of Sing-Back and only one indoor fire.

But, **Michael Boyd**, **Liam Gilbert**, **Hugh Beshers** and **Marc & Emily Porter** didn't have their fill of EHCF fun that day, so they joined many friends the next week, September 28th, at the beautiful Bay home of **Mike Grossman** and Liliya Khizder. Mike showed off his fundraising prowess once again, armed with his handy collection box and his charming ability to separate people from their money. Since we never saw Mike in the art center much, we assume that we have Liliya (as well as event co-host **Natika (Dannenfeler) Stewart**) to thank for the wonderful fall crafts available for all the wee ones, as well as lots of other activities to keep the kids entertained, including a moon bounce (those darn kids never did clear out of there to let us adults have a turn!). **Rachel Hertz** impressed with her photography skills, while former crabbing and fishing counselor **Chris Tull** arrived by boat. Everyone enjoyed the crab feast, friends,

and Bay view, including **Julie (Margulies) Hassett**, **Kate Livie**, **Julia King**, **Layla Gilbert**, **Tyler & Georgie Creamer**, **Bob & Suzi Creamer**, **Jordan Chasnoff & Megan Lewis**, **Hazen Arnold**, and **Sam & Rachel (Skolnik) Cogen**. The Rice family was also there in full force—**Peter Rice**, **Katie (Rice) Mouldsdale**, and **Julie (Rice) Blyman**—not to mention future WFDs Anna, Oliver, Adele, and Gardner (see the New Arrivals section of our gossip column!). **Ronnie Edelman** and **Marilynn MacLean**, devoted parents of veteran EHC'ers also attended, as well as many friends of Mike and Liliya's who did not go to camp but have been enthusiastic supporters of our mission over the years. Many of these attendees were joined by their spouses and future campers/kids—Watch out Pete, we hear this next generation of Echo Hill-ers is rowdy!

Not to be outdone, the following day September 29th, **Dara Sichertman** and **Jamie (Garfield) Drew** threw a bash like Brooklyn has never seen! As many are aware, Kent County, MD is often referred to as NYC's "Sixth Borough," which may explain the event's excellent turn-out. Of course, its popularity may also have resulted from the promise of a reunion between **Dara**, **Jamie**, and fellow FBU ("Fun Blonde University") alumnae **Sarah Tomlin Bupp**. We'll never know for sure. One thing was clear, however, the NYC party totally killed it. There were Madonna dance-a-thons, swamp mucking, beading for a double, sing-backs, "what would you do for a coke?" games (fyi, works much better in environments where coca-cola is sparse) and much, much more. Partygoers young and old enjoyed the beautiful weather and spent time catching up. Attendees **Jon Pauley**, **Michael Hastings Black**, **Derek Bupp** and **Philip Graham** serenaded the crowd with old camp favorites like "Peaceful Easy Feeling" and "Damage Done." Recently published author **Ruthie Baron** read excerpts from her young-adult novel "Defriended." That was, especially, a hit amongst the younger attendees, Arla, Rosa and Dean Graham, Emily and Nella Bupp and 10-month old Harrison Drew. The party was so successful that it was crashed by Echo Hillians from cities other than NY. Philadelphian **Sallie (Garfield) Parks** couldn't keep away (although some say she was spying) and tagged along with NY'er **Nika Williams**. "I heard it was going to be a rager and I had to be here, even though I'm organizing a EHC Philly party myself," Garfield was overheard saying to **Petey Rice, III**, **Graham Goetz**, **Lindsay Sullivan**, and **Ana Ortiz**. Other illustrious guests included **Dan Blaemire**, **Morgan Creamer** (and fiancé), **Daniel Fuerst**, and **Jared Feldman**.

Meanwhile, on the West Coast, **Peter Boyd** and **Lizzy Brooks** were gearing up for their October 6th San Francisco bash. More than twenty people attended an event 2500+ miles from Echo Hill at 1:30pm on a beautiful fall afternoon in the city. Alumni in attendance included **Charles Bracewell** and **Jay Newell**.

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## THE LONG DRIVE HOME

by Emily Porter

Back in August, for their last day of camp, I agreed to drive a few campership kids to a central meeting point so their families could pick them up. I have performed this task a few times, but the last time was well over a decade ago, when my own tenure at camp was a more recent memory. Nowadays, I view a visit to “the Land of Pleasant Living” as a way to see what my own children might experience in a few years.

When I arrived at the first camper’s tent, I was immediately greeted with playful whines and pouts; my presence confirmed the dreaded fact that camp was, indeed, over. After a few minutes of denial, the surrounding campers began to collect and load their friend’s belongings, including a coveted award almost wider than my car. Everyone hugged her tightly; one counselor scribbled her cell phone number and email address on a piece of paper and pressed it into her departing hand.

As I plucked my remaining two campers from Echo Hill’s magical embrace, I realized I was playing an unfamiliar role in the Echo Hill dynamic - one my parents would have sympathized with long ago - the interloper. This summer, as every summer before it, kids and staff shared an experience complete with its own jokes, lexicon, and soundtrack. I could never hope to understand the specifics of what made it the best one yet. All I knew was that I was the bearer of bad tidings - it was over. With

that in mind, I herded all three kids into the car relatively quickly, managing only a dozen more stops along camp road to say goodbye to one last counselor or to give one more hug to the friend running alongside my car (yes, that really happened).

Once the kids said their last farewells and I rolled up the windows, I smelled the familiar, lingering aroma of woodsmoke. This reminded me of my passengers’ last 48 hours: the last dance, a lengthy awards ceremony and a pre-dawn Echo Ring. I knew if I wanted to extract any details about the summer I had to act quickly, before everyone passed out from exhaustion. And they tumbled out - jubilant tales of sailing in a sunfish and accidentally (on purpose?) ending up near Tockwogh’s waterfront, of swamp mucking and of a new love for swamp canoeing. The quietest of the bunch declared she was no longer terrified of (most) bugs. Memorable Evening Activities were mentioned, along with favorite counselors. Then, before even hitting the first stoplight, all three kids were fast asleep, clutching their awards and camp T-shirts.

These kids - along with the 19 others we sent to camp - had an amazing and challenging few weeks as they befriended - and learned from - their peers and counselors, and directed their own camp experience with the guidance of camp staff. We are so grateful to all of you who helped make this happen, and sincerely hope that each child who has been “bitten” by the Echo Hill bug is able to return next year.

### MATCHING GIFT ANNOUNCEMENT

We have exciting news for our upcoming fiscal year! Starting from the minute you read this newsletter through October 31, 2014, a group of generous donors have agreed to match your donations on a dollar for dollar basis. This means that your donation of \$100 gets doubled to \$200, and so forth. This upcoming reporting year (November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014) will be the first in a multi-year Matching Gift Campaign, with each year presenting a different challenge to encourage new and existing donors to step up their game.

Please visit [www.facebook.com/echo.fund](http://www.facebook.com/echo.fund) or [www.ehcf.org](http://www.ehcf.org) for additional details. If you have not given to EHCF in a while, or feel that you can increase your donation, now is the time to do so!

Help us tap into all of the matching dollars that have been pledged so that we can send even more kids to camp, while also shoring up our reserves.

Thank you!

### WANT A FREE T-SHIRT?

We **REALLY** appreciate the special commitment of EHCF donors who make their on-line donation recurring each month. And to prove it, every person who signs up for a monthly recurring donation will get a “We Send Kids to Camp” EHCF T-shirt (while supplies last)! It couldn’t be easier - just go to <https://npo.justgive.org/EHCF>, select a donation amount and check the box:

*“Make this a monthly recurring donation.”*

Thank you!

### FLAT PETE

This year, EHCF is determined to answer that perennially nagging question ... *What does Pete do all winter?* Sure, he sticks around camp for the reunion, but after that Katie, Penny, and Annelieke pretty much have things under control, right? Tune in to our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/echo.fund](http://www.facebook.com/echo.fund) as we follow Pete on his jaunts around America (and maybe even the globe) from January until it’s time to put the boats back in the Bay. We hear he’s planning to visit a bunch of EHCF friends—maybe he’ll even show up on your doorstep!



## ECHO HILL MOURNS PAULINE RICE



The grand matriarch of Echo Hill Camp passed away peacefully on Sept. 5, 2013, at age 96, in her home on Still Pond Creek surrounded by family, friends and her dog, Suki.

Born and raised in a small town “where her father owned the moving picture show;” near Mansfield State Teachers College (Mansfield, Pa), Pauline obtained a teaching certificate from there in 1943 - the same year she married her college sweetheart, Peter Paul Rice. Pete was immediately deployed to Europe as a glider pilot in World War II, so Pauline worked as an assistant librarian and a case investigator for the Department of Welfare.

After the war when Pete returned, they moved to Washington, D.C. to teach at the Sidwell Friends School. Pete became a principal but Pauline left to specialize in teaching children with dyslexia. She opened her own school, “The Reading Center,” and became an expert in her field. Her center was the only dyslexia testing facility in Washington, DC.

Pete and Pauline operated the Sidwell Friends Day Camp in Washington for 25 years. When Echo Hill Camp came up for sale in 1965, they bought it and turned it into a family operation. Pauline served as program director, dietitian, occasional nurse and always “Camp Mom.” She loved camp life, being on the Chesapeake Bay, living in Kent County and visiting Betterton to eat crabs.

In 1979, Pete and Pauline retired to Port St. Lucie, Fla. to enjoy 20 years of parties, golf, tennis and Club Med. Pauline also wrote poetry - about skipjacks, the Chesapeake Bay, watermen and Eastern Shore life. She said her poems were for family and friends, but several were published. She loved genealogy as well, and developed an extensive family tree, which included her grandfather, who invented the third pedal on the piano, and her father, the college football coach who was so well loved they named the stadium after him. Pauline was an elegant lady, always well dressed, who insisted on old-fashioned good manners. She was strong and intelligent and always tried to make her family and friends happy. She and Pete Sr. had an intense romantic love affair that lasted 61 years. Her family believes that in the 18 years after he died, all she wanted was to be with him again. Pauline will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery, next to Pete, in December. “*We love you Pauline, Oh yes we dooooo!*” She is greatly missed.

### 6-CITY FUNDRAISER

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Jay, Lizzy and Peter convinced a number of their friends in the area to join the fun and EHCF was able to raise almost \$1,000 from this small group of generous supporters. The fun went down at Jamber Restaurant and Wine Pub, which graciously contributed \$1 to the Campership Fund for specific drinks purchased by participants. (Any EHC alumni looking for a great place to eat and enjoy an eclectic selection of craft beers and wines in the SOMA area of San Francisco should check out Jamber!) EHCF’s San Francisco contingent looks forward to recruiting even more SF alumni to join next year’s event—we know there are a few more of you guys out there!

The world had to wait two more weeks for the next event, on October 19th, in Philadelphia. While ~~spy~~ host **Sallie (Garfield) Parks** greeted guests, fellow host **Svenny Greene** lounged by the fire. They were joined by friends **Nika Williams, Caitlin Coslett, Kerry Boland, Michael Poulshock, Adam Rose(nberg), Rob Rosenberg, and Maris (Morelli) Leo**. Anonymous sources tell EHCF that for some reason Zachariah just isn’t as scary in an apartment party room.

Last but not least, the smallest but fiercest contingent of Echo Hillians got together in Los Angeles October 27th. **Eric Greene** bravely volunteered to host while in PhD dissertation-preparation haze, and waited patiently for all the secret LA alumni to reveal themselves. **Cissy Fenwick** was the first to emerge, only to report the other guests couldn’t get out of **Suzanne Bunniss’s**

drama rehearsal. They promise to be there next year after the release of her major motion picture, which we hear is a mash-up between *Wet Hot American Summer* and *Walking Dead*.

Many, many thanks to our fantastic party hosts **Michael Boyd, Mike Grossman** and **Liliya Khizder, Natika (Dannenfesler) Stewart, Dara Sicherman, Jamie (Garfield) Drew, Peter Boyd, Lizzy Brooks, Sallie (Garfield) Parks, Svenny Greene, and Eric Greene!** With your help, our first ever Around-America event tour (points to the person who thinks up a fun name for these parties next year) raised \$8,947.09. This is an important chunk of EHCF’s 2013 fundraising goal of \$75,000. **Please help us get the rest of the way there by going to [npo.justgive.org/EHCF](http://npo.justgive.org/EHCF) right now.**

And without further ado....(drumroll)... the winners are...  
**Most Tickets Sold: New York City**  
**Most Money Raised: Washington, DC**  
**Most Creative Invitation Image: Los Angeles**  
**Best Group Photo: New York City**  
**Oldest Guest: Peter Rice, Jr. (Kent Island)**  
**Youngest Guest: Oliver, Adele, and Gardner Blyman (Kent Island), three-way tie**

*And a multi-way tie for Best Gossip for the news of all the future campers currently baking in their mommies’ tummies! Best wishes to the expecting parents, and to the CAs of 2030.*

Congratulations to all!! We can’t wait to see you next year!

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# HAVE YOU HEARD ...?

## New Additions

Many former EHC'ers are working hard to ensure camp will be full of second (or third) generation campers in the next decade.

**Julie (Rice) & Brent Blyman's** triplets arrived last March: Adele VanNorman, Oliver Wenzel, and Gardner Reilly are keeping their parents busy and charming everyone they meet. They have already created their own WBA team and are open to suggestions for a fitting team name, or another set of triplets that can round out the roster.

Shortly after being joined in matrimony by her Honor **Rachel (Skolnik) Cogen, Liam Gilbert** and wife Shirley Reyes welcomed baby Stanley in March. Not surprisingly, Stanley is already a talented soccer player and speaks mostly in baseball stats. Meanwhile, big sister **Layla Gilbert** is now attending the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

**Jamie Garfield Drew** and her husband Jim will celebrate Harrison "Harry"'s first birthday in December. Harry takes after both parents as he is incredibly well dressed, but also makes a mean Philly cheesesteak.

Happy 1st Bday Anna Camou Mouldsdale! August 15, 2013.

**Campbell McLean**, wife Sarah, and big sister Amelia welcomed new addition Molly this year. The McLeans live in Baltimore, where Campbell teaches 7th grade at Afya, a public school he helped open, and Sarah (still confused why children were covered in paint and mud when they visited camp) works for Teach for America. Campbell sings Dell songs to Amelia and Molly at bedtime, and can't wait to send them to camp.

**Katharine Hope**, husband Sebastian Gordon, and big brother Elliot welcomed new addition Graham this year! They are moving to Tasmania, before a quick jaunt to South Africa. Really!

**Gareth Davies & wife Tamarin Pignégué** welcomed daughter Ruby Tamarin in February. Gareth says Ruby has inherited his incredible strength and ability to repel sharks, so Ruby will swim to EHC from New Zealand for her first summer at camp.

## Expecting

**Belle (Keller) Hornblower & Breton Hornblower** are expecting a future camper in late January! She can't wait to claim a bottom bunk on girls side sometime around 2024!!

**Sallie (Garfield) Parks & husband Nathaniel** are expecting their first baby in late February!

**Tara (Morgenthal) Boezi** and husband Mark are expecting their second child this year. Big brother Travis is excited!

**Peter Boyd & his wife Christine Bohle** are expecting their first baby in March!

**Zack Noble** and wife Darrah are expecting their 3rd child in December, who will be joining two big sisters.

**Natika (Dannenfelsner) & Patrick Stewart**, along with big brothers Henry and Greer, are excited about another addition to their family, expected in late April 2014!

## Weddings/Relationships

**Kiva (Feldman)** married Dan Zytlick in Washington, DC, on June 2, 2013. Holding half the huppah were Kiva's siblings **Jared Feldman** and **Julia Feldman** (who have a 22 year Feldman sibling streak going at EHC), and in the front row were fellow CA Girls of '98, **Katie (Rice) Mouldsdale** and **Natika (Dannenfelsner) Stewart**. Their counselor, the famed **Katharine Hope** of "Katharine's Angels" advised Dan on the Mozambique wildlife he and Kiva would encounter on their honeymoon, while Kiva was busy dancing with Katharine's son Elliot. **Nika Williams, Campbell McLean, Josie Goodrow, and Judd Lewis** also joined the celebration!

**Morgan Creamer** was recently engaged to Mike Farrah. They live in New York City with adorable french bulldog puppy Lola. **Annelieke (Noordhoek) & David Walbert** married on September 14, 2013. A raucous celebration followed the ceremony, where numerous EHC-ers danced the night away, including: the entire **Rice** clan, **Penny, Barb**, the **McCowns**, the **Stones, Cindy Jackson, Bobby Pyfer, Eddie Lucas, Georgie** and **Tyler Creamer, Michael Boyd, Jordan Chasnoff, Megan Lewis, Noah Chasnoff, Matt Lilja, Leah Kramer, Lola Dalrymple, Maddy Beitz, Hannah Richardson, Fran Sweeny, Eliot Ballard, Andrew Kessner, Dan Blaemire, Nathan Maycock, Dan Fuerst, Chelsea Roukes, Carter Bleclie, Hanna Rocks, Ryan Flanigan, Et Halstead, Brandon Brown, AJ Goodman, Megan Heffernan, Albert McCormack, Caitlin Stroud, Bridgette Wunder, Scott Walbert, Sarah Basden, and MacKenzie Clark.**

**Jay Newell** married beautiful wife Laura on April 6th, in St. Michaels on the Bay. Officiating was **Sam Picard**, joined by best man **Campbell McLean, Josie Goodrow** and **Kiva (Feldman) Zytlick**. They ended the amazing night, like all good last dances, with a raucous rendition of "Shout!"

**Christine (Jackson) & Preston Hart** moved from EHC-Brooklyn to West Virginia, where Christine is attending med school and Preston can be seen riding his lawnmower around their big backyard chased by their adorable whoodle Miles.

**Chelsea Roukes** is engaged to David Eddy, and living in the Big Apple.

**Maggie (Littlewood)** married Asa Lopatin, September 2013! With her was lovely bridesmaid **Julia King**.

**Helene Poulshock** married David Cotton, August 2013!

**Patrick Bernhardt** married wife Courtney in June, in between graduating from UVA law school and taking the Bar exam. They are now in DC, where you can often spot them at Guapo's.

**Alison Daigh** married Robert Honeycutt on September 28 on the beach at Gibson Island. Cousin and fellow camp alum **Leah Canham Stearns** attended with daughter Elizabeth, who dazzled as a flower girl along with Alison's daughter Joey. Alison's older daughter Molly was the maid of honor. Alison and Robert live in Baltimore, not far from another newlywed couple:

**Emily Hurwitz** was wed to Rich Linger of Annapolis, MD on October 5, in a "60's/Mad Men" themed wedding in Baltimore. EHC Alumni included **Alison (Daigh) Honeycutt**, and Hurwitz siblings **Mike** and **Suzie**, as well as **Ariel (Hurwitz) Roth**. Emily's son (and young EHC alum) **Ian** was also there, as well as Justin Harris and his wife Haleh. The wedding guests danced to Friday night dance favorites *Blister in the Sun* and selections from the Beastie Boys.

Our own **Jordan Chasnoff** will be marrying **Megan Lewis** this spring. Jordan has promised to get us details and photos from the wedding in time for the 2016 newsletter at the latest.

## Random Stuff!

**Patrick Gorman** is "Just an Irishman looking for his pot o' gold in the highlands of Montana." Seriously — he recently dewatered his first gold mine, the "Golden Jubilee."

**Ruthie Baron** has published a young-adult horror/mystery novel called "Defriended." Buy it on amazon.com today!

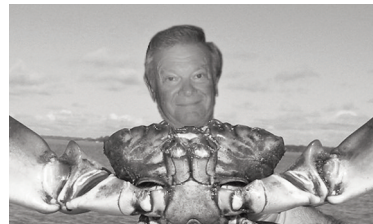
**Eddie Lucas** made a splash as the sanest (and funniest) cast member on Bravo's new hit reality tv show, *Below Deck*. Rumor has it there will be a second season!

Also on the water is **Jack Lowenstein**, who left for Bahrain with the U.S. Coast Guard this November.

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**Petey Rice** is now working with **Graham Goetz** at the New York Road Runners (one of the organizations that puts on the NYC Marathon, which was a huge success). Beep beep!

A young farmer in Pioneer Valley, Western Massachusetts spotted **Martin Anderton**. No, he wasn't in a tree—he couldn't bring his adorable baby with him so decided to stay grounded.

**Brendan Merrill** is making his own movie in China, *The King's Gambit*. Wā!

**Dara Sichertman** is working for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, in between teaching Art History at Pratt Institute and indoctrinating her three young kids in everything Echo Hill. She briefly recreated a summer at camp while she and **Philip Graham** spent a month at the Rice's cottage.

DC's Teacher of the Year, **Julia King**, has had an exciting year and continues to teach 7th grade at D.C. Prep Public Charter School. We are so proud of you Julia!

**Michael Boyd** completed his Master's Degree in Architecture from Catholic University and is busy renovating his DC house.

**Ralph Lee**, co-owner of DC restaurants *Acqua Al 2* and *Ghibellina*, was recently featured in a Washington Post article as one of the few successful DC restaurateurs who is actually a native Washingtonian. It included photos and mentioned delicious food and lots of prosecco. Ralph, can you get us a reservation, even if you remember what we looked like at Pig Meal?

Self-appointed dictator of the Montana Branch of EHCF, **Matt Lowy**, reports that his wife, Kimberly Dudik, served her first year in the Montana House of Representatives, and that he will be running as Missoula County's next Justice of the Peace in 2014. They are also expecting their third child in January. Older siblings Xavier, five, and Siena, three, will consider putting their own political ambitions on hold until their new brother or sister can commit to working as the family campaign manager.

## THANK YOU ...

On behalf of the Campership Fund children over the last 10+ years and the alumni who have enjoyed numerous reunions, parties and events, we would like to thank **Patrick Gorman, Mike Grossman, Jordan Chasnoff** and **Kyle Jossi** for their service to the Echo Hill Campership Fund Board of Directors. The Campership Fund would not be the organization it is today without their dedicated service.

Patrick served as President of the Campership Fund during what is arguably the organization's most successful period. During his decade-plus tenure, the Fund tripled the kids it supports and the total number of weeks they spent at camp. In 2001 the Campership Fund sent seven kids to camp for twenty weeks. Since 2008 the number has increased to at least 20 kids for 58 weeks, including one summer of 68 weeks. Under Patrick's guidance the Campership Fund increased its annual fundraising, even during the Great Recession of 2008, and strengthened its overall financial position. We are excited Patrick agreed to continue supporting us by serving on the Selection Committee.

The mark of a good leader is that they recruit great team members and Patrick fits this bill. He recruited Mike Grossman to join the Board in the spring of 2004 at a time when the Board's ranks had started to thin. Mike quickly organized a DC fundraiser that brought in over \$10,000 in one day, highlighting the organization's potential. Mike has always had strong ties to Echo Hill Camp, Peter Rice and the entire alumni base. For almost a

decade he served as the liaison between the Campership Fund and Echo Hill Camp. Mike has hosted a number of crab feasts at his place on the Eastern Shore and his quick wit and friendly demeanor were a pleasant addition to any event (including Board meetings). Mike has also agreed to join Patrick and **Julia King**, DC's Teach of the Year! on the Selection Committee.

When Jordan joined the Campership Fund he was probably the youngest person to ever serve on the Board of Directors. That's not surprising because he has overachieved in every aspect of his life, including the selection of his bride-to-be. Jordan's departure is all our loss since he was the mastermind behind the newsletter's entertaining gossip column. It's only fitting that Jordan was pulled away from the Campership by his desire to make gossip instead of simply write about it.

And finally, we bid farewell to Kyle Jossi, who deftly organized and executed one of the most well-received EHC Reunions ever in 2012! Kyle's cheerful and calm demeanor reminded us why she was such a beloved camp nurse for so many years, and we are grateful she schleped into DC from Olney for Board Meetings for as long as she did!

All kidding aside, the Echo Hill Campership Fund would not be the organization it is today without the dedicated service of these people. They leave behind a legacy of success and the current board members hope to fill the large shoes they've left behind. Thank you for everything you've done!

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