



The Pinewoods Post

◆ SPRING 2017 ◆

Greetings from the new Board President

Amazingly, it's April again! I don't know about you, but habitually, once January hits, I start looking for camp applications online, wondering who's going this year, and counting my vacation days to figure out how much Pinewoods time I can squeeze into one season. And then there's that glorious moment of driving into camp for the first time in a summer, getting out of the car at the greeting station, and somehow feeling like I'm coming home again.

Pinewoods has been a constant in my life for the 23 years I've been attending camp sessions, and so much longer for some people. Its traditions and sameness are a such comfort that many folks are unaware of the huge number of changes that have happened over the years. As Deborah Kruskal has explained in recent Post articles, an immense amount of thought and planning go into making those changes appear intuitive and invisible whenever possible.

So although you may not notice the new windows in Fieldtown or the lack of trees that are no longer in danger of

falling down on a building or on your head, there are couple of changes I want to acknowledge in particular. First, I know you are eager to meet and hear from our new Executive Director, Carl Mastandrea. Carl has hit the ground running, well prepared and trained by Judy Savage. Carl brings great experience and energy to the job, and we are delighted to welcome him to the community. I hope you'll stop into the office and say hello to him when you're at camp this summer.

I also want to say a big thank you to Warren Anderson, who, though still a PCI board member, has stepped down from the role of President. The board is often an invisible group of people, but Warren, in particular, has spent countless hours on behalf of Pinewoods, leading the board and spearheading facilities projects, including donating his time and expertise as an architect to many of the latest building projects around camp. Warren remains the leader of the Camp Facilities Committee, and I'm delighted he's around to offer advice and help as I attempt to fill his shoes.

I hope to see many of you at camp this summer, and I hope many of you regard it as your home away from home, as I do. I love talking about Pinewoods, and I'd be happy to chat with you about it whenever I'm not running off to class! ◆

Joanna Reiner



*Joanna Reiner in St. Croix, 2017
Photo credit: Mary Lea*

Notes from the Executive Director

As many of you know, I started working at Camp at the beginning of this year. During the interview process for this job, I was really impressed with the whole organization. Over the last few months, that feeling was confirmed tenfold. Judy spent the month of January training me. Working with her has been great. I understand now why she was so good at her job. She is organized, professional, compassionate and hardworking. I learned how to use the accounting and fundraising software, manage the calendar and write contracts. I have had my first Program Providers' meeting and have hired most of the summer staff. I even learned how to run the snowplow. Each day, I took time to walk around camp to familiarize myself with the place and each day I saw

another facet of its beauty. I continue to get why everyone loves this place. I also understand that I have been entrusted with the operation of the camp and I promise you I will do my best to make the transition as seamless as possible. It's been a great start and I am looking forward to the beginning of another awesome summer at Pinewoods!

Over the Winter:

We had 4 major snowstorms since the beginning of the year and I am happy to report that there was no major damage. A few trees fell across the road – one on the entrance road and one on the road near C# Minor. One significant branch fell and was leaning on the porch at Hunsdon House, but it did no damage.

The electricity went out about a half a dozen times during the winter. The best moment was during a snowstorm in March. I was working late in the Camp office when it went

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out. You don't know darkness until you can't see your hand in front of your face. I stood up at my desk unsure of what to do next. As I did, lightning lit up the woods in front of me. It was beautiful! This is probably the only time you'll ever hear me say that lightning in Camp was beautiful (and I can only say it with a wet, soggy, snow-filled Camp.) Then the emergency lights went on in C# and that looked beautiful too! So I sat down and watched the storm and waited for the electricity to come back on (which it did about 20 minutes later).

When I started working in January, I asked Tony Baker to include me in his normal off-season process. As you know, Tony is great -- a talented, well-organized caretaker. He taught me how to use the snowplow, turn on the generator at John Raymond, and patrol the Camp for any storm damage. This spring, I have been helping Tony turn the water on in Camp. It's a little like Minecraft meets the Flintstones. First, turn on the 7 levers hidden under special rocks in the woods, then crawl under 6.5 cabins and replace the drain plugs, then find the 3 hidden boxes buried in the ground under three baby pines, then find the four mysterious drain pipes that lead to nowhere and finally turn one spigot to the left and the other to the right ... and voila, the Square has water!

I have gone through the Pinewoods website making minor changes and cleaning up the look of some pages. I also hope to start actively using the Camp's Facebook page to keep everyone updated about what's going on at Camp.

Welcoming the 2017 Crew:

The following is a partial list of the upcoming summer's crew. There are many old faces mixed with a few new ones.

Camp Manager.....	Bean Knott
Head Cook.....	Cecile Huttenhower
2nd Cook	tba
3rd Cook	Emma Kahn
Dining Hall Manager.....	Gus Cantienti/ Meghan Murray
Kitchen Aide.....	Alice Flanagan
Kitchen Aide.....	Charlotte Holt
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Dishwasher	Rowyn Peel
Pot Washer	Sam Howe
Grounds Crew Chief.....	Kim Frisch
Grounds Crew	Sam Conant
Grounds Crew	Katrina Skidmore



*Tony working his magic
Photo credit: Carl Mastandrea*

Finally, in addition to bringing me aboard, Pinewoods also gets another dog. Let me introduce you to Brady, a German short-haired pointer a little over a year old. He's still a pup, and though he is well-behaved, he gets very excited meeting new people. He'll be on a leash this summer until he calms down a little. He is very friendly and he loves it at Camp. Over the winter he made acquaintance with a number of birds and squirrels, though he didn't quite know what to make of the occasional turkey.

Please introduce yourself to Brady and me this summer. I am looking forward to meeting you all! ◆

Carl Mastandrea



*Carl and Brady at the Manager's Office
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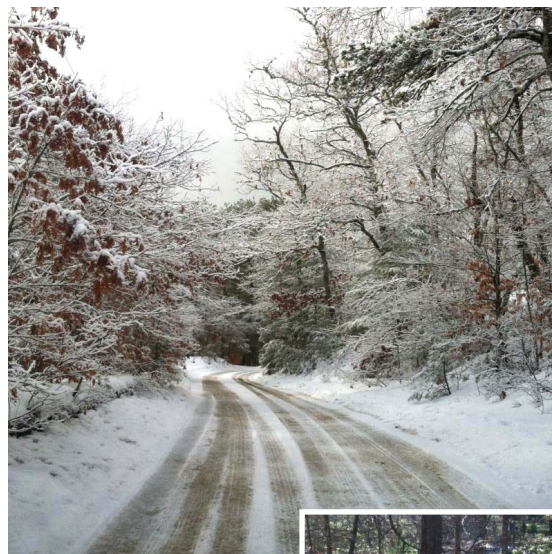
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Winter

*Summer
at Pinewoods*



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Six Ponds Annual Meeting and Community Dance

Pinewoods Camp will host its Community Dance and Concert and the Six Ponds Annual Meeting & Potluck Supper on Sunday, June 11th. The Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper for members of the Six Ponds Association will be held at the Pinewoods Camp Dining Hall from 5:00-7:30 PM, followed by a dance at the Ampleforth dance pavilion from 7:30 - 10:30 PM. No dancing experience is required.

Newcomers are welcome! In addition to this special event in June, we invite our neighbors to join our Sunday evening dances throughout the summer. If you are a neighbor and are curious about the laughter and music that you hear during the summer, please come and share the joy. ◆





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Work Weekends

Our Spring Work Weekends are scheduled for May 19-21 and May 26-29, Memorial Day Weekend: two great opportunities to spend time with old friends, make new friends, and contribute your loving labor to Pinewoods in preparation for the new season. Folks new to camp are welcome; no special skills are required. Housing and meals are provided. Daytime activities include opening the Camphouse, cabins and kitchen, raking the grounds, painting, and moving furniture. Evening activities depend on the talent and initiative of volunteers attending each weekend. They may include dancing, singing, jamming, games, or just schmoozing. Sign up now on our website, www.pinewoods.org or phone 508-224-4858. Please register at least 3 days in advance. Work Weekends fill up quickly! ◆



(photographer unknown)