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Dear Campers,

Stay connected to what's happening at the Hagan Gathering September 2015 through these monthly newsletters and website. See who is attending and some new Photo Galleries. If you have questions, you can email us at HaganGathering@gmail.com

***Happy Valentine's Day
to the Hagan Kitchen Boys***

Thanks for the memories. Check out the "Kitchen Boys Photo Gallery" at CampHagan.com



***Walk down "Memory Lane" with
Bob Wilson as he talks about his
summers at Hagan***

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Recollections of a Stewardess/1965

Jane Grigger (Griggs)

Stewardess pay for the entire summer was \$150 from George Rettstadt (food service provider), plus \$25 from Hagan for helping in the canteen. (At the time, Hershey bars were a nickel!) That works out to about \$20 per week!

Carla Smith from Palmerton was the other stewardess that summer. She was a friend of Linda Gundelsheimer's. The two of us kept the Waitress Chart for each week, supervised the waitresses from each cabin, organized and put out the dishes/silverware for each meal, led the waitresses in Morning Watch each day, organized the food for day, overnight hikes, and Pioneering cookouts; and supervised the Friday scrubbing of Great Hall by the low scoring cabin of each unit in daily inspection.

As you can imagine, there was a lot of joking around with the kitchen boys and cooks, as we all went about our various tasks. I do remember that the guys were always locking each other in the walk-in fridge, and not by accident! And they really did grind up leftover meat for the Sloppy Joes! Was that served on Sunday nights? At about the halfway point of the summer, George, with help from some of the Mini and/or Miller kitchen staff, cooked us a special sit down, late night dinner, which we (Stewardesses and kitchen guys) enjoyed in our dressiest clothes.

I'm not positive who the head cook at Hagan was that summer, but I think it was Tommy Boyce, with Bobby Wilson as a cook, and his brother Kevin, perhaps George's assistant or the head of the cooks at all three camps. That's all a bit fuzzy for me now. The guys visited back and forth among the three camps, and, as I recall, played a lot of football and volleyball at Hagan during their free time. And they constantly had the radio blasting between meals -- Hot Time- Summer in the City, Up on the Roof, Henry the VIII, etc.

I found a quote in a Hagan Herald gossip column (entitled 'Gravel', by the way, get it?), "Kevin, how's your bod?" I think everyone at camp was saying it, but I can't remember how it got started. Can you believe we even had a gossip column?! The summer flew by, and before I knew it, it was time for me to head off to band camp (in, where else, the Poconos) before my freshman year at Bucknell.

One final memory about Great Hall -- who can forget that we witnessed the moon landing July 20, 1969, on that snowy, small black and white TV in Great Hall! The parents had called the Rat Trap all week demanding that their daughters stay up to see it. The landing was delayed by at least an hour, and as soon as it took place, the kids bolted back to their cabins, because they just wanted to sleep and didn't really care.

A Pent House Moment - Nancy Hartman

The only thing I remember about the penthouse, really, is that their shower wall was the back of the mountain, and they had snakes coming in there while they were showering. It was just really a hellhole. The neat thing was that the guys really embraced Hagan and its traditions. They participated in Christmas; they gave us birthday cakes. They came back every year; we came back every year. They kept in touch in the off-season; we kept in touch in the off-season. They feared George Rettstadt, but they also worked hard for him and respected him more as they got older.

Coming March 2015 "Then & Now" Photo Gallery



**Nancy Hartman
Camp Hagan 1957-1967**

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