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THE HAGAN TEA 1948, 1956, 2015

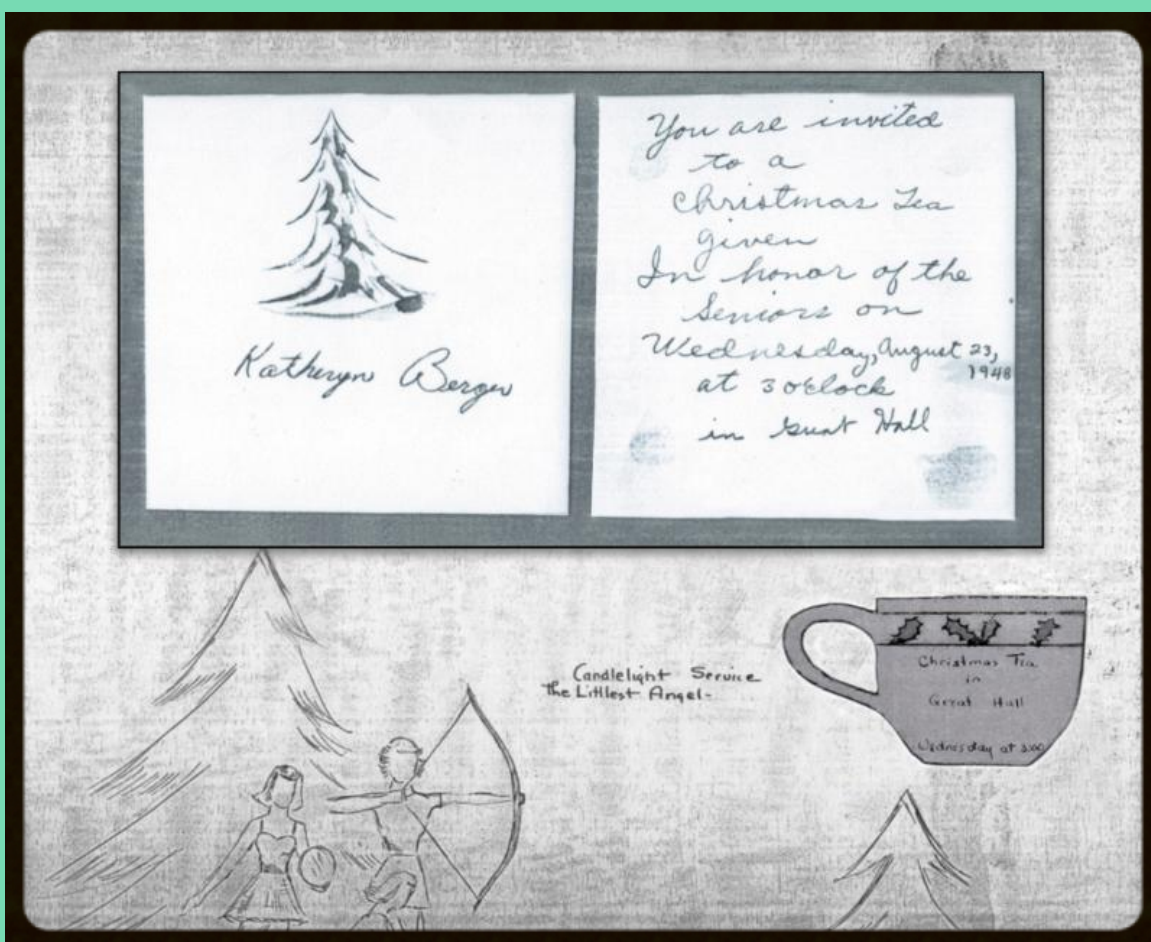


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1948 - An invitation to a Christmas Tea from then Associate Director, Kit Berger

Reflections on the Hagan Tea 1956

White Gloves Required

Martie Davis, Hagan 1956-1967



The tea (I think teas, as I remember more than one) was for the senior unit only. It was held in Great Hall. We dressed in our Sunday best (including white gloves -- did you take white gloves to Hagan???) I think you actually had to "send home" for them if you had forgotten yours -- or traded back and forth between cabins, as younger cabins preceded older cabins.

When Senior 3 showed up in Great Hall, then Senior 2 said, "Thank you" to the Hostess and departed. When you went in, the DPs formed a reception line and you shook hands with each of them. Then you arrived at the head table where the Directress (in my case, Fran Bodoin) and Assistant Directress were serving tea -- from a fancy silver Tea Service and CHINA TEA CUPS!!!

Everyone sat around in a circle and engaged in polite conversation. Then you helped yourself to a tray of tea sandwiches and Petite Fours (they were to die for!!). I believe the whole shebang was catered. It was supposed to teach us manners. So much for that!



**Molly LeVan & Mitzi Mowlds Carafides share
PB&J finger sandwiches with the Dowager Countess**

The Hagan Tea 2015

Where Downton Meets Hagan

Sandy Dempsey, Hagan 1958-1967

Leave your white gloves at home and come have tea with us by the river on Tuesday, September 22 from Noon to 3:30. Start your reunion time with some scones, assorted tea sandwiches, sweets,

tea (and coffee). Reunite with your Hagan friends and meet new ones as you watch the river flow by. Afternoon Tea is a ritual that was introduced in Britain in the early 1840's. It evolved as a mini meal to stem the hunger and anticipation of an evening meal at 8

pm. Afternoon Tea was initially developed as a private social event for ladies who climbed the echelons of society. It was only when Queen Victoria engaged in the Afternoon Tea ritual that it became a formal occasion on a larger scale, known as "tea receptions". This was the genesis of the Afternoon Tea as we know it.

The Hartman Dynasty Then and Now Spanning 1952 - 1970 at Hagan



All four Hartman girls ended up on the Waterfront. All four were CITs. All four now live in different states. Professionally, two worked in education and two in government. One taught in a private school; one was a School Counselor; one worked for the Chesapeake Biological Lab of the University of Maryland; and one was a Senior Legislative Director for a Congressperson. All four have grandchildren even though only two have children. Only one was a natural redhead.



Camper Profile

Marilyn Morgan, Hagan 1951-1962

Attending Camp Hagan for ten years as a Camper, Junior Counselor, Senior I Counselor, and Entertainment Department Head was undoubtedly the biggest influence in my life, although I must admit as a Junior Five Camper my first year, I was pretty naïve.....When told at dinner that we had to don our "birthday suit" for the evening entertainment, I tearfully told my counselor that I didn't have one because it wasn't on

the list of things to bring to camp! I also wrote home that the yellow bug juice was made from yellow jacket bees, but that it was really good, in addition to my favorite meal.....chicken chow main on Thursdays!

Winning awards at "Impersonation Night" all through my camping years, brought out the "ham in me" that ultimately gave me the confidence to do some amateur theater later in life and serve my final year at Hagan as the Entertainment Department Head. I know that managing a staff of two entertainment counselors, planning a different entertainment program every night, in addition to challenging entertainment classes, and presenting a "musical" for every camp session, gave me the confidence early on in my career that I could manage a staff of 14 at the Boston College Career Center, where I was the Director of the Career Center and Alumni Career Services for twenty years.

To this day, I still think that my proudest moments have been winning the citizenship award and being named a junior counselor right after my second year in Senior 8, without having to be a CIT. I gained the confidence to go into teaching as a result of being a nature and pioneering counselor, but little did the campers know that I continued to replant the fossils that we found on the first hike so that we could find those same fossils during subsequent hikes for the rest of the season. I never did locate "Hidden Lake" either!

I still play my ukulele, but never as well as Directress Janey Endres' version of "Scarlet Ribbons." My friends from my home town remember how much they loved learning the camp songs that I taught them when I returned from camp. And even now, Rosemary Wenzler Milgate, a J.C. with me, and I always sing camp songs when we get together, even on the streets of NYC!

I can still hear the sound of the shutters slamming down when a thunder storm was threatening, the crackle of the Council Fire, muffled sniffing when "It's Time to Leave" was sung by the counselors, the shuffling sound of campers' boots while walking to the Outdoor Chapel (I still can't understand why we had to wear boots in the throes of summer heat!) and "Taps" being sounded at the end of the day.

Now I look forward to our reunion in September 2015 to hear your memories of a very special time in our lives!



An inveterate Anglophile returns to her former Cotswold cottage home on a British walking tour



Love these river cruises!

Bring Something Small for the Hagan Time Capsule

Is there something small you would like to immortalize in the Hagan Time Capsule? It must be small enough to fit in the palm of your hand. It cannot be rubber (like a Hagan swim cap), liquid (like river water) or anything metal (like paper clips). Bring it with you to the reunion and you can put it into the Time Capsule on Thursday morning. The size of the Time Capsule is 19.8 x 18.2 x 10.3 inches.



Top View of Hagan Time Capsule

News and Updates

- Check out the reunion AGENDA on the CampHagan.com website.
- We have started the "What to Bring" list for the reunion. It's on the Hagan website.
- Have you registered at the Shawnee Inn? Make sure you call them directly and say you are part of the Hagan event.
- There is still time to have your memories sealed in the Hagan Time Capsule? Send your story to HaganGathering@gmail.com

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