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A Special Camp for Special Kids

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Dr. O's is 20 Years Young

Dr. O's Victory Ride will celebrate its 20th year supporting Camp Victory this summer. The motorcycle ride has \$206,784 since August 1995. Join us Aug. 24 for this great event, which is a sight to behold.

Speaker's Bureau

We would be delighted to visit with your social, business or professional group to spread the word about Camp Victory. Contact us for information and/or to schedule a speaker.

Thoughtful Gift

Once again for the 2014 season, you could name a leaf on a tree that hangs in our Dining Hall. Details on the back.

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Pie Ladies perform the Great Pie Hand-Off

by Mary Wright

A couple of years after Camp Victory started in earnest, a group of women from Millville area's Greenwood United Methodist Church, proud of this new development in their community and wanting to contribute, decided to use their baking skills to provide campers with dessert every Wednesday evening throughout the

camping season. Spearheaded by church members Lois Bangs and the late Pearl Wolff (mother of the camp's co-founder Dennis Wolff) for the first few years they baked, brought to camp, cut and served, a variety of desserts. Somewhere along the way they realized that pies were more in demand than any other dessert. The savvy women decided to drop all other desserts and concentrate on the clear favorite. A tradition was born.

Some twenty years later that tradition is firmly entrenched at Camp Victory. Wednesday is Pie Day, and the women baking them are famously known as "The Pie Ladies." Campers even write and perform songs about "The Pie Ladies."

After the death of Pearl Wolff and the retirement of Lois Bangs, Camp Victory's near and dear neighbor Edie Rambo volunteered to take over. For some ten years she built upon the growing tradition. The kids loved her. It might have started out as cupboard love, but it quickly went well beyond. Inevitably Edie also retired. Recently longtime pie baker Mary Crawford and relative newcomer Louise Bartholomew took over from Edie.

Pie making is not restricted to church members, or to women. Mary's son Brian, who had been a Camp Spifida camper for as long as it has been part of Camp Victory and is a familiar face at the camp in various capacities, sometimes bakes his own yummy contribution. He also regularly helps cut and serve and is known to campers as "The Pie Guy." The kids love 'em all—piemakers and pies.

A few years ago the Greenwood Methodist Church merged with Millville United Methodist Church and together they became Mill-Green United Methodist Church. Church involvement in pie baking continued but over time others in the community joined them. As the number of campers increased, so did the number of pie bakers. It's a sort of floating population, (*cont'd*)



The "Pie Ladies" and the Pie Guy are, from left, Mary Crawford, Louise Bartholomew, Lois Bangs, Brian Crawford, Marie Reynolds and Peggy Bieber. Leadership recently transitioned from long-time friend Edie Rambo.



The Pie Ladies and Pie Guy stay very busy and are very popular at Camp Victory. Throughout the summer, they bake, deliver and serve pies to week-long camps every Wednesday. Campers, counselors and visitors alike get to partake in the culinary confections, which are a long-time tradition at Camp Victory that dates back to nearly the beginning.

Nearly every variety of pie is available on Pie Day and the selection is never the same. There is only one strict rule the Pie Ladies follow - absolutely no nuts!



Oreo Cookie Pie is a Camp Victory favorite among its young campers. "Pie Day" is even available to campers during Keystone Diabetic Kids Camp as each camper incorporates that into their overall dietary plan.

(cont'd from Page 1) perhaps four bakers one week, maybe ten another, as many as 17 for the largest camp. That suits the fluctuating numbers of weekly campers just fine. Camp Director Jamie Huntley gives the pie ladies a few days notice of how many campers there will be in any given week and they take it from there.

Most popular is Oreo Cookie Pie, but every kind is met with enthusiasm: apple, cherry, peach, pumpkin, blueberry, strawberry, coconut cream, lemon meringue, wet bottom pie (a version of Amish Shoo Fly pie). Laid out on the table ready for serving, they're a colorful and mouth-watering sight. There is only one rigid stipulation--no nuts. The risk of contaminating the food preparation area with what can be for some people a serious allergen, is considered too high.

In the early years pies were deemed inadvisable for diabetic campers, but today, much to the delight of campers with Type I diabetes, that thinking has changed and they too can look forward to Pie Day, so long as they include the number of carbohydrates consumed in their overall Carb Count.

The Pie Ladies operate in a very informal and friendly fashion. The chefs bake whatever they choose and the kids enjoy whatever comes. Each participant makes a pie (or two) of their choice, rarely consulting each other first. Do they ever wind up with only one choice of pie? "Never," say Mary and Louise. Somehow there's always a good balance. So come and visit us any Wednesday evening during the summer season and you will most certainly be invited to enjoy a piece of pie.

Donor Spotlight: Myles Katerman

by Joanne Troutman

Myles Katerman has a great deal of praise for both Camp Victory, and its Executive Director Jamie Huntley. And the feeling is mutual. Due in part to Myles' vision, leadership and philanthropy, Camp Victory has been able to grow and thrive in ways it may not have been able to otherwise.

Myles, a Bloomsburg resident and retired businessman, and his late wife Joanne have been supporters of Camp Victory for a number of years. Myles is an emeritus member of the Board of Directors, at one time having been a very active and involved member of the Board.

During a recent conversation about his involvement, Jamie asked why he gives. Without hesitation, he turned to her and said, "I like and appreciate all you do for Camp. You're a special person for a special camp with the love and care you show. It's not just a job for you."

Inspired by Jamie's leadership and everything he saw during his first visit to Camp with fellow Board emeritus member Derl Derr, Myles recognized that he could help. He noticed the pond was full of algae and offered to help get it straightened out so his first gift was committed to that purpose.

Shortly thereafter, he provided support for a major road paving project. At the time, the roads across campus were in very poor shape. Since the project was completed, Camp Victory's terrain has been much easier to travel for all campers, especially those in wheelchairs. Other gifts have included providing for the Katerman Caretaker House, where Camp Victory's caretaker resides to make sure Camp is taken care of during the off hours. He has also purchased a fountain for the pond.

Myles points out that Camp Victory's facilities are among the nicest he's seen among similar camps. It's a point of pride to help keep them that way.

"I often think how privileged I've been in my life," Myles says. "I'm privileged to be able to help people. There's nothing I love more than to help people."

Among all of the gifts he and Joanne had made, one stands out in his



Myles Katerman is an emeritus member of the Board of Directors at Camp Victory. He, along with his late wife Joanne, has been a long-time supporter of Camp Victory, having provided for pond maintenance, road resurfacing, the Katerman Caretaker House and an endowment to support Kids Kash as well as the operation of Camp Victory.

mind as making a true difference for the kids--his contributions to the Kids Kash Program. The Katerman Endowment was the first named endowment established at Camp Victory. It annually provides a generous sum to the Kids Kash Program to ensure that no child is unable to attend camp because of the inability to pay.

Myles understands the difference his and Joanne's gifts have made but is exceptionally and emotionally humble about his role.

"Here are these kids that for one week out of the year, they are with their peers and they are 'normal,'" he says. "Some cold dreary day in the winter, they may not be feeling well. They think about the friends they made (at Camp Victory) and that sparks a moment of happiness."

"You don't measure those things in dollars and cents. I'm very fortunate to be able to play a small part in that."

College Outreach Program

Camp Victory has long held relationships with various students at our local colleges. Within the last year, we've made a more focused effort to recruit, involve and recognize students from our regional colleges who are interested in making a difference for our campers.

Student groups are beginning to band together to provide volunteer and fundraising efforts on behalf of Camp Victory.

If someone you know attends a local college and is interested in getting more involved, contact Joanne Troutman at troutmanjoanne@gmail.com.



Members of the Phi Mu Delta fraternity at Penn College visited Camp Victory this spring to help prepare Camp for a busy summer season. Among the tasks they performed were raking and general clean-up of the grounds. More than 40 brothers assisted in the clean-up effort.



Dr. Ganahl's Public Relations class at Bloomsburg University "adopted" Camp Victory as a cause to support as part of a class project. Students in the class hosted a few fundraisers this spring. Among them was the premiere of the movie "Love In Bloom," which was produced by University students. The class raised more than \$1600 for Camp Victory.

Camp ENERGY offers week-long opportunity

Camp ENERGY (Exercise-Nutrition-Emotions-Record-Goals-You) is eager to announce its inaugural week-long experience for children and adolescents between the ages of 11 and 18 at Camp Victory this summer from August 3rd through the 8th.

The ENERGY experience will be focused on helping campers and their families start and maintain a healthy lifestyle. In its new expanded mission, ENERGY encourages holistic wellness. Rather than approach health as a physical issue, ENERGY teaches, promotes, and instills the larger factors that determine every child's well being. While these factors include physical exercise, they further encompass the nutritional, emotional, and mental aspects that are just as essential.

The underlying philosophy of ENERGY is that little battles, like what we eat, when we exercise, and how we feel about ourselves, all culminate to determine the direction of our health. The principles taught at Camp ENERGY require year-round commitment, but the camping opportunity has previously only been offered two weekends a year. This is the first time a week-long experience will be offered.

Special Events

Dr. O's Motorcycle Ride - Sunday, August 24

Open House & Appreciation Day - Sunday, Sept. 7, Noon to 3 p.m.

Fall Gathering - Sunday, Nov. 2, 2 to 4 p.m. for campers and counselors

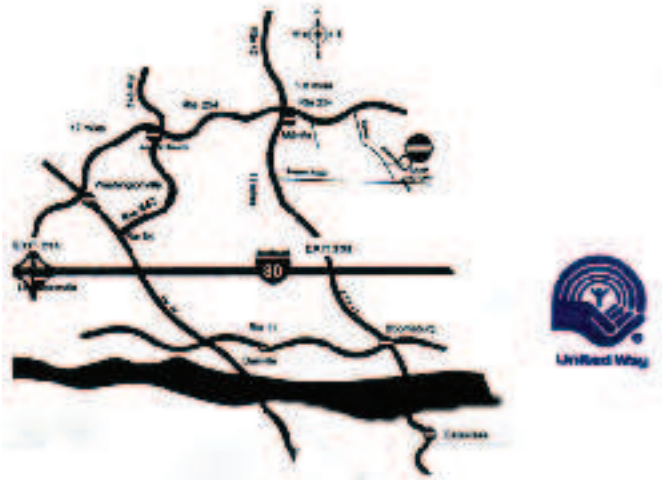
Night in Nature - Saturday, Nov. 1, 6 to 8 p.m.

Turkey Dinner Fundraiser - Sunday, Nov. 16

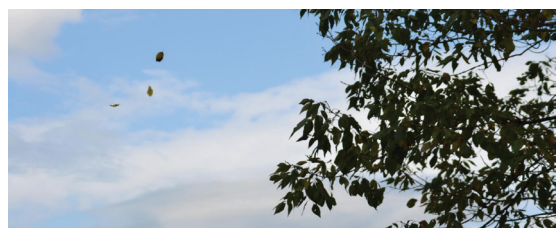
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Honor someone with a gift of \$20 or more to Camp Victory and his or her name will be placed on a tree for the 2014 season!
Simply complete the form below or go online to www.campvictory.org. A vinyl tree decal containing honorees' names will be placed in the Dining Hall for all campers and visitors to see for the next camping year.

Camp Victory Wish List

New or replacement items—there are always a few extra things that are needed at Camp. Here is a portion of the 2014 Wish List:

Archery supplies:

- Target Faces (18).....each \$15.00
- Pool Cues (10).....each \$25.00
- Specialty utensils for the kitchen.....\$200.00
- Roofing materials for 3 winter cabinseach \$2,000.00
- New ceilings for 6 summer cabinseach \$5,800.00
- New furnace/AC/hot water heater for Med Shed.....\$8,500.00
- New zero-turn riding lawn mower\$11,000.00

If you're interested in helping Camp Victory fund one of these items, just contact Joanne Troutman, Director of Development at troutmanjoanne@gmail.com or (570) 458-6530.

A Camp Victory Contribution

Please clip and mail with your contribution (payable to Nicholas Wolff Foundation, Inc.).

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MAIL TO: Camp Victory, P.O. Box 810, Millville PA 17846

OR: Donate online at www.campvictory.org

All contributions are tax deductible.



Camp Victory is fortunate to have another great class of interns this summer. From left, Morgan Ciecierski, Challenge Course director; Elise McAninch, Nature Center intern; Laura O'Donnell, Resource Development intern; and Chelsea Taylor, Nature Center intern. All four have been working at Camp since this May and will continue working through August.

We strive to keep our Mailing List current. If you would like a change in your listing or to be removed, please let us know by email, phone or mail.

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