



# CAMP SCATICO ALUMNI

## Fall 2012

### Making the Pilgrimage to Elizaville

Each summer they make the trip “home” from all across the United States. With tales from years passed, they marvel at how so much looks the same... and yet so much is so different. Girls’ side alumni usually first head for the Tribes plaques in the social hall. Boys’ side alumni often want to eye the ballfields, wondering if they can still reach the the rightfield woods on Field 1 or the leftfield woods on Field 4. Now that we have moved to a full-scale alumni reunion at camp every 5th year (the next one to celebrate Scatico’s 95th anniversary in 2015), we annually welcome individual alumni who would like to stop by and visit and remember.

We apologize for failing to keep a full list and taking photos (to be corrected in 2013) of this summer’s alumni who made the journey (usually north) to Elizaville, So, from memory and in no particular order, we loved seeing **Lawrence Thaler** (1980s-2000s), **Rebecca Marcus** (1990s), **Shawn Chudnoff**

**Goldberg** (1980s-90s), and **Jon Braunstein** (1980s-90s—who wanted to make certain his fiancée Andrea Cohen saw Scatico before their fall wedding). Representing the 1940s-50s, **Bruce Holman** (1944-56), **Sue Skollins Friedman** (1945-59), **Dennis Rinzler** (1950-62), **Fred Gnesin** (1952-64—who has moved to nearby Kingston, NY), and **Adrienne Levin** (1950s—who hadn’t been back to camp since her graduating summer as a camper). A group of 1998 Soopers also made a pit-stop at Holy Cow Ice Cream in Red Hook (see photo—from left to right: **Hope Mandel Amsterdam**, **Lauren Leiner Dermody**, **Emily Buchbinder Hutton**, **Jamie Nowak Noe**, **Ashley Green**, **Jamie Jacobs**, and **Shira Savada**). Mid-July saw several 1980s-90s alumni visiting with their spouses and children (including several next-generation campers enrolled for a first summer in 2013)—**Alan Ranzer**, **Andrew Tanenbaum**, **Kerri Berkman Winderman**, **Justin Lapatine**, and **Jon and Andrea Baron Cooper**.

One of our favorite pilgrimages was the 20th anniversary celebration of the 1992 Upper Seniors over Memorial Day Weekend. Eleven of the original 14 bunkmates were present, plus two counselors. In the front gate photo above: (kneeling) **Gregg Rosh**, **Corey Gluckstal**, and **Eric Strauss**; (standing) **Brian Schulman**, **Jon Tucker**, **Aaron Wattenberg**, **Jeff Rothman**, **Richard Levy**, **Jon Pique**, **Aaron Ziff**, **Eric Kleiner**, **David Stiefel**, and **Michael Vickers**. Jon Pique traveled the farthest—from Oakland, CA. Several had not seen each other since their graduating summer 20 years ago. Almost instantly, 35-year-olds turned 15 again. Non-stop smiling and laughing. Now if we can only figure out a way to bottle this magic.....



1998 Soopers at Holy Cow Ice Cream



1992 Upper Seniors—20th Anniversary

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Mr. Don Herzog  
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My dear Don:

I don't know of anything that moved me so much as your inspiring letter dated the 9th of February which reached me at the office the other day. I am fully aware of your feelings in the matter of not being able to return to Camp Scatico this summer. Our international situation is such a terrible mess that our young men today are constantly in a state of apprehension and concern about their future. I know of the possibility of you being drafted which is more important at the present time than anything we have before us in an economic way. I just want you to know that the door will always be wide open for you anytime you are able to get away and pay us a visit this season. I also am quite certain that the training and experience you got at Camp Scatico will be of incalculable value to you in the work that you are to do in the years ahead. Again wishing you the best of luck in all of your endeavors and to reassure you that I am always in your corner and ready to be of service whenever you should call upon me, I remain, with personal good wishes and kind regards

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Holman was obliged to leave  
before signing the above letter dic-  
tated by him.

NAT HOLMAN

Professor

Department of Hygiene & Physical Education

**Don Herzog** (1944-52) recently sent us a copy of this classic Uncle Nat letter from 1951, written to Don at his Syracuse University fraternity when he was a Sophomore. Don was worried that he would be the drafted for the Korean War and not be able to return to camp in 1951:

*"I ducked the draft by pure luck. I was actually ready to board the bus for Ft. Dix and got called off. After that I received a temporary marriage (1952) deferral. Then having a child extended the deferral, then the next child extended it again.... Now, understand, we did not have our kids to enable me to evade the draft but let's say [they were] conceived under an American flag and I consummated my patriotic duty! ... So, I did go back to Scatico in 1951 after all, my second year as a counselor on the waterfront. In 1952, I was finishing a couple of summer school classes at Syracuse University. On the way home, Sue [Kohlreiter—1938-52] and I stopped at Scatico, already in session, and talked our way into counselor jobs.... Sue and I got married in December, 1952, during my senior year. I graduated in June 1953."*



**Calling All Photos:** We are looking for classic (and even not-so-classic) photos for future issues of the Alumni Newsletter. Send by e-mail attachment to [info@scatico.com](mailto:info@scatico.com) or by mail to Camp Scatico, PO Box 6, Elizaville, NY 12523. We will return the originals, if requested.



Vintage 1980s: To the left, the Chum Brothers (with **Joe Hatchett** on lead vocals—far right) perform “*Love Stinks*” at a 4th of July Talent Show. To the right, boys’ staff work on the weekly schedule at a picnic table in front of bunk 13-14.



**Bert Holman** (sixth person standing from the left) sent in the photo above from his summer as a waiter in 1969: “A couple of the guys about week 6 into camp got bored and went out on a sign-stealing spree, and came back with what you see and more. We kept them for a while and returned them at the end of the summer. How did we not get arrested? I have no idea. We also brought back a bunch of kittens with fleas.”



## Staying In Touch

Keep connected with fellow Scaticonians by e-mailing news, photos, and recollections to [info@scatico.com](mailto:info@scatico.com). If you prefer the regular mail and printed pictures, that works just as well. We will even return the photographs after reproducing them for the Alumni Newsletter.

**Steve Atkins** (1930s—father of **Jack, Dick, Chick, and Bobby**) received the Bronze star for service in WWII from Congressman Bill Pascrell in an August ceremony in Paterson, NJ. An engineer on the frontlines in Europe, the medal had mistakenly never been awarded.... A Manhattan reunion in September brought together (from left to right) 1950s-70s Scaticonians: **Steve Hanft, Marc Hellman, Roger Warren, Michael Aronow, Jack Atkins and Manny Toonkel**.... Manny, meanwhile, was a featured artist at the “I Am NY” show at a Tribeca gallery in June. Manny’s former campers **Jeff Abrams, Andy Levine, and Ben Krull** turned out in support, with Jeff filing the following review: “*His paintings are mixed media with brilliant colors and very interesting subject matter. I bought two. One is titled “Twin Falls” and is Manny’s vision of the falls near camp.*”.... Though **Dave Kedwards** spent only one summer at Scatico (as a soccer counselor in the 1980s), he has maintained camp friendships. He is the chief executive of Wall Street English, which operates foreign language centers in 27 countries (including 63 in nine cities across China)....

You can view singer and songwriter **Ellen Woloshin Shiwolich’s** (1971-74) latest music video (a cover of George Harrison’s “While My Guitar Gently Weeps”) on YouTube.... In case you missed it, May 19, 2012, was “**Dr. Robert Seebacher Day**” in Ossining, NY. Bob (1960s-2000s, including a 10-plus summer stint as a camp doctor) was honored for his voluntary work as the Chairman of the Mid-Hudson Valley Ambulance Service... Former Met Ed Kranepool (who David Wright just passed in September as the #1 hits leader in club history) visited Scatico during the summer of 1978. He had graduated James Monroe High School in 1962. **Irwin “Flick” Fleischner** had retired as that Bronx school’s principal in 1977 (thus, the connection). During his appearance at Scatico, Ed launched several dozen balls into the rightfield woods of the main baseball

field. **Gerald Stein** was a 12-year-old camper that summer, so he could not resist approaching Ed in the stands at a Mets’ Citifield game in August to ask him about his memories of that day. Sadly, Ed could not remember anything about his pilgrimage to Scatico, but Gerald did manage a photo.... **Michael Berger** (2001-04) currently plays in the horn sections for two Long Island-based bands—The Attic and Generation. E-mail Michael’s dad **Dave** (1976-78) at [bergerettemde@gmail.com](mailto:bergerettemde@gmail.com) for information on upcoming appearances.... A New York City attorney by day, but a writer by night, Ben Krull’s most recent musings on the Presidential Election and sports appeared in The Baltimore Sun and the Pittsburgh Post

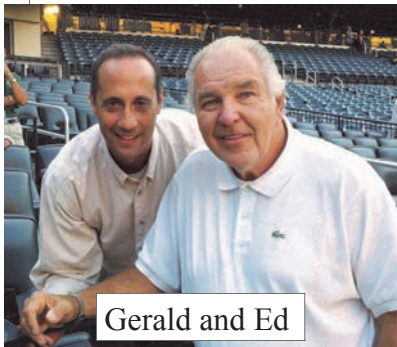
Gazette. He blogs at [benjaminkrull.com](http://benjaminkrull.com).... **Jeff Bukantz** (1974-79) was an NBC Olympic broadcaster covering fencing this past summer. He is the USA General Chairman for the 19th World Maccabiah Games, to take place in Israel in July 2013... **Sylvester Phifer** (1950s) wrote from his home in Brooklyn: “*I am now 66 years old and spent two summers as a waiter at Camp Scatico when I was 16 and 17 years old. It was truly heart-warming to view your website and relive the fond memories of my teenage years at camp. I remember Nat Holman, Daisy, and Albert the cook in the kitchen.*”.... **Jim Moscou** (1977-88) is the chief executive of Sir Richard’s Condom Co., based in Boulder, CO. The company has pledged to donate a free condom to a developing country for each sale in the United States, and toward this end Jim took a 9-day trip to Haiti in October to deliver 500,000 free condoms through a program run by the Boston-based nonprofit Partners in Health. Last March, Sir Richard’s was an Editor’s Choice Award winner at the Natural Products Expo West in Anaheim, CA .... (continued on next page)



September Reunion in NYC



Tribeca Art Show



Gerald and Ed



Michael—Sax Solo



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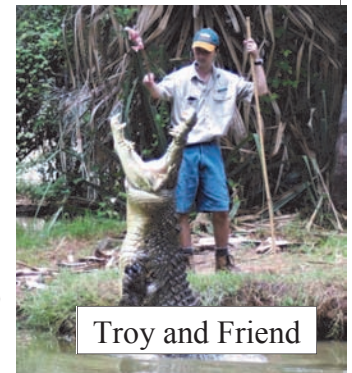
...When **Bernard Sunshine**, husband of **Margie Holman Sunshine** (1930s-40s), entered a Westchester diner wearing a Scatico sweatshirt, he was flagged down by **Lee Fadem** (1920s-30s). Lee reported: *“What a nice surprise. I was at Scatico way back starting in 1927. I can’t recall how many years I attended, but I was always Gray! I recall swimming across Lake Ellis (I was only at camp in Wingdale).”* A few days after this unplanned connection, Bernard and Lee ran into each other again in an elevator at the New York Philharmonic.... Former head of the girls’ waterfront and assistant head counselor **El Thomson** (2002-11) is currently training to swim the English Channel next summer.... **Whitney Scott** (1973-80) has clearly taken “Scatico family” to the next level. Her husband Peter Jacobson is the first cousin of **Jennifer Fleischer’s** (1960s-80s) husband Alex Schwartz. Peter and Whitney’s son Manny was a first-year camper in 2012 *“and he loves playing with his cousin Irwin Schwartz.”*... The photography of **Cory Schwartz** (1988-2012) was featured at a summer exhibition at the International Center of Photography in Manhattan. Cory’s pictures of “Collectors” included portraits of **Keith Seidenberg** (1980s—with Disney and Star Wars memorabilia) and Rich Wolfin (husband of **Sue Rubin Wolfin**—1969-2012—with his collection of vintage pinball machines). Cory spent several weeks at camp in 2011 and 2012, helping to run the 1-week Scatico-In-Training Program on boys’ side and working as a photographer-in-residence.... On a November trip to Australia, **John Hickey** (1981-2012) received a behind-the-scenes tour of the Taronga Zoo in Sydney from Zookeeper **Andrew “Troy” O’Brien** (1999-2002). John writes: *“Seven out of the 8 hours spent at the zoo we were in cages, back corridors, scientific observatories, and safety airlocks.”* As of this printing, the first of two Australia reunions (in Sydney) has occurred. The photo below includes John (standing with flag) with counselors (1990s-2000s) and children—from left to right: **Matt Watson, Melinda Haenen Cox, Janelle Perrin, Amy Taylor** (with son Fletcher), **Belinda Van de Ven, Peter Casbolt, Lachlan Casbolt, and Maria Rodriguez**... Finally, several Random Scatico Sightings (RSS) to report: **Diane Appel Rotmil** (1970s) is the Director of Program Development at the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education. She hadn’t seen **Liz Croland Sarakin** (1971-81) in more than 30 years, but recognized her in attendance at recent program she was hosting.... **Michael Smiley** and **Shawn Kaye**, who overlapped as campers and staff in the 1970s-80s, ran into each other on the streets of Great Neck, NY. Michael reports: *“That he recognized me after 30 years was impressive!”*.... **Ken Goldman** (1954-66) and **Richard Gould** (1949-56) recently pieced together a Scatico connection while working on a business transaction together. They then figured out that Ken’s daughter’s fiancée was Richard’s son’s



1920s: **Lee Fadem** and **Uncle Nat**



**Keith Seidenberg** with his collection of Disney ties.... Photo by **Cory Schwartz**.



**Troy and Friend**



Scatico Reunion in Sydney, Australia

college fraternity brother (or something like that).... **Sammy Wolfin** (2000-12) is a Sophomore at the University of Wisconsin. At a recent home football weekend, several school alumni visited her sorority house, including **EB Berwitt Strauss** (1990s-200s). They had last seen each other during the summer of 2001, when EB was a counselor and Sammy was an 8-year-old Jinter. Sammy writes: *“It was so much fun just to talk camp for a few minutes.”* In November, EB celebrated her first anniversary to fellow Scaticonian **Scott Strauss** (1980s-90s)....

**Thanks to all for staying in touch—please e-mail news and photos for the Spring issue of the Alumni Newsletter to**



# CONGRATULATIONS

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## The Next Generation

- Thomas Andrew and John Lawrence on 5/16/12 to **Todd** (1982-01) and **Mary Pat Weiss**. Todd's younger sister Pam was a camper and a counselor from 1984-96.
- Isaias on 7/22/12 to **Cy** and **Suzy May Alba** (1990s). **Libby**, Suzy's younger sister, was also a camper in the 1990s.
- Sloane on 8/21/12 to **Lee** (1986-98) and **April Scheffler**. Lee is the head chef at Sarabeth's Tibeca location on Greenwich Street. His younger brother **Ken** was a camper in the 1990s.
- Elouise on 9/2/12 to **Sam Pocock** (2010) and **Shonnell Evalu**.
- Elyse Brooke on 10/26/12 to **Marc** and **Emily Buchbinder Hutton** (1990s-2000s).
- Emma Jane on 10/25/12 to **Daniel** (1988-1998) and **Sarah Fabian**. Daniel's father **Larry** (1956-65) and older brother **Andrew** (1985-94) also attended Scatico.
- Luke Jackson on 11/1/12 to **Sloan** (1979-89) and **Jen Zuckerman**. Sloan plays keyboards for Leroy Justice (managed by Scaticonian **Mike Samuels** (1980s-2000s). On their most recent tour, the band opened for Blues Traveler and the Spin Doctors. In January 2013, they will perform weekly at Williamsburg's Brooklyn Bowl. Sloan's older brother **Andrew** was a camper and counselor in the 1970s-80s.
- Noah Dylan and Ryan Morgan on 10/16/12 to **Lawrence "LT"** (1980s-2000s) and **Jackie Thaler**. LT's mom **Marcia Marks Thaler** (1949-62) and sister **Karen** also attended Scatico.



Source: Photo: Michael and Rachel

## Weddings

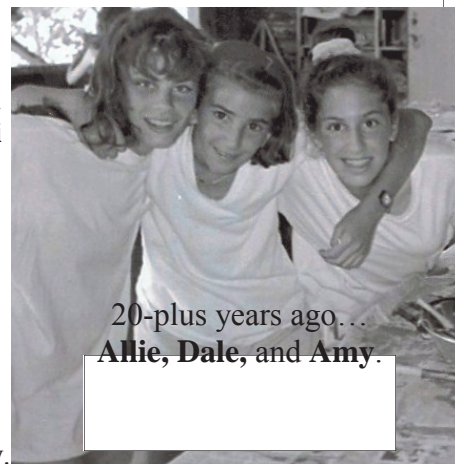
- A Scatico Romance! **Michael Heller** (1994-2006) and **Rachel Hollander** (1995-2006) were married on August 26th. Twenty-or-so fellow Scaticonians (including siblings **Robbie Heller, Jaime Hollander, and Jaclyn Hollander**) helped make it a full-on Green and Gray celebration.
- **Jon Braunstein** (1987-2000) and **Andrea Cohen** on 10/13/12. **Ben Klein** (1980s-2000s) was a member of the wedding party. Jon's mom **Lynda Malkin Braunstein** (1950s) and sisters **Marcie** and **Hayley** (1970s-90s) also attended camp.
- **Jonny** and **Dale Margolin Cecka** (1980s-90s) on 7/22/12. Dale is a law professor at the University of Richmond. Many of her 1992 Sooper divisionmates helped her celebrate. From left to right—**Allie Fass, Amy Paul Tunick, Robyn Polansky, Caryn Ecker, Dale Margolin Cecka, and Ali Goodman Ecker**. (**Jen Kornreich Geller** also attended, but missed the picture.) In the photo to the right, Dale (early 1990s) is flanked by bunkmates (and 2012 wedding attendees) Allie Fass and Amy Paul Tunick.



Soopers at Dale's Wedding

## Engagements

- **Caryn Ecker** (1980s-90s) and David Rappaport to wed on 2/17/13.
- **Jarret Fass** (1990-95) and Carly Miller to wed on 9/21/13. Jarret's older sister Allie (in both photos to the right) was also a camper.
- **Melissa Green** (1980s-90s) and Dan Pearson to wed on 5/4/13. Former bunkmate and current rabbi **Samantha Safran** will perform the ceremony. was a Scatico camper, counselor, and division leader.



20-plus years ago...  
**Allie, Dale, and Amy.**

## Daily Milk and Cookies

Before there was Boice Dairy, before Yasgur Farms, before Fitchett Brothers, even before a 20-plus year run with Silver Lake Dairy in the 1960s through to the 1980s.... Scatico's local dairy of choice was Shekomeko Valley Farms in nearby Pine Plains, New York. Every afternoon after lunch, a camp driver would bring individual glass pint bottles of milk to boys' and girls' sides. Two alumni remembered their days as the driver in charge of the afternoon milk run....



*As "Jeep Driver" for three summers it was my job to load up the milk at the kitchen and bring it to both the boys' and girls' sides after rest hour. Usually a little cookie wafer went along with the milk. There was chocolate and regular milk. Those were the days.*

—**Roger Goldman** 1948-55

*Although I was the one who delivered the milk for one summer, I have milk label amnesia. At least Roger had a jeep. Jack [Holman] gave me a station wagon. He never asked if I had a license to drive it. I will take the Fifth.*

—**Tom Holman** Scatico Milkman, Summer of '65

## We Will Miss You

- **David Rubin** (1960s-70s) passed away on November 21st. His father **Dick Rubin** (1942-56) and younger siblings **Sue** and **Robert** all attended Scatico.
- **Marie Holman Harris** (1934-49) died on September 9th. She was the daughter of **Arthur Holman** (brother to Nat and Jack), the younger sister of **Alex Holman** (1929-40) and the mother of **Peter Harris** (1967-82). To the right, a photo of Marie with her cousin **Ruth Goodman Holman Fleischer** at Scatico in 1949. A favorite New York-story: As a little girl in the early 1940s, Marie was walking to school on a rainy day. A car pulled over, and the owner opened the door and asked her if she'd like a ride. Marie hopped in and the owner remarked, "Didn't your parents tell you not to accept rides from strangers?" Marie responded, "You're not a stranger. You're Babe Ruth."
- **Robert Asheim** (1947-52) died on September 19th. Bob, who attended the Florida reunion last February, was a member of the Scatico basketball team that played at Madison Square Garden in 1950. In the photo to the right, that's Bob second from the left in the bottom row (holding the towel).



Cousins Ruth and Marie



To the right—the Scatico “under-85 pound team” at Madison Square Garden on December 12, 1950. Top row: **Norman Steinbaum, Harvey Brier, Bobbie Flower, Harold Kaplan, Jerry Spielman,** and **Harry “Butch” Amer.**

Bottom Row: **Larry Teicher, Bob Asheim, Arnie Horowitz, Steve Leighton,** and **Steve Ross.**

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**Uncle Nat** from a 1950s  
newsletter masthead.

*Our thoughts go out to all members of the Scatico community impacted by Sandy. In the metropolitan-New York area, we know of many camp families left without power for extended periods of time and who also suffered extensive property damage to homes and businesses. Hopefully, the Alumni Newsletter transports you for a few moments to a simpler and less stressful time.*