



**CAMP SCATICO**ALUMNI

# Spring 2012



## **Ruth Goodman Holman Fleischner (1921-2011)**

I cannot thank everyone enough for all of the kind words, support, and shared memories following the death of my mom on December 19th. Her Scatico career began in 1934 (when the girls' camp opened). She had spent every summer at camp since 1952 and had been an owner and director since 1964. No one, including Uncle Nat, spent more summers at Scatico. To the right, at camp in 1937—16 years old.

—David

## **Everyone Looked Just the Same....**

More than 250 alumni who attended Scatico pre-1970 met this past February in Florida. In addition to the photos below and on page 7 inside, visit the Camp Scatico Alumni Facebook page to see additional pictures from the reunion (and to upload some of your own vintage and current ones). Thanks especially to **Bruce Holman (1944-56)** for the incredibly tireless work (and endless e-mails—even menu updates 12 months in advance) to make the event such a success. The four hours together passed too quickly. There were the 7 alumni who first attended Scatico in the 1930s. There was the guy who last attended in 1950 and just could not get over seeing the girl he dated that summer at 18 and has not seen since. **Dennis Rinzier** brought his 1959 script from “Oklahoma” (when he played Curly) and re-connected with his Laurie—**Carol Rubinson Strauss**. People found they were once again called **Scooter, Bobo, and Heffer**. Two of the **Kohlreiter** girls (**Joan and Sue**) got on stage and sang. **Peter Ehrenberg** and **Hank Alpert** flew down and back from New York on the same day to attend and others traveled from as far as California and even Germany (**Steve Hanft**). As one alumnus wrote afterwards: *“I am still smiling from ear to ear thinking of the reunion. I can't begin to tell you how wonderful it was and how happy I felt. When I left, I'm embarrassed to say, I felt sad—almost like I used to feel when camp ended each summer.”*

Plans are already underway for a similar event for alumni from the 1970s and 1980s to take place in New York City sometime next Spring. We will have details in the Fall issue of the Alumni Newsletter.



**Jill Herzog Phillips, Joan Kohlreiter Croland, Judy Eigen Sarna, and Sue Kohlreiter Herzog**



**Larry Gershman, Bruce Holman, and Merv Schorr**

## Sharing Scatico with Your Children

Our annual roll call of alumni with children at camp as campers and counselors includes many new names for the 2012 season. If your next-generation son or daughter might be ready to share in the magic, let us know. We would love to send you our latest brochure and DVD and schedule an in-season tour. This summer's alumni parents (more than 90 of them and in no particular order):

Cindy Polansky Altberger, Jeff Araten, Julie Strauss Greeley, Beth Yurdin Metzendorf, Pavel and Maggie Parwanicka Mozga, Patti Klyde Press, Gerald Stein, Lara Holzer Miller, Adam Holzer, Greg Mazarin, Debb Falk Zerwitz, Todd Fass, Laura Danford Mandel, Jessica Clark Newman, Pam Hougneau Nivasch, Barry and Melissa Rosenblum Pisetzner, Gregg Rosh, David Rosh Dean Silverman, Andrew Zuckerman, Katie Mazarin Derasse, Becky Feuer Holden, Carolyn Mitchell Kane, Jessica Weiner Mester, Matt Olensky, Michael Smiley, Todd Sherman, Melissa Fass Karlin, Lisa Paymer Dodge, Jonny Feldman, Julie Nahoun Hartstein, Michael Lippman, Shana Madoff Swanson, Ketti Krieger, Jill Herzog Phillips, Rob Rosen, Wendy Sheldon Brown, Rana Grossman Leibowitz, Jodi and Eric Kleiner, Carolyn Kleiner Butler, Beth Gustave Bochner, Stefanie Friedman Feidelson, Mark Goldner, Peter and Andrea Katz, Sharon Beck Kochen, Andrew Rubinson, Elyssa Berger Schecter, Amy Wayte Zagin, Dick and Nancy Klyde Hecker, Brandt Josephson, Ken Gellerman, Fred and Anne Wang, David Feldman, Stacey Lipton Schumer, Melissa Marques Goldberg, Joel Beck, Stephanie Deutsch Clendenin, Samantha Nahoun Gornstein, Robbie Long, David Rothenberg, Mandi Zucker, Michael Ditkoff, Wendy Nedlin Schindler, Linda Lowenthal Tolstoi, Susan Greenbaum Gross, Leslie Wayte Heineman, Mike and Elisa Segal Madorsky, Laszlo Nemeth, Robbie Sussman, Susie Oshatz Perlman, Dan Deutsch, Stephanie Klein Bressman, Larry Hamburg, Mark Sanders, Keith Seidenberg, Dick Rubin, Cessy Goldman Rubinson, Richard Rubinson, Andrew Sunshine, Sue Rubin Wolfin, Eli Rousso, Dave and Felicia Berger, Marisa Case, Richard Croland, Randy and Lynette Au, Rob Rubin, and Billy Meltzer



## Scatico in the Lone Star State

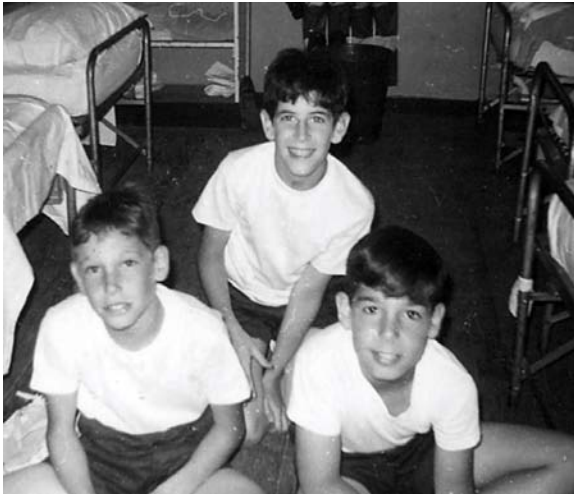
**Andy “Tex” Markoff** (1970s-80s) hosted a reunion on his property outside of Austin, Texas in January. Andy is the drummer in the jam-rock band Flounders Without Eyes. **Mike Madorsky** sent in the photo above with the report: *“We had a blast in Austin!... No arrests. No stolen State Flags. Enough Scatico chum to last us a year.”*

Back row—**Rob Rosen, Jim Rosenzweig, Dan Deutsch, Jon Deutsch, Mike Madorsky, Jordan Weiner, Randy Au, and Brandt Josephson.**

Front row—**Andy Markoff, Jeff Bernfeld, Jim Moscou, Larry Hamburg, and Bill Goldner.**

From the photo above, Rob, Dan, Mike, Randy, Brandt, Jeff, and Larry will all have children at Scatico this summer.

**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.



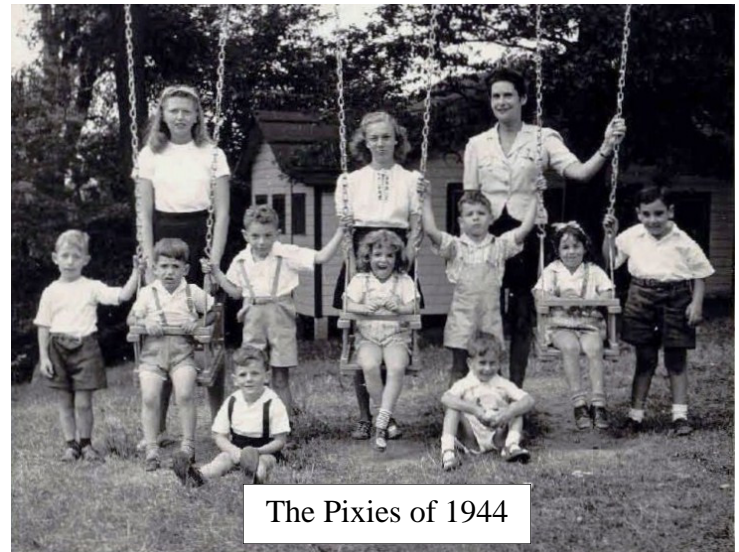
**Ricky Shorin** (1965-66) sent in this picture to the left: *“On the back I had some names, although hard to read and probably not spelled correctly: **Ken Schacter, Mike Fabian, and Daren Regenburt.**”*



Above: **Hilde Fischman Blum** (1952-59) and **Susan Fichtelberg Dowling** (1949-61)—at camp in the 1950s and at the 2012 Florida reunion.



Above: **Randy Shapiro** and Uncle Nat in 1966. Note Nat’s famous scooter in the background.



The Pixies of 1944



**Stanley Wallerstein** (1944-54) sent in these three photos. Left—with his dad **Charlie**, who headed the boys crafts program; Middle—on the steps of the Admin (visit today and you will see the same rocking chairs); Right—his bunk from 1950—bottom (**Stanley Wallerstein, Harvey Brier, and Robert Hirsch**), middle (**Art Rosenberg, Charles Fogler, Mike Bernstein, and Richard Rubinson**), and top (**Carl Schwartzberg, Bub Hustek, and Lenny Laden**).

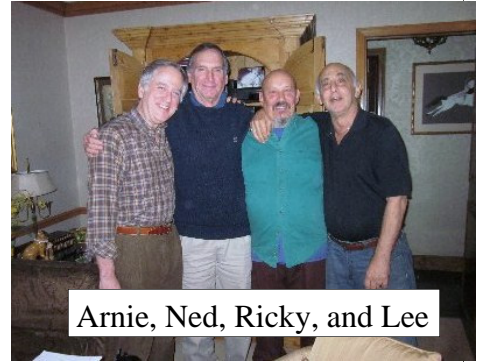
## Staying In Touch

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 newsletter.

Beginning on December 16, **Jason Keller** (1994-98) was a 9-time Jeopardy champion, earning \$213,900. Jason also finished in 19th place in the United States Nationals in Scrabble in 2011.... A December reunion in Manhattan brought together four Scaticonians from the 1950s (see the photo to the right): **Arnie Goldman, Ned Mansbach, Ricky Bressler, and Lee Nickelsburg**.... **Joy Goodkin Landau** (1950-



57—photo to the left) wrote: “We are moving back to Arizona where we have a totally off-the-grid solar home that my husband Ted designed and built. We plan to expand this property in the upper Sonoran Desert west of Scottsdale into an ‘artist compound’ for private retreats and small work-



shops”.... **Leah Recht** (1997-2005) is the owner and director of Stadium, a contemporary gallery in the Chelsea Art District in Manhattan. She also coordinates a program with disadvantaged New York City high school students which exposes them to contemporary artists and their work.... **Zach Lisabeth** (1998-2007) is a free-lance writer in Los Angeles: “I’m doing script work for a production company in Van Nuys, but I write a lot of non-fiction articles as well. I am also teaching transcendental writing workshops to youth. The program is based on Henry David Thoreau’s ‘Walden.’ It’s sort of one part gardening, one part hiking, and one part journaling. I had a good time running it in Vermont last summer and am planning to bring it to a camp here in Brentwood in June”.... **Rob Meadows** and

**Zuzana Kusnirikova** (photo to the right) met at Scatico as staff members in 1999. Rob writes: “Our paths crossed again about 5 years ago and we started dating. Zuzana moved [from Slovakia] to Glasgow and I followed her up there [from England]. We’ve been living in Scotland together for about three years.” Zuzana is a doctor and Rob designs web sites.... **Andrew Kahn** (1993-2006) is a paramedic and operations supervisor at Global Rescue, a company that provides worldwide medical, security, and transport services.... **Ben Krull** (1969-



85) is a humorist with essays that have recently appeared in the *Pittsburgh Gazette*, *Baltimore Sun*, *HumorTimes*, and *NJ.Com*. He blogs at [benjaminkrull.com](http://benjaminkrull.com).... **Mark Ostow** and **Jimmy Shorin** were Color War leaders in 1973. They separately stopped by camp this off-season while visiting nearby colleges with their children. Mark is a portrait photographer and also runs Zing Café in Porter Square, Cambridge, MA. Jimmy is a venture capitalist and lives in Palo Alto, CA.... **Georgene Simon Dreishpoon** (photo to the left) was a tennis instructor at Scatico in 1949-50 and currently lives in Boynton Beach, FL. She is the author of two books: “*How to Hook Your Spouse*” and the recently released “*Pursuit of Paradise: Memoir of a Bahama Mama*”.... In March, **Mitch Polay** (1980s-2000s) taught a workshop on The Holocaust and Human Behavior as a guest speaker at the American Society for Yad Vashem’s annual conference.... **Deborah Ben-David** (1980s-90s) is currently working for an architecture firm and living in Paris, France....



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...**Ned Porges** worked as a waiter in

1958. His dad was a high school teacher with Flick in New York City: *"I took a railroad train to somewhere near camp with my bike and a backpack. A good friend, **Lou Novins**, did the same. We worked in the kitchen supervised by a large, German-accented cook. I waited tables for a counselor named **Louise Becker** and she became a good friend. If my clouded memory is correct, she was a music major at Oberlin College. My trunk, shipped up before camp, included my French horn. Louise would sometimes watch me practice in the woods between meals."* Ned currently lives in Seattle. He recently found a copy of



1979 and 1980 Soopers

*Winning Basketball* by Nat Holman (1932 edition) at a goodwill store and was kind enough to donate it to the Scatico library....

**Wendy Sheldon Brown** sent in the photo to the left of a November reunion of 1979-80 Soopers. Seated: **Wendy Nedlin Schindler**, **Laura Danford Mandel**, and **Pooh Ginsberg Wolff**. Standing: **Nancy Klyde Hecker**, **Whitney Scott**, **Wendy Sheldon Brown**, and **Stefanie Klein Bressman**.... **Judi Fleischner Ecochard** is the editor of *Lyra Magazine*, an on-line publication covering the beauty and fashion industries.... **Robert Deutsch** worked as a waiter in 1950: *"I was the waiter for the staff and senior girls. I also drove the jeep to the girls' side to deliver the milk in the afternoon. Great*

*experience. Jackie, Nat's wife, asked me one morning to set an extra place at her table for lunch. She was expecting a guest. My mouth dropped when they walked in, in tennis whites. Her guest was Miss America, **Bess Meyerson**"*.... Singer and songwriter **Ellen Woloshin Shiwolich** (1971-74) will perform at several New England venues this summer. For dates and to listen to her music, visit [www.ellenwoloshin.com](http://www.ellenwoloshin.com).... Current assistant head counselor **John Hickey** (1982-2012) was doing off-season work at a law office in Los Angeles, when a senior partner at the firm stopped to admire his "Scatico" laptop bag. It was **Andy Shapiro** (1959-63).... **Ed Sussman** could not make the Florida reunion in February (see page 7 for photos), but sent in the following note: *"The thoughts of Camp Scatico are on my mind every day—Color War captain, dating **Susie Skollins** and **Joan Haskell**, skipping rocks on the water, looking for turtles in my rowboat every afternoon, watching Gordy's Green Color War canoe tip over, Nat making his afternoon announcements in the mess hall ('shteady boys' with his famous hand gestures), and I could go on and on"*.... On a final note, Bert Holman (1960s) e-mailed to note that Nello Ferrara, the creator of the Atomic Fireball (in 1954), passed away on February 7, 2012. Through the 1950s and 1960s the Atomic Fireball and the Mallow Cup were the hottest-selling items in the Canteen... **Thanks to all for staying in touch—please e-mail news and photos for the Fall Alumni Newsletter to [info@scatico.com](mailto:info@scatico.com).**

## We Will Miss You

- **June Patron** (1956-66) on January 1, 2012. The picture to the right shows June at camp in the late 1950s with Blaze. She finished her Scatico career as the assistant head counselor on girls' side. June had a long career in the United States Department of Labor in Washington, DC.
- **Leonard Nadel** (1920s-30s) on December 25, 2011. Leonard's father Jack Nadel was the director of the 92nd Street Y when Nat Holman was the Physical Director. Leonard attended Scatico at the Wingdale site prior to 1934. He was a senior VP at Abraham and Strauss and a chairman of the Board of Trustees at Adeplphi University.
- **Stanley Richheimer** (1930s) on March 11, 2012. **Alex Holman** (1929-40) writes about Stanley: *"He was a popular counselor in the late 1930s and my friend since 1937."*
- **Jack Simon** (1933-39) on August 3, 2011. Jack was a television director who worked on of Mets, Knicks, and Rangers telecasts from the 1950s to 1970s. His sister **Ruth Simon Greenspan** was a nurse for one summer at Scatico. He was an uncle of Jason Alexander (of "Seinfeld" fame).



June Patron

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## The Next Generation

- Molly on February 10, 2012 to Sarah Hill and **Matt Truding** (1980s-2000s).
- Sander on November 25, 2011 to **Randi Schwartz** (1987-2003) and Scott Gross.
- Ethan on January 1, 2012 to Brian and **Erica Brown Morand** (1991-99)
- Hudson on August 23, 2011 to Jessica Anzelone and **Adam Brown** (1992-93—Erica's big brother)
- Marlon on March 7, 2012 to Scatico couple Jon Reitzes (1992-97) and Lindsay Newblatt (1988-97)
- Ryan on November 17, 2011 to John and **Alyssa Sourifman Percival** (1993-99)
- Jacob on August 22, 2011 to David and **Harley Sourifman Goodfriend** (1989-96—Alyssa's big sister)
- Dylan August 8, 2011 to Jodi (2003) and Eric Kleiner (1980s-1990s). Head counselor Nancy Kleiner's 4th grandchild!!!

## Weddings

- Jaymes Dermody and **Lauren Leiner** (1990s-2000s) on January 14, 2012. In addition to her younger sister Sarah (1997-2003) and childhood neighbor Josh Koretsky (1990s-2000s), six of her bunkmates (1998 Soopers) helped celebrate. In the photo to the right—clockwise (with Lauren, dressed in white, in the center): **Emily Buchbinder Hutton, Ashley Green, Jamie Nowak Noe, Jamie Jacobs, Shira Savada, and Hope Mandel Amsterdam.**



## Scatico Anniversaries

**Irving and Judy Newman Cohen** met at Scatico in 1955. Judy writes:

*I was a counselor, then a group leader, in 1953 and 1954. In 1955, I wanted to do something different as I was already teaching, but Jackie called and persuaded me to come back and be an assistant head counselor. I did a few "administrative jobs" like making sure that each bunk had sink stoppers and clotheslines. On the second or third day of camp, I was asked to help Irving give out the milk and cookies after rest hour.*

*I had seen Irving around, but had never met him. I had always worked with the younger bunks and our little kids didn't ask for seconds or substitutes. Daisy took me to the pantry and introduced us. Irving asked me to count out the cookies. We ended up dating all summer and were engaged in October. As teachers, we only had the holidays off. In 1955, Christmas Day was on a Sunday and we were married. It's certainly not difficult for us to remember our anniversary. We did return to camp two summers later, and Irving worked at camp while we stayed at the Peterson's house across the road.*

**Mitch and Abby Schmelkin Araten** met at Scatico in 1960, the last of Abby's nine camper and counselor summers. They were married in 1962 and are celebrating their 50th anniversary. Their son Jeff was a camper, counselor and division leader from 1980-91 and their granddaughter Alison was a 1-week SIT camper in 2011 and will return as a Jinter in 2012.



Scatico Romance—50 years and counting.... Mitch and Abby at the Florida reunion in February.

## Just like yesterday....

A few photos from the February reunion for pre-1970 Scaticonians.... For more pictures (267 in all) from the event visit Camp Scatico Alumni on Facebook. You can also post your own vintage (and recent) Scatico photos and memories.



Top row: Neil Littauer, Fred Gurtman, Ken Schack, Steve Heyman Florin, and Paul Crespi  
Bottom row: Jack Atkins, Roger Warren, and Roger Stiefel



Don Herzog and Dick Rubin



Paul Jellinger and Arnie Goldman



Nancy Herfort Clarvit, Julie Eisner Davidson, Carol Bloomgarden Schecter, Andrea Matles Savada, Joan Goldberg, Lynda Goldberg Goldman, Amy Herfort Gelman, and Robin Herfort Healy



Sue Kaplan Rudavsky, Joan Greenwald Halpern, Ilene Somkin Lowenthal, and Sandy Resnick Green



Joan Haskell Berlly, Sue Skollins Friedman, Carol Kohlreiter Mysel, Linda Sachs, Ellyn Bistner Cohen, and Abby Schmelkin Araten



Joel Fass, Randy Shapiro, Peter Ehrenberg, and Hank Alpert

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



### **50th Anniversary...**

Ric Rosenbaum (1962-64) sent in this group photo from the summer of 1962. He's the third from the left in the bottom row—the only one without a name written on him. The staff included long-time Scaticonians **Bob Miller London** and **Jerry Rothstein**. *"I'll never forget my summers at Scatico... some of the best days of my life."*