



Following the Gleam..... Meet Mayor Mark Chilton



In 1991, as a 20 year-old rising Senior at the University of North Carolina, I did the most outlandish and absurd thing I have ever done in my life. Once and for all, here is the story:

Though my father was a Professor of Chemistry at the University of Washington, he was in reality what was known in former centuries as a Naturalist. He was fascinated by the natural world and its inner workings. I grew up helping him hunt in the woods for mushrooms to distill in his laboratory. Wherever we travelled, my father always made a point of knowing all the trees and wildflowers. We camped in the rain on the Olympic Peninsula, in the snow in the Canadian Rockies and in the heat and sun in the California deserts.

When I was ten, my parents sent me to a summer camp tucked into a valley in the Blue Ridge, inside the George Washington National Forest. Nature Camp taught me a tremendous amount about science and nature, but there was much more I came to understand over the 8 summers that I was a camper there.

At camp I learned that the natural world is under constant assault from the works of humankind. Our cars and factories pollute our atmosphere; our streets and houses pollute our waterways. Our unrelenting demand for metal, paper and most of all petroleum drives us to tap into more and more remote areas, destroying the few remaining wild areas of our planet. But I also learned that it doesn't have to be this way. We can reduce our impact through conservation; we can use resources more efficiently; we can live our lives in ways that protect the natural world.

The summer before I went to college I joined the staff of Nature Camp and I worked there every summer in college. That fall I came to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a Freshman. Outside the classroom, I got involved on campus by working at the Daily Tar Heel – doing paste-up for the editorial page every afternoon, selecting which letters-to-the-editor to print, etc. But by my Sophomore year, I was sick of being on the outside of the discussion looking in. So I left the Daily Tar Heel staff and joined a relatively new student activist organization, the Student Environmental Action Coalition.

For the next 3 years, the University considered my major to be Geography, but in reality I majored in Student Activism. I was one of the central people in SEAC; for two years I co-chaired the Tar Heel Recycling Program (TARP). TARP was the first recycling program on campus and it was entirely student led, funded and run. We worked hard to both expand our recycling program and agitate for the Chancellor to increase and institutionalize waste reduction and recycling.

I also worked on several environmental issues involving the town government, advocating against raising the bus fare and in favor of building sidewalks and bike lanes. My fellow SEACers and I fought the UNC administration (successfully) on a proposed highway project among other issues. In the Spring of 1991, the Student Body President appointed me as the Student Government Liaison to the Town of Chapel Hill and I became still more involved in Chapel Hill town government.

The summer of 1991 was my fourth summer on staff at Nature Camp. Working at Camp we got one day off each week. In the second week of Second Session, fellow Tar Heel, Caroline Philson, and I drove down to Chapel Hill for our coinciding days off. On the way back, we stopped at the Orange County Board of Elections office in Hillsborough, where as a fresh-faced 20-year old, I filed to run for the Chapel Hill Town Council. By the time we got back to Nature Camp that night, I was being summoned to the phone in the back of the kitchen to be interviewed by reporters.

At the end of Closing Week at Camp, I did not take off on an August road trip west across the continent as I had the summer before. Instead I headed straight for Chapel Hill. Academically, the fall semester was more or less a blur for me; I spent all my time knocking on doors and organizing canvassers, not studying for exams. Many friends at UNC helped canvass neighborhoods, make yard signs, hand out flyers and everything else! We must have knocked on half the doors in Chapel Hill that fall.

Not long into the campaign season, one of the incumbents in the race began giving me advice about people I needed to talk to and neighborhoods I needed to visit. It was an at-large pick-four race, so the incumbent and I weren't necessarily running against each other; four of the thirteen candidates would win that fall. The two incumbents in the race were a shoe-in for re-election, so the race was really all about which 2 of the 11 challengers would pick up the third and fourth place seats.

You don't need to know much about the other candidates in order to guess that my candidacy was, from the start, a bit implausible. I had only lived in Chapel Hill for three years. I was just 20 years old, and I wasn't even a property-tax-payer at the time. Meanwhile another challenger - a middle-aged neighborhood activist and instructor at UNC - was looking a whole lot more like the demographic profile of the Chapel Hill Town Council. But the environmental themes and issues addressed by my campaign resonated with a lot of people in Chapel Hill, and soon many people knew about 'that student environmentalist candidate' – even if they might not yet have been able to remember my name.

A local activist strategized that the Sierra Club could maximize the impact of its endorsement by being the first in the season to issue endorsements and I was honored to receive their support. Soon two of their community organizations endorsed me as well. All of these endorsements felt great and gave my campaign a lot of momentum. When the local newspaper endorsed my campaign, I was elated.



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Election day was long, I stood outside the polls handing out flyers and talking to voters from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM. When the polls closed, we all gathered at Estelle Mabry's house. Early returns showed me trailing in 7th place but with only a modest margin separating me from a 4th place win. I was scheduled to go on WCHL radio and Village Cable simultaneously around 9 pm for an in-studio interview. So I drove over to the cable TV studio to be interviewed listening to updates on 1360 AM.

Back in 1991, I ran on a platform of expanding public transportation, building bike lanes and sidewalks, reducing solid waste and increasing recycling opportunities. Many,

many people deserve credit for where our community is today on these issues, but I played my part. Orange County was the first and only county to achieve the state mandated waste reduction goals and continues to lead all other counties in recycling and waste reduction. We have an expanded public transportation system with no bus fares at all on Chapel Hill Transit. Chapel Hill and Carrboro have built miles of new bike lanes, greenways and sidewalks and many other improvements are funded and/or in the works. I am proud of all the environmental initiatives that I have helped further in both Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Back in the early 1990's some elected officials would talk about Light Rail as being a distant dream for the Research Triangle, but last fall the voters of Orange County approved a referendum to begin saving up money to build North Carolina's second Light Rail system connecting Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh.

Back then, Chapel Hill had a 30 year water supply plan. My fellow Councilmembers would smirk and whisper, "2022? I'll be dead by then!" I whispered back: "And I'll be your age." In 1991, I was always the youngest person at any governmental meeting. Now, I am occasionally still the youngest person in a meeting, but it is getting rare. In the intervening time, we've upped our water supply planning horizon to 50 years – through 2061! And I am the one who will probably be dead by then.

Over at the Village Cable studio on election night the cameraman said we were to go on the air in 30 seconds and I was sweaty and uncomfortable. The race was not over yet, but things were looking grim and somehow I was going to have to make my way through this interview while still unsure whether I had won or lost. "15 seconds." Then suddenly the news desk called out new vote totals with all precincts reporting. Three thousand and thirteen people went to the polls that Tuesday and marked their ballots for Mark H. Chilton, putting me in 4th place and picking up the fourth seat up for grabs that fall! Instantly I was a Cheshire Cat as we went live on Village Cable. After the interview, I drove back to the house where my election-night party was. I found the house and yard exploding with disbelieving supporters and I started to realize how few of my supporters actually believed that I was going to win!

Now my own boys are the ones who are at Nature Camp – this summer Alex returns for his second



year and Samuel for his third. Though the Colonel and Mrs. Reeves are gone, the camp that I remember thrives and I see in my boys' eyes the same passion for Camp and its traditions that I learned in the years I attended and worked there. My boys are fortunate to have this amazing learning opportunity, but I count myself even more fortunate to have occasion to return to Camp several times a year. Each time I do, I feel that I never actually left.

I carry forward in my work the values that Nature Camp instilled in me – to protect the natural world through environmental conservation – the wise use of our planet's limited natural resources.

Camper Testimonial

From 11 year old **Sarah Mills**, 4th session camper 2012: "I think Camp is a great experience from the classes, to the hikes, to the people. Since the classes are educational, they give us rec periods where we can write reports, go to the creek, go to the pool, or play on the rec field. On Sunday we sign up for hikes. Every night we have an evening program, where we sing songs, and have a different speaker every night talk about something nature related. Oh, and the food there is AMAZING! I would really love to go back to Camp this year...."

Notes from Nature Camp, Inc.

Even before this issue of the *Afterglow* went to press, all four sessions had filled for both girls and boys for this upcoming summer. We will continue to accept applications throughout the spring, however, and cancellations will inevitably create some vacancies for prospective campers on the waiting list.

This year Nature Camp adds two more names to the Roll of Honor. In recognition of their extraordinary, non-monetary contributions to Nature Camp, we are pleased to acknowledge Scot Marsh and Robert Ritchie. As one of several VMI cadets to serve on staff during the tenure of Col. Reeves, Scot spent part of only one summer at Nature Camp 30 years ago, but he put in extra time that season working with a few other counselors on maintenance and repair projects. More recently his generous donations of time and service have been truly invaluable. In 2003 Marsh and Legge Land Surveyors conducted a pro bono, comprehensive survey of the Nature Camp grounds which provided a critically important base map for the infrastructure improvements completed five years later. This past year Scot was instrumental in securing a new pickup truck for Camp and facilitated the development and approval of the new well by mapping its location, completing the well lot plat, and filing the deed of dedication with the local circuit court.



Like Scot, Robert's direct participation in Nature Camp was limited to a single summer (1950), but he represents a cherished link to the Sherando Lake era. After losing touch for nearly 50 years, he reconnected with Nature Camp in 1996 (I believe after seeing an "I'd Rather Be at Nature Camp" bumper sticker!). He has been a fixture at Service Weekends ever since, working largely behind the scenes on a number of time-consuming projects, including constructing a new step behind the kitchen, refacing the cabinets and repairing specimen drawers in the museum, and most recently repairing the hole in the wall of the canteen following the removal of the old water tank. Scot and Robert share another distinction: they both gave us Best All-Around Campers in the past few years. Scot's son Ben was selected BAC in Third Session 2011, and Robert's grandson Larry was chosen BAC in First Session 2009.

Nature Camp is launching a much-needed and overdue initiative this spring. A thorough study of the museum will consider how this space can best serve Nature Camp's pedagogical mission and philosophy in the 21st century and how we can and should care for the collection of natural history specimens which spans the better part of a century. For more information about this project, please get in touch with director Flip Coulling

at director@naturecamp.net.

Facebook users are reminded that they can "like" Nature Camp's page; just follow the link from the Nature Camp website (www.naturecamp.net).

It has been 60 years since Nature Camp reopened on the banks of Big Mary's Creek, and as our original facilities continue to age, we extend our gratitude and heartfelt thanks to all those who donate time, talent, and dollars to maintain the buildings and grounds and to ensure the continued success and exceptional quality of our program.

- Philip Coulling, Executive Director

Fall Service Weekend

The weekend of September 13-16, 2012 was the 50th official Service Weekend sponsored by the Nature Camp Foundation. I consider Saturday August 12, 1989, when Walter, Peter, and I rebuilt the old reed organ, the first. Ben McIlwaine played the organ the next morning on the porch of the LS while folks sang some of the old Nature Camp favorites. I have attended 49 of the 50 Service Weekends and am continually amazed at what we can accomplish in a weekend.

The three major projects during this gathering were the Staffhouse roof, the BBH floor joists, and a big landscaping project below the new well head that is uphill from the Canteen. The pipes from the new well are buried underground straight downhill from the well to the Canteen, so it was a perfect spot for some really impressive erosion during the rainy summer sessions. Many folks hauled rocks to form a number of waterbars to divert rainwater off into the trees, and then spread wood chips and transplanted ferns, trees, and other woodland plants into this area. They did a wonderful job, and in a few years it will look like a natural woodland.



We started reshingling the Staffhouse this past September. On Thursday, 7 of us removed two layers of old shingles from the roof above the office area. Many thanks to Beth, Cecily, Flip, Jason, Matthew, and Ventry for arriving early to tackle this first part of the project. Charlie had the Camp dump truck in place to receive the old shingles. We also reshingled the Outhouse (laundry building) at the same time. In May 2013 we will reshingle some more of this roof. The roof has been changed several times over the years, when a closet and 2 bathrooms were added. This makes the next portion of this roof more complicated, and because of these complications, I don't think we can finish the roof until September

of 2013.

Many of the buildings at Camp are 60 years old, so the problems will never all be fixed. We just plug away at them each time we meet. We finished reinforcing the floor system under the boys' bunkhouse. That took 15 hours in May 2012 plus 17 hours this past Service Weekend. It is a very dusty, rocky, and cramped area. It is difficult to find anywhere to sit up. Much the work is done while lying on your back. I have never been more tired or more grubby in all of the Service Weekends that I have attended. Despite that, it was great great fun! We had a really good crew under there. Thanks to Alia, Cecily,



Graelyn, Jason, Mack, Maggie,

Reid, and Walter. Walter came out from under the BBH as fresh as a daisy. I don't know how he did that.

Charlie and Ventry had removed the large metal water storage tank from the side of the Canteen by the time the remainder of us arrived at Camp. This left a large hole in the side of the Canteen concrete block wall. Robert Ritchie filled in the hole with new concrete block. We'll paint the new block in May 2013. We removed a great deal of brush and weeds from around Camp. The area uphill from the Infirmary and GBH received some much-needed attention. We shoveled some gravel, we replaced some bug-eaten fascia boards, and we smeared some carbolineum on some bare wood.





The hero of the weekend would have to be Ventry again, who arrived on Sunday a week early and left the following Sunday morning. The Nature Camp chiggers were glad to have Charlie and Ventry as a snack while they cleared brush from the area below the Caretakers' house, during the week before anyone else arrived.

The food was fantastic, which has become the norm. My favorite was the deep dish pizza on Saturday night, and of course, all the desserts. Nell headed the kitchen crew with much help from Katie, Kim, Amy, Penny, and a bevy of Huttons. Some folks played music in the LS on Friday and Saturday evenings. Of the 71 folks who

attended, 13 had never been to a previous Service Weekend. We have now had 395 folks who have attended at least one Service Weekend.

Thanks to Alex, Alia, Alice, Amy, Amy, Annie, Art, Barak, Benjamin, Beth, Betsy, Brett, Cecily, Celie, Charlotte, Chris, Christopher, Cindy, Cooper, Corrina, Ed, Eleanor, Ellen, Emily, Flip, Graelyn, Heather, Jack, Jason, Jason, Jenny, Jerry, Joanne, Joe, Joey, Katie, Kim, Lars, Laurel, Leia, Liam, Lily, Lori, Louise, Mack, Maggie, Margaret, Maria, Matthew, Michael, Michaux, Mike, Mike, Nancy, Neil, Nell, Peggy, Penny, Peter, Powell, Reid, Robert, Sandra, Sarah, Steve, Tim, Tony,



Ventry, Walter. And especially Charlie. Next time you run into Charlie, thank him for everything he does.

Art Maguire has volunteered to direct folks to the various tasks that need to happen during the weekend. This has worked very well, and I appreciate his help.

Amy K Gonzalez has invited you to look at her photos from this past weekend. Amy has the photos posted at the following website. She spent loads of time gathering names, and for this I am extremely thankful. I spent a good deal of my time under the BBH, so didn't get a chance to see everyone who attended. I could not have

compiled the list of attendees without Amy's and Art's diligence.

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Please share any other digital photos you may have taken with me, Amy KG, or Michaux the Webmaster at <http://naturecampfoundation.org/>.

Jim Brooks
NCF Service Committee Chair

Adult Session 2013: Nature In Miniature

The biology of miniature amphibians. The ecology of small seeps, springs, and intermittent streams. Tiny nature journals. The diversity of soil microbes. The life history of ferns and their allies. Techniques for extracting and isolating DNA. Interactions with nature up close and personal. These are but some of the offerings tentatively scheduled for this year's 24th annual Adult Session, which will take place August 16-20. With the theme of "Nature in Miniature," we will challenge ourselves not only to examine nature at small scales, but also to consider local landscapes as representative of a larger whole. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to make necklaces from common gemstones after studying their crystalline structure, to learn how to make knots in rope, to build small solar panels, and to discuss effective engagement in political action. The session will also include the usual favorites—morning birdwalks, evening explorations for nocturnal critters, sharing of nature books, Sunday morning chapel service, refreshing slides at Table Rock—and the return of the tremendously popular Appalachian string band workshop. More information and a registration form are available on the Nature Camp website (www.naturecamp.net). We hope to see you in August!

Fashions with Flowers XV

If it's mid-February, it must be time for the Richmond Council of Garden Club's stellar event, Fashions with Flowers. Two hundred plus attendees gathered in the meeting hall of Ginter Park Women's Club to commune with other area Garden Club members, enjoy a show of flattering age-appropriate fashions from Dillard's at Short Pump, watch a fascinating flower arranging demonstration by Sally Harrison, bid on some fabulous silent auction items and last but not least, eat a scrumptious luncheon catered by The Green Kitchen of Richmond. As usual, the event sold out by early to mid-December.

I was honored to be asked to speak to the gathering as a representative of Nature Camp. The proceeds from this event have been sent to Nature Camp, along with other contributions such as lifetime memberships, so that the Richmond Council's gift exceeds \$3000 per year. I was able to tell all these wonderful people what their contributions have helped to accomplish this year: scholarships for campers, equipment upgrades around camp and infrastructure upgrades such as our new well and water treatment system. I invited them all to plan a visit to camp, and just to give Flip a heads up, so they can see their contributions in person. Nature Camp's relationship with Garden Clubs and their members continues to be a strong and cordial one. We are so very grateful for all the support we receive.



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- Amy Gonzalez, President, NCI

Nature Camp Foundation Election Results

The Nature Camp Foundation Election results are in. We welcome to the NCF board a new Treasurer - Amy Wingfield Clark, and a new Member at Large, Lucas Gillenwater. Sarah Hulcher has been re-elected our Secretary. Congratulations to all three of you. The board has made some new appointments as well. Welcome Joe Irby as Development Chair. Joe is filling the shoes of Latham Coates whose dedication and hard work over the past years is greatly appreciated. Chuck Story is still on board taking up the role vacated by Amy Clark as our Finance Chair. Thank you to all our members who voted.

Chapel Ivy in Transition

One of the most treasured landmarks at Nature Camp is the Reeves Memorial Chapel. Here is an excerpt from the Nature Camp website's description of facilities at camp:

"A simple yet elegant stone chapel is nestled amid trees near Big Mary's Creek, which runs along the northern boundary of Nature Camp. The chapel and most of the other buildings at Camp were built in the 1950's and early 1960's by Ollie Groah, a resident of nearby Raphine. The chapel was renamed and rededicated in 1997 as the Reeves Memorial Chapel, in honor and memory of Col. John H. Reeves Jr. and Trudy Reeves. Colonel Reeves was director of Nature Camp from 1972 through 1996. Non-sectarian services, which reinforce the spiritual values that Nature Camp seeks to instill, are held in the chapel on Sundays and are led by the counselors. The final event of each session is a brief chapel service on Saturday morning."

Most of you are used to seeing the chapel stones covered with English ivy. However, English ivy, while picturesque, is non-native and becoming invasive (already declared so in the Northwestern states). It is also incredibly destructive to masonry and mortar. Being good stewards of Nature Camp's resources includes the inspection of the condition of the mortar holding together the stones of our lovely chapel. To



accomplish this inspection, the English ivy must be severely cut back, which was done in the fall of 2012. This will permit sufficient dieback of the quite robust vines in time for removal of the growth at Service Weekend in May 2013. Bottom line, our lovely, shaggy chapel will appear a bit scantily clad for a year or so. If you happen upon the chapel in a visit to camp this year, please do not be dismayed at this condition, but take a moment to appreciate the beauty of chapel in its undorned state. The mortar between the chapel stones will be repointed, and if more aggressive repairs are required, we'll plan for that as well.

Why Do We Have Two Boards, the NCF and the NCI?

The answer lies in both history and effective management. In the fall of 2006, when Nature Camp was in the process of becoming independent of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, an immediate need was to begin fundraising to undertake the needed renovations from which the VFGC had shied. Only the Nature Camp Foundation, established as an alumni organization in 1987, had the existing 501(c)(3) capability to do that. Meanwhile, it took almost a year before the newer organization, Nature Camp, Inc., could form and then gain control of all Nature Camp's assets and the required permit from the Forest Service. This it did, just in time to keep Camp open for the 2007 summer sessions. The ensuing years have proved the value of keeping the two boards distinct both in function and responsibility.

The Nature Camp Foundation, Inc., (NCF) focuses on fundraising and support for Nature Camp. This it does by underwriting major capital expenses, organizing service weekends, giving scholarships, and allowing alumni to be kept abreast of Camp's activities and each other through *The Afterglow*, the website, and mailings. Its income is derived from capital campaigns, annual giving, and special gifts, thereby providing long term funding options for Camp. It is legally and financially distinct, with its own Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. Its six directors are responsible to and elected by members in good standing, those who have given time or money for Camp. The other four board members are appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the rest of the NCF board. Limited and staggered terms of office help preserve freshness and independence.

Nature Camp, Inc., (NCI) is the organization that owns and operates Camp, hires and pays the Executive Director and the Caretaker, and through the former, the staff. It is responsible for scheduling and conducting Camp's sessions. It has its own budget and financial accounts, with income largely derived from direct scholarship donations (from garden clubs, friends, or others), tuition payments and fees. Its financial horizons are short term. It is responsible for the care and routine maintenance and upgrade of Camp assets. It is legally and financially autonomous and is also 501(c)(3) chartered, with its own Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. Since it has no established constituency, six of the NCI board members (the seventh is the Executive Director) are appointed by the NCF. Limited and staggered terms of office reduce the risk of insider favoritism.

The independence of the two boards is valuable for two reasons. First, the legal separation of the two boards helps minimize liability risks to the future existence of Nature Camp by separating the accounts. Financial transactions between the boards are formal, transparent, and audited. Second, the essential functions of Camp support can be dispersed among the 16 board members to mitigate undue burden on any one of them. Both boards are composed entirely of volunteers serving without remuneration, with the exception of the Executive Director who sits *ex officio* on both. Nevertheless, coordination between the two boards is important and facilitated in that the President and Treasurer of each board is an *ex officio* member of the other board.

The Foundation launches new Website!!

Our webmaster Michaux Lowry Hood at Charmed Designworks has been very busy recently bringing our website to a more technologically modern state. We are looking forward to utilizing this new format to better keep you all up to date on all things Camp!! Please visit the site and update your information so we can keep you informed. We thank Michaux for all her hard work and you can see the results at:

www.naturecampfoundation.org

It is with deep regret that we must share the loss of three of our extended Nature Camp Family. We share our sympathy and heartfelt condolences with the families of these wonderful people.

Victor L. Truxell

Victor Lee Truxell, 68, husband of Phyllis Truxell, and brother of Nature Camp caretaker, Charlie Truxell, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013, in Augusta Health, Fishersville., VA. Mr. Truxell was the lead lineman for Virginia Power for 34 years and retired in 2002. After retiring from Virginia Power, he drove for Shenandoah Recycling. He was a lifetime member of Old Providence Church where he taught Sunday school. He loved bear hunting and fly fishing. He also loved the mountains and his dogs.

He was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Margaret Sue Truxell. In addition to his wife of 45 years, family members include a son, Daniel Truxell; a daughter, Victoria Truxell; three brothers and two sisters-in-laws, Robert Truxell, Harold and Vivian Truxell and Charles and Priscilla Truxell; one sister and brother-in-law, Jo Ann and James Fitzgerald; two grandchildren, Gary Lee Gibson and Tyler Paul Truxell and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Janeth B. Saxman

Janeth (Brown) Saxman, 71, wife of William M. Saxman Jr., and mother and grandmother to many Nature Campers, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2013, at the University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville., VA. Mrs. Saxman attended Allegheny College in Pennsylvania and graduated magna cum laude from Mary Baldwin College, class of 2011. Prior to retirement, she was office manager of Shenandoah Corp. She was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

She was active in the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority at Washington and Lee University, the Augusta Garden Club, Augusta Free Clinic and the International Bottled Water Association. She loved her grandchildren, gardening, traveling and the Sunday New York Times crossword puzzles.

In addition to her husband, family members include a son and daughter-in-law, The Hon. Christopher B. Saxman and Michele F. Saxman; two daughters, both Nature Campers, Katherine Saxman of Stuarts Draft and Elizabeth Saxman Orgain and her husband, Commander Albert M. Orgain V of Corpus Christi, Texas; a brother, David W. Brown of Greensboro, N.C.; a sister, Martha Lisor of Gilbert, Ariz.; six grandchildren, Mary Kathryn Saxman, William Mechling Saxman III, Eleanor Marie Saxman, John Thomas More Saxman, Peter Bland Orgain and John Stuart Orgain; two sisters-in-law, Ann Saxman of Tulsa, Okla., and Mildred Brown of Pasadena, Calif.; a brother-in-law, Russell Lisor of Gilbert, Ariz.; Peg Desko of Annandale and Sue and Bert Edwards of Ocean View, Del.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Virginia Jackson Snell

Virginia Jackson 'Gina' Snell, 89, a resident of Summit Square in Waynesboro, VA, died Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at Summit Square, Waynesboro, VA. Gina was a long time supporter of Camp and a member of the Thinking of Tomorrow Society.

She graduated from Marion High School and the University of Iowa in 1945. She worked at Ambro Advertising Agency until she married Kirk Snell in 1946. They moved to Schenectady where they built a home at West Hill, a building site of GE Engineers. In 1955 they were transferred to Waynesboro with a group of GE employees to start a new department.

Gina served her community in numerous ways: American Red Cross; Boy Scouts Den Mother; Board member of the Waynesboro Mental Health Association; President of the State Association; Board member of the Blue Ridge Community College; Valley Vocational Technical School Board; Adult Education Committee member; YMCA swim team coach for 6 years; Founding member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary; founding member of the Shenandoah Valley Art Center. She was named Waynesboro's Outstanding Woman in 1974. She and her husband were named to the YMCA Hall of Fame in 2007.

Calendar of Events 2013

Spring Service Weekend
 Adult Session
 Fall Service Weekend
 NCF Open Board Meeting

May 17-19, 2013
 August 16-20, 2013
 September 20-22, 2013
 September 21, 2013

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