

Alumni News & Updates

Listed by Graduation Decades

1940s – 50s

Roger Danner (Nelson Dodd camper 1943-45) recalls that he was in camp when World War II ended. He was 12 years old at the time and, “sure wanted to get back to Wooster, Ohio, because even at that young age I knew there was a big celebration going on...but alas, I missed it.” Roger now lives in Bradenton, FL.

Robert Bader (Nelson Dodd camper 1948-53, staff 1954-56) now lives in Germantown, Tennessee and recalls:

My father, Adrian C. Bader, was the Executive Director of the Mt. Vernon YMCA from 1942 until 1958. Maybe some of you remember him. He passed away in 1999 at 92. Our Y was the closest to Camp Nelson Dodd. I can remember knowing about the Camp and wanting badly to attend before I was the minimum age of nine at that time. I was a camper for six years, one week when I was nine, and two weeks for the next five years. I then worked at Camp for three years 1954-56 at the pool. I was Aquatic Director the last year.

I remember the 3-day, 90-mile canoe trips down river and sleeping in the city park in Coshocton. The Camp truck, a light green Dodge, picked us up downriver and carried the campers and the coes back to Brinkhaven. The counselors had Wednesday evening off, so the green truck provided transportation to Mt. Vernon to go to the Keynote Dance at the Y. My Dad was always there keeping an eye on things, which I did not mind.

My Mt. Vernon High Reunion is held every five years. I visited what used to be our Camp in 2001 by invitation of the new owner. It was a Church Camp at that time. I found out that the Area Office had sold it to the Church. Everything I knew about Camp was gone. The cabins, administration building, the swimming pool, the KYBO at the end of the pool, the kitchen and mess hall. It was very sad. I was sorry that I had not kept up with what was going on with the Camp after I heard that it had been closed. Even an Airlines Passenger Sales Manager could have come up with the selling price. How cool would that have been?

I have the fondest memories about Camp Nelson Dodd. What a wonderful place to spend time during your younger years.

Dave Jones was the Director at the time I was there. He was a Y Secretary in Northern Ohio. Used to smoke a pipe. Densie and Earnie ran the kitchen. They were from Ohio Wesleyan in Delaware. I think they cooked in a fraternity house. If the counselors were especially nice to them, they would cook pizza after hours for the staff. What a lovely couple.

I worked with Pete Dull (Celina, OH) for two years. He was the best man in our wedding in 1964. Pete went to Ohio Wesleyan and Ohio State and became an aeronautical engineer. Pete and I see each other every year at the Indy 500 – he has

had the same seats for over 30 years. Bill and Babs Stafford were also on the staff when I worked there.

Tom Ricketts, one of my friends in Memphis who owns two hotels, was a camper at Nelson Dodd as well. What a small work it really is. When I went back to Camp in 2001, I emptied a new bottle of water in front of the spring that is still running on the right as you enter, and filled it with cold spring water for Tom. My wife Emily took pictures so Tom would be sure it was real.

David Allan Arnold from Lima, OH was also a counselor when I was there. At camp, we knew him as Al. When I got to Miami as a freshman in McBride Hall, who was the upper class counselor in the room next door? Dave Arnold, as he was known in college. He sponsored me into the Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau and was my big brother. I have lost track of Dave and can't find him on the internet.

What else can I say? Camp Nelson Dodd obviously had a very lasting impression on my life. I wish it was still open so the youth of today could experience all the positive lessons we all learned.

John Cummings (Nelson Dodd camper – 1950's) remembers his experiences at Nelson Dodd "like it was yesterday." Among his memories are a counselor named "Renfro", playing capture the flag, huge roaring fires on the athletic field, crossing the river on the pontoon bridge, making 16-strand lanyards, "bug juice" at meal time, and all the singing during and after eating. He also recalls "making the little boats with a candle and launching them the night before leaving," horseback riding, overnight canoe trips, playing basketball, volleyball, and the main camp lodge with the wrap-around porch. These are "memories from my youth that I will never forget and cherish always." John now resides in San Carlos, CA.

Jim Musgrave (Huntington HI-Y, WV Y/G) is enjoying his retirement in Huntington, while serving three congregations in the Upper Pocahontas Parish as their Commissioned Lay Pastor. Jim attended the first WV Youth in Government program in 1958. He is married to **Connie**, who served faithfully on the Ohio-West Virginia YMCA staff as the Youth in Government Coordinator for several years.



Andy Wetherill (Nelson Dodd camper 1958-59, CIT 1960) remembers the first time he went to CND. The song, "Tammy" by Debbie Reynolds was playing on the radio, and his college age counselor (from Huntington) was laying on his bunk. It is amazing how much the experiences from our youth still stay with us years later.

1960s

Dorothy Miller (Greenbrier East Tri-Hi-Y advisor) worked at the Greenbrier Hotel for 40 years and also served as an advisor for our programs, helping many young women become better citizens. Dorothy recently made another donation of library books to our programs at Horseshoe. Thank you, Dorothy, for your thoughtfulness and your many years of service!

Timothy Merrill, Jr. (Nelson Dodd counselor 1961-62) worked mostly with the younger campers while at Nelson Dodd. He went on the Au Sable, Michigan canoe trip in 1962 and “certainly went down the Mohican a number of times.” He recalls “tearing down the original cabins, the introduction of the Ranch on the far hill, running up that hill (to Buzzard’s Rock) to get in shape for football, and certainly, the closing ceremonies.” He now lives in Sewickley, PA and is interested in reconnecting with former staff from that era.

Dr. Horton Hobbs, III (professor of biology at Wittenberg University and a long-time friend of Cave Lake) received the National Speleological Society Science Award for “his commitment to students, passion for his work, and extensive contributions to the field.” Congratulations to Dr. Hobbs and many thanks for your help with Cave Lake!



General (Ret.) Robert H. “Doc” Foglesong (Williamson HI-Y) is retired from service in the US Air Force. He now heads the Appalachian Leadership and Education Foundation, which “supports and enables young men and women from Appalachia to pursue higher education through scholarship and leadership curriculum.” His organization (ALEF) recently received \$125,000 from President Obama’s \$1.4 million Nobel Peace Prize award.

Grady W. Smith (Nelson Dodd camper ’64, ’65) remembers living in Pioneer (?) cabin as a boy. While a camper, he lost his glasses in the Mohican River while canoeing, “and walked around for a week practically blind.” Recalls that his counselor’s name was Sam, who also took care of the horses. Grady now lives in Marietta, OH.

Barbara (Bokey) Delaney was a Horseshoe camper in 1968-69. She currently resides in Bridgeport and stopped by to visit Horseshoe at the end of the summer season. She has some vintage photographs and will scan them and send them in to share.

1970s

Michael Clay (Horseshoe Leadership Camper – 1972) contacted us through the Alumni page on the website. He is now employed by Lowe’s and living in Penhook VA.

Lori (Schmitt) Allison (Horseshoe Staff ’80) remembers her summer working at Horseshoe with “nothing but the fondest memories” as a part of the Youth Conservation Corps staff and helping with YOC camps. She “loved the whole summer” and is looking forward to the 70th Anniversary celebration at Horseshoe this Labor Day weekend. She and her husband are raising their 8-year old son (Will) and mentoring a 14-year old young woman in South Africa through Infinite Family.



Jim Lopreste (friend of Horseshoe and former Program Director for the Parkersburg YMCA) wrote to check in on our programs. Jim now works for the Children's Home Society of WV.



Lois (Hanger) Nelson (Hinton Tri-Hi-Y, FC, Y/G, Horseshoe camper & staff, YMCA staff) is celebrating the completion of her MBA from West Virginia University. She finished the 2 ½ year program in December – congratulations Lois!

1980s

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to **Tami (Johnson) Langan** in the loss of her father, Glenn Johnson on January 25, 2010. Tami (McClain HI-Y, Horseshoe Staff) is married to **Dan Langan** (Washington CH, Horseshoe Staff) – they are the parents of two children and reside in Mason, OH.

Robin (Harman) Owens (Keyser, Horseshoe Staff) recently completed her Master's in Advanced Studies in Teaching and Learning with a concentration in Gifted Education from George Mason University. She is married to Al and has two sons (11 & 8). Robin will bring her gifted students from several Winchester area high schools to Horseshoe in April for a weekend of volunteer service. The students are also organizing a fundraiser and collecting supplies to benefit Horseshoe and YOC campers. Thank you Robin!

Mary Susan (Musgrave) Anderson (Pt. Pleasant HI-Y, Y/G, Horseshoe staff) is happily married to Rob and a mom to "Irish twins" Clara (4) and Caleb (3). She works from home for an accounting firm and enjoys life in Pittsburgh.



Greg Bowman (Horseshoe staff) is a visiting professor at the West Virginia University College of Law. Greg just returned to his hometown of Morgantown with his wife, Nikki, from the Mississippi College School of Law in Jackson, MS. Nikki is also a WV native and has launched *WV Living*, a fantastic magazine that "celebrates life in West Virginia." Welcome home Greg and Nikki – we're glad to have you back.

Jeff Seevers (Wirt Co HI-Y, Y/G, Horseshoe camper & staff) is now living in California and working for Hewlett Packard, traveling mostly in Asia. Jeff is working to help us upgrade our computers and peripherals.

Matt Christian (Horseshoe camper & staff) has been married to his hometown sweetheart, Quin, since 1996. Living just outside Nashville, they are celebrating the start of a new ministry, Word Reach (www.wordreach.org), that just began in January of this year.

Stephanie (Pearce) Burke (McClain HI-Y, Y/G, Horseshoe) is a successful attorney in the Louisville KY area. She is married to Dennis, also an attorney, and has two sons (Aiden and Carey) and a daughter (Maria). She was recently featured in the Highland Co. Press when she announced her candidacy for district judge of Jefferson County's District 14 in Kentucky. While in Ohio Youth in Government, Stephanie served as the Lt. Governor.

Heather Hussell (Pt. Pleasant HI-Y, WV Y/G) is the Director of the Legal Assistant training program through Marshall CTC in Huntington.

Joe Caltrider (Wirt Co. HI-Y, Horseshoe Camper, WV Youth Governor '88) has been an attorney with Bowles, Rice, McDavid, Graff, & Love since 2002.

Stephie-Anna (Kapourales) Ramaley (Williamson HI-Y, WV Y/G, Horseshoe) is an attorney with Burns, White, & Hickton in the Pittsburgh area.

Linc Kohner (Wirt Co. HI-Y, Y/G, Horseshoe) is a chiropractor in Lancaster, Ohio and lives in nearby Canal Winchester. He has celebrated 19 years of marriage and they are the parents of two children. His 12 year old son is active in hockey and his 11 year old daughter is involved in figure skating and dance. He was recently introduced to Facebook by his children and is reconnecting with friends.

Carl Reher (Weir HI-Y, Y/G, Horseshoe) lives with his wife, Veronica, in Westerville, Ohio. He works for Anheuser-Busch in Columbus and remembers air bands during the variety show at Fall Conference, and sending a lot of notes with pages during Youth in Government. Carl is looking forward to visiting the Ohio Youth in Government assembly this April in Columbus.

Wendy Scatterday (Wheeling Park HI-Y) is an architect with SMG Architects in Wheeling, WV. She recently completed a renovation project with WVU to redesign the Mountainlair (Student Union) facility and it looks fantastic. Congratulations, Wendy, on a fantastic job. She has also volunteered to help us redesign the lodge addition at Horseshoe. In her spare time, she is working with Free Wheelchair Mission (www.freewheelchairmission.org/ohiovalley) that helps provide low-cost mobility to those across the globe who need it most. Please check out the website and help "be the blessing."



Rumiela "Miel" (Dala) Webster (Pt. Pleasant HI-Y, WV Youth Governor, Horseshoe camper & staff) is married and mother to 2 boys. She works as a Help Desk Analyst for Deliver Plus (software for restaurant delivery services).

Raymund Dala (Pt. Pleasant HI-Y, UN, WV Youth Governor '89) is now living in Ft. Lauderdale, FL practicing pathology in a community hospital. His favorite memory from Camp Horseshoe is "sleeping under the stars after trekking up the mountain at camp."

1990s

Michelle (Sims) Lyle (McClain HI-Y, Y/G, Horseshoe) is married and living in New Marshfield, OH (near Athens). She enjoys seeing the “vintage pictures” on Facebook and “would love to be a part of the anniversary next year. I have great memories from that time in my life.”

Scott Woodard (Eaton HI-Y & Horseshoe Staff '91) is working for the State Department in Chennai, India. He is married to Erika and they have two children (Lili 5 & Dominik 3). A few years back, he recalls chatting with new arrivals on their first tour with the State Department in INDIA. Through a strange turn of events, discovers that he is talking with Kelly Kopcial (Horseshoe Camper '91) who is now on her way to Prague. Horseshoe certainly connects folks – even across the globe.



John Goodman (Findlay HI-Y, UN, Y/G, Horseshoe) is now the VP, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary of the Schroer Group, a privately held company that owns and operates 18 long term care facilities in Ohio and Michigan. Since 1988, he has been happily married to his wife, Peggy, and they are raising 4 children – Nathaniel (8), Matthew (7), Benjamin (4), and Katie (2) – in Rocky River, Ohio.

Bryan Ramos (Carroll HI-Y, Ohio Y/G, Horseshoe camper and staff) is a Procurement Attorney for the Judge Advocate General at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH. He lives in Vandalia, OH with his wife, Abby, and two beautiful children, Abby (4) and Elijah (18 months). Bryan will again be helping with the Judicial program at the Ohio Youth in Government session in April.



Keri Jo (Brown) Kirschman (Nicholas Co. HI-Y, WV Y/G, Horseshoe) is an Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Dayton. She and her husband, David, have a 2 ½ year old daughter, named Hannah. Keri has volunteered to help as a Crew Leader for the Bridge Builder campaign. Thank you, Keri, for your help!

Robin (Harold) Lance (Spencer HI-Y, UN, WV Y/G, Horseshoe) teaches English, Literature, and Yearbook at Ravenswood High School. Married for 9 years now, she is the mother of two boys (Noah Wyatt – 7 & Ian Clark – 3) and looks forward to the 70th Anniversary celebration this Labor Day weekend at Horseshoe.

Matt McClung (Nicholas Co. HI-Y, Y/G, UN, Horseshoe) recently accepted the pastorate at Chapel United Methodist Church in Madison, Ohio. His wife, Emily, is a nursing professor at Hiram College; and they are enjoying life with their 3-year old daughter, Lauren.



Autumn Whitlock-Morales (Horseshoe Camper 1992, Horseshoe Staff 1994 & 1995, Richwood HI-Y) is married to her high school sweetheart (Tony) and lives and works in Calhoun County now as a physician at the Minnie Hamilton Health System facility in Grantsville. She completed medical school in 2002 with a double residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. Her favorite memories include working with Jean Pierre Bonasso & Jason Jacobs (and a not-so-famous corn flake skit), painting the laundry porch blue, and “almost” winning a cartwheel contest just before breaking her arm.

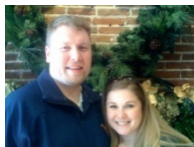
“I also remember a YOC camper that I had my first year. Her mom was pregnant and if the baby was a girl this little girl would get to pick out the name. The next summer she was back and she named her little sister ‘Autumn.’ That one still makes me tear up.” Autumn continues, “I am now the pediatrician for a previous YOC camper’s children. This mommy remembered me, and that felt special; and it is so nice to see what a good job she is doing with her own children.”



Jen McArthur (Horseshoe staff) is on the clinical staff at Daybreak Canyon, the “first green Residential Treatment Center in the country,” located in scenic Magic Hot Springs, Idaho. She is in charge of Alumni Relations for the facility, which serves young men between the ages of 12-17.

Max Moisseenko (Horseshoe staff) is living and working in Minsk, Belarus with his 11 year old son, Sasha. He works with contracts and negotiations with several companies in the area and finds that “camp experience is still very useful.”

Deon Platjies (Horseshoe Staff 1995-96) is living and working in South Africa. He worked for the Ohio-WV YMCA on an 18-month traineeship visa and helped with summer camp, the high ropes course, the Institute for IDEAS, and several of the school year conferences. He writes, *“My time at Horseshoe acted as a catalyst to focus where I want to go to. At present I am living in a small rural community in the winelands of the Western Cape. I am working for the conservation agency of the province managing a youth service programme. I am still involved working with young people and doing my bit for the community. I moved from Johannesburg a few years ago and went back to teaching. Got asked to establish a youth service corps in conservation and here I am living on a nature reserve and looking after the floral kingdom of the Western Cape.”*



Trey Hinrichs (Tyler Consolidated HI-Y, Y/G, Horseshoe camper & staff) is a walking advertisement for eHarmony. He has been happily married to Jessica since June 2007. He lives in Morgantown and recently started working for the FBI in Clarksburg.

Brandy (Hipp) Nakamura (Horseshoe Camper & Staff Member 1999-2001) recalls her experiences as an Adventure Camper and later working on staff at Horseshoe.

"I was an Adventure Camper as a child. Then I went to leadership camp as a Freshman in high school. I remember as a child, being so happy to have milk and warm bread at dinner. I still remember that feeling...a table full of food. So comforting...."

About my time as a kitchen helper/counselor, it really was the hardest work I have ever done. It really developed me and shaped even my major in college. After working three summers at Horseshoe, I changed my major to psychology and counseling. I'm glad and know it was due to my time at Horseshoe. I really recommend that every teenager spend one summer giving back to the community in a selfless way. I think it would do a lot to cut down on the amount of time that it takes to "find" their way.

I've done a lot reflection about that time in my life and something that keeps coming back to me is that overwhelming sense that I was a part of something so much bigger than myself, that I was impacting the universe, in a powerful way. The feeling of digging down deep inside of yourself for something you believe in is not easily forgotten. It's a sentimental feeling. It's life-changing and I would do it over again and again and again. I love Horseshoe...

Thank you for all that you do."

Do you have an update that we can share?

We're looking for

- **news and events in your life,**
- **memories about a particular program for our "Story Bank", and**
- **reflections on how your experiences with us changed your life.**

You may submit your information on our website (www.hi-y.org) or simply drop a note to us at alumni@hi-y.org. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

Condolences

Celebrating the Life of a Faithful HI-Y Advisor Carol Roy (1938-2010)

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Carol Roy, longtime advisor of the Tucker Co. High School HI-Y. She served her students and the program for many decades, touching hundreds of HI-Y members locally, and meeting more students and adults at the state events. She will be missed.

At the family's request, a memorial fund has been established with the HI-Y program. Memorial thoughts and gifts will be received by the Ohio-WV YMCA and acknowledgements will be forwarded to the family.

Carol's obituary, as printed in the *Parson's Advocate* on March 3, 2010 follows.

Carol Roy

Carol Louise Fletcher Roy, 71, a well known educator of Tucker County and a resident of Parsons, departed this life Monday evening March 1, at Davis Memorial Hospital at Elkins. She was born Wednesday, March 16, 1938 at Needham, Ma., a daughter of the late Louis Fletcher and Ruth Newcombe Fletcher. On Aug.



5, 1964 at Red House, Md., she was married to Hoy Ray Roy, who survives. Also surviving are two sons Louis Chester Roy and wife Megan of Parkersburg, and Eric Ray Roy of Waverly; one sister Martha Appel and husband Robert of Long Island, N.Y.; and three grandchildren Seth Roy of Parsons and Jessica Roy and Justice Roy of Parkersburg. She was a graduate of Needham High School with the Class of 1956. She was a graduate of Boston University with the Class of 1960. She was a teacher for forty two years having taught in Mineral County, Parsons

High School and Tucker County High, where she retired. She was an advisor of the Ohio West Virginia Hi-Y. Mrs. Roy's request for cremation was honored. The family suggests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to Ohio West Virginia YMCA Hi-Y Program, PO Box 239, Point Pleasant, WV. 25550. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com. *The Parsons Advocate* 3-3-10.

Mentor, Supporter, and Friend George Waddell (1916-2010)

The Ohio-West Virginia YMCA was saddened to learn that a longtime friend, George Waddell, passed away on January 17, 2010 after a brief illness. George Waddell was 93 years young and lived out his Christian faith on a daily basis. His involvement with this YMCA began in his hometown of Greenfield, first as a McClain HI-Y member as a student, then as an adult he became a mentor to students through his community involvement. One of those students he touched was David King, whom he invited as a high school student to his Rotary meeting. From that first meeting, Mr. Waddell grew as a mentor, friend, and supporter of the youth programs of this organization.



He was instrumental in the survey, acquisition, and advancement of the Cave Lake property in Pike County, Ohio. George gave the first gift to purchase Cave Lake's 700 acres – a \$5,000 donation for the “earnest money.” He said, “It would be an honor for me to make the first contribution toward Cave Lake's future.” Soon after, he organized the Cave Lake “Pray-ers” to support the facility not only financially, but also with their spiritual involvement in the growth of the facility. On his 90th birthday, he announced the establishment of a \$500,000 endowment at the Columbus Foundation to benefit the YMCAs Cave Lake Center for Community Leadership. In 2009, George issued a challenge grant to “match dollar for dollar up to \$45,000, to support the launch of arts programming at Cave Lake.”

Service above self describes George Waddell in living and using his more than 90 years for good. The family held a memorial service for him in Florida, where he had lived since 1995. In April, they will join his friends and family in Greenfield for another opportunity to remember and honor his life.

<p style="text-align:center">MEMORIAL SERVICE for GEORGE M. WADDELL Saturday, April 24, 2010, 10 AM at First United Methodist Church, 405 South Street, Greenfield, Ohio We hope that you can join us, His Family</p>
