Summer Camp Kick-Off

Nearly one hundred Frost Valley alumni who live in and around New York City gathered on the Lower East Side Friday, June 13th at the increasingly popular Frost Valley Summer Camp Kick-off fundraising event. “Kabim,” a small local pub in the city with the most of a camp—a kids or the wall campfire in the back, and lots of friends having a great time together — was the perfect spot to socialize.

No matter how many years have passed since your first day of camp, summer time brings back a flood of memories. That longing to be with camp friends once again is what started this ritual begun by a small group of alumni and put to work for a good cause: they come together, “remember when” and make donations to help make this experience possible for others.

Caroline Donohue, a camper and counselor spanning fifteen years at Frost Valley, organized the event. Old friends rolled in, smiles, hugs and handshakes were exchanged. Pictures of Frost Valley covered the walls with symbols and faces that brought a little bit of Frost Valley to New York City — only for an evening.

As happy hour came to a close, the back room filled with Frost Valley friends and a raffle with prizes was held. Alum went away with Frost Valley sweatshirts, blankets and, for one lucky winner, a free weekend for four back at camp. As old friends reunited, memories were shared and laughter filled the bar. It was another Frost Valley memory to be shared.

Join the fun and gather Frost Valley folks who live in your neck of the woods! Contact st.mnn@FrostValley.org for more information on how to get started.

Hall of Fame

D. Halbe Brown

Those who have come to know the enchanting world of Frost Valley also know that its success over the years lies in its small staff—swimming in the brilliance, dedication, flexibility, creativity, and capacious vision of D. Halbe Brown. He was brought by the trustees to Frost Valley to rescue a failing operation in the role as executive director, within a few short months he become our executive director, where he would lead by example for the next 35 years. From 1966-2001, with his wife Jane, Halbe took a struggling summer camp with few other programs and created a year-round camping and conference center enjoyed by 35,000 children and families each year. We are honored to pay tribute to this truly remarkable leader.

Carol English accepts her father’s award from Jerry Runcome

Woodruff J. “Woody” English

In his 37 years as a Frost Valley Trustee, many of those as Chairman, Woodruff J. “Woody” English gave generously of his time and energy to guide Frost Valley’s growth and development. In 1985, Frost Valley named its Environmental Education Program in his honor. Woody’s love of the outdoors was part of his family legacy. Today the English family homestead is still a working farm and listed as a historic landmark in Liberty Corner, New Jersey (www.englishfarm.org). As Board Chairman during years of tremendous change, Woody was wise and decisive; his brilliant ideas for how Frost Valley should grow, develop, and increase its range of service range as clearly as a bell both in the way he lead, and in the foghorn-loud sound of his voice. When Woody spoke, we all listened. He was leader through and through.

Eva Gotscha

Eva Gotscha, a resident of Short Hills, NJ, was recognized at the induction ceremony for her creation of The Eva Gotscha Foundation, in partnership with Albert Einstein College of Medicine and the National Association of Patients on Hemodialysis and Transplants. The foundation has brought children with chronic illness into the mainstream of the community. It is the first of its kind.

Find out more about the event at Frost Valley’s website: www.FrostValley.org • (845) 985-2291