

# wasind Ketchup

Fall 2006

## In Tribute to Dr. Len Cullen 1925-2006

Camp Kwasind has never had a dearer friend than Len Cullen. Len was a camper during the first summer of Kwasind's existence, 1944. Throughout these 62 years Len's contribution, guidance, vision and support of Kwasind has always been overwhelming. No one has been so much a part of Kwasind than Len. It has been written before that:

*"His vision and generous support continue to inspire and sustain this camp. His quiet persistence resulted in all the new cabins (Minnewawa, Mudjekeewis, Kahgahgee, Keego and Keewaydin) as well as major upgradings of Dahinda, Minnehaha and Mondamin. It was his employees who built the fence around lagoo, rebuilt the stage, made the campfire benches, planted shrubs and trees and made many other improvements."*

The hundreds of cedar trees that adorn our property came from his farm in Whitby. The many hostas in the present Kwasind gardens originated in the backyard of his Midland Avenue home. The garden equipment and the new "water stations" to provide a beautiful setting for our campers, staff and visitors are a result of Len's continued generosity. The list and accolades for this servant could go on and on, yet his never-ending love for Camp Kwasind will never be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to know him or to work with him.

During the 1970s and 1980s Len served on the Camp Kwasind Committee as well as being the director of the "Celebration Weekend" after Keewaydin was constructed in 1978-79. His vision, industry and encouragement spurred the committee members to achieve great accomplishments during the years he spent working on Kwasind projects. Len always pushed us to buy more land and build a conference centre structure to accommodate adults, the elderly and the handicapped, in order to enlarge our sphere of Christian ministry at Camp Kwasind. And who can forget the "Celebration Weekends" when Len would select outstanding speakers to feed us our

spiritual food as well as to provide, at his own expense, the largest, most delicious beef spare ribs and 35 dozen cobs of corn. Over these years we also roasted on a spit at least four pigs, usually in the lagoo firepit. What a delight; what an inspiration this servant of Jesus Christ was to, not only Kwasindians, but also to the whole world that he encountered.

Many others knew Len as a gardener par excellence, a businessman, a church member, fellow deacon, a lifelong friend. This gentleman who peddled newspapers as a boy in Toronto, worked at Edwards Gardens, was encouraged by John Weall, and was the founder of Weall and Cullen Nurseries, Cullen Barns, Cullen Gardens and Miniature Village, distinguished himself in every adventure he undertook. Some years ago he was awarded the distinction of being Canada's most outstanding entrepreneur. For his lifelong service in the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec he was a deserving recipient of the degree, *Doctor of Divinity, Honoris Causa*, from McMaster University.

Len passed away on Tuesday, August 15. His funeral on August 19 at Agincourt Baptist Church was conducted by another Kwasindian, Rev. Ross Carkner. Many hundreds of Len's friends crowded into all areas of the church to celebrate his life. And, of course, it was a sunny, warm day!

Let us sing praise to our Heavenly Father for the amazing gift to our world in the person of Len Cullen.

Bob Hanson, "Uncle Bobby"





This fall we will be replacing two of our oldest cabins with brand new versions of these cabins. Thanks to your generous gifts – Chibiabos and Hiawatha are both going to be replaced and ready for campers for the summer of 2007! But we don't want these old cabins to be completely forgotten. So we would like to make a special offer!

If you would like to lend a hand with the work of either taking the cabins down or in building the new ones, we would be happy to have your assistance. To say thanks for your help, we would invite you to go through the cabins and find an old section of wall – perhaps with your name on it or the name of someone you know – and retain that section for sentimental value.

Of course if you are unable to assist with the work, we also would like you to be able to get into the Kwasind history and retain a section of one of the cabins for display. (What a great Christmas gift that would be!) So for a minimum donation of only \$25 you can have such a gift! Please contact us to

## *The Perfect Décor*

arrange to join in the work or to select your piece of Kwasind history.



*The youth group from Weston Park Baptist Church help to tear down the old Hiawatha cabin on September 23, 2006.*

## **The Tuck Lady...**

This summer has been one to remember. Being my fourth year on staff, it is always memorable to look back and see the changes, the differences, and the experiences from summer to summer and how they have shaped me to be who I am in Christ.

There have been many changes this summer, not only in directors, but also in positions, weekly schedules, and new ways of running the camp. Being the camp person that I am, and having 13 years of experience at it, people found it interesting that I would want to serve my time at Kwasind in the office as the Administrative Clerk. But I made it my objective to continue to stay involved with the campers and get to know each camper that came past my window.

'Past my window' you ask? No, I do not mean the office window. I am referring to the tuck shop window. In recent years, tuck has been pre-ordered and given out to the campers right after lunch at rest time. This has worked quite well. But this year, it was decided that serving tuck right after lunch was too soon after a meal and might be a deterrent to eating a proper meal, so it was decided that each camper would line up, walk past the tuck shop window in the bottom of Mondamin to pick and choose what they would like for a snack later in the afternoon during free time. This is the way tuck used to be served and it worked very well. Each day the cleanest cabin would get to be the first in the tuck line as an incentive for the campers to clean their cabins. The rest of the campers would then follow. I really enjoyed getting to see each camper every day. Tuck became much more of a social experience for them through the time spent socializing in line in the cool basement of Mondamin. And by the end of each week I knew almost all of them by name.

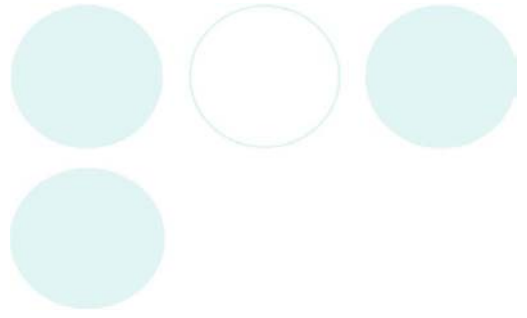
It has been an enjoyable summer through and through, with many ups and downs as we face the trials and high points of working at summer camp. Of course I have experienced many more positive times as I enjoy God's beauty and the love that He has to share for each and every one who steps foot on this wonderful property. Thank you to everyone who has come to enjoy a day, a weekend, or a week at camp this summer. I look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

*Colleen Crozier*

## **Camp Kwasind Fall Work Weekend**

Join us for all the fun! October 13, 14, & 15, 2006

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## Memories of Kwasind from 1951

After spending several years in church camping in Western Canada, in 1950 I moved to Hamilton. So in 1951 I found myself as a leader at Kwasind at a camp of 12-14 year olds. One of my duties was to supervise a cabin of 6 girls. The first night I went in to say goodnight to them, and realized I had 3 very blonde Swedes and 3 very black girls (the first ones to attend Kwasind). As was my custom, I went around to give each one a hug. When I got to one of the black girls and hugged her, she asked me, "Did you do that because you had to or because you wanted to?" It nearly broke my heart. Needless to say she got a second hug, and many more that week.

We sometimes wonder what the campers are learning from us, but for me that girl taught me something I have never forgotten to this day

Peggy Anderson

*Peggy and her husband, the Rev. Elmer Anderson, were campers this summer at the Alumni Weekend camp, held over the August long weekend. Peggy's birthday was celebrated in grand style when Basil, our chef this summer - a pastry chef by training - presented her with a sumptuous chocolate cheesecake with spun sugar decoration.*

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Did you know that your donations of Canadian Tire money this summer resulted in us being able to purchase a tetherball and some additional canoe paddles? Let's keep it up!



**Kids growing? Cleaning up the cottage?**  
Medium-size life jackets / PFDs (40 – 80 lb. range)  
gratefully received as donations

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: DECEMBER 30, 2006

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### *One summer is over, and we are already looking to the next great one . . .*

Staff applications can be downloaded from the website as of October 31, 2006. The deadline for summer staff applications will be December 31, 2006. Interviews will take place in January and February of 2006. If any potential staff members have questions, they can contact

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**We appreciate your ongoing support of the ministry of Camp Kwasind. Please remember the work of the camp in your prayers and in your regular giving. As we move into the future with the exciting new phase of the ministry of our camp, your support is needed now more than ever.**

*Thank You*

## Update from Dave...

With the summer over and the fall season well under way, I am now concluding my first year as the new Executive Director for Camp Kwasind. It has been a ton of work and I have enjoyed every minute of it! It is quite something when my 15 year old son has to tell me to get off the computer instead of me suggesting the same thing to him; well that's a good indication of how many of my waking hours have been spent working passionately for Kwasind.

So after a year, what do we have to show? Well a year of transition is interesting and it has also proven to be very fruitful. Many of our summer camp sessions were fully booked with children. Our campers in the weekly camp surveys rated our summer staff members as "great". A new trampoline, sailboat, badminton court, tetherball and worship sound system in the top of Keewaydin were only some of the noticeable changes on the site. Our "Bring a Friend" promotion resulted in over 30 children attending camp who had never been to Kwasind before. We also know that hundreds of youth experienced the love of Christ and enjoyed fellowship with others at Kwasind through our camp programs – many dedicating their lives to Him.

I want to thank the many people who have continued to pray for the ministry of Camp Kwasind. Your continual

acknowledgment of the important work that is done at Kwasind is appreciated. Many of you have also supported my family and I in this - our first year of ministry together. Those financial and other tangible gifts too are greatly valued.

The future is looking very bright and positive in all that can be, and all that – with your help – will be done. Thank you for working with us in this vital ministry.

With much joy in His service;

**David Scott**  
Executive Director



David and Nancy Scott enjoying the waterfront together at camp...

## The wish list...

- Ceramic tile for washroom floors
- New interior and exterior doors
- Exhaust hood, fan & extinguishing system for Mondamin kitchen
- Roof replacements on Mondamin, The Warehouse, Wawa & Mahng
- Paint for cabins
- Paddle boats
- Kayaks
- Snowshoes
- Snow tubes / toboggans
- Cross country skis, boots and poles
- A snowmobile
- Mountain style bikes
- Bicycle helmets
- An ATV
- A tractor
- Computer for the office
- A digital camera
- A power washer
- A laptop computer
- A DVD Player
- Life jackets
- Climbing wall
  - Your prayers

*"Ask and it shall be given unto you..."*

Contact us – We'd love to hear from you!

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