

# Radius

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A newsletter for Camphill Special School families

*"Receive the children with reverence, educate them with love, send them forth in freedom" - Rudolf Steiner*

## Annette Lambeth named Supervisor of Special Education

**Annette Lambeth, Ed.D.** recently was named as Camphill Special School's Supervisor of Special Education.

After spending twenty-two years concentrating on special education in public schools, Annette brings a wealth of training and experience to Camphill. Her objective is to help the School to better meet the needs of local school districts in the areas of programs, services, and standard aligned IEPs (Individual Education Plans) while continuing to meet the diverse needs of our students.

"I am here," asserted Annette, "to work collaboratively with sending school districts, the teachers at Camphill, and parents without compromising the integrity of the Waldorf and curative education philosophies that make Camphill Special School so unique."

Annette will work closely with **Bernie Wolf** and **Jan Goeschel**, whose responsibilities and titles are changing a bit. For many years Bernie has handled Student Admissions, Special Education and IEPs, and working with foreign coworker immigration/visa issues...a lot of work for one person! Bernie will continue to carry his Student Admissions and immigration/visa responsibilities, but also will work closely with Annette as she transitions into her new position.



(L to R) Bernie Wolf, Annette Lambeth, and Jan Goeschel.

Jan will take on the title of Program Director and serve as a resource for Annette in all issues related to Waldorf and curative education. (See story on page 2.)

Annette is a native of Hummelstown, PA and received her undergraduate degree from Shippensburg University, her M.Ed. in K-12 special education from the University of Pittsburgh, and her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Immaculata University. She also received her Supervisor of Special Education certification from Immaculata. She is married to Tom Lambeth, a Site Project Manager for Harkins Builders, Inc. The couple has two children; Troy attends college in Colorado and Micaela will be a senior in high school this fall.

Annette encourages anyone desiring additional information about Camphill Special School's special education or IEP services to contact her at [alambeth@camphillspecialschool.org](mailto:alambeth@camphillspecialschool.org) or 610.469.9236 x408.

## September 2011

- Sun. 9/04** Residential students return
- Mon. 9/05** Labor Day  
New residential students arrive
- Tues. 9/06** Classes for all students begin
- Sat. 9/24** Ribbon Cutting Celebration at  
10:30AM Beaver Farm
- Wed. 9/28** Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown
- Fri. 9/30** Last day of Rash Hashanah

*Looking ahead:*

- Sat. 10/15** Admissions Open House
- Sun. 10/16** Camphill Challenge

## Jan Goeschel earns Ph.D.

**Jan Christopher Goeschel**, who first arrived at Camphill Special School as a coworker in 1999, recently was awarded his Ph.D. in Special Education and Rehabilitation Sciences from the University of Cologne in Germany.

Jan earned his advanced degree from the Faculty of Human Sciences, which includes one of the largest research centers in Europe devoted to the study of special education, rehabilitation services, and other disability-related topics.

Originally from Munich, Germany Jan lived in Edinburgh, Scotland before coming to Beaver Run. In Scotland he completed an M.A. (Hons) in Psychology at the University of Edinburgh and a Diploma in Waldorf Education at the Edinburgh Rudolf Steiner School.



Jan Goeschel

## Carsten Callesen named Director of Therapeutic Services



Carsten Callesen, new Director of Therapeutic Services.

**Carsten Callesen**, a member of the Camphill Special School community for the past 20 years, recently was named Director of Therapeutic Services.

Carsten has lived and worked with children, youth, and adults with developmental disabilities in Camphill communities in Scotland, England, and the United States for twenty-five years. He has served as a house parent, workshop leader, teacher, administrator, counselor, and most recently, a therapist. Carsten holds Diplomas in the Art of Eurythmy and in Eurythmy Therapy. He teaches movement and eurythmy to children and teenagers in therapy sessions, as well as classes in various adult education settings. Carsten has an active interest in group work and conflict resolution, and in promoting self-advocacy, empowerment, human relationships, and abuse prevention for people with developmental disabilities. He has given workshops on these themes in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Norway.

Carsten lives at Ember House with his sons Silvan and Shaan and can be contacted via 610.469.0862 or [ccallesen@camphillspecialschool.org](mailto:ccallesen@camphillspecialschool.org).

## A hearty welcome to Brigette, our new school nurse...



Brigette Fitzgerald, our new school nurse, on vacation with her partner, Chris.

**Brigette Fitzgerald**, who has worked with people with special needs of all ages for twenty-one years, is Camphill Special School's new school nurse. Brigette will work closely with Carsten Callesen, Director of Therapeutic Services (see related article) and our school physician, Dr. Richard Fried, in Celandine on our Beaver Run campus.

Originally from the New Orleans area, Brigette holds a B.S. in special education from Florida Atlantic University and an Associate's Degree-RN from Vance Granville Community College in North Carolina. She also has completed massage therapy and yoga teacher trainings.

Brigette is quite familiar with The Camphill Movement for in the past she has volunteered at Camphill Copake in New York, Camphill Duffcarrig in Ireland, and as a day volunteer at Camphill Kimberton Hills. She currently lives in the Kimberton area with her partner, Chris, and their dog and five cats.

Brigette will be on campus Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday/Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She can be reached at 610.469.0862 or [bfitzgerald@camphillspecialschool.org](mailto:bfitzgerald@camphillspecialschool.org).

## ...and to our new Database Administrator and Communications Assistant, Cara!

This story has some sad news...and some good news...and some more good news!

The sad news is that our long-time Development Coordinator, **Gail Ondo**, retired at the end of July. It's sad for us in the office because we miss her very much. The good news, however, is that Gail retired to have more time to spend with her two granddaughters, Abigail and Marissa. So, we have to be happy for her!

The second good news is the arrival of **Cara Schmidt** as the newest member of our Development Office team. Cara has a new title to better indicate exactly what she is responsible for throughout the year at Camphill Special School.

Cara is a Downingtown native and still resides there. She is a graduate of West Chester University and her past professional experiences include working with the Chester County IU, Morningside Summer Camp in Elverson, and Vanguard in Malvern. Cara also volunteers in a wide variety of venues, including First Person Arts in Philadelphia, The Colonial Theatre in Phoenixville, and People's Light and Theatre Company in Malvern.

If you have items for the *Radius* or questions about your giving history you can contact Cara at 610.469.9236 x133 or at [cschmidt@camphillspecialschool.org](mailto:cschmidt@camphillspecialschool.org).



Cara Schmidt (L.) our new Database Administrator and Communications Assistant, hiking with her sister and niece.

## How We Spent Our Summer Vacations

**Ursel Pietzner** spent her vacation in Norway with her daughter, grand- and great-grandchildren. They enjoyed strawberry season, living near Hamar at the long lake Mjøsa. Ursel said it was interesting to see the huge fields filled with berries being picked daily by Polish pickers who had come for the season.

Lucky to escape the hot humid heat of summer, Ursel described the climate as rainy and cool, in contrast to what we experience in the summer here in southeastern Pennsylvania. She said it was not only important, but also wonderful to get away from the heat. A morning fire in the living room kept things cozy. The lake had risen 2-3 feet due to rain and melting snow. Their summer is very wet, a large contrast to the draught we have in the south of this country. Another big difference was the presence of daylight. Due to the high latitude, it was light well into the evening and started to get light again around 4:00 AM. Even with such presence from the sun, only ten days could be described as sunny!

Ursel also offered some words on the events of July 22. "It seemed unbelievable when the murderous shooting of the young people on the island was known. An enormous shock, upset and anger took hold of the nation. I listened to the King's and Prime Minister's (who has his children in a Rudolf Steiner school) speeches on TV. I left on the 24<sup>th</sup> for home. I hear from my Norwegian friend that still now (as of August 15) there are daily news reports about the event and its consequences."

-Cara Schmidt



Great-grandson Jakob and Ursel spend time together in Norway.

I traveled again to Taiwan this summer. **Jan Goeschel** and I visited an early identification center in Khao-Shung with a colleague of his from his doctoral work in Germany. We joined old friends from the Waldorf community and continued on to Tao Yuan to teach at a week-long conference for physicians and teachers.



Jan with an interpreter in Khao-Shung.

When Jan returned home (summer camp!) I continued on to the Philippines to give an introductory workshop in Curative Education for the Waldorf community there. At a beautiful biodynamic farm outside of Manila, I rode in a cart pulled by a carabao- a very sweet water buffalo named "Malago"- "Beauty"- in Filipino. In August I returned to Mexico to teach in the Waldorf Teacher Training Program in Cuernavaca. Then I enjoyed some idle days in my back yard!

- Becky Rutherford



Becky thanks Malago for the ride.

## RED BARN BALL and ProAm Tennis Tournament Recap

We could not have asked for a more perfect location (our own Beaver Farm) or better weather for the RED BARN BALL on June 3. Add in fabulous ambiance, a record-breaking crowd of 375 people, and over \$144,000 raised for Camphill Special School and you have one amazing evening.

The next day at White Manor Country Club, children of all ages and abilities enjoyed our first-ever Tennis Clinic. Then Camphill ProAm founder **Anthony DeCecco** defeated teacher and house parent **Andreas Schuschke** in a hard fought exhibition match (do we detect a re-match in 2012?). In tournament play the team of **Brian Zanzitis** and **Brenna Mendelsohn** beat White Manor Pro **Jeremy Speicher** and his partner **Celes Panichelli**.

Camphill Special School extends its heartfelt appreciation to everyone who made our signature fundraising event a success.

If you'd like to join the team of people who make it all happen every spring, contact Steering Committee Chair **Amy McHugh** at [amymchugh@mac.com](mailto:amymchugh@mac.com) or 484.888.1023.

Stay tuned for more information on the **2012 Camphill ProAm!**



## Are you ready to take the Camphill Challenge?

Show your support for Camphill communities in Chester County by participating in the Camphill Challenge bike ride on **Sunday, October 16**.



Choose from fifty, twenty-five, and ten mile routes, as well as a family ride to Beaver Farm. The rides begin and end at the Kimberton Waldorf School, winding through the scenic back roads of Chester County with views of pristine fall foliage.

You may choose to have your contribution or registration benefit all three Camphill communities (Camphill Soltane, Camphill Special School, and Camphill Village Kimberton Hills), but of course we encourage our parents, grandparents, families, and friends to choose Camphill Special School.

Online registration is now open for this family-friendly event! You also may choose to start your very own personal fundraising page so your family and friends can support your participation and our school.

Sponsorships also are available and range from \$100 to \$15,000. To register, sponsor, or create your own

fundraising page visit [camphillchallenge.org](http://camphillchallenge.org). For questions or additional information contact Courtney at 610.469.9236 x132 or [ccoffman@camphillspecialschool.org](mailto:ccoffman@camphillspecialschool.org).

### Beaver Tales

Did you know that the Sarah Jane Herman Education and Resource center and Silver Maple keep in the heat and stay cool using newspaper?

Cellulose insulation is made from recycled wood fiber. The addition of borates, derived from the mineral boron, creates a natural fire retardant and insect repellent.

Though it doesn't save trees directly, it maximizes the use of those already harvested.

### Camphill Special School

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**Our Mission** is to create wholeness for children and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities through education and therapy in extended family living.

Items for the October issue of the *Radius* must be submitted by Wednesday, September 17, 2011. Materials should be submitted electronically, on disk or via email, to Cara Schmidt at [cschmidt@camphillspecialschool.org](mailto:cschmidt@camphillspecialschool.org)

All material submitted is subject to editing and is included on a space available basis.