

**NOMINEES FOR THE LCA BOARD of DIRECTORS
and the ARCADIA FOUNDATION COMMITTEE**

Presented at the 2011 LCA Annual Meeting.

The Lutheran Camp Association (LCA) Board of Directors consists of eleven members. Nine of the eleven members are elected by the LCA membership and two by the Arcadia Cottage Colony Association (ACCA). There are five members who serve on the **Arcadia Foundation Committee**, all of whom are elected by the LCA membership.

*There are **THREE** positions to be filled on the LCA Board of Directors this election and **TWO** positions to be filled on the Arcadia Foundation Committee.* Please review the following candidates for these boards along with their visions for Camp Arcadia.

Please choose three (3) of the following for the LCA Board of Directors for a 3-year term: (*= Incumbent)**

*****Bill Beck** – Bill and his wife Kathy are “town cottagers” living in Arcadia year around. They retired to Arcadia and participate in various volunteer activities. In the past, he has served church congregations as Elder, Outreach Committee Chair, Sunday school teacher, and youth work trip counselor. Bill received his Ph. D. from the University of New Mexico, retired from IBM, and ran his own technology company. The Beck family attended Camp Arcadia for over 20 years. Sons David and Andrew served on staff in Program, Nature, Kitchen, and Housekeeping. David has served as a Teen Week counselor. On the LCA Board since 2005, Bill chaired the Beach Project to begin the beach restoration process. As board Vice President, he chairs the Personnel Committee. Bill is running for his final board term. Bill supports continuing the LCA Board’s evolution towards a policy or advisory role, leaving operational issues to senior staff. This policy or advisory approach is helping develop our already strong staff into even more effective leaders.

His vision for Camp Arcadia...*Camp Arcadia became our family’s cornerstone for understanding, confirming, and deepening our Christian values and beliefs. Thus, my ultimate vision for Camp Arcadia is to assure it serves that role for other families. I hope that Camp Arcadia will continue to develop 21st century families and leaders committed to Christian values. As a healthy organization, Camp Arcadia continues to grow and evolve while maintaining time-honored traditions. The LCA Board’s responsibility is to guide Camp Arcadia so it continues as a haven of Christian values and beliefs for its campers and staff. An important board role is to recognize and protect those aspects of Camp Arcadia that have made it so cherished by so many generations of families and individuals.*

Ryan Kotenko – Ryan and his wife, Marie, are enjoying the 14th month of their honeymoon in fabulous Wyoming, MI, just outside of Grand Rapids. They are making plans to move to Ann Arbor where Marie will be pursuing graduate studies in public health this fall. Ryan is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He currently works as an industrial engineer for Gentex Corporation, a mid-size automotive supplier. They are both former staffers, with Ryan serving two years in the kitchen and one as Nature Boy, and Marie serving a summer on program staff. They have continued serving at camp through opening weekend, end of season retreats, and Ryan as a teen week counselor. They also recently enjoyed their first family week together. Ryan and Marie are members of New Hope Lutheran in Hudsonville, MI where they have served as Sunday school teachers to the high school youth. In their free time, the Kotenkos enjoy biking and running through the woods and spending as much time in Arcadia as possible.

His vision for Camp Arcadia...*My vision for Arcadia centers on sustainability. It is a natural desire to try to sustain that which we have identified as good, for our future enjoyment, for sharing with friends, and for passing along for generations. We are fortunate that camp cannot be “used up” in the way that many things we consume everyday can be. Still, by sustainability I don’t mean merely the currently fashionable ecological sense, nor do I limit my scope to the endowed safety of economic sustainability. While these facets of the word*

are certainly valid, even vital aims of the LCA board, I feel there is an even deeper understanding that encompasses both of those meanings and much more.

In one sense, I mean the sustainability of the essential camp experience from year to year. In my decade as an Arcadian, much has changed about the staff, facilities, and program at camp, yet through all the changes the indelible spirit of Arcadia is unchanged. Undiminished certainly, and one could say enhanced, polished, improved. Through the conscientious stewardship of the LCA, camp must always maintain a dynamic equilibrium between tradition and change. In camp's 89 year history neither can be denied and for camp to continue 89 more seasons, both must be embraced.

However in my opinion, the deepest sense of sustainability is the continuation of the camp experience throughout the year. Camp, to me, has always meant relationships. I think of my relationship with God, my wife, my closest friends, fellow Christians, and even the earth. All have been positively impacted by Arcadia and seem to be at their best in Arcadia. I have grown all too familiar with, and I'm sure others have experienced the "post-camp letdown," but there is no reason that this needs to be true. Camp is a special, unique place, but the rhythms and patterns that occur there can serve as models, scalable and moldable to our daily lives "back home." It is certainly much more challenging to find time for a meal together as family, for active daily study of God's word, or for the simple enjoyment of creation, yet all of these are possible away from Arcadia as well. If camp is to be sustainable in this sense, it must not become a commodity we consume for the always too brief time we get to be there. Rather we must each allow ourselves to truly become a part of camp and for camp to become a part of us, each giving and receiving with the other in partnership. Camp does well to be a "haven on the shore," and for my part I intend to go back often to be renewed in body, mind and spirit, but in my view, camp does even better when it can say "Go forth, child of God," and Arcadians begin to spend the other parts of the year making the world a bit more like Arcadia.

*****Steve Roskam**—Steve and his wife Chandler live in Oak Park, IL and attend Grace Lutheran in River Forest, IL. They have two children who have served on staff in the kitchen ; Jake for four years and Mica for one year. Steve has a B.S. from U. of Oregon and a D.O. from Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is an Attending Physician in the Dept. of Emergency Medicine at Provident Hospital of Cook County and a Professor of Emergency Medicine at Midwestern University. He has served his church as member of the Confirmation Team, Sunday School teacher and 8th grade mentor. He has served as a volunteer physician for Medical Group Missions/Christian Medical Society in the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Jamaica. He is a board member, volunteer lecturer and physician volunteer for various community organizations. He is running for his last term.

His vision for Camp Arcadia...*In 1990 the Roskam family started our own form of Camp Arcadia. My parents, brothers, sisters and their spouses were very intentional in creating the tradition of having an annual family reunion. Beginning in the Old Testament the Lord has commanded families to share stories of their history and God's faithfulness. We wanted to develop an environment where our children grow up knowing their extended family, create life-long friendships, discover our common roots and pass on a legacy of faith. For eight years we spent a week together in different locations all over the country. The venues were varied, but it provided us with the opportunity to create bonds and memories by sharing our common faith and discovering who we were as a family. It helped that we always had an exceptional time together. In 1998 I read an article about Camp Arcadia and immediately faxed it to all 5 families and within 2 days we had our application in for the drawing in January. Shortly after we arrived at RKD we all realized that the "Annual Roskam High-Life" reunion had found a permanent home. For the past 13 years we have been blessed with the opportunity to spend time together in a wonderful Christ-based environment. The leadership of the LCA during our tenure as campers has been remarkable in their vision for the future. I would be honored to continue one as a member of this team that through it's hard work and sacrifice has provided a place where the Lord Jesus is honored by families gathering to build traditions in His name.*

Karl Shininger – Karl lives in Festus, MO with his wife, Katie, and son, A.J. where they attend Our Lady Catholic church. Karl earned his B.S. in mechanical engineering from Trine University, M.A. in education from Defiance College, and M.A. in educational administration from Missouri Baptist University. He is a high school math teacher, multi-sport coach, and member of various school committees at Jefferson High School in Festus, MO. Karl served on staff at Camp Arcadia for six summers as kitchen crew, assistant cook, trading post manager, program director, and intern. Since working on staff, he has been a teen week counselor and opening weekend volunteer for the last six years. Karl and Katie met while working on staff, became engaged on the South Bluff, and were married at Arcadia in 2005. This past summer, they celebrated another RKD milestone by bringing their son to Camp Arcadia for the first time as family campers.

His vision for Camp Arcadia ...*Recently becoming a father has had a tremendous impact on my vision for Camp Arcadia. As a staff member, RKD was a Christ-centered summer job filled with the greatest memories and friends one can have. Now as a father, I see this sacred place from the perspective of the thousands of guests I served. It is a place that is focused on providing families with the time and opportunities to create memories that last forever. As a board member, I will work to maintain the primary purpose of Camp Arcadia by balancing tradition and progress so that it can be enjoyed by many generations to come.*

*****George Wojtan**- George and his wife Dana live with their three children: Conrad, Marie, and Kevin in Northbrook, IL a northern suburb of Chicago. They attend Prince of Peace in Palatine. George is involved with a men's PEACE group through church which provides support for the Youth Ministry. Previously he was chairman of the trustees at their previous congregation. George is Cubmaster for Kevin's Cub Scout pack and quartermaster for Conrad's Boy Scout troop. George holds an MBA from DePaul University and a BA in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from University of Illinois in Chicago. George is currently the National Distribution Sales Manager for Network Video Technologies (NVT), has held various key management positions for companies focused on the Telecommunications and Security markets during the last 20 years.

His vision for Camp Arcadia*I see Camp Arcadia as a place where families can come and connect with God and each other and disconnect from the strains and stresses of daily life. I see it as a place where kids can be kids, and you don't have to worry about where the kids are every second of the day. Where fun and games are mixed with tradition and God is a main part of the program. In the 13 years that we have been coming to Camp Arcadia we have come to treasure our time spent there and it is the only place were we feel truly refreshed when we leave and can't wait to return. I want to the opportunity that GOD has given our family through the experience at Camp to be available to other families in the future.*

Please choose TWO (2) to be elected to the Arcadia Foundation Committee for a 3-year term:

Kristin (Eggerding) Anderson – Kristin and her husband, Dave, live in Kirkwood, Missouri with their three children, Peyton (11), Parker (9), and Devon (4). Kristin serves as the Church Business Administrator at Concordia Lutheran Church in Kirkwood joining the staff in May, 2004. A part of her role at Concordia includes working closely with the Concordia Foundation as they strive to grow their endowment and support Concordia's ministry. She also served on the Board for Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri for several years.

Kristin began her career in the business world as an auditor and management consultant for Ernst & Young LLP and Cap Gemini. After getting married and having children, Kristin felt led to work in a non-profit, church environment. Kristin is a CPA and holds an MBA from Washington University and a BA from Drake University.

Her vision for Camp Arcadia....*Camp Arcadia is such a special place and tradition for so many families. It is a place for young and old alike to come together for rest, fellowship and nurture in God's Word. Whether you are a first time camper or one that has been coming for decades you cannot fail to see God's work at camp. My vision for Camp Arcadia is that all people at all times see God working through the staff, facilities, guests, grounds and programs whenever they are at Camp. Like so many others at camp, my children are 4th generation campers. My vision for the Arcadia Foundation is that it may grow in financial security and visibility in order to support Arcadia's mission of spirit, mind and body renewal for many more generations to come.*

Paul H. Lauber – Paul and his wife Lynn live in Collinsville, Illinois, which is in the St. Louis area. They both graduated from Valparaiso University in 1978. Paul is a lawyer with a private-practice office in Edwardsville, the county seat. They have two children, Andrew and Rachel who are in their 20s and both gone from home now. Rachel was on staff in 2004 and 2005 (and end-of-season in 2010). They first came to RKD in 1983 and have come roughly half the years since then. Some of their best memories of time at camp are of watching their children participate in various activities. They also enjoy the Bible studies, and the Trading Post. They are members of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Collinsville and Paul is a member of the Board of Elders and the Church Council.

His vision for Camp Arcadia.....*I hope that RKD will continue as it has during the 28 years I've known of it—that is, that it mostly stay the same, but change and progress as needed to continue to improve. It seems to me that we have mostly gotten it about right during these years, as far as the mix of “sameness” and updates. All of the changes that I've seen have been just right. I would be willing to do my part to help assure that this continues to be the pattern.*

I would like to thank all the candidates for their willingness to serve Camp Arcadia as a board member. If anyone is interested in running for either the LCA Board or the Arcadia Foundation Committee and is not listed above, nominations can be made from the floor at the LCA Annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
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LCA Nominations Chairman