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Dear Pine Islanders,

In the camp dining hall, a pair of timelines circles the room. One charts major events in the history of Pine Island, and the other juxtaposes world events. When I asked Ben why the end of the timeline always seems to be about five years behind, he pointed out “that’s about how long it takes to find out which events were the important ones.”

This contrast between our often over-programmed daily lives and “Pine Island Time” says a lot about the camp experience and the perspective that it brings. Keeping the camp current, while holding to the traditions that have made it a welcoming place where boys grow up at their own pace, is a challenging but important balance to maintain.

In addition to the work that Ben and Emily do year in and year out, there’s a community of staff, parents, and supporters who help maintain that balance between currency and stability. Among them is Pope Ward, my predecessor as board chair, who helped to steer the camp through numerous challenges and opportunities with wisdom and good humor during his 12 years on the board. Like many PIC supporters, Pope has been a camper, a counselor, a parent, and a contributor to renovation projects. As he leaves the board, the camp is well positioned for the future. Like the best of Club Honk, he will be a difficult act to follow.

I hope you will join me in thanking Pope for his service, and Ben and Emily for their continued stewardship. I also hope you will be generous to Pine Island this season if you can be. Following the Swans’ example, we are hard at work behind the scenes to keep Pine Island in step with the demands of the outside world at the same time that we strive to preserve camp’s essence. We would be very grateful for your help.

Happy holidays and Akka Lakka!

John Goodhue
Board Chair