

# MATTOLE MEANDERINGS

inspirations from The Mattole Council & Mattole Camp & Retreat Center  
Autumn 2016

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**A NEW LOOK FOR THE CARETAKER'S RESIDENCE!**  
Back in October of 2015, between the changing of the caretaker guardianship, we decided it was time to spruce-up the place! We replaced windows, reglazed existing windows, installed washer/dryer, upgraded plumbing & electricity, replaced carpets and repainted the entire place from floor to ceiling & beyond!!



The Mattole Council would like to acknowledge and extend our heartfelt appreciation to: Mimi & Allan Dodd, Rick Duke, Pam Sommer, David Goodman, Dan Link, Lee Dedini, Michael Bickford & friends for their willingness to work long hours to complete the job in a short amount of time!! And, JUST in time for the arrival of The Lacy Family ~ Curtis, Cindy, Dominick, Braydon, Abigail & Finnegan



And a HUGE THANK YOU goes out to Curtis and his "band of merry roofers" for replacing the roof & chimney on the caretaker's residence in November 2016!

WE CELEBRATE the ONE YEAR anniversary of the Lacy Family taking guardianship over the Mattole Camp & Retreat Center!!!

## Notes from the Mattole Council Chair

In a few words, 2016 has been a remarkable year. First it has been well to have The Lacy Family on board working to fill the director/caretaker position. They bring new energies into our mix. It is also nice to have more people on the council to share in the responsibilities. Thank you!

Much was accomplished in our spring work session. There is always more to do! However, we were able to cross off some major improvements.

This year we saw an increase in the use of the camp with some groups returning after missing a year. It helped the bottom line financially and I am pleased to say things are looking stable going into the winter season.

It is an extra measure that I extend my thanks to all who volunteer and donate time and treasures to the life of the camp. Without your offerings, the camp could not go on.

Finally, as we approach the holiday season, may all receive and share the blessings that come from our experiences at Mattole Camp & Retreat Center. I look forward to another rewarding year!

ENJOY!

David Goodman



Harmony Makers  
RETURN!



PROJECTS FROM  
THE SPRING 2016  
INCLUDED...

Converting the  
Conversation Hut by  
screening the  
windows, siding & a  
complete paint job!



AND INSTALLING A TOP SHELF PING PONG TABLE  
(thank you to McGahan Family!)



Yes, the Harmony Makers were baaaaaaack!

And we accomplished plenty indeed! The list included...

COMPLETE ORGANIZATION OF KITCHEN, LAUNDRY, SHED, INSTALLED NEW CLOTHESLINE, CLEANED STOVE & BBQ, LANDSCAPED AND ADDED 15 NEW PLANTS. WASHED WINDOWS, WEED WACKED, CLEANED ALL CABINS, "UN-SPIDERED" ALL EXTERIORS.

SELDOM INN: RESTOCKED, REPLACED DECK AND STEPS INCLUDING NEW FOOTING AND BASIC RAILING. CONVERSATION HUT AKA PING PONG PALACE: FRAMED IN WALLS & SCREENED IN UPPERS. REPLACED EXTERIOR SIDING AND PAINTED INSIDE AND OUT, INSTALLED PING PONG TABLE.

SHOP: STRAIGHTENED UP  
AND REPLACED BROKEN DECK BOARD.

MADE SPICE RACK..

CLEANED ORGANIZED LIBRARY, OFFICE & SHOP..

ELECTRICAL: INSTALLED NEW TUBE LIGHTING. CLEANED PATH DOWN TO RIVER... CORDONED OFF SEPTIC AREA, CLEANED ALL DECKS & STAINED RIVER DECK

MANY THANKS TO:

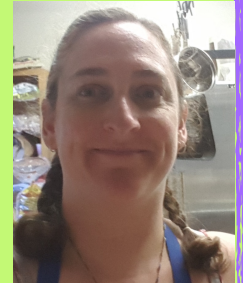
Mimi & Allan Dodd, Pam Sommer, David Goodman, Lee Dedini, Dan Link, Kathy Schmidt, Carrie O'Neill & family, Cat McAdams & friend, Dan Bruzzone, Dave Ryan, & Curtis Lacy

**A Message about Silent Meditation ~ from Cat McAdams**

The Centering Prayer Group continues to offer silent retreats in April and October. Our much loved and charismatic Rev. Ken Meece started these retreats about eight years ago. Ken was a good friend of Pastor Dan Price of the First Presbyterian Church in Eureka. Last year Pastor Dan asked my friend Susie Laraine and me to start a weekly Centering Prayer meditation group at First Pres. The weekly group is doing well, and some of the members attend our silent retreats. One lovely lady is an Elder in the Church. She loved the retreat. She even loved the road; it was so beautiful she didn't mind driving slow. We are so pleased to see a stronger link established between the Church and our beloved Mattole Camp. The Church hasn't used the Camp much since they stopped doing children's camps with us. Pastor Dan Link of the Arcata Presbyterian Church, a very active member of the Council, is organizing family camps from Presbyterian Churches in the area. If you're interested in the Centering Prayer Retreat or any of the weekly gatherings, please don't hesitate to call Cat McAdams @ 445-8596

**North Star Quest Camp for Adolescent Girls Summer 2016**

We had a great 2 weeks out at MCRC this year! The weather was perfect and the river was cool and refreshing. A real oasis to the hot, busy days of NSQ camp life. The campers and counselors enjoyed many workshops each day, as well as nature hikes, arts and crafts, and games in the lawn, (joined by some local yellow jackets! Ouch!) Life in the kitchen was my main vantage point. I have the joy of feeding all of these delightful humans throughout their daily adventures. I get to watch the girls blossom from the shy first day, to the boisterous performances they create for their families on the last day. But it's the days in between, and the memories that were made that I will cherish until next year. Haikus, secret late night desserts, lanyards, star gazing in the field and so much more!!!! Cheers till next year!  
Carrie O'Neill NSQ Camp Chef



Mattole Council's very own Lee Dedini enjoyed the camp (formally known as Mattole Resort) back in August of 1958!



If you have old photographs of Mattole Camp & would like to share them, please send them digitally to me at: [info@mattolecamp.com](mailto:info@mattolecamp.com)  
Please include your name and the year!



**\$\$\$ What a Difference a Dollar Makes \$\$\$  
\$\$\$ Words from the Financial Director \$\$\$**

I'm just so happy to report that this year was a good, no, A GREAT year financially! We are entering the winter season with confidence and yes, HOPE of course. The Council is so thankful for the Friends contributions to the Building Fund! We used ALL of it for the 2015 summer projects (described on the previous page of this newsletter). So of course we hope you will contribute again this year so we can continue to do the work that needs to be done! We are planning to install screen doors in ALL the cabins, replace all window screens, build new steps down to the river and hopefully rebuild all the picnic table/benches. So please consider digging deep-and speaking of, we hope to REMulch all the planted beds around the Main Lodge and maybe adde NEW planting areas around the cabins. I wish to thank The Lacy Family, for managing the camp & campers in a professional and Mattole Spirited manner, and THE CAMPERS for your continued support and patronage! Of course a huge heartfelt thank you goes out to The Presbytery of the Redwoods for their continued trust & support in us and lastly but not leastly, our beloved volunteers who continue to offer their ALL! Cheers & Blessed holidays!  
Jennifer Callen

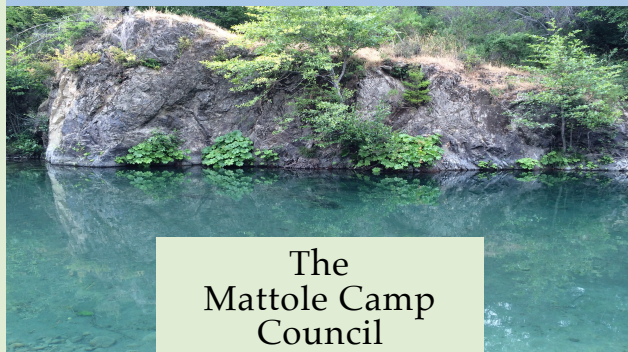


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