

## *The Kent Barnheiser Lobby of the Harry Schiewetz Assembly Center*

TO: 1960 - 1982 YMCA Camp Kern Campers, Staff, Parents, Board Members  
Additional Friends, Relatives and Associates of Kent Barnheiser

DATE: Summer, 2005

G. Kent Barnheiser first joined the Camp Kern Staff in the summer of 1960 as a 19-year-old counselor. Fourteen years later, on January 1st, 1974, he assumed the role of Executive Director, a position he held until 1982. Throughout his 22 years at Camp Kern, Kent was associated with camp in a variety of capacities in addition to his duties as director - aquatics instructor, assistant director, and developer of the Outdoor Education Program. Kent's mantra, "We're here for the kids", was the core of his staff trainings, and his influence helped define "Kern Blood" and the spirit of the "Kern Family".

Recently constructed at Camp Kern is a new 10,000 square foot Harry Schiewetz Assembly Center. With naming opportunities available, Friends of Kern, Inc. (FOK) has committed \$10,000 to Camp Kern over a multi-year period to honor Kent by naming the building's lobby, "The Kent Barnheiser Lobby" - a long overdue tribute to Kent's 22 years of service to Camp Kern. FOK would like to thank Mike Engel for his very generous gift last year and all other FOK contributors to date which made it possible for us to enter into this commitment.

We're contacting friends and associates from Kent's years at Kern to ask if you would like to assist with these efforts in a couple of different ways: 1) jot down any comments, reflections, or anecdotes about Kent on the enclosed sheet - these will be compiled and presented to Kent at a future event, with copies saved in the Camp Kern/FOK historical archives; and 2) consider making a tax-deductible donation dedicated to supporting The Kent Barnheiser Lobby. A complete list of donors (unless you request anonymity) will be presented to Kent and posted on the Friends of Kern website. Kent is aware of - and was deeply touched by - the idea of The Kent Barnheiser Lobby, but he is \*not\* aware of our efforts to collect personal remembrances as well, which should be a very special added tribute.

On a personal note, I have many memories of working with Kent for nearly all of the summers I was on staff (75-82), from his emotional goodbye to Jim Pratt at the 1975 Staff Banquet to his exacerbation when I went to Tandy's for a few craft supplies and then presented him with a P.O. for several hundred dollars because the moccasin kits were on sale(!); from a picture I took of him and daughter Amy at Tom Shisler's wedding in 1978, to summers in the Camp Office (old trailer) with Kent, Larry Maxwell, Mike Sherman, Sharon Gustin, and Laura Vossman. I hope you'll join me in taking a moment to honor Kent with your contributions - personal and/or monetary - in appreciation of his years of dedication to Kern.

Thank you.

Stuart T. Weinberg, MD  
Kern Camper 68-74; Staff 75-78,80-82; Board 85-89  
Executive Director  
Friends of Kern, Inc.

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In honor of Kent Barnheiser and his 22 years of dedicated service to Camp Kern, please use the space below to share your thoughts and memories about Kent, a copy of which will be saved for historical purposes. If you would like to include comments of a personal nature (or stories that shouldn't be made public!), feel free to attach a separate piece of paper which will be made available to Kent confidentially.

\*\*\*\* THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. PLEASE RETURN AT YOU EARLIEST CONVENIENCE TO: \*\*\*\*

The Kent Barnheiser Lobby  
c/o Stuart T. Weinberg, MD  
Friends of Kern, Inc.  
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## Fund-Raising Goals and Actuals for The Kent Barnheiser Lobby

Gift Size	Goal: # of Gifts and Total	7/1 Actual: # of Gifts and Total
In the range of \$1,000	2 - \$ 2,000	1 - \$ 1,000
In the range of \$500	4 - \$ 2,000	2 - \$ 1,000
In the range of \$250	10 - \$ 2,500	5 - \$ 1,250
In the range of \$100	20 - \$ 2,000	10 - \$ 1,000
In the range of \$ 50	20 - \$ 1,000	4 - \$ 200
In the range of \$ 25	20 - \$ 500	4 - \$ 100
 GOAL:	 76 - \$10,000	 26 - \$ 4,550

NAME (S) : \_\_\_\_\_

==> [ ] The name(s) is/are listed as it/they should appear on the list of donors.  
OR [ ] Please keep this gift anonymous.

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]Home [ ]Business [ ]Cell

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRIBUTION:**

[ ] Please accept this gift towards The Kent Barnheiser Lobby: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] I/we would like to support Friends of Kern's efforts by  
becoming a member: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$30 minimum; help us build reserves for future special projects!)

TOTAL AMT PLEDGED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BALANCE DUE (to be paid within 1 yr): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Bill me (check one):

[ ] in 4 payments (Aug/Nov/Feb/May) [ ] in 3 payments (Aug/Dec/Apr)  
[ ] in 2 payments (Aug/Feb) [ ] in 1 payment (Aug)

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Friends of Kern, Inc. is a non-profit charitable 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization dedicated to maintaining contact with friends and alumni of YMCA Camp Kern, preserving Camp Ozone & Camp Kern's history, and perpetuating the camp experience and life's work of former Boys' Secretary Carl B. Kern. All contributions are tax-deductible. For more information, see <http://www.friendsofkern.org>.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO **FRIENDS OF KERN, INC.** RETURN AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE TO:

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