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Relief Caretakers' Schedule and New Online Sign-Up System

To sign-up to be a Relief Caretaker (any Saturday and when **Joe is away May 14-27**) access the "Sign-Up Genius" app from the [SycamoreIsland.org scheduling webpage](http://SycamoreIsland.org/scheduling_webpage) (or by clicking the Relief Caretaker Schedule and Instructions icon on the Club's home page). Click on the link to the app. There are simple instructions and the app will send you reminders. [You can also sign-up by contacting the Relief Caretaker Coordinator, Madeleine Carter, at madeleinecpcarter@gmail.com] The app provides a calendar that indicates ALL of the Relief Caretakers that have signed up (through June). Relief Caretakers signed up for the coming month are:

May 5

9 am to 3 pm: Margaret Meredith Griggs
3 to 8:30 pm: Audrey & Eric Lieberman

May 14

9 am to 3 pm: Joan Barron
3 to 8:30 pm: Alice Bullard

May 12

9 am to 3 pm:
3 to 8:30 pm: Judy Lentz & Michael

May 15

9 am to 3 pm: Peter Winkler
3 to 8:30 pm: Peter Stork

May 16

9 am to 3 pm: Margaret Meredith Griggs
3 to 8:30 pm: Mac Thorton

May 17

9 am to 3 pm: Phoebe Hamill
3 to 8:30 pm: Augustus Anderson

May 18

9 am to 3 pm: Jody & Bobby Benjamin
3 to 8:30 pm: Jody & Bobby Benjamin

May 19

9 am to 3 pm: Paul Hagen
3 to 9 pm: Chris Maggio

May 20

9 am to 3 pm: Audrey & Eric Lieberman
3 to 9 pm: John Stiff

May 21

9 am to 3 pm: **Need Volunteer**
3 to 9 pm: **Need Volunteer**

May 22

9 am to 3 pm: Meg Jones
3 to 9 pm: Lauren Brandt

May 23

9 am to 3 pm: Topaz Terry
3 to 9 pm: John Butler

May 24

9 am to 3 pm: **Need Volunteer**
3 to 9 pm: **Need Volunteer**

May 25

9 am to 3 pm: Peter Fuchs
3 to 9 pm: **Need Volunteer**

May 26

9 am to 3 pm: Hester Ohbi
3 to 9 pm: Chris Maggio

May 27

9 am to 3 pm: **Need Volunteer**
3 to 9 pm: **Need Volunteer**

Still Need Volunteers most June Saturdays

Thank You March Relief Caretakers!! Lisa Hemmer and Chris Savage, Audrey and Eric Lieberman, Jim Landfield, Sara Deschler

[Potomac Downriver Race, Saturday, May 12 \(reminder\)](#)

The Potomac Downriver Race is co-sponsored by the Canoe Cruisers Association (CCA) and the Potomac Whitewater Racing Center, and is hosted by Sycamore Island. It is one of the longest running whitewater races in the nation.

All participants should have experience in, and be comfortable with, Class III rapids. Participants may enter with any type of a boat provided it is properly outfitted with adequate flotation (air bags) and all occupants of the boat are wearing a helmet and a PFD (life jacket).

The event begins at Rocky Island just above Wet Bottom Rapid and continues for 7.5 miles to Sycamore Island. At the end of the race, a free T-shirt and a free lunch will be given to all workers and racers, and there will be a ceremony with awards and prizes for the winners.

Get more information on the race and find the link for online registration at: http://canoecruisers.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=394800&module_id=205240. Advance registration is \$20, day-of-race fee will increase to \$25 -- plus a \$5 per paddler fee for insurance unless the paddler is a member of the American Canoe Association).

VOLUNTEER helpers are needed for safety boats and for helping at the registration at Great Falls and at the finish at Sycamore Island. Volunteers will receive the gratitude of the racers, a sense of participating in an important annual river event, a race T-shirt, and lunch. Anyone interested in helping out with this year's race should contact Star Mitchell at starmitchell@verizon.net or Howard Morland at 703-525-1429 or e-mail hbmorland@aol.com. DO JOIN THE FUN!!

[Member Farewells](#) by Sherry Fizdale, Financial Secretary

This Spring, as we welcome excited new members, we also wistfully say good-bye to four senior and honorary members who all held the Island close to their hearts for many years.

Two of our most senior members resigned from the club, **Trip and Hedly Reid**, members for 36 years, and **Norm and Nancy Metzger**, members for 29 years. This note came from the Metzgers:

After almost 30 years of membership in the club, we have decided it is time to resign. We are rarely able to visit the Island, although we think of it often. Our memories include birthday parties, caretaker stints, hosting an annual Play Readers' Group reading and picnic, Norman's 4-1/2 years as editor of the Islander, and many quiet moments watching the sun set along the river while the birds flew home. We're also proud to count sponsoring Ann Marie and John Cunningham for membership as one of our most enduring contributions to the well-being of the Island.

Renee Dunham passed on the news that **Rosalie Fedoruk**, member for 34 years, died last year, and that a friend spoke at her memorial service about a visit to Sycamore Island and how much Rosalie loved it. Here is a link to an article Rosalie and Renee wrote about the 2002 Old Timers picnic. <http://www.sycamoreisland.org/articles/sa200210b.htm>

We also heard from Julia Smith, the daughter of **Paul Saunier, Jr.**, our very most senior member (66 years):

My father passed away early in 2017. He joined the club in 1951 when my parents lived on the Hill. He very much enjoyed his membership, sponsoring my family in the 1980s. Though his last visit to the Club was in the 1970s, he faithfully followed the Sycamore Island news from his home in Charlottesville. The Island brings great memories of him for our family since he loved it so dearly.

Julia also wrote that her father learned about the club from his friend Norment Custis, a DC native and long-time member, who wrote his recollections of 65 years on the Island for the Centennial issue of *The Islander 1885-1985*, <http://www.sycamoreisland.org/centenl/sc04.htm>

Custis ended his remembrance of the Club's three great 20th Century tragedies and countless joys with this prayer:

When my time comes to pass on, I hope I can join those great men and women who seek nothing better from their Maker than a celestial Sycamore Island, preserved for us for all time.

Let blessings be on Sycamore Island, and on all who gather there.

CARETAKER'S LOG

Monday -- April 2, 2018

Water Level at Little Falls: 4.8 Water Temperature: 46

Ferry is open!

I was a little surprised that we had to close the ferry over the weekend but I guess that the rain, mixed with the melting snow up in the mountains, was enough to push the river over the edge. There is more rain in the forecast this week, so we may be forced to close the ferry again on Thursday.

Big news, I finally rebuilt the ferry landing on the Island! The old one was rotting out and becoming hazardous to walk on. I shored it up last fall but I had been waiting for the weather to warm up before I took on the job of installing the new one. The new dock is so nice and sturdy,

and it actually looks more like a pier now, rather than a dock.

It was not an easy job, especially the part when I was pile-driving the ten-foot 4X4's into the muddy river bottom with a 16-pound sledge hammer. It wasn't easy, but "something worth doing is worth doing right", and I'm very pleased with my end result and I think that we now have a dock that will serve us for many years.



Photos by Joe Hage

I remember, back in 2003 when long-time Club captain, John Matthews, and I did the original extension of the dock. Back then we extended it three feet out from where former caretaker, Ken Fassler's walkway ended. We had to extend it because the river was silting up on that side of the Island and the ferry could not reach the landing in low water. The accumulation of silt is still an ongoing problem today, and with the Island growing on that side, I was forced to extend the dock a full eight feet from the end of Ken's walkway. This will make it a lot easier to reach the Island when the river is low.

To my dismay (and delight), the pier somehow ended up being perfectly level!

Tuesday -- April 3, 2018

Water Level at Little Falls: 4.6 Water Temperature: 51

I took advantage of the recent high water and shoved the swim float back out into the river. Heavy things are easier to move through water, that's the whole reason that they dug a canal here right? Now it's ready to be hooked up to the anchor out in the middle of the river.

Friday -- April 6, 2018

Water Level at Little Falls: 5.7 Water Temperature: 48

I hate to be the bearer of bad news but it looks like the ferry will have to be closed all weekend. Not that anyone really wants to be on the river anyway with this soggy and cold weather.

I was hoping that the flower walk people would be able to come over on Saturday to see our bluebells, they are almost peaking right now. I'm hopeful that the river will go down soon so that everyone has a chance to see this bluebell spectacle. Maybe next weekend at the workfest.

These nesting Canada geese are so mysterious. We have two active nests on the Island and I thought for sure that we would have a third but it looks like that third couple might have given up. First, I noticed that they had dug a little goose-sized depression in the sand at the top of the Island. This in itself was weird since I've never seen a nest dug into the ground. Usually it is just lots of leaves and feathers piled up. The hole sat empty for a while until one day there was a goose sitting there. The next time I went by there, the goose had gone but there was a single egg in the nest. Then, the next day the egg was gone and there was no sign of it. Now, it is just



Photos by Joe Hage and John Membrino

an empty, abandoned nest. Strange.

I had the pleasure of seeing a horned grebe yesterday. It was fishing in the channel and it was hard to get a good look at it since it would stay under water for several minutes. How do they do it? This particular bird was not in its full breeding plumage of red and yellow but I could see how the feathers were already starting to change.

Sunday -- April 8, 2018

Water Level at Little Falls: 4.8 Water Temperature: 48

The ferry is open!

It looks like the forecast was a little off and the ferry is happily open again. Not that it's really an Island sort of day, kind of cold and windy. But a good day to see the bluebells all the same.

Monday -- April 9, 2018

Water Level at Little Falls: 4.5 Water Temperature: 48

It was a cold day for the flower walk on Saturday but hopefully some members showed up and saw some Spring wildflowers. The bluebells on the Island are just about at their peak. Apparently there are some other ways to refer to these special blooms. The botanical name is *Mertensia-virginica*. Carolus Linnaeus, the Swedish botanist, named the genus, *Mertensia* to honor the 18th century German botanist Franz Martens, and the species name refers to the colony of Virginia. Two other common names are Virginia Cowslip and Roanoke bells. Thomas Jefferson grew bluebells at Monticello, so sometime they were referred to as Jefferson's blue funnel flowers.

We also have other flowers blooming right now like white trout lilies and hundreds of Spring beauties. Mary learned that the bulbs of the Spring beauties are edible and are called fairy spuds. I guess we'll have to give them a taste.

It's been an incredible week of birding. I'm sure that all of these birds pass through here every year but it's not every year that I'm lucky enough to see them. I've seen waterfowl in the channel, like the Blue-winged teal and Green-winged teal. On the towpath I saw a wood thrush, some white-throated sparrows and an indigo bunting. Right here on the Island I saw a pine warbler, palm warbler, yellow-throated warbler, and a blue-gray gnat catcher! Spectacular!

Not to mention the birds that come here to nest like the phoebes, gold finches and house finches.

Club meeting this week on Wednesday night. There should be a good turnout since we will be pulling the names out of the hat for the new waitlisters.

Friday -- April 13, 2018

Water Level at Little Falls: 3.9 Water Temperature: 56

Alert! The Workfest that was scheduled for this Sunday, April 15, has been postponed because of possible rain. The new date for the 2018 Spring Workfest is Sunday April 29.

If any of you can't make it on the 29th and you want to volunteer this Sunday I WILL be here. I don't think it's going to rain until later.

Also, The Park Service just closed the trail from the upper parking lot. The old trolley trestle was recently inspected by engineers and has been condemned by Metro. There is a soft barrier there now but soon Metro will be erecting an 8-foot, chain-link fence. Then, to add insult to injury, they plan to close the spiral bridge over the parkway as well?!



Photo by Joe Hage

Tuesday -- April 17, 2018

Water Level at Little Falls: 5.4 Water Temperature: 50

The ferry is closed because of high water. They are predicting that the river will continue to rise until tomorrow night, with a crest of about eight feet. Let's hope we can open again by the weekend.

It's funny, it was only gently raining when I went to bed last night and I slept so hard that I didn't realize that it had stormed overnight. I didn't realize, that is, until I looked out and saw the river. The rain had transformed the river and in the early morning sunlight, it looked like a giant, muddy-orange brick, slowly drifting by with all of the driftwood and litter that the rain has collected from the countryside.

Below is a link to a story on WTOP about our trail that is now closed

<https://wtop.com/montgomery-county/2018/04/montgomery-co-trail-under-compromised-former-trolley-trestle-closed/>

Friday -- April 20, 2018

Water Level at Little Falls: 6.1 Water Temperature: 50

The ferry is closed today and tomorrow and maybe Sunday as well. It's too bad that the ferry is closed again but we really haven't had a lot of canoeing weather yet this year.

The river crested on April 18 at 8.42 feet, which is about 84,000 cubic feet of water rolling by here every SECOND. One cubic foot of water weighs about 62 pounds, which means that there

was over 5 million pounds of river going by here every second! No wonder we had to close the ferry.

Sunday -- April 22, 2018

Water Level at Little Falls: 5.0 Water Temperature: 50

The ferry is OPEN! Happy Earth Day!!

It has been a rough year for our nesting geese. The biggest problem was having a fox on the Island during the early part of the nesting process and I think that the fox discouraged two goose couples from building their nests. Then, the unthinkable happened. It looks as if the fox actually killed one of the male geese that was protecting a nesting female. We never found the goose remains so it's possible that the goose got away, but there was enough evidence to assume that even if the goose was not consumed, it probably didn't survive the attack.

The widowed female is still on the nest under the deck. The only other active nest on the Island was the one down near where the old treehouse was. Sadly, that nest was inundated by the flood waters and had to be abandoned. I thought that we were down to only one nest when I realized that a new nest had been recently built right under my living room window behind the ladders. I was a little surprised by the late start of this nest but maybe it means that the fox is now gone. We only have two nests now, but the other nestless couples are still hanging around and their behavior is so mysterious. Yesterday I witnessed what I thought was going to be some kind of goose-icide. The poor widowed mommy goose was sitting on her eggs not bothering anyone, when another goose came and stood over her and started to violently dig its beak into the base of her neck. It looked to me as if the attacking goose was going for the jugular vein with the way it was digging into the other's feathers. The weird thing was that the sitting goose did not try to resist and quietly sat there as it was being pushed off of its nest. I went to get the camera and when I came back, the abuse had stopped and there hasn't been any harassment since.

The variety of birds that I'm seeing is astounding. Crows, blackbirds, grackles, cedar wax-wings, ruby-crowned kinglet, blue jays, cardinals, Carolina wrens, vultures, cormorants, robins, coot, mergansers, wood ducks, hawks, mallards, geese, herons, kingfisher, eagle, osprey, several warblers, four types of woodpeckers, chickadees, titmice, house finches and goldfinches.

Tuesday -- April 24, 2018

Water Level at Little Falls: 4.5 Water Temperature: 56

The bluebells are on their way out and the Island is still very muddy from the flood. When the river was at 8.4 feet, more than half of the Island is under water and there is a layer of fine silt wherever the waters encroached.

When the river was at its crest I was able to push the canoe dock out past the tree line so that it could go out with the receding waters, one less chore for the workfest, though we still need to attach the ramp. Before I launched it I made the changes that Stan suggested. Stan had the great idea of rearranging the squares of the dock so that there would be an open area in the middle of the dock, kind of like a slip, so that it would be easier to get in and out of a boat. If you were at the meeting in February you will remember that Stan made a replica of our dock with Legos to explain his idea, (complete with little model canoes). So, from now on, the canoe dock shall be known as the Lego dock. It was not easy rearranging all of those squares but my hope is that it will be a big improvement to that dock.

Stan and I also launched the captain's float a week ago. That was not a simple job either. We had Stan's magic "grip hoist", but we needed an anchor on the tree that was hanging over the river about twenty feet from the shore. That might not sound difficult but the wind that day was



Photos by Joe Hage

blowing with 25 MPH gusts, so getting to, and staying next to, that tree branch proved very exhausting. Once we had the pulley dangling from the tree, it was just a matter of slowly inching the dock forward until it was floating again. It took all afternoon, but now most of the docks are out in the river and the only one left to send at the workfest will be the swimming dock, hooray!

[Minutes for April 14, 2018 Meeting of the Sycamore Island Club](#)

Attendees: Adam Van Grack, Caleb Van Grack, Stan Fowler, Barr Weiner, Geoff Holdridge, John Butler, John Membrino, Bill Marmon, Lucky Marmon, John Noble, Ann Marie Cunningham, Diane Noble, Karen Possner, David Winter, Star Mitchell, Anne Waidmann, Sherry Fizdale, Larry Heilman, Steve Newman, Meredith Griggs, Madeleine Carter, Jared Farber, Barry Lynn, Anya Schoolman, Robin Richter, Molly Newberry, Richard Bertaut, Kathy Carroll, Jim Drew.

President Richard Bertaut called the meeting or order. Attendees introduced themselves.

Communications: None

Treasurer's Report: None

Financial Secretary's Report: No Update

Captain's Report: Captain Stan Fowler reminded attendees that the Spring Work-Fest is scheduled for April 14th. (Now rescheduled for April 29th). Work will begin at 9:00 am. Note: The potluck luncheon will begin around 1:00, followed by more work.

Work is being done on the canoe dock to make it easier for canoeists to get in and out of their canoes without the canoe slipping away.

Everyone applauded the great job that Joe Hage has done of extending the landing dock on the Island.

A new screen door is on order from Ace hardware. If it fits properly, more will be ordered. There appears to be a fox living on the island. Telltale signs: eating moles and chasing geese. Weed Warriors are working to clear out the debris near the bridge spanning the canal near the island. Once it cleared, the island should be more visible as one approaches.

Several meetings ago, the Captain noted that he was able to launch the Captain's float singlehandedly. Members who want to witness this phenomenon should contact Stan Fowler.

Kathy Carroll expressed gratitude for the light along the path leading down to the canal from the Clara Barton Pky.

Archivist's Report: Archivist Karen Possner announced that our contact at the DC Historical Society is back from maternity leave. Anyone wishing to do research on Sycamore Island is welcome there.

Membership Chairman's Report: Eight families (28 persons all together) were voted unanimously into membership. They are the following: Mia and Steve Holland and their four children, Story and Josiah Jones and their five children, Jared and Reyna Faber and their two children, Robin Richter and her two sons, Adam Van Crack and his son, Jonathan Noble (lives in NYC will be an inactive member), Peter Stork, Anya Schoolman and Barry Lynn and their two sons.

A ninth prospective member, David Nassar, will be voted on at the next meeting.

The BIG EVENT of the evening was the bi-annual lottery to select new members for the Club's Waiting List. Numbers were drawn from two pools of applicants – one for persons under 40 and one for persons 40 and older. A place on the Waiting List will be offered to the first 28 names drawn. Six additional names were drawn and will be invited in sequence to join the Waiting List should any of the 28 who fail to send in their initiation fee and dues within 30 days. Those invited onto the Waiting List will be charged an initiation fee of \$165 and given the opportunity to purchase a Waiting List annual pass for \$200.

Current membership: Regular 160, Senior 78, Inactive 21, Waiting List 60, Honorary 13.

One family was dropped from membership for failure to pay dues on time.

New Business:

Star Mitchell announced that the Downriver Race will be held on May 12th. If you can volunteer to help out, contact her. Volunteers will receive a free lunch and T-shirt. Rain Date: May 26th.

Once again, Karen Possner's brownies were consumed with abandon. Thanks!

The next meeting will be held on May 9th on the Island.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:
Lucky Marmon
Co-Recording Secretary

[Sycamore Island Membership Secretary's Report, April 11, 2018](#)

Submitted by Anne Waidmann

Last month we proposed five members of the Waiting List to become Regular Members. In the absence of a quorum in March, these memberships were deferred to tonight. We have three additional openings following our dues period, and one further opening because one of our current group of waitlisters to be accepted has asked to be accepted into Inactive Status because he currently lives in New York. Accordingly, tonight I request that you vote into membership the following eight families (one additional family asked that their vote be deferred until next month):

- **Mia and Steve Holland** and their children Ethan, Catie, Eloise and Clara, sponsored by John Membrino, recommended by Cindy Bertaut and David Winer. As Waitlisters, the

Hollands have run the annual Labor Day Sycamore Island Regatta and impressed many with their hard work and enjoyment of the Island.

- **Story and Josiah Jones** and their children Abel, Gwendolyn, Mercy, Verity and Sparrow, sponsored by Andrew Umhau, recommended by Brian and Anne Waidmann and Whitney Pinger. Story and her family “know how to love and enjoy the island,” and have been to work fests and served as relief caretakers.
- Here tonight, **Jared Farber**, whose wife is **Reyna**, children Nadia and Shane, sponsored by Rachel Singer, recommended by Anne Waidmann and Ned Goddard. Jared has often served as a relief caretaker, and worked closely with Ned, contributing his company’s energy credits to purchase clean energy for the club’s monthly power provider.
- Here tonight, **Robin Richter** (sons Zach and Michael), sponsored by Gavin Bloch and recommended by Lynda Slayen and Ned Goddard. Robin has been very active leading social efforts for the Club during her time as a Waitlister, and often kayaks and paddleboards from the Island.
- Here tonight, **Adam Van Grack** and his son, Caleb, age 8, sponsored by Star Mitchell, and recommended by the Hearn and the Thorntons. Adam is an avid waterman, serving as the president of Potomac Whitewater Racing Center, the US Olympic Center of Excellence for canoe/kayak competition, and is a board member of the Canoe Cruisers Association of DC. Again as in March, Caleb made a speech and submitted a beautiful drawing he made of the Island.
- **Jonathan Noble**, son of John and Diane Noble, wishes to be admitted as an Inactive Member because he is living in New York. His application was sponsored by John Noble, and he has been recommended for membership by Bill Marmon and Norman Ule.
- **Peter Stork**, sponsored by John Noble and recommended by Honorary Member, Marilyn Morabito, and Anne Waidmann. Peter grew up in the area and has loved the Potomac and its natural environs all his life. He lives in McLean, having purchased his family home and renovated it, and is a runner and sportsman who coaches Little League baseball and is very involved in the community.
- Here tonight, **Anya Schoolman and Barry Lynn**. They have two sons, Ezra and Walter, and were sponsored by Abigail Wiebenson and recommended by Bill Eichbaum and Mike Tilchin. The family is very active in a number of local environmental groups and loves to hike and canoe.
- Our ninth prospective member, **David Nassar**, will be voted on next month.

Tonight we will hold a Raffle to select 28 new members for our Waiting List, to bring the total back to 60 families. We have received 129 applications for membership, and they will be ranked in order as their number is drawn, with one number taken from the group of applicants age 40 and over and the next taken from the group of applicants under age 40, until we have drawn a total of 34 names. We will offer a place on the Waiting List to the first 28 of the names drawn. The extra names will be used to fill in for any of the successful applicants who fail to send in the initiation fee and dues, as mentioned below.

- I will contact the successful applicants and request the initiation fee of \$165, and I will offer them the opportunity to purchase a Waiting List annual pass for \$200.
- Any of these applicants that choose not to pay the required fees within 30 days will not be added to the Waiting List and their spot will be offered to the next person on tonight’s list from the drawing.

After tonight’s actions, we will have the following numbers in all categories of membership: Regular 160, Senior 78, Inactive 21, Waiting List 60, Honorary 13

ADDENDUM:

It has come to our attention that a Regular Member was dropped from the membership roles due to failure to pay dues for 2018. They are John “Barr” Weiner and Caroline Shaeffer. In order to be reinstated as Members, they must attend a meeting to explain their delinquency and the membership must vote to reinstate them. Mr. Weiner plans to attend the meeting tonight to make his case to the membership for reinstatement.

LOTTERY WINNERS 2018

Here are the new members of the Waiting List as chosen in the Lottery, along with the 6 Alternates, who will get a spot if any of the first 28 change their mind and fail to send in the initiation fee:

Last Name	First	Partner
Bennett-Nickerson	Purcie	Patrick Nickerson
Kurtz	James	Margaret Vernon
Fridman	Ilya	Katya
Dennis	Jenelle	Chris Wenger
Stein	Bruce	Susan
Billings	Kristen	Eric
Kelly	Claire	
von Bemuth	Janessa	Carl
Sager	John	Catherine Commander
Donner	Ida	Vasilis Konstantopoulos
Hirsch	Angela	Aaron
Beardmore	Sarah	Mauro Martinelli
Kus	Bart	Brittany Prelogor
Zwerdling	Alexandra	Alex
Seifried	Adele	Harold
Waidmann	Luke	Jackie
Higday	Paul	Laura
Gunville	Christy	Vince
Theriot	Steve	Kathleen
Samaras	Lucas	Amelia
Lai	Stephanie	Michael
Carroll	Rebecca	Sandesh Gowda
Perlman	Colleen	Jimmy Smith
George	Andrew	Stephanie
McClinton	Emily	Christopher
Cabe	Amanda	Erich
Anderson	Rob	Lynn Powers
Murff	Michael	Birgit



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