

HIKER HIGH POINTS



Mountain Club of Maryland

Presidents Column

John Barrett

As I write this, Winter is officially over. The air is warmer, we can put away the snow shovels, the daffodils are coming up, and for some of us, it may be time to come out of hibernation. You know, sleeping through winter. Woodchucks do it. So do some chipmunks, ground squirrels, bats, and some mice. Bears famously do a lot of sleeping in the winter, too, although they sometimes get up and yawn look around a little on a warmish winter day before returning to sleep. Some hikers do it too; (but of course, none of the Mountain Club members...). You know, when the air gets cold and there is snow on the ground they would rather stay indoors. Hey, no judgement. Stomping through some of the ice covered snow this winter was taxing.

This past winter was tough for hiking, but as Spring is now upon us, that should all be in the rear-view mirror. Now is the time to get out and take advantage of all those hikes we have on our schedule. Usually, three or four hikes every Wednesday and the same on the weekends. Enjoy the warmer weather and the comradery of other likeminded individuals.

Speaking of hiking, the state of our Club is very much thriving and growing after over 90 years of continuous operation thanks to the efforts of our many volunteers and our dedicated members. In 2025 and now into 2026, we have continued to offer a dynamic

program of hikes, while sustaining our strong historic commitment to help maintain and monitor the Appalachian Trail (AT), as well as local trails in the Patapsco Valley State Park (PVSP).

Membership

Our membership at the end of February stands at about 1,037, for an estimated 1,308 members; which assumes 2 members in a "Household" Membership. For perspective, that is up from 976 memberships and an estimated 1,225 members since the end of 2024. No hibernation there!

Finances

Financially, we are in excellent shape, with over \$45,000 in our operating funds. Our income comes mostly from our annual membership dues, donations to the Club, and sales of hats, patches, and t-shirts. Our biggest expenses are our website, Club liability insurance, Meet-up subscription, trail maintenance tools and equipment, our annual June picnic, and our annual December holiday party.

Miles Fund

Named in honor of Lester Miles, who bequeathed to the Mountain Club a donation from his estate in 2002, the Club awards grants to non-profit organizations for projects that support the founding goals of the Mountain



Club of Maryland. In 2025, the Club made grants to the Howard County Conservancy to improve the Tulip Poplar Trail; and to ourselves for privy work near our shelters that we are responsible for, and additional tools for general Appalachian Trail work. So far this year in 2026 we have granted again to the Howard County Conservancy for trail repair on many of the trails that we use; and the Duncannon (PA) Appalachian Trail Community for banners and other paraphernalia for the June Appalachian Trail Festival and community outreach in this important AT town that we work closely with. By the way, the fund currently has about \$270,263 in it.

Trail Maintenance and Monitoring

The Mountain Club is one of the Appalachian Trail Maintaining Clubs, responsible for keeping about 40 miles of Appalachian Trail in both Maryland and Pennsylvania, plus additional miles of side trails (to shelters, privies, and springs) clutter and obstacle free for hikers of all abilities to enjoy. This past year, more than 30 Club volunteers worked over 600 hours maintaining our portion of the trail by clearing trees that had blown down across the trail as well as clearing back brush and invasives and setting stones for making small stream crossings easier.

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In addition, the Club Monitors about 25 miles of the National Park Service land that encompasses the AT in PA (this doesn't include when the AT is going through National and State Parks and Games Lands, etc.). About 12 monitors, worked almost 400 hours of volunteer service this year. This year's work included verifying each of 335 monuments (those metal survey disks in the ground) we are responsible for, repainting witness trees, documenting incursions by adjacent land owners when necessary, clearing a significant amount of brush, downed trees and thickets near and between monuments, and conducting in-depth searches and discovering several lost monuments that hadn't been found in up to 10 years.

Shelters

The Club maintains 4 Shelters along the AT in Pennsylvania. In 2025, 19 members worked over 350 hours of volunteer service. Work included the re-shingling of Darlington Shelter and privy, and the dismantling and removal of the privy tanks at the Darlington and Cove Mountain Shelters and replacing them with Moldering privies.

Volunteers

Additionally, Club members provided volunteer work on the trails in Patapsco Valley State Park that our Club uses extensively. And we all should thank the selfless volunteers that help put on our Holiday Party, Picnic, and Half HAM.

Hikes

And yes, we have been hiking! Almost 350 hikes were logged last year (that doesn't count the 50 or so hikes that were cancelled due to weather, trail

conditions or other issues). We had well over 4,300 hikers on the hikes, hiking a combined mileage of almost 40,000 miles. (Doing the math that comes out to over 9 miles per hiker per hike).

To put that mileage into perspective:

- a. Washington DC to Paris is about 3,800 miles
- b. Interstate 90 (the longest interstate in the US) from Seattle to Boston is a tiny 3,099 miles
- c. The Trans-Siberian Highway from Vladivostok to St Petersburg is a mere 6,800 miles
- d. The Pan-American highway from the southern point of Argentina to Prudhoe Bay is only 19,000 miles.
- e. The circumference of the earth is only about 25,000 miles
- f. And those Geostationary Satellites that provide us weather and GPS coverage are only 23,000 miles (OK, straight up...).

And this doesn't even include the hikes, hikers, and mileage we put in via our weekly Meet-up Hikes, that several of our members lead and many participate.

Hike Leaders

And all of the above, is due to our intrepid and dedicated hike leaders, who are also volunteers. In 2025 we had 56 active hike leaders of which 38 of those leaders led 3 or more hikes, and 7 of whom led more than 15 each.

There is an old saying that life is a hike between the cradle and the grave. May as well make the most of it....and leave hibernation to the animals who really need to do it because it's part of their life cycle.

MCM to Lead Hikes at Shenandoah National Park Again This Fall

Jody Blatt

The club will be sponsoring what in recent years has come to be its annual Shenandoah National Park (SNP) hikes on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 20-21, 2026. There will be at least two hikes, one harder and one more moderate, scheduled each day. Specifics on all of the hikes will be posted on the hike schedule that will come out later this spring or early summer. Hikers can sign up for one or both days of hikes. In addition, there are many well marked trails in the area if you want to do your own hikes. As in previous years, we plan (weather permitting) to have a pot luck happy hour Tuesday after the hikes.

Once again, we will be based at Big Meadows Lodge in Shenandoah National Park, and several of the hikes will leave from there. However, hikers are responsible for making their own transportation and lodging arrangements either at Big Meadows or elsewhere. Camping is also available at Big Meadows. But, if you do want to stay overnight in the area, don't wait too long to make reservations; this is peak foliage season and both the lodge and the campground fill up quickly.

For more information about the hikes and to sign up, stay tuned to the MCOM hike schedule on the web.

MCM Picnic Slated for Sunday, June 7

Betsy Stephenson

Save The Date! The annual MCM Picnic for this year will be held at Shelter #706 in the Pickall area of Patapsco Valley State Park. To accommodate our growing club and our need for more parking, we needed to find a larger shelter. We were only able to get a Sunday spot for this year. Please consider car-pooling. Our Club continues to grow, and the annual picnic is a popular event!

We will again include four optional hikes in the morning. Watch the hike schedule for details and sign-up options. The hikes typically finish around 3:00 pm in time for the start of a brief MCM business meeting and Club announcements. Food will be served following the meeting.

Emails will be coming soon to sign-up for meal choices and to volunteer. Mark your calendars now! For any questions, please contact Betsy Stephenson at mncmom@gmail.com.



Join Us at the Hike Across Maryland

Sharon Sniffen

The Hike Across Maryland (HAM) will take place on the Saturday before Memorial Day, May 23, 2026. This semi-annual event begins on the Appalachian Trail at Pen Mar where the trail crosses from Pennsylvania into Maryland and travels through the State ending at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.

The HAM is limited to the first 150 registered hikers. It is intended for serious hikers who have done three or more hikes of 15 miles or more. At a minimum, hikers should be able to hike at a rate of 2.5 to 3 miles an hour for 14 hours over mountainous terrain.

The hike requires at a minimum of 70 volunteers to support the hike. There are nine checkpoints along the trail where volunteers check hikers in and out and provided water/

Gatorade and snacks. Lunch is also provided at the Washington Monument checkpoint, which is the halfway mark of the hike. Volunteers provide transportation for any hikers that need to drop out of the hike before the finish. The hike is also supported by sweeps that help make sure that no one is left behind.

We have three emergency medical technicians (EMTs) that support the hike in case of any injuries and coordinate with the Frederick Radio Club (FRC). The FRC provides

communications between each check point, EMTs and the sweeps.

Camp Round Meadow

Hikers must register the night before the hike at Catoctin's Camp Round Meadow between 3:30 pm and 8:30 pm. They also have the option to stay in the dorms there. There will be a food truck there on Friday night for hikers to purchase dinner. They can also ride the bus from Harpers Ferry to Camp Round Meadow Friday night for an additional cost.

For those who would **like to participate in the HAM** you can go to <https://2026HAM.eventbrite.com>

For those who would **like to volunteer to help with the HAM** you can go to <https://2026HAMVOL.eventbrite.com>

We hope to see many of you at this memorable event, as a hiker or a volunteer!

Signs of Spring Along the Trail





MCM Awards Presented at Holiday Party

John Barrett

At the Club's Holiday Party in December 2025, the following awards were presented to some of our outstanding members.

Unsung Hero Award(s)

Presented to **Ted Hellen** in grateful recognition of Ted's volunteer support of the Mountain Club of Maryland. This has included continuous maintenance of the Prettyboy Trail and adjacent fire roads. This effort improves access to a safe hiking environment for club members as well as the general public. His enthusiastic commitment to keep this trail clear makes him a true unsung hero.

And to **Mary Corddry** in grateful recognition of Mary's volunteer support of the Mountain Club of Maryland. This has included continuous maintenance of the Prettyboy Trail and adjacent fire roads. This effort improves access to a safe hiking environment for club members as well as the general public. Her enthusiastic commitment to keep this trail clear makes her a true unsung hero.

Outstanding Trip Leader Award

Presented to **Susan Riddleberger** in grateful recognition of Susan's service as an outstanding hike leader for the Mountain Club of Maryland. Her hikes increase the options for hikers and has encouraged new hikers to join the club. She is an outstanding hike leader, who brings a wealth of knowledge, enthusiasm, and friendliness to the role.

Robert Grossman Award for Outstanding Service

Presented to **Bill Leimbach** in grateful recognition of Bill's service as Webmaster for the Mountain Club of Maryland. His work has increased the club's visibility on social media and through posting of hike photos and club accomplishments. Bill's initiatives and efforts to continuously maintain and enhance web services have been noted by all.

Eleanor Sewell Lifetime Achievement Award

Presented to **Jim Koury** in grateful recognition of Jim's service to the Mountain Club of Maryland. Jim has led more than 500 hikes at a variety of skill levels, across Maryland and other states, and mentored scores of new hike leaders. The club recognizes and appreciates Jim's contributions to its hiking program over a period of decades.

Congratulations to this year's award recipients!



Ted Hellen



Susan Riddleberger



Bill Leimbach



Jim Koury

YouTube Video on the History of the Daniels Area in PVSP

MCM member Marc Schabb brought to our attention this fascinating video (recently posted on YouTube) about the history of the mills and mill town along both sides of the Patapsco River in the Daniels area. This 47-minute presentation is full of interesting history and facts about this location, much of which is now in Patapsco Valley State Park, where many of our hikes take place. If you have any interest in learning more, you can view the video at <https://youtu.be/JSy6MyejZ8Q?si=sK3xobThcGP8jyQG>.



The Indian Pass

Dave Kirkwood

The “Indian Pass”, at an elevation of 2,874 feet, is a rocky gap in the mass of mountain peaks over 4,000 feet known as the High Peaks Wilderness in the northeastern portion of New York’s Adirondack Park. The pass was likely part of a series of trails used by indigenous people of various tribes, including the Iroquois and Algonquians. The name itself suggests its historical significance to native populations, but it also provided important access for early European explorers.

I had read about the present trail through the dramatic breach in the towering peaks some years ago described as follows on a Lake Placid web site: “The Indian Pass hike in the Adirondack Park is a challenging but rewarding trek, known for its historical significance and rugged terrain. The hike, near Lake Placid, involves navigating past historical sites, under the cliffs of Wallface Mountain, and through boulder fields.” I had hoped to experience the route myself, but over the last few years, every time friends came to visit Saranac Lake, which is a short drive from the High Peaks, the emphasis was always on paddling and biking allowing no time to hike the pass. Fortunately, in June, just a couple of days after arriving at our home in the Adirondacks for the summer, I saw Indian Pass listed in the Adirondack Mountain Club’s (ADK’s) offerings and immediately signed up to join the hike. It turned out to be one of the most arduous yet extremely gratifying hikes I have done in quite some time.



View of Wallface Mountain from the crest of Indian Pass

The mid-June day was unseasonably warm and humid, for the area, with highs in the nineties. The hike leader was Wanda Knapik with four other hikers, another Dave, Kari, Jerry and myself. The out and back hike totaled close to thirteen miles with 1,530 feet of elevation gain and took us ten hours . . . that’s right, ten hours! (Whereas a “New York minute” is very short, a “Adirondack mile” is very long!) We began our trek at the parking area of LOJ Lodge, an iconic jumping off point for High Peak “baggers”, operated by the ADK. The hike started out innocently enough, with a stroll around peaceful Heart Lake. But soon after leaving civilization and entering the wilderness the trail turned into a muddy, sometimes stream-like, meander through dense forest. In a couple miles we began climbing while paralleling the beautifully cascading

Indian Pass Brook, which the trail crisscrossed a number of times on rather difficult stream crossings. Though marked sporadically with the standard Adirondack trail blazes, metal disks, the path was occasionally hard to follow, disappearing into brief, but tough, bushwhacks. As the angle of ascent increased, we entered a section of hand over foot boulder scrambling that seemed to go on for miles . . . it was great!

The heat and exertion of the difficult climbing was exhausting until we received a reprieve. The house sized boulders we negotiated around, at the top of the pass, concealed cave like crevices containing ice and snow, a remnant left behind by the brutal northern winters. (It turns out this is one of the only places in the park to harbor ice year round.) The effect was that of walking into a refrigerator and all of us tried to linger as long as possible to enjoy the cooling air currents. But we had yet to reach our turning point at Summit Rock, at an elevation of 2,880 feet. It seemed misnamed, being slightly further beyond and with the illusion of being down-grade. The notoriety of the “rock” became evident as we emerged from the trees to a magnificent view of High Peak’s Wallface Mountain’s namesake cliffs, towering 800 feet into the sky directly above us.

After a much appreciated lunch break at this breathtaking spot, we began retracing our steps back through the pass. We stopped, below the boulder field, at a place known

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Rocky Falls on Indian Pass Creek, site of our welcome dip



A.T. SHELTERS REPORT

Rebuilding Privy Tanks at MCM Appalachian Trail Shelters

Bill Saunders

In the fall of 2025, MCM volunteers worked to make major repairs to the privies at our Bishop Darlington and Cove Mountain shelters on the Appalachian Trail in PA.

Last summer, when we emptied the composted waste from a privy tank at the Darlington shelter, we found that the plywood on the inside of the tank was badly rotted, with many holes in the walls and floor. After several months of discussions with the local regional office of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) and the PA Game Commission (which owns the land on which the shelter is located), we received permission to dismantle that tank and replace it with a moldering bin. A moldering bin, which lets the waste sit on the ground and allows air to flow through the bin instead of enclosing the waste in a wooden tank, does not have plywood sides or floor, so it avoids the ongoing problem of replacing and repairing rotting plywood.

Beginning in September, in a series of work trips over two months, MCM volunteers tore down the old privy tank, dug post holes and a shallow pit, and built the framework show below.

Before the construction could start, a group of our members hauled all the building materials for one mile from the nearest parking area to the shelter.

We then attached insect screen and hardware cloth to the frame

to keep pests out, with a lattice framework on the outside to protect the wire. We built gates on the front to allow access to the bin and shingled the roof. Finally, we hauled away all the old lumber and debris. The photo below shows the completed moldering bin. The new bin is now in use, and the waste material in the old tank has entered the composting process. In three years, when we empty that plywood tank and examine its condition, we will decide whether we need to rebuild that one as well.

After the Darlington work was finished, in November MCM started a similar project at the Cove Mountain privy. For years, we have had problems with water getting into one of the two privy tanks at this shelter. All our efforts to reduce the amount of water in that tank over the past decade have been unsuccessful. Consequently, this year we obtained permission from the PA Game Commission to also replace this plywood tank with a moldering bin similar to the new one at Darlington. In November, MCM volunteers dismantled the old tank and began to

— THE COVE MOUNTAIN SHELTER —



build the framework for the new bin. The photo shows our volunteers at the end of our work day. We have halted work for a winter hiatus, but we will resume the work in the spring of 2026.

During the entire project, a total of 16 MCM members volunteered a total of nearly 300 hours of their time (including travel time) this fall to help dismantle the old privy tanks at these two shelters, bring in and haul away materials, and construct the replacement moldering bins.

Many thanks to all our dedicated volunteers who helped on this job! Since the need for repair or renovation work at our four A.T. shelters never ends, there will be more opportunities for MCM members to volunteer in the future.

A list of all the dedicated Mountain Club members who helped at one or more of the work days at these two privies:

Judy Bennet, Diane Buckley-Maidt, Jay Gordon, Daniel Hernandez, Carl Hertz, Jon Hyman, Mike Kreft, Christina Lansford, John Lasbury, Dennis LeCompte, Dave Maidt, Jeff Martz, Bill Parsons, Chuck Randall, Bill Saunders, Gerry Sneeringer



Getting the materials ready to haul



The built framework



The completed moldering bin



MCM HISTORY CORNER

Insights Into the Mountain Club's Formation

Bill Saunders

Last year, while browsing MCM documents and photos stored in the Maryland State Archives (MSA), Janine Grossman and I found a letter dated November 23, 1934, from Orville Crowder, the founder of MCM, to Myron Avery, the president of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC). The decisions discussed in that letter have influenced the nature of our club ever since.

Alec Kennedy (another of MCM's founding fathers) later wrote, "I was a member of the Washington Club before Orville... I talked with P.A.T.C officers about a Baltimore club... Had it been left to me we would probably still be corresponding! When Orville realized the need, with characteristic energy, he suggested starting immediately. The initial meeting was held in my house in Ruxton. I believe about eight were present. I nominated him for President... Orville brought to the task not only intelligence, a willingness to work, a passion for detail, but above all that

most necessary of attributes – faith in the work at hand." [NOTE: In later years, no one seemed to remember exactly who was among those eight attendees besides Crowder, Heard, and Kennedy; but we can speculate that two other early club leaders, Winslow Hartford and Fred Ward, might have been participants.]

With that background, let's return to Orville's November 23 letter, in which Orville informed Myron Avery of the initial steps toward formation of a new Baltimore-based club. Crowder reported to Avery that this meeting of eight persons (the one mentioned in Alec Kennedy's "while presenting varied opinions and much hearty discussion, [it] accomplished a great deal; in spite of diverse points of view it was possible to direct the decision tactfully, and the set-up for the local organization is in good shape."

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It is part of our lore that Orville and others among our other founding members were PATC members who wished for a Baltimore-based hiking group. These founders led the initial effort to form the MCM in 1934. Orville organized a hike to discuss the formation of a local hiking club on October 21. Twenty-seven persons attended, and the idea of a new club was discussed with that group during lunch at Weverton Cliffs. Orville led two more hikes in November to attract more interest. You can find more information about the founding events on the History page of our web site, and also in our January 2025 90th Anniversary Publication: *The Mountain Club of Maryland: 90 Years on the Trail... And More—* which is available at the web site in the 90th Anniversary section.



Presidents 10th Anniversary: The first five MCM presidents: Osborne Heard, Alec Kennedy, Orville Crowder, Fred Ward, Morgan Barr



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Orville's letter continued by mentioning several specific topics settled at the November 22 meeting that significantly affected MCM's future directions:

- He wrote that the setup for the new organization was “in good shape”—i.e., officers and councilors, in a structure similar to that of PATC's, had been chosen for a six-month period. (That included Orville as president, Alec Kennedy as vice-president, and Os Heard as supervisor of trails.) *MCM still uses that basic leadership structure.*
- They chose Mountain Club of Maryland as their name—Orville commented to Avery that this name should help in “suppressing any tendency to degenerate into a near-by trip organization.”
- There was quite a bit of discussion about whether the club would be just a hiking club, or also a trail maintaining club. In his letter, Orville indicated that the majority of the attendees at that first meeting were not enthusiastic about trail work, but a minority were strongly in favor. After debate, the group agreed that the Mountain Club would take on trail work duties. Orville mentioned that they were specifically interested in Orville's own section of the Appalachian Trail in PA (he must have served as a PATC trail maintainer), and “possibly later in Catoclin.” Perhaps that is one reason that, soon after, PATC ceded to MCM its responsibility for maintaining its northernmost section of the A.T. in PA.
- The group discussed whether MCM should pay to be affiliated with PATC, and that they were favorable to affiliation with PATC through an allotment of a portion of dues—to be decided after 6 months. (The Mountain Club did keep its “affiliated with the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club” designation for a few years before dropping it.)
- There was debate over membership qualifications. Apparently, some of the participants preferred a very restrictive set of qualifications for new members. Orville states in the letter that he dissuaded those who wanted an “ultra-conservative model” (without describing what that meant) in favor of his “still conservative approach.” In the letter, he indicated that he persuaded the others that their excessive approach might be considered “snootiness.” *(We do know that in its early decades, a new person had to accompany the club on a certain number of hikes before he/she could apply for membership, and the applicant had to be sponsored or recommended by an existing MCM member.)*
- Orville asked for a copy of the PATC constitution and bylaws to provide a model; he stated that he already had a copy of the Hagerstown hiking club documents (i.e., the Maryland Appalachian Trail Club based in Hagerstown).
- He asked Myron to serve as lecturer at the first club meeting in December. *(According to our own history, that meeting took place on December 4 at the Enoch Pratt Library and led to the official formation of the Mountain Club. Orville, Alex Kennedy and Os Heard wrote the MCM Club bylaws soon after the December meeting—presumably using the PATC and Hagerstown club bylaws as models—and drafted an initial Trip Schedule.)*

Thus, the decisions made at that original meeting in Ruxton had effects on the future of the Mountain Club that last to this very day. Until now, our current generation of hikers really had no information about exactly what was discussed then. In a way, that meeting was MCM's own “constitutional convention.”

Indian Pass

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as Scott's Clearing, where a massive stone wall traverses Indian Pass Creek. The long abandoned structure dates to the nineteenth century logging days when it acted as a dam to contain the waters of the creek, controlling the flow to facilitate floating the timber down to market. We cooled off briefly in the creek before continuing on the remaining four-mile descent.

The afternoon's increasing heat was compounded by the deer flies that constantly buzzed around our heads, no doubt attracted by the ever escalating flow of sweat. So, a side trip to Rocky Falls, an area of the creek with a lean-to overlooking beautiful cascades, was extremely welcome. We enjoyed a much needed, core temperature lowering, extended swim in the extremely cold waters of the large pool at the bottom of the falls. After our refreshing dip the remaining two miles back to the parking lot were less arduous, though we were all still glad when we reached our cars.

We are privileged here in the North Country (Adirondacks) to have such a myriad of world class hiking opportunities, virtually at our doorstep. Whether one is looking for a major trekking adventure or a simple stroll, the trails to dramatic scenery are abundant. If this sounds like the type of outdoor experience you would enjoy, check out the Adirondack Mountain Club (<https://adk.org>), or contact me for help planning a visit.

Photos courtesy of Jerry Gnann and Wanda Knapik.

List of New Members

MCM traditionally announces recent new club members in our Hiker High Points newsletters. Because of production issues, we have not published a list of new members since the April 2025 issue. We are now “catching up” by announcing the names of all our new members who joined in the past year. A belated welcome to everyone!

Spring 2025

Alder, Joan
 Amitin, Cindy
 Atkins, Sharon
 Baber, Chuck
 Balu, Vasu
 Bhouraskar, Ashwin
 Bocchetti, Mark
 Bonanno, Steve
 Bradley, Kathleen
 Bulman, Philip
 Cain, Michael
 Chen, Danielle
 Deck, Laura
 Dunbar, Walter
 England, Pamela
 Evans, Carol
 Goodman, Sanford
 Grund, Nancy
 Halsey, Kim
 Hamilton, Deb
 Hillery, Joseph
 Hsu, Huei Chi
 Ingber, Gary
 Ingber, Iris
 Jeter, Shannon
 Jordan, Vicki
 Kling, Edith
 Lauer, Lauren
 Lears, Mike
 Martensen, Rebeka
 McClung, Alex
 McCord, Bliss
 McCord, Tom
 McDermott, Eliza
 Miller, Laura
 Miller, Michelle
 Mullen, Laura
 Ordman, Joan
 Orrson, Mary Beth
 Patterson, Nan
 Pellicoro, Jill
 Pommernelle, Heather
 Porter, Cynthia
 Quingert, Marie
 Rabben, Linda
 Rayanki, Radhika
 Sampson, Sam
 Schehr, Douglas
 Sindermann, Anne
 Smith, Noel
 Snell, Ricky
 Soetje, Kristina
 Stewart, Margie

Sullivan, Terri
 Sutherland, Barry
 Vohra, Shilpy Singla
 Walters, Michele
 Waring, Rebecca
 Wheeler, Connie
 Wieland, Valerie
 Zarriello, Stacie
 Zimmerman, Robin

Summer 2025

Abruzzese, Phil
 Allender, John
 Anderson, Barrett
 Aubert, Claude
 Babcock, Luanne
 Baena, Tisa
 Baier-Anderson, Caroline
 Baier-Anderson, Steven
 Baird, Bruce
 Barlup, Tracy
 Bassett-Jellema, Christine
 Bhayana, Priya
 Biondo, Isabelle
 Brady, Daniel
 Branch, Jeff
 Brescher, Richard
 Brescher, Sherri
 Brown, Jacqueline
 Buchholz, Dave
 Byrne-Crouse, Mary
 Cargo, Martha
 Cauthorn, Jeri
 Cobb, Holly
 David, Diane
 Easley, Sara
 Eichman, Peter
 Eisen, Rona
 Eshleman, Ron
 Faherty, Peter
 Freedman, Joan
 Fuduric, Violeta
 Good, Kathryn
 Grygo, Beth
 Hallam, Parker
 Hammer, Mike
 Hardy, Jeff
 Hartka, Janet
 Heagy, Christopher
 Heagy, Rebecca
 Heckman, James
 Hollend, Maria
 Horgan, Erin
 Horrikan, Leo

Householder, Lacey
 Ideh, Julie
 Iruku, Achuth
 Izzo, Rachel
 Jeng, Cindy
 Kane, Lauri
 Kassed, Cheryl
 Keeney, Jim
 Kerr, Tim
 Kilburn, Christy
 Kohlway, Bernard
 Kravitz, Saul
 Krifcher, Ron
 Larson, Meredith
 Leadley, Brenda
 Litter, Robert
 MacDonald, Jeannie
 Marill, Jennifer
 Marks, Rachel
 Marsico, Raymond
 Massey, Meredith
 Mathern, Monica
 Mattaino, Robert
 Matzen, Matthew
 McCall, Mare
 McCann, Mary and Jim
 McGann, Christina
 McIntyre, Claire
 McIver, Margery
 McKelvie, Merrick
 McNally, Patricia
 McShea, Carole
 Mealing, Dana
 Moss, Suzie
 Nick, Teresa
 Njowe, Robert
 O'Neill, Tricia
 Parrish, Ariana
 Payne, Katherine
 Quirk, Deborah
 Raina, Savita
 Rashidian, Dayna
 Reid, Andrew
 Reynolds, Barb
 Robles, Lydia E
 Rogers, Constance
 Ross, Richard
 Schaftel, Esther
 Shubin, Samuel
 Simmons, K
 Sirotkin, Matvey
 Smith, Mary
 Sonnino, Elena
 Stoltzfus, Kathy
 Stryker, Paula
 Tulapurkar Mishra, Nutan
 Veverka, Dar
 Welsh, James
 Weyer, Mark
 Wilson, Dawn
 Wise, David
 Workman, Sarah
 Wu, Zhiyi
 Wyman, Jean

Ying, Danny
 York, Katie
 Zhao, Zihui
 Zimmerman, Catherine

Fall 2025

Adams, Joe
 Aipperspach, Yang
 Avutala, Anand Reddy
 Bartels, Harrison
 Beam, Mary
 Beniquez, Grace
 Bersofsky, Yvonne
 Blank, Pablo
 Bloom, Rosanne
 Brown, Monica
 Cieslicki, Mary
 Conrad, Peter
 Cornelus, Isabelle
 Cortis, Denise
 Curry, Patricia
 Cutick, Brian
 Decker, Lauren
 Epperson, Belinda
 Forrest, Donald
 Fortier, Rorrie
 Friedman, David
 Glaser, Rick
 Glassman, Amanda
 Gray, Susan
 Harris, Jonathan
 Hazlett, Susan
 Henry, Karen
 Holmes, Chris
 Hornum, Helene
 Horton, Bradley
 Howard, Paxton
 Huffman, Christopher
 Johnson, Alice
 Jones, Hilary
 Jones, Robin
 Jones, Terri
 Jorgensen, William
 Journey, Donna
 Kelly-Judd, Leeann
 Klarman, Jamie
 Kshirsagar, Arti
 Kuppireddy, Suresh
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