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North Country residents a key part of the Board of Trustees at Silver Bay YMCA

Silver Bay, NY: The Silver Bay YMCA Conference and Family Retreat Center recently added additional North Country residents to its Board of Trustees and key officer roles.

According to Steve Tamm, Chief Executive Officer of Silver Bay YMCA, Kathy Wilson of Riparius, NY joined the Board in January and Adam Pearsall of Queensbury, NY was elected to the position of Chairman of the Board.

Kathy Wilson has worked for Warren County Head Start for 20 years in various roles, including the last eight years providing training and technical assistance to Head Start both regionally and nationally. "Kathy Wilson has been connected with Silver Bay since the early 1980s when she worked as a summer employee, meeting her husband Gary here and marrying in the Silver Bay Chapel," noted Tamm.

Adam Pearsall's connection with Silver Bay YMCA started at a young age when he was part of Silver Bay YMCA's Youth and Government Program. "As a junior high school student in Johnsbury, NY, the opportunities to meet and interact with peers in other schools were typically limited to sporting events, which are not always the most conducive to friendly discussions," commented Adam Pearsall. "The Youth and Government program not only provided me with a great opportunity to meet, collaborate and develop relationships with others from all over the local area such as Ticonderoga, Queensbury, North Warren and Bolton, but also helped me to develop lifelong skills that I use every day."

Adam Pearsall is a Senior Portfolio Manager and Financial Advisor in Glens Falls, NY.

The Silver Bay YMCA Board currently consists of 19 trustees, several of whom come from the local region. Regional trustees of Silver Bay YMCA include Walt Lender, Executive Director of the Lake George Association, Mike D'Attilio, Executive Director of Government and Community Affairs at The College of St. Rose; Stephanie Wagoner, retired President of Cardinal Health Capital Corporation, and others throughout upstate New York.

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Note to the Editor:

Silver Bay YMCA was founded in 1902 and is located in Silver Bay, NY, just minutes south of Hague, NY. Its 700 acre campus along one mile of Lake George shoreline offers a wide breadth of programs for all ages. Silver Bay YMCA presently employs 45 full-time staff members with a seasonal staff of 200. Silver Bay YMCA is consistently ranked one of the top ten family reunion sites in the country and is on the National Register of Historic Places with the U.S. Department of the Interior.

As a mission based charity, Silver Bay YMCA offers outreach programs in addition to its core activities as a premier conference and family retreat center. Those activities include:

- Silver Bay YMCA Teen Center in Ticonderoga (Free access for local teens)
- Open Pathways (Access to Silver Bay YMCA for the underprivileged)
- Youth and Government Program (covering Queensbury to Ticonderoga)
- Cancer Respite Program (Free respite for local cancer patients)
- Military R and R Program (Free getaway for recently deployed veterans and their families)
- Brookside Trinity Ministry (Free respite and sabbatical getaways for clergy)
- Vacations Made Possible (Free getaways for local underprivileged families)

The Youth & Government Program, a well-respected national program of the Y, involves thousands of teens nationwide in state-organized, model-government programs. Students have the opportunity to immerse themselves in experiential civic engagement and practice democracy as they meet to discuss and debate issues and to propose legislation.

Silver Bay YMCA has also won many outstanding awards and has been featured in several local and national media, including:

- Best Resort (2015, 2017 & 2018) Adirondack Life Magazine
- Best on Lake George and Best Exceptional Amenities (2016) LakeGeorge.com
- Best Venue for Family Reunions (2014 - 2017) Unique Venues Magazine
- New York Times (Travel Section – September 2014)
- Better Homes and Gardens (May 2014)

MISSION: The mission of Silver Bay YMCA is to foster a lifelong sense of belonging, strengthen relationships, and nurture spirit, mind, and body for all.

DESIRED IMPACT: Because of Silver Bay YMCA, personal and family bonds are stronger. People are more connected, respectful, and caring and have the

confidence to develop to their fullest potential and impact the communities in which they live. They are inspired by the beauty of the landscape at Silver Bay and are better stewards of the environment.

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