



# The Beagle Barks

## JACK KOHLER-SUANHACKY



### CAMPERSHIP ASSOCIATION

## FALL 2019

*"HELPING MAKE EVERY SCOUT A CAMPER" Since 1986*

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### CAMPERSHIP REPORT



This past summer we committed to \$5,000 in campership assistance and it ended up being **29 camperships** overall. The tallies break out as, 22 were for scouts going to TMR and 7 were for cubs going to Cub World/Alpine. We also

had our first female campership recipients at camp this summer. Over the past 33 summers we have now awarded camperships to 1287 scouts. The young adults who have been given the assistance to get to camp from our organization, many of which may never have had the opportunity to see the great outdoors without our support.

For the coming 2020 summer, we have committed to a 10% increase, to \$5,500. We encourage all units to charter and send their camp deposits on time and send to take advantage of the discounts that council offers.

Giving camperships is a key aspect of our association and it would not be possible without the support and help of members and friends. Thank you for all you do to help us in our goal of 'making every scout a camper'.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It's that time of year when some folks need to renew their membership in our Association. Of our more than 128 members, 98 are in our Lifetime column, so they're fine. The balance of our members either are 3 year or 1 year members status.

If your dues are now up for renewal you will receive a notice in the mail from us. If you're a 1 year member, you can renew as that, or go to 3 year or Lifetime if you like and

if you're 3 year status, you can do again or go to Lifetime (and than never need to worry about your dues again). Annual=\$10, 3yr= \$25, Lifetime= \$150. We've had 100% renewals the past 2 years, let's keep that up.

IT'S TIME!



DON'T DELAY, RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

### PARTY OF THE YEAR...

## OUR LUNCHEON; WERE YOU THERE?

Our bi-annual Fellowship and Awards luncheon

was held on Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Connelly's Corner Restaurant in Maspeth. We had to turn away people because we had reached the rooms



capacity. We'll look into getting a larger room for future events. It was a busy day, being the NYC Marathon and we turned clocks back as well that Sunday.

Though the room was tight, and comradery strong. Friends who had not seen each other in quite a while were thrilled to walk down memory lane together.

Everyone who came was greeted and checked in by Truddy Gaynor and Carmen Lectora who gave all those attending a few gifts, just for coming: an Association mouse pad and fly swatter (which was not meant as a comment on the food to be served).



**Carmen Lectora & Truddy Gaynor greeting all with gifts**

The day began with MC (and Vegas Comic wanna be) **Denis Sackett** greeting everyone. We won't say a word about his schtick, you'd have to ask those who were there.

**Troop 106** from Middle Village supplied the Honor Guard that led the assembled in the pledge, Scout Oath and Law which was



**Troop 106 Color Guard open the luncheon.**

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## PARTY OF THE YEAR...

Then followed by the TMR Grace. As we have always done, we recognized all the veterans of our armed services and then all our first responders in attendance with a standing ovation and our gratitude for their sacrifices.

As we always do, we had a moment of silence and remembered our members who had passed away since our last luncheon; **Ralph DeFalco, Monica Evens, Fred Gervat, Craig Goodman, Al Kobe, Rick Newman, John Pritchard and Pierre Thyvaert.** May they rest in peace.

Association Founder and Chairman, **Mitch Morgenstern** then gave the state of the Association address. Mitch reported on the Kohler-Suanhacky commitments to the Kohler Cabin in Alpine, Suanhacky Lodge House in TMR, the building of 2 new 4-man cabins in TMR, and of course the camperships we awarded and hope to do in the coming summer camp season. He thanked all those who continue to support the organization along with the Board of Directors.

Following Mitch, we were pleased to have **Neisha Joseph**, the new Queens Field Director say a few words. She spoke on how Queens is home to her and that Scouting needs the support of volunteers and the appreciation of our association and what it has done for the Scouts of Queens.

This year, 2019 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association's Heritage Society. A special presentation was shown, that traced the history of the Heritage Society from its infancy, to now. It was narrated by **Mark Kleinberg** and **Reidan Cruz**. It all



**Mark Kleinberg and Reidan Cruz narrate the Heritage Society 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary presentation**

started as a suggestion of the then Queens Exec, (and Association Member) **Dennis St. Jean**, to the creation of who, what, where, how, why it would actually be. We now sit with 171 enshrined names and thousands of dollars donated to the association thru this program. By far our most successful fundraising venue. For all those



**Heritage pin presentation**

Heritage Society Honor Roll members that were in attendance at the luncheon, a special pin

signifying their status as an Honoree, was presented to each. We had 20 Honor Roll members receive their pins.

We concluded the Heritage Society presentation with the 2019 induction to the Society's Honor Roll as part of the program. The four newly enshrined members on the **Heritage Society Honor Roll** are:

**Constance Cicero:**  
**Devoted Wife of Scouter Peter M. Konig**

**Michael Kealey:**  
**Dedicated Scoutmaster T65 Gateway District GNYC**

**Dit Cheung:**  
**District Chairman 2015-2019**

**Rick Martin:**  
**Suanhacky Lodge Supreme Chief of the Fire**

We were honored to have as our guest speaker, **Mayor Michael Soriano** of Parsippany, New Jersey. You may ask, why a mayor from Jersey? Well, as we learned,



**Mayor Michael Soriano, one of our own.**

Michael is one of our own. An Eagle Scout from Queens, he grew up in Electchester, worked for GNYC, camped and worked at TMR and has a strong bond to this community. He spoke on how Scouting helped make him the person he is today, his appreciation of what Scouting taught him, including the leadership, determination and energy. He remains tied to Scouting in his new community

and attends many Scouting functions when he can. He was quite an elegant and impressive speaker. Don't be surprised if we hear more about our man in New Jersey in the future.

At last our lunch was served, ala buffet style: ravioli, the house salad, along with plenty of sausage & peppers,



**Our guest enjoying plenty of delicious foods, good cheer and fellowship**

clams, mouth-watering chicken marsala, unlimited soda, coffee/tea and cake. Some even took advantage of the outside patio to enjoy the lovely day. The restaurant staff was very accommodating to our needs. Everyone cleaned their plates and many went back for more. All during the luncheon, **Andrew Grant** was taking photographs, some of which we have used for this newsletter.

## PARTY OF THE YEAR...

After lunch, the award presentations began for our Outstanding Scouter Award of Excellence. The honorees **DEBORAH CAVINESS, BILL KIERNAN, MICHAEL MANGINO, JOHN RESTREPO** and **Jim Shaughnessy** each received a medal, certificate and an embroidered association fleece as a gift. Each honoree made a short statement as well to thank those who had guided and helped them along their Scouting trail (moms, dads, children, neighbors, scoutmasters...). This was followed by the Lifetime Achievement recognition for **HENRY ZALAK**.

We then drew raffles (Steak Dinners, Broadway Tickets, local venue theatrical tickets and more) with many happy winners and even more disappointed non-winners.



Honorees (L-R standing) **Jim Shaughnessy, Henry Zalak, Deborah Caveniss,** (sitting) **Michael Mangino, John Restrepo and Bill Kiernan.**

**Anthony Zalak**, the luncheon chairman, closed the event, thanking all for coming and supporting the Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association.

Wished all a very happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah and holiday season.

We want to thank **Paul Romain and Mike Lectora** who were members of the Luncheon Committee along with **Bruce Cobern, Keven Dolce, Ed Pino and Franco Saggliocca** who helped with the program. **Truddy Gaynor and Carmen Lectora** did a great job with the registration to keep things rolling smoothly. We also want to thank **Andrew Grant** for photographing the event.



Luncheon Chairman **Anthony Zalak** thanking all for coming and their support, see you in 2 years!

No date or location has been set, but **Anthony Zalak** said we'd love to see everyone again in two years at our next Fellowship & Awards luncheon. Believe it or not, that will be our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. From a tiny acorn, a mighty oak has grown.



## KOHLER-SUANHACKY DONATE TWO NEW 4-MAN CABINS AT TEN MILE RIVER



**Gordon Bennett Cabin /Aquehonga**

We are very pleased to announce that the two cabins we financed, were built and used this past summer at TMR. From all reports, scouts and leaders like these new facilities at camp. One of the new 4-man cabins is at Camp Aquehonga

(**Gordon Bennett Cabin**) and the other at Camp Keowa, (**Suanhacky No-Names Cabin**).

The Council has been experimenting with this style cabin for a year or so, to take the place of the two-man wall tents because the lifespan of the cabins and maintenance should be better than the canvass. We look forward to many years of fun camping in these new 4-man cabins that also honor our members and Association.

What is good about these cabins are they have a door and screened in, as well as have stationary bunks in them.

They serve to be good shelter and comfortable when the weather can turn nasty.

While these cabins are not camperships, our Board of Directors saw an important need to assist the council in building these and it would help the overall camp experience, enhancing the growth of fellowship and fun that is also part of our stated purpose.



**Suanhacky No-Names Cabin /Keowa**

### AMAZON-SMILE

With the holiday season approaching, we have a wonderful way to help get your shopping done and help out our organization at the same time, at no additional cost to you.

Anytime you make a purchase on Amazon please consider using Amazon Smile. It's a way that the Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association receives a donation on all purchases you make when you go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) when your in Amazon, to generate donations for the Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association.

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## WHAT ARE OUR MEMBERS UP TO?

We have members spread out all over the country. Some out west in California, Nevada and



Member Anthony Caggiano, City Commissioner in Margate Fla. with mermaids from the Calypso Cove water park.

Arizona. We also have members down south in Virginia, and Florida and still others in New England states such as Connecticut, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. We'd love to here from any and all members, whether they're in Queens or anywhere else on the globe.

Here's a little about one of our longtime

members, living in Florida. Anthony Caggiano, a former Chief of Suanhacky Lodge and co-worker of Jack Kohler on staff at TMR, who moved to the sunshine state years ago and got very involved in the community.

He holds political office in his hometown of Margate, Florida as a City Commissioner. As such he is kept very busy with his responsibilities. Anthony learned much about civic duty and service through his Scouting and earning the Citizenship merit badges.



Member Anthony Caggiano, City Commissioner in Margate Fla. participating in an Eagle ceremony.

## OUR CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

At our luncheon, Association Chairman **Mitch Morgenstern** made a challenge to all of those present.

The challenge is to help promote our Queens Council Scouting program and to help recruit one new adult to the Cub or Boy Scout Program while also recruiting two youths (girl or

boy) into the Queens Council Cub or Boy Scout Program. By our helping recruit adults and youth into Scouting and growing the membership, will only strengthen the Queens Council Scouting Program.



## HERITAGE SOCIETY'S 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

As you've read in this newsletter, one of the most successful programs our organization has as a fundraiser is the Heritage Society. What started as a suggestion in 1989, has grown to now have more than 170 enshrined members. At our recent luncheon, we had a special presentation showing the history and growth of this wonderful program. We have sent the presentation for you to see by adding it in the email, along with this newsletter.



If you are thinking about a special gift for someone who has mentored you on your Scouting trail, or a teacher who inspired you, to thank your parents, children, Scoutmaster, troop, pack, post, why not have them inducted on to the Heritage Society Honor Roll. You can put yourself on the honor roll as well as a way to say thank you to the Association and its efforts. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions concerning the Heritage Society.

## WHEN USING PAYPAL PLEASE MAKE YOUR PAYMENT AS FRIENDS AND FAMILY

If whenever you make a payment to the Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association through PayPal please send your payment as FRIENDS AND FAMILY. This way the Association will receive the entire amount you are sending.



On your PayPal account go to tools and select



make payment. After entering the amount of your payment please select **FRIENDS AND FAMILY**. By doing this, the Association will not be

charged the processing fees that PayPal charges and then 100% of your donation/payment will go to the Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association.

### **Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association**

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Established in 1986, as a benevolent organization that among other activities provide financial assistance for Queens, N.Y. Scouts to attend a week of summer camp at the Greater New York Councils facility at Ten Mile River or Alpine Cub World. **The Beagle Barks** is the organizations newsletter. Editor, Publisher, Copy Boy, Distribution: ..**Denis Sackett**

# GOOD & WELFARE



- Welcome new Members: **Ira Nagel** and **Kathy Geraci**.
- Glad to have you; new Lifetime members; **Steve Benini**, **Jim Shaughnessy** and **John Retrepo**
- Hearty Scout salute to member **Jay Schnapp** on receiving the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award.
- Happy 40<sup>th</sup> birthday **Anthony Zalak**. Now you're old enough to get a drivers' license.
- Happy birthday **Ira Nagel**, celebrating 70 years young.
- Wedding bells rang for member **Travis Dacres**, son of member **Andrea Smith-Dacres**.
- Best of luck to Association Board member **Michael Lectora** who has been named the new District Chairman for Founders District.
- Celebrating 65 years in Scouting, our Founder and Chairman, **Mitch Morgenstern**.
- Get well soon member **Joe Varon**, recovering from hip surgery.
- Good luck member **Pat Streffacio**, as he becomes the new chairman of Pathfinder District.
- Happy retirement, you've earned it; **Bruce Cobern**, **Frank Rickenbaugh**, **Denis Sackett** and **Mark Kleinberg**.
- Best wishes to **George Cuhaj** who has stepped down from our Board of Directors, due to his living full time in Wisconsin, our very own cheesehead.

If you have something to share with our members, please let us know so we can spread the word.



## JACK KOHLER-SUANHACKY ASSOCIATION 2020 CALENDARS

Our Association will once again conduct a year-end fundraising project, sending all our members a wall calendar for the new year, 2020.



We ask all our members, (especially Lifetime members who no longer pay annual dues) to please consider sending us a donation to continue to support the programs we have (camperships first and foremost, Kohler Cabin, Suanhacky Lodge House maintenance, camp promotion, and other opportunities that we may be presented. Look fore your calendar in the mail.

## A THANK YOU NOTE TO OUR ASSOCIATION

Below is a note we received from one of the Scouts who received one of our camperships this past summer. The Scout is the first female to receive a Kohler-Suanhacky campership. As you'll read, she appreciates what we've been able to allow her to experience.

Dear Sir,

*I am an active member of my Female Troop 253 and my Scout Master is Italia Augienello. I want to thank you for Jack Kohler's campership.*

*This was my first time attending BSA Scout summer camp.*

*I really learned a lot at Ten Mile River, Camp Keowa. I was able to earn 4 merit badge this week. My easiest merit badges*



*were leatherwork and art. My most difficult merit badge was archery because I had to score 150 points. It was hard because I had to learn how to aim and hold the bow correctly in order for me to get the score on the target. My counselors, Keith and Conan were super helpful in assisting me to become a better archer by giving me tips on how to improve my aim.*

*I enjoyed having fun with my scout friends. Since I reached the required age for most events, I was able to participate in mountain biking, rifle shooting, and shotgun. I also had a great time repelling down Indian Cliffs at Ten Mile River. I learned how to be brave and helpful to everyone around me.*

*My scout troop made history this week, we were the first Female Troop to attend Ten Mile River Scout Camp and we also won Troop of the Week. We were all surprised and incredibly happy, it was a great honor to be Troop of the Week.*

*Once again, thank you for this campership. It was a great opportunity for me to go to summer camp. It opened my eyes to the endless possibilities of what I can do and what I can learn at summer camp of which I will remember it forever.*

*I have attached a picture of myself with my scout friends as we wait for our turn repelling down the Indian Cliffs.*

Yours truly in Scouting,  
**Ava Chow**

