



The Beagle Barks

Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association

Fall – Winter 2016

“HELPING MAKE EVERY SCOUT A CAMPER” Since 1986
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CAMPERSHIP REPORT



Over the years, almost every Troop in Queens has Scouts that have been able to go to TMR in part due to our efforts and financial help. Each and every member of our organization should take pride in knowing, we are

giving back, to the place that helped make many of us, in part, the person we have become, **Ten Mile River Scout Camp.**

At a recent Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association Board of Directors meeting the Board has approved for the 2017 camping summer at Cub World and Ten Mile River Scout Camps our campership pledge to “Help make every Scout a camper”. For Queens Cub Scouts the Board approved \$600.00 in campership assistance, an increase of 20% from last summer and for Queens Boy Scouts the amount of \$3,800.00, an increase of 11% in campership assistance over last summer, has been approved.

As a point of reference, for the summer of 2016, the combined total amount of campership assistance between Queens Council and the Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association totaled \$51,540.00. Queens Council provided \$48,115.00 while our Association provided \$3425.00. Our Kohler Camperships accounted for 14% of all Queens scouts who received them.

With this in mind our Board decided to increase our campership pledge along with increasing our campership formula by 10%. Our sincere hope is to help make camp more affordable for our Queens Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

For the 2017 season we have committed \$4,400 in camperships which will allow many Scouts to get to camp. Just hope they all remember to bring your bug spray!



TMR ALUMNI DAY 90 YEARS AND COUNTING

COME HOME TO TMR, 90 YEARS OF MEMORIES

You may want to start making plans to attend this summer's, Alumni Day at Ten Mile River, when the official celebration of the camps' 90th anniversary will be held on the weekend of August 4-5-6, 2017.



Our association's own **Johannes Knoopes** is leading the efforts of making it a spectacular and memorable weekend for all in attendance.

Some of the plans being made for those visiting the celebration is to have an opportunity to actually camp overnight, hike trails, partake in a campfire and more to shake those TMR memories from the cobwebs of your mind. Some plans call for brothers from Suanhacky to possibly camp at the old Health Lodge or perhaps the Lodge House.

You can go register and pay council online by credit card:
www.bsa-gnyc.org/alumniaday

The anniversary festivities will begin on Friday, August 4th and run until Sunday, August 6th. We would ask that those of you planning to attend this grand event contact us at our email address JKohlerAsn@aol.com provide us with how many in your party. You may also follow the anniversary on facebook at www.facebook.com/90tmr. We are looking for a great turn out from our members and their families. We will be sending additional information on the plans for this once in a lifetime event as we get more information.

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..

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GOOD & WELFARE

- Those bells are ringing for member **Frank Janoscak's** two daughters, who both have gotten engaged.
- We mourn the loss of member **Hon. Arthur Schack**. Artie was a long serving Judge of NY State Supreme Court, former Camp Director at TMR, OA Lodge Chief and a good friend of all Scout campers.



- Helping with the diapers is member **Manny Esteban**, with the birth of his 4th child, daughter Maribel. Mom, dad and the 3 siblings are all doing well.



Maribel Esteban

- A double congratulations to member **John Pritchard**, continuing on his road to recovery and finally getting back into a more normal lifestyle, back at home. John also was the recipient of **Pathfinder District Lifetime Achievement Award**. Very well deserved indeed!
- We salute member **Eddy Petersen**, who received the **Queens Council Award**.
- Good luck to member **Anthony Caggiano** who is running for a seat as Margate Commissioner in his hometown in Florida. He has our vote!
- Hail and Farewell to members **Eileen Cuhaj** and her son, **George** who will be pulling up stakes and moving on to the badger state, Wisconsin. Guess it just means that George really is a cheese head after all!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to our two newest members to the Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association:

- **Carl Hertenstein**
- **Michael Kealey**
- **George Pappas**
- **Robert Brown**
- **Patrick Mendola**

Ed Note: We ask our members, if they have events such as birthdays, anniversaries, births, wedding; Bar Mitzvah's...share them with us. Email to jkohlerasn@aol.com

LET THERE BE LIGHT!

We're very excited that the new lights have finally been set up and are illuminating the Kohler Cabin at Camp Alpine. You may remember that at our luncheon last year we presented a check to Council for the upgrading of the lighting in the cabin. There was a good deal of work involved, removing the old fixtures, replacing and repairing some of the wiring, then hanging the new fixtures and flipping the switch.



This project was not just changing a lightbulb. It involved an all new system of energy efficient fixtures and bulbs. The cabin should now have better lighting and save energy and money.

Thanks to Ranger Scott Bosworth, Walley Carey and all the others who work at Alpine, to help make it the great Scouting destination that it is.

We were recently informed that the kitchen in the Jack Kohler Cabin is requiring a much needed renovation as well. Therefore the Board has approved that we will provide the amount of \$1,200.00 for the up-grade, renovation of the kitchen. We will be providing a \$600.00 down payment for the renovation and the balance will be paid upon completion.

2017 CAMPING EXPO SET

The annual GNYC Camping Expo has been set for Saturday February 25, 2017 at the Camp Alpine Dining Hall. This is a great opportunity for unit leaders and their youth leaders to learn about summer camp, short term camping, get ideas for their Troops, see the newest equipment available. Camping Expo is an event you may want to consider going to, if you've missed them in the past.



YOU'LL NEVER GET RICH, DIGGIN A DITCH...



We salute member **Colonel Robert Timm** who is celebrating 30 years of active duty with the United States Army. Rob was an OA chapter chief from old Lowaneu Tuney Chapter and served many other scouting roles. While stationed in various post around the world he served as Cubmaster to many overseas Cub Packs, including one in Kazakhstan. During his 30 years of active duty he often turned to what he learned in scouting as a boy to be a better soldier. Thank you Rob, for your service.

Scouting: Great Preparation for Men to be Husbands, Fathers and Men of Faith

By Manuel "Manoli" Esteban

I was a recipient many summers for financial aid from Kohler as a scout. I made Eagle and am now 39 and in law school. John Prichard at T 70 was my SM, followed by Rob Petrillo. I am Brotherhood with OA and worked on numerous summer camp Staff at Kunatah, Alpine etc... I am a big advocate of adult scouters supporting scouting with time, treasure and talent.

Many people often speak of scouting, and becoming an Eagle Scout as great preparation for a professional career. However, not enough is spoken about scouting preparing a man to be an effective father and husband, which I feel should be getting greater emphasis.

I was a scout with Troop 70 Queens, earning the Eagle rank in 1994. I was fortunate enough to have received camperships from the Jack Kohler Campership Association to help allow me to go to TMR, which became a very big part of my life experiences.

I recently became a father to my fourth child, thanks to my loving wife Mercedes. Thanks to my scouting background of being prepared, how to plan and managing time, my wife and I have a foundation to have a large family with ease and joy that is characteristic of scouting.

The twelfth point of the scout law, reverent, has been the strongest foundation for me and my family. I am grateful that our oath and law pointed me toward God and to deepen my Catholic faith. Even when as a scout I did not have much of a spiritual/religious life, it planted the seed for a spiritual life that would bloom, and is now strong. Camping and hiking were very key in developing an appreciation for God's love. Thanks to the Kohler camperships I was able to attend summer camps and enjoyed meeting the chaplains with their great cheer. I am now happy to be a part of the Catholic Committee on Scouting and to help promote our religious awards.

Scouting provides a firm foundation for a deep spiritual life and connection with God, and strong families. Let us also speak about these benefits at a time when the world turns away from these core values and the stability and great foundation that religion and faith provide.



Manny & family (less the new baby)

NAME THAT TUNE

One of the most enjoyable aspects of Scouting for many is the campfire. For some, it is hypnotizing to steer into the flickering flames; others soak in the smell of burning wood, while others listen to the crackle of the wood as it burns. For most though, it is the comradery of singing campfire songs, telling stories and enjoying skits performed by their fellow Scouts & Scouters.

For me, I had a few favorites; *The Grand Old Duke of York*, *Sunday School Song* and *Mountain Dew*. Oh wait, I forgot about *Titanic*, *Drunken Sailor* and *Roll On Columbia!* Gosh, there are so many old songs that bring back so many fond memories.



What was your favorite campfire song? Why not email us and let us know. Let's take a poll and see what song may rank #1 for our members. Send us your favorite campfire song and perhaps we'll sing it at the 90th TMR anniversary!

THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS

As you may know, much of our funds come thru the sale of scouting memorabilia. We recently received a very nice donation of Scouting items from **Charlene Louseau**, that had been her late husband, Jim Tranchina's. Great Sunahacky & GNYC patches and more. We also received a very old, an 'antique' Scouting book, from TMR veteran **Pete Hermann**.

TMR legend, **Donal McCarthy** donated some rare neckerchiefs. All these donated items, help us 'Make Every Scout A Camper'.

We sell at local trade-o-rees and on line when visitors to our website see some of what we have to offer...

Please feel free to check your attic, basement, and cluttered drawers for scouting items you'd like to donate to us as well. We're very appreciative of anything we get.



90 YEARS: MEMORIES GALORE!

As we look forward to the 90th Anniversary of TMR, let's think about what was going on around the same time, back in 1927. It is amazing and interesting to think of what has 'gone on in the span of 90 years.



- 4 months after TMR welcomed its first camper, in New York City, the Holland Tunnel, connecting NY & NJ opened.
- 6 weeks before Camp opened, Charles Lindbergh makes his historic flight from Roosevelt Field Long Island to Paris in his plane the Spirit of St. Louis.
- 2 months after TMR had its first campfire. The "Jazz Singer" starring Al Jolson in the first talking picture opened.
- 3 months after the closing campfire, Pan Am Airlines was born.
- The first Trans-Atlantic phone call was made between New York and London.
- Irving Berlin's Blue Skies is #1
- The New York Yankees, Murderers Row with Ruth, Gehrig, Musial, win the World Series .
- A month after camp season ends, work on Mount Rushmore begins. (and took 14 years to complete).



SAVE THE DATE!

Please mark your calendars (that we've included) for **Sunday November 12, 2017** for the next Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association's **Fellowship and Awards Luncheon.**



Plans are being made now and we will share all the details with you as we get closer. We want to be sure that both the venue & menu are up to our standards. If past history is any indication, it will be an event to remember!

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As we wind down the year we want to thank all of our members, friends and supporters for all they do to help us in our mission. As a

thank you, you will find a year end gift for everyone, a 2017 calendar. We hope that this will help you keep appointments, remember important dates and also keep our organization top of mind. You'll also find we have included a donation slip. We are asking if you can, to please remember us when you're making year end donations. Should you like to make a contribution to our campership fund, we would greatly appreciate it.