



The Beagle Speaks

Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association

FALL 2013

"HELPING MAKE EVERY SCOUT A CAMPER" Since 1986



KOHLER-SUANHACKY LUNCHEON, ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS

A record turnout was recorded at our November 10th luncheon. Over 100 members and friends gathered to honor Scouters; **Michael Cheverino Sr., Trudy Gaynor and Eddy Peterson** and Lifetime Achievement to **Joe Bradley** (posthumously).



(L:R) Petersen, Gaynor, Cheverino

We are very pleased with the turnout we had for the luncheon. Many old friends caught up with each other, some after many years and newer friendships had their friendship bonds strengthened.

As we have become accustomed, (if one actually can), **Denis Sackett** was the MC of the afternoon. At least his jokes aren't getting worse (they already had hit bottom).

Our Chairman, **Mitch Morgenstern** gave a report on state of the Association. Mitch reviewed how over the years, the number of Scouts we have assisted with camperships is now more than one thousand, we have participated in numerous camp promotion events, sponsored cracker barrels at numerous weekends, support the Kohler Cabin at Alpine, and have kept a spirit of camaraderie all along the way.

In his report, Mitch made mention of how October was the 20th anniversary of the death of John Williamson, one of our members, killed in the line of duty as a member of NYPD. Mitch went on to say how the scholarship we created at that time, in Officer Williamson's memory, has helped Queens OA scholarship winner offset the cost of attending every National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) since then.

Chairman Morgenstern continued with how we have helped with both financially and physically with numerous camp and Scouting ventures.

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We are very pleased with the turn



Veteran Scouters Marge Noon & Eileen Cuhaj

2014 CAMPERSHIPS AWARDED 28TH YEAR OF CAMPERSHIPS

The primary purpose of our organization is to provide financial assistance for Queens Scouts, to those who need it, so that they may attend Ten Mile River Scout Camps, or Cub World. This coming camp season, our Association has committed to award \$3,500 in assistance (which accounts for approximately 10% of campership aid awarded to Queens).

We work along with the Queens Campership Committee to help select which young men are deserving to get assistance and for how much assistance they get.

We were happy to be able to continue offering financial assistance for the Scouts to receive. This will be our 28th season of helping Scouts get to enjoy the 'Outing of Scouting'. Overall, our roster of those we have awarded is now over 1000 Scouts & Cubs and counting.

OUR ASSOCIATION EARNS THE WHITNEY M. YOUNG Jr. SERVICE AWARD FROM NATIONAL BSA.

While at the Day One Event for Kintecoying Lodge, National Order of the Arrow Chairman, **Ray Capp**, was in attendance. After learning about who we are and what we do, he strongly suggested we look into getting recognition to earn the **Whitney M. Young Jr. Award.**



Whitney Young Jr. was an American civil rights leader. He served as President of the Urban League from 1961 until his death in 1971.

The purpose of the Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award is to recognize outstanding services by an adult individual or organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for youth from rural or low-income urban backgrounds—this is in fulfillment of Whitney Young's dream of justice and equality for all.

After completing the nomination process, it was reviewed by BSA. National Council approved the Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association for this prestigious award. We are proud to have been given this recognition for the assistance we have given Scouts over these many years.

The award was presented in a public recognition at our recent luncheon by GNYC CEO- **Ethan Draddy** and GNYC Commissioner **Tom Bain** to Kohler-Suanhacky Chairman, **Mitch Morgenstern.**

**SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS
& FRIENDS FROM THE JACK KOHLER-
SUANHACKY CAMPERSHIP ASSOCIATION**

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Each attendee at the luncheon received a gift of a pen & light. There were wonderful raffle prizes as well, such as Broadway show tickets, basket of cheer, NY Mets gift bags filled with goodies, 2014 Olympic items, gift certificates for GNYC camps and more.

We took a trip down memory lane with a look at the legacy of Suanhacky Lodge. A highlight was our parade of Chiefs, when the largest gathering of Suanhacky Lodge Past Chiefs, since the 75th Lodge Banquet. We were honored to have in attendance 14 past Chiefs, tenured from 1959 to 2013 join us at the luncheon.



Past Chiefs' **Anthony Lectora (2013)** **Denis Sackett (1973)** **Steve Bergman (1959)**

Steve Bergman, Steve Benini, Robert Brown, Richie Clausen, Frank Gaynor, Frank Janoscak, Mike Lectora, Anthony Lectora, Rob Petrillo, Ed Pino, Norman Russakoff, Denis Sackett, Franco Sagliocca and John Spero were all there. Some past Lodge Advisors as well were on hand, **John Pritchard, Bill Keirnan, Mike Lectora and Kevin Dolce**. Each Chief and Advisor received a gift of a specially made Pin with a red & white ribbon. The pin had the Suanhacky logo and the years 1930-2013.



Past Chiefs & Advisors (L:R) **Kevin Dolce, Frank Gaynor, Denis Sackett, John Pritchard, Steve Benini, Bill Kiernan, Norman Russakoff, Frank Janoscak, Ed Pino, Anthony Lectora, Rob Petrillo, Franco Sagliocca, Mike Lectora, Steve Bergman, Robert Brown, John Spero and Richie Clausen.**

The Marbella Restaurant did a great job catering the affair. There was a varied menu to choose from for the main course that was complimented by salad, a pasta appetizer and followed by coffee and cake. Unlimited wine and soda was also available.

After lunch was served we continued with the program. Our Lifetime Achievement Award was presented posthumously to **Joe Bradley**. It was explained, how a number of years back, Joe was asked to receive our Outstanding Scouter Award, and declined,



Joe Bradley

saying he thought there were others more deserving, and even suggested a few. When Joe announced last year that he would be retiring from working at GNYC, our Board of Directors unanimously decided he was the perfect choice for our Lifetime recognition award. This time, when asked if he would accept recognition from our organization, he excitedly agreed. Unfortunately, just a few weeks later, Joe passed away suddenly. Joe's partial resume was read and his award was accepted by members of his Troop 106, **Anthony Zalak** and **Al Kobe**. They announced that the troop will display Joe's award on their meeting place wall.



Ethan Draddy

It was now time for our special guest speaker, GNYC Scout Executive and CEO, Mr. **Ethan Draddy**. Before he gave his speech, Ethan called up the members of the GNYC staff that were present along with Tom Bain, the GNYC Commissioner for a very special presentation. The Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association was Awarded the national

recognition of the **Whitney M. Young Award** (see separate article). The award was presented to Mitch Morgenstern on behalf of the organization. Mr. Draddy then spoke of the importance and his gratitude for the volunteer Scouters of Queens. He spoke about Scouting's relevance and the efforts being made to reach out to Eagle Scouts who may not have been affiliated with Scouting in recent years and trying to draw them back, whether as merit badge counselors, unit leaders, or somehow sharing some of what they got from Scouting with the Scouts of today.



Mitch Morgenstern being presented the Whitney M. Young Award on behalf of the Association, from GNYC Commissioner, Tom Bain.

There was a special presentation for one of our members. We had a very successful fund raiser that was the brain child of Reidan Cruz. After the 5 Lodge merger and our organization changing its name, Reidan came up with an idea to help honor Suanhacky while welcoming Kintecoying. The patch had a limited – one time only run of the patches. Only 49, each numbered within the stitching of the patch itself. To show appreciation for Reidan's idea and helping generate a good deal of money for our campership fund, he was presented with the 'artist proof' of the patch. Like Reidan, one of a kind.



Bruce Cobern presents Reidan Cruz with the Tribute Patch, artist proof, that Reidan designed.

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It was now time for the primary program item, the recognition of 3 very hard working veterans. The presentation of the **Outstanding Scouter Award of Excellence** ceremony began. In alphabetical order, **Michael Cheverino Sr.** was first up. Michael's resume was presented which was chock full of service and work done for the youth of our community by way of Scouting and Teaching. This was followed by **Trudy Gaynor**. Trudy held many positions, including being very influential in the early days of her district and continues through till now. Third up was **Eddy Petersen**. Eddy has done much for the Council, and he still is very much tied to his roots in College Point's units. All three recipients received a gift from the Association and were allowed to say a few words. They all had others from Scouting that they were thanking, because we are after all is said and done, linked together.

GONE HOME: BEN BREITUNG

It is with deep regret we let our Association know about the passing of long time Ben Breitung. Ben was 85 years old when he passed in early November. Ben was very proud of his Queens Scouting background and his years on staff at Camp Man. He would talk with great exhilaration when he would reminisce about his days as the Steward of Lakeside.



Ben Breitung & Jack Kohler, 1951 Camp Man



Ben Breitung

Keeping the memory of Camp Man, Lakeside, Central and Kernochan were very important to Ben. Ben drew up from memory, a detailed map of Camp Man, listing all the campsites, by name and program areas for display at the TMR Museum. He also was a force behind the sign post that now stands on the Kernochan parade field pointing the directions to key spots of Old Camp Man (Lakeside, Kernochan & Central). Ben's ideas and encouragement were very helpful in the development and growth of our Association.

He was a 'behind the scenes' leader. He called 'em as he saw 'em. Ben will be greatly missed. The friends he made in Scouting lasted a lifetime. Ben may have been far from TMR, but TMR was never far from Ben.

The family has asked for those wishing to do so, to make donations in Ben's memory to the Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association.

UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTIONS

At this time of year, many employees have opportunity to put in designated organizations for United Way contributions. If you contribute to the United Way, please consider designating the Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association (United Way code # 012596).

GOOD & WELFARE

- Happy birthday, member Dr. **Russell Schilder**.
- Gone Home: member Ben **Breitung**.
- Touchdown for **Max Sackett's** White Plains High School team that won their NY State Section Championship.
- Home is where the heart is, members **Paul & Faith Lumpkin** move into their new home.
- Congratulations to member **Eddy Petersen** on the marriage of his Eagle Scout son Eric.
- We also send our condolences to **Eddy Petersen**, on the passing of his father, Harold.
- Get well soon member **Lorri McGregor**.
- Good Luck to **Greg Hofer** as he becomes the GNYC Venturing Chairman.
- Get well soon also goes out to Board Member **John Pritchard**.



WELCOME NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

Ken Burbulak
Hedy DeBonet

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

PLEASE CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK

BACK IN THE GOOD OL' U.S. of A.

After years of serving our country abroad, Association member, Colonel Robert Timm has returned to the USA. Robb has been stationed in many foreign postings including our Embassy in Russia, and most recently in Kazakhstan (wonder if he knows Borat?).



Col. Timm with some of his Cub's in Kazakhstan.



Cubs from Col. Timm's pack with US Military aircraft at a base in Kazakhstan.

In Kazakhstan he served as a cubmaster of the Cub Pack for US servicemen and embassy employees' children. Now back in the US, stationed in Virginia, he is still a leader, soon to have his Webelos cross over to a Troop. He has promised to renew his membership in the OA. You may remember Robb from his days as Loweneu Tuney's Chapter Chief in the early 80's or his tiome on the Camp Kunatah Staff. We are happy to have Robb back in the U.S.A.

Remember: We are now the:

**JACK KOHLER-SUANHACKY
CAMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION**

AN OLD ADVISOR CHECKING IN... TO SAY THANKS

By Ron Newsam

I was a Boy Scout from the time I was 11 'till I graduated high school. After a hitch in the Navy, I was discharged in March of '63. Got married in '67, had two boys in '68 and '71.

When they became of age I enrolled them in the Cub Scouts. Pack 164. I became a concerned parent and an active adult. The boys graduated to the Troop.

Eventually they decided that scouting was not for them. By that time I was in so deep that I couldn't get out. As an adult I had a few advisory jobs within Suanhacky Lodge. Eventually I was recognized for my altruistic value to the Lodge with the Vigil Honor along with **Vito Vitiello**, **Ralph DeFalco**, and **Franco Sagliocca**. That was in May of '82. What a weekend! It rained so hard that I along with other Vigil Honor members couldn't keep that particular fire burning.

Shortly thereafter I was appointed Lodge Adviser by Ed Labinski. I think that was in June of '82. Eventually **Dennis St. Jean** became our Staff advisor. He supported us enthusiastically. I also sought out counsel from **Jack Kohler** more than a few times. After all, who better to ask? Jack was the Adviser when I was a boy. I then assembled a team of adults including **John Pritchard**, **Fr. Barry**, **Hal Kramer**, **Bruce Cobern**, just to name a few. (The problem with trying to remember all who helped the Lodge is that it was 31 years ago. I apologize to anyone that I forgot) At one of our early Lodge meetings to kick around ideas to improve the Lodge's image, **Joe Varone** came up with the idea to repair the Chapels at TMR. We solicited money from the religious committees, and we also got a few bucks from the OLD AT&T. We had enough money to buy supplies and tools to affect the repairs. **Jess Bernstein** and I made a couple of trips to TMR prior to the Memorial Day weekend of '83 just to check things out. Jess would become the adviser to the service on that weekend.



Thanks to the young men and adults who participated in that weekend Suanhacky was reborn in the eyes of Queens Council and GNYC. All we had to do was keep it up. Whenever GNYC needed us for service, we were there.

Camp Pouch, Camp Alpine and TMR, we were there. Because of our ongoing service to Queens Council and GNYC, we eventually negotiated the use of Reeves Lodge gratis for our training weekends every September.

There were so many others that provided support for the Lodge e.g.: Builder Who Reaches the Stars (**Henry Joerz**), Dependable Bearded Cook (**George Bley**), One who Dances to the Beat of His Own Drum (**Lil Cliff Follenius**).

I will never forget the "No Names" introducing themselves at an Honors Weekend at TMR with paper bags over their heads. Kinda like the Unknown Comic of Gong Show fame. I think that was **Big Cliff Follenius'** idea.



My biggest fear in this dissertation is not remembering someone who made a contribution to the success of the Lodge.

In spite of some negatives from a couple of my key advisers, one of the events that I am most proud of that took place on my watch was the restoration of **Stag Hill**. Under the advisorship of **Henry Joerz** the Lodge House was restored, and under the leadership of Catawba Chapter under the advisorship of **Russ Maerz**, the Tower of Friendship was restored. I would be remiss if I did not mention **Jess Bernstein** who was instrumental in replacing the head.

Out of all the jobs I had in scouting, this was the most rewarding. I can only guess why, but I suspect the reason is the youth members. They know why they are here. They know what it means to be a Scout and a member of the Order of the Arrow.

I probably should have done this before I left in late '88, but I want to thank all the chiefs both Chapter and Lodge who led the lodge during my time. They are all adults now probably with families of their own. Unfortunately we are adults allot longer than we are youths. But that's the way life is. In closing I would like to stress the importance of training. Whether it be NLS, BSLT, Wood Badge or NOAC, I can only say that not being trained, you only do Scouting a disservice.

By the time November 10th rolls around I'll be two months short of my 73rd birthday. Not the oldest knife in the drawer, but right up there.

Thanks very much for the opportunity to communicate with the group. I love you all, and I miss what once was.

Aptonen Qualcheu
(One Who Signals With Smoke - Ron Newsam)



KOHLER CABIN UPDATE

The Board of Directors recently approved an increase in the amount of



**JACK KOHLER
CABIN**

funding we give towards the maintenance of the Jack Kohler Cabin at Camp Alpine.

The cabin, as all structures, is always in need of some form of maintenance work, or updating inside and out. On the current agenda is a new refrigerator along with other upgrades. We are happy to continue our support of the cabin and hope that it allows for enjoyable camping experiences for many Scouts for years to come.

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Our Association's name officially changed in May 2013 to include SUANHACKY in our name to honor the legacy of the Queens OA Lodge of 1930-2013.