



The Beagle Barks

Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association



Happy Holidays: FALL-WINTER 2015

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WHAT AN AFFAIR WE HAD!

30th Anniversary Kick-Off and Recognition Luncheon, a Huge Success

Thank you, thank you, thank you to one and all who joined us on November 8 for our 30th Anniversary kick off and recognition luncheon. It was our most successful luncheon, ever, both financially and by attendance numbers.

We also hope our most successful for all those present.

For those who were unable to join us, here is a sampling of what you missed. As soon as you walked into the restaurant, you were greeted at the door by **Trudy Gaynor, Dennis Gaynor and Paul Romain** who signed folks in and gave them there table assignments. With that, everyone received a Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Scout knife, along with a new button.



Our MC Denis Sackett

In the main ballroom, at each table, or at the bar, there was unlimited soda and wine. The lunch was a fresh salad, followed by a pasta dish. The main course was your choice of Chicken Francoise, Veal Marcella, or Salmon ala Kohler. Desert was a delicious slice of

30th anniversary cake. Denis Sackett once again served as Master of Ceremonies. His jokes have not gotten any better, in case you were wondering. We opened with the pledge, Scout oath and then Deacon Paul Lumpkin led us in the TMR noon meal grace. This was followed by a show of appreciation to all the US Armed Forces veterans in attendance. There were quite a good number of men (and women) who have served our country, and we can't say thank you enough to them.

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CAMPERSHIP REPORT

Our motto is 'Helping Make Every Scout A Camper' and we made a step in keeping that going strong for 2016. At the Fall meeting of our Board of Directors, the 2016 Camperships were approved for the coming summer season. Again we will be using the same qualitative information that GNYC uses to determine how much each Scout will receive from our organization, based on their family income. A Scout can receive as much as \$300 to go towards one week of TMR from us. We will award up to \$3,500 for Scouts going to TMR and Cub World. We hope that every single Scout that wants to go to camp is able to go and not held back due to their financial situation. This will be the 30th summer season of us helping make these dreams come true. To date more than 1,100 Scouts have been awarded camperships from our organization, of which your support is key to keeping this going.



HAVE YOU CAMPED AT THE KOHLER CABIN?

The Jack Kohler Cabin at Alpine will be getting more upgrades, thanks to a resolution that the association passed, allotting funding for repairs to the doors and door frames, new lighting and other improvements. We would love to see the Kohler cabin as the showcase of Camp Alpine and we're on the way in that direction.



JACK KOHLER CABIN

If your unit is planning on a camping weekend at Alpine, why not see if you can reserve the Kohler Cabin for your outing? If you do, we would love to get feedback about your experience.





Tom Pendleton receiving check for Kohler Cabin improvements from Mitch Morgenstern

Chairman Mitch Morgenstern gave us the state of the Association, and he also presented GNYC (Tom Pendleton, Director of Camping) with a check from the organization for work to be done on the Kohler Cabin at Alpine. We committed to \$850

for new lighting and door jams along with other upgrades.

This was followed by a solemn tribute and moment of silence for those members of our Association who have passed away since our last luncheon, in 2013. This has become a tradition for our luncheons, where we pause to remember our friends who have passed on. Those members were Ben Breitung, Leo Hedbavny, Dennis Reilly, Ed Kruzik, Ken Tremain, Norman Russakoff and Leona Knoops. May the Great Scoutmaster of all good Scouts, let them rest in peace in their final campground.

For the first time since 2006, someone was presented with the Royal Order of Barnaby Award. Not for looking or smelling like a dog, but for working like one for the Association. The well deserving recipient was Mike Schulte.



Royal Order of Barnaby recipient, Mike Schulte

The GNYC CEO & Scout Executive, Ethan Draddy then addressed the gathering. In addition to thanking the Association and its members for all we do for Scouting and the community at large, he

updated us on a number of improvements at our camp facilities and New York Scouting in general.

A highlight of the luncheon was a video presentation highlighting our 30 year history, looking back at who Jack Kohler was, some of what he did, the thoughts behind the birth of the Association, a look at

programs we have initiated or worked with, recognitions we have received and overall walk down memory lane to where we are today as the Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association. We hope to make the presentation available for everyone to see on line. The presentation was created by Denis Sackett and Rob Petrillo and narrated by Ed Pino and Mike Schulte.

The 2015 Heritage Society induction was then held. This year the inductees were:

- Andrea Dacres-Smith = *One Who Wears Many Hats*
- Rein Olvet = *Dedicated Scouter*
- Lorri McGregor = *Dedicated Mother & Scouter*
- Norman Russakoff = *Chief of All Chiefs.*



Hal Rosenfeld Looks at the Heritage Society (mock up plaque. The actual walnut and bronze plaque hangs in Camp Alpine.

Our Lifetime Achievement Award was then presented to Deacon Paul Lumpkin. For 60 years, Paul has been a hard working force in

Scouting. He is a 4th generation Scout, with his Grandfather being the very first African American Scoutmaster. Paul 's resume is long and diverse, but he is known most recently as the Chaplain at TMR and as the curator



Presentation of Lifetime Achievement. (L-R) Chairman Mitch Morgenstern, Paul Lumpkin and Ed Pino

of the TMR Museum. Paul was surrounded by friends and family, as well as two former pals from his old St. Albans unit, Troop 44. Paul received a lot of kidding about his love of the Wild Grape! 😊

We were now getting ready for the main event, our **Outstanding Scouter Award of Excellence** presentation. Each recipient had someone read their resume and another present them with their medallion and gift of an association overnight-gym bag.

It was then time for our main attractions, the **OUTSTANDING SCOUTER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**. Our five honorees **Laurie Handler, Michael Lectora, Tom Maher, Richard Pignatelli** and **Tom Reilly** were all also given an opportunity to say a few words to the assembled crowd. We can't thank these fine people enough for all they do for the youth of our community.



2015 Outstanding Scouter Award of Excellence Recipients (L-R) Richard Pignatelli, Laurie Handler, Mike Lectora, Tom Maher, Tom Reilly

Throughout the luncheon, raffle prizes were won by lucky winners. Some of the gifts were, Broadway Tickets, Keurig Coffee Maker, Toaster oven.... There was also a silent auction. Mike Schulte donated the 1st Suanhacky Lodge Flap (Mustard colored flap) that went to the winning bidder, **Mark Kleinberg**, who then made an additional generous donation.

If ever you have been involved with planning an event, especially one with many varying aspects to it, you'll understand that nerves can get a little frazzled. Thank goodness, because of our Scouting backgrounds, we try to be prepared and have contingency plans, should anything fall out of bed. We want to thank everyone who helped make this luncheon such a huge success. Special class A clap for **Rob Petrillo** and **Kevin Dolce** for handling all the audio & video stuff, **Tony Zalak** and **Mike Schulte** for amazing sales techniques in selling a boat load of raffles along with **Mike Lectora** and **Bruce Cobern** for gathering some of these great gifts we raffled and all else who contributed to the success of our function.

We truly hope that everyone enjoyed themselves and appreciate what we're trying to accomplish, to Help Make Every Scout a Camper. If you had a good time, tell your friends, if you didn't, tell us, so we can improve as best we can.

NEW HERITAGE SOCIETY INDUCTEES

We saluted the newest members to our Association's **HERITAGE SOCIETY**, who were inducted at our fall luncheon, **Lorri McGregor, Rein Olvet, Andrea Smith-Dacres** and **Norman Russakoff**. Mention was made about earlier in the year when **Sal Ciampo** was inducted.

Heritage Society is open for any and all people, groups and organizations to become members of. Your troop, Scoutmaster, even your self can become a member and be honored with a brass nameplate on a walnut plaque hanging in Camp Alpine. In addition, there is a replica poster in the TMR Museum. All it takes is a minimum donation to the Heritage Society of \$150. What a great gift this can make. Check out our web site for further details.



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Just in time for the holiday season, we want to share With all our members and friends a great, easy way to help us raise campership funds, while not costing you a cent more. If your shop on Amazon, here's all you need to know, Amazon Smile!

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Gone Home: Norman Russakoff



Mark Kleinberg, Denis Sackett, Norm Russakoff and Steve Bergman at our 2013 luncheon.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Lifetime Member, **Norman Russakoff**. Norman was instrumental in guiding Suanhacky Lodge through the turbulent 1960's and 70's. Like Jack Kohler, he loved Scout camping, TMR and the OA. He mentored many young leaders at TMR, where he had been a Camp Director of Rondack. Norman served Suanhacky Lodge where he was a 2 term chief 1963-1965, during the time of the Kennedy assassination, the New York World's Fair, the birth of hippies and when the OA started functioning more and more back home in Queens in addition to up at summer camp.

He was also a founder of Ktemaque Lodge #15 of Westchester- Putnam Council, serving as their very first and founding advisor. Norman had recently retired from teaching. He was dedicated to his family, especially his grandchildren.

Many can remember Norman as Fellowship Chairman and then Advisor for some of the most joyous Suanhacky banquets, when they truly were banquets. Many an ordeal, or camporee he would lead all in a rousing rendition of 'Viva La Companie'. As the lyrics of that song would state, 'a friend on your left and a friend on your right...' Norman was a friend, to all.

The Russakoff family has asked if you would like to make a donation in his memory, to please send it to the Kohler-Suanhacky Assoc. in Norman's memory. Rest in peace our brother.

NEED A HOLIDAY GIFT... WE HAVE THEM FOR YOU!!!

Email us if you are interested in gifts or other Scouting items for yourself or others. Perfect for Graduations, fathers' Day, birthdays, end of scouting season, holiday and thank you gifts.....We have patches, pins, cub stuff, Vigil Wear clothing and more. They make great gifts! You can email us at: JKohlerASN@aol.com

Gone Home: Leona Knoops

Word came to us on the morning of our luncheon, that Lifetime Member and 1993 Outstanding Scouter Award of Excellence recipient, **Leona Knoops** had passed away at the age of 90. Leona, along with her late husband Jack, also a holder of our Outstanding Scouter award were quite active in their Pack 300, Troop and District. They raised two active Scout sons, Ari & Johannes. Johannes served as Suanhacky Lodge Chief in 1980.



Leona always had a smile on her face and was looking to help everyone. She was a fixture at the NYC Scout Shop, where she worked for years and made many feel very comfortable with trying to figure out what uniform parts to buy.

The family has requested any donations to be made in her memory to the Kohler-Suanhacky Association.



HELP WANTED

If you have visited our web site over the past few months, you will notice that it needs some major updates and upgrades. We are in desperate



need of someone to help us get our web site up to speed. If you, or your friend, or maybe one of your Scouts is able to work on web sites, we'd love the help. It does not need to be state of the art, but that wouldn't hurt.

Please contact us via email or call Mitch Morgenstern @ 718-275-0378.

PLEASE SEND US AN EMAIL

We try to keep all our members aware of events and important announcements on a timely basis thru email. **Please send us an email** with any and all email addresses you would like to receive notifications at.

Please **include your name** as well so we can match email addresses with the person they go with.

Our email: JKohlerASN@aol.com





GOOD & WELFARE

- Get well soon member **Tom Evans**.
- Condolences to the Knoops family on the passing of member **Leona Knoops**.
- We wish member **John Pritchard** all the best as he is recovering from his prolonged illness.
- Best of luck to member **Mike Schulte** on the baby that is on its way.
- Happy Birthday member **Dr. Russell Schilder**.
- Turning 25; congratulations member **Joey Figueroa**.
- Member **Joe Varon's** mom is under the weather and we wish her a quick recovery.
- It is with the greatest regret that we learned of the recent passing of member **Norman Russakoff**.
- Pitching in after his mom broke her arm is member **Paul 'Spud' Romain**.
- Three's Company for member **Eddy Petersen** as he welcomes his (Eagle) Son Eric's triplets, born this past June. Baby's Harry, Charlie and Ella Rose are doing great and were christened on November 8. Here are the triplets dressed for Halloween as **Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato**.



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



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

We welcome our newest member to the Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association: **Patrick Mendola**. We invite all to join the association. Membership is open to all, with no age, gender, religious or other restrictions, not even Scouting background is required. We only ask that members live up to the principals of the Scout Oath and Law.

Old Friends Are The "Best Friends"



Von Holden and Stephen Bergman.

Scouting provides many strengths and benefits beyond those identified in the Boy Scout Handbook. One such benefit is the bonds of friendship, which can stretch a lifetime. One such friendship, going on 60 years is that of Martin

The friendship of Marty and Steve is a direct result of the bonds formed in Scouting, particularly in Suanhacky Lodge. These gentlemen met as active youth members in the OA, each went on to be Suanhacky Lodge Chiefs (Stephen: 1959-1960, Marty: 1960-1961).

Here is a photo of a 'Pow-Wow' on the high seas, as the two past chiefs,

Marty and Stephen, along with their ladies (Ginger & Joan) were on a cruise together, sailing thru the Panama Canal in 2012. The gents, meeting in the mid



1950's they have been sailing along and remained good friends ever since.

Do you have lifelong friends that you'd like to tell us about as well? We hope that the Kohler-Suanhacky Association will help you renew your old friendships, or keep the ones you have going strong. Let us know.

Let's Hear it for these Pro's!

Congratulations on reaching milestones in the Boys Scouts of America, for veteran BSA/GNYC professionals:

- **Pierre Thyvaert- 85 Years**
- **Lyle Antonides- 65 Years**
- **Dan Gasparo- 55 Years**
- **Lex Jervis- 50 Years**
- **Tony Huie-50 Years**





A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Members,

As I look back over our three decades of providing financial assistance to our Queens Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts I want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support in "Helping To Make Every Scout A Camper".



Jack Kohler & Mitch Morgenstern 1982

Our Association has successfully brought together many former scouts over the years, past Camp Man campers and Staff Men, past Suanhacky Lodge Chiefs going back to the 1940's, many TMR veterans, OA Brothers and even people who were never scouts but believe in helping to keep the outing in scouting.

In 1989, the Association formed its Heritage Society and inducted the first twelve members. Over the years the Heritage Society has grown to 170 members. The Heritage Society is a fantastic way to say thank you to not only to your fellow scouters but to any person who has made a difference in your life and the lives of others.

In our first year we provided eight camperships to Queens Boy Scouts. Today thanks to you our members and friends we have provided over 1,100 camperships to the financially needy Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of Queens Council.

Our work is not done. Every year Queens Council receives more and more requests for campership assistance for our Queens scouts. Our fund raising efforts get harder and harder every year with the addition of so many other worthy causes and individuals having only so much money available to donate.

What I and the Board of Directors would like to ask is for you to keep us in your thoughts, help us grow by asking a friend to join our Association and become a member to help us to "HELP MAKE EVERY SCOUT A CAMPER".

Wishing you and your family a very Happy and Health Holiday Season.

Mitch Morgenstern

Chairman

Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association

A GOOD DEED PERFORMED

On a lovely spring day, March 26, 2015, OA Brother and Eagle Scout

Nicholas Figueroa was on a date at a sushi restaurant on Second Avenue at 7th Street when there was a sudden gas explosion, leaving Nicholas dead in its wake. Nicholas's love and joy of



Figueroa Family presented with the Eagle Shadowbox in memory of their son, presented in part by the Kohler-Suanhacky Assoc.

Scouting were very much a part of who he was. Hanging beside his casket was an American flag and a Boy Scout flag. Scout folks from around the Tri-State area went to the funeral home to pay their respects. Included in these groups, were Board Member, Mike Schulte who met the Figueroa family and they discussed Scouting and what it meant to Nicholas. Mike wanted to see if the Association might be able to show some support for the family and came up with an idea of making an 'Eagle Shadow Box' for the Figueroa family to display all his rank awards and background items. Mike took the ball and ran with it. Along with some others GNYC Eagles, he told the family they would like to create a lasting memory for them and their Eagle Scout son who passed way too soon. The Association committed a portion of the cost of the Shadowbox and the Scouting mementos that would go into it. Last week, Mike was on hand for the presentation to the family, who were brought to tears and very appreciative of what Scouts have done for their fallen brother.

WIN THIS RARE PATCH AT AUCTION

One of our members donated this rare Suanhacky back patch (A-2) for us to auction off. It is from the 1950's,



mint condition, never worn. They have gone on ebay, when they may rarely come up for a range of \$75-\$155 dollars. We would like to auction it on line to our members and friends. We did sell a one at a recent trade-oree for more than \$50. Auction begins

now and ends on Dec 24. Shipping is included. The starting bid is \$49 and must be increased in minimum of \$1.00 increments. Send your best offer-bid to our email by 12/24 to JKohlerASN@aol.com

