



The Beagle Barks

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CAMPERSHIP ASSOCIATION
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VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

We are very excited to announce our new website is up and running. We embarrassingly had not updated our site for a long time, due to not having someone who knew how to do it. The Corona virus lockdown, allowed us time to learn what needed to be done and how to create a website.



We would love if you have photos or something you'd like to add to the site, to please send it in to make it even more attractive.

Please visit it at www.Kohler-Suanhacky.com.

SUANHACKY LODGE HOUSE UPDATE

Our Association contributed monies to the Suanhacky Lodge House on Crystal Lake to help with its upkeep and maintenance. Because of tornado damage to TMR just prior to the summer of 2018, a lot of the maintenance had to be postponed for more imperative projects at camp.



We're happy to report that the Ranger staff at TMR has done a number of upgrades to the Lodge House with the funding we provided.

The ranger staff has painted the interior walls and ceiling of the Suanhacky Lodge House. They also did a major clean up and ensure it is looking fresh for weekend campers who rent the facility. We're happy to do our part in an effort for upkeep of the Suanhacky Lodge House.

SUMMER OF 2020



We are still unsure of how summer camp will go this year because of the pandemic. Our pledge to Queens Council for campership assistance for 2020 is \$4,500.00 for Scouts going to Ten Mile River Scout Camps and \$1,000.00 for Cub Scouts going to Cub World, a total campership pledge of \$5,500.00.

We have completed selecting the first twenty of the camperships we will award, out of 132 Queens Campership Applications submitted. We still have more camperships to award for TMR and Cub World. Because at this point in time we are not sure if Cub World or Ten Mile River Scout Camps will be in operation this summer, only time will tell, but we will do our part.

From what we understand, so far sign up for camp is down and many units that have gone to camp every year in the past are still not signed up. Let's just hope that we will be operating a camp in the summer of 2020 and the numbers will be up.



TMR SPRING OA INDUCTION WEEKEND

HAS BEEN
CANCELLED

We have learned that due to the Covid-19 Virus, the Ten Mile River May Kinteycoying OA induction weekend has been cancelled. At this time, it is not certain of future OA events.



CORONA VIRUS, PLEASE STAY HEALTHY AND BE SMART

A year ago, no one had ever heard of Covid-19, and the only Corona we knew of was either a neighborhood here in Queens, a type of cigar, or a favorite beer. How things have changed.



Fortunately, we in Scouting learn at an early age to 'Be Prepared'. While no one was truly prepared for Covid-19, many with a Scouting background hit the floor running, getting prepared. Whether it was buying necessary household food and cleaning items, making mask (often from old neckerchiefs) or helping neighbors, Scouts rose to the occasion.

While we are still trying to understand the ramifications of this pandemic, we encourage all our friends to continue to be smart about cleansing, protecting yourself and others.

Some of our members were taken sick with the virus and we unfortunately lost (at least one of our) members to this deadly virus.

By being smart, listening to health officials following common sense and remembering your Scout training, we'll hopefully see this through and be better prepared for any such event in the future.

REMINDER: BI-ANNUAL LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 2021

It's never to early to start planning. As mentioned in our last newsletter, we are looking forward to another Awards & Fellowship Luncheon.



Date, time, honorees all to be announced soon. Our last luncheon (November 2019) was a huge success. We hope to find a larger facility for the upcoming luncheon that would be more accommodating to the numbers we attract to our luncheons.

CALENDAR FUND RAISER SUCCESS

OUR MEMBERS HELP KICK 2020 OFF OF RIGHT FOOT

For the past few years, we have had a year end fund raiser. We have sent all our members a gift of sorts (calendars, pens, buttons) and many have reciprocated by sending in a donation to our association. This is very helpful and necessary, for our operating cost and incidental expenses and programs. Being the vast majority of our members are 'Lifetime', we get very little by way of dues, but we're not complaining.

This year, Mike Schulte picked up the ball to handle our fund raiser, being John Pritchard, who had done it for the previous few years had passed away. Mike did an extraordinary job of getting the calendars printed, packed, mailed and creating a letter asking for donations.



Many members rose to the occasion and sent generous donations to our Association and we thank them. Without support of our members and friends, we would not be able to do what we do. It turned out to be our most successful year-end fund raiser yet.

Here are those folks we want to thank for their generous donations to the year-end fund raiser.



*STEVE BERGMAN
BLONDIES TREEHOUSE
BRUCE COBERN
RICHIE COCHRAN
DICK CORDES
DR. ANDREW EISELE
CATHY GERACI
JOHNNY GONZALES
CLAIRE GUERIN
PETE HERMANN
FRANK IMOSSI
RICHARD KONIG
CHARLENE LOISEAU*

*MITCH MORGESTERN
REIN OLVET
ED PINO
JOHN ROMANOVICH
DENIS SACKETT
LARRY SCHIFFER
ANDREA SMITH-DACRES
MARTY SURKS
ANTHONY TOTARO
JOE VERON
MISSY WARDLAW
HENRY ZALAK
ANTHONY ZALAK*

GOOD & WELFARE

- Our deepest condolences to member **Carl Hertenstein** on the sudden passing of his brother Eric. Many knew Eric from his years on TMR Staff and from Suanhacky Lodge, where he was a Vigil Honor brother.
- Condolences on the passing of Gustave Esteban, brother of member **Manny Esteban**.
- Congrats & good luck to Member **Rob Petrillo**, who after a year of education and on-the-job training, has passed the National Pharmacy Certification Board Exam, just in time to help combat Covid-19.
- Also, a new resident of Tucson, is member, **Ed Pino** and wife Liz, who have resettled in Arizona and getting into the lifestyles of the west, Yippy Yi Yay cowboy!
- On the mend, member **Joe Varon**. Hope to see him running around camp soon.
- Happy Birthday, January Babies: **George Cuhaj, Denis Sackett, Frank Janoscak and Jay Schnapp**.
- March Birthday wishes: **Kevin Dolce**.
- Happy April Birthday, members **Paul Romain, Andrew Eisele**.
- Congrats to member **Larry Schiffer**, celebrating 40 years of practicing law in New York.
- Class A handclap for member **Denis Sackett**, this March 2020, celebrating 50 years as an Eagle Scout.
- Touchdown for member **Dennis St. Jean** who worked as part of the Superbowl Staff down in Miami.
- Best of luck to member **Robert Koubek**, for starting a new position as Counsel at Devitt, Spellman, Barrett LLP.
- Happy 25th wedding anniversary member **Andy Eisele & Diana**.
- Happy 25th wedding anniversary **Denis Sackett & Sara**.
- It is with deep regret we announce the passing of Morris Alfonso Smith "Bunny" father of **Andrea Smith-Dacres**, grandfather of **Travis Dacres**. He will be sadly missed by his wife, six children, eleven grand children and one great grandchild.



GONE HOME: **Frank Baccabella III**



It was with great regret that we learned of the passing from the Corona Virus of our member **Frank Boccabella**. Frank was a big hearted, jovial Scout. He served as Chief of Suanhacky Lodge in 1999-2000. He was also one of the youngest people to receive our Outstanding Scouter Award of Excellence in 1999.



Born on March 10, 1981, a native of South Ozone Park, NY, Frank was the youngest of five children of Francis Boccabella, Jr. and Jeanette A guiding force throughout his life, Boy Scouts helped shape who he became. Always passionate about helping others, Frank continued in Boy Scouts, achieving his Eagle Scout in January 1997 with his project: a Special Olympics Bowling Tournament for over 70 athletes. This project and the commitment to the Scout Law led him to work at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp for many summers between high school and college. From Archbishop Molloy High School, Frank went on to Hofstra University receiving his degree in Geology.

Frank, 39, was an Explosive Detection Canine Handler who joined TSA in June 2004, as a TSA officer and worked with cargo inspectors. Frank then became a Compliance Inspector at Newark Liberty International Airport before transitioning to become an Explosive Detection Canine Handler. Frank was dedicated to protecting the traveling public with his canine partner, Bullet, a 6-year-old German Short-haired Pointer and his previous canine partner, Zmay. Frank and his canine partners screened hundreds of thousands of passengers, keeping them and the transportation network safe. He is the first federal TSA employee who we have lost to COVID-19. Our Condolences go to Frank's wife and his entire family.



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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**



We are very excited to welcome two new Association Life Time Members:

Jim Shaughnessy
John Restrepo

We also welcome new member: **Daniel Nizich**

Please remember, membership is open to anyone. Any person regardless of race, creed, or color, who follows the principals of the Scout Oath and Law is more than welcome to join. There are no age restrictions. Scouting affiliation is not required. Membership application is on our website.

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HERITAGE SOCIETY**



Our Heritage Society will be having at least two new members joining its ranks. The 2 new members will be:

Hon. Michael A. Soriano
Mayor of Parsippany, NJ
Eagle Scout, TMR Staff Man
2020

Rick Martin
Suanhacky Lodge
Supreme Chief of the Fire
2019

Anyone can join the Heritage Society. All it takes is a minimum donation of \$150 to the Kohler-Suanhacky Heritage Society. A brass nameplate will be added to the plaque that hangs in Camp Alpine's Office. This is a great way to say thank you to some one who helped you on your development, or a unit you belonged to, a friend, parent, teacher, yourself, a Scoutmaster, whomever. Check our website for more info and applications.

**2020, A YEAR TO REMEMBER
(AND HOPEFULLY LEARN FROM)**

We're not even half way thru the year, yet it certainly has the making of one to remember. From the first of the year, headlines were of the impeachment of the President, and without missing a beat, we went into the pandemic news that still continues till today.

As I reflect on this year so far, I remember about other years historical events and the relationship it had with my Scouting world.

As a Cub Scout on November 22 of 1963, I can remember like yesterday when Mrs. Feldman came into our class to announce that President Kennedy had been assassinated in Dallas. I didn't even know what assassinate meant at that time. Being it was a Friday; I would have a Den meeting that afternoon. It was a very short meeting, we had a moment of silence and told to go home to be with our families and pray for the country.

Then I remember **November 9, 1965**, the date of the great blackout. I had walked from elementary school and was in Hebrew School when the lights went out. My older brother came by to get me and guide me home. I was supposed to have a Troop meeting that night, but it had since been cancelled being there were no lights on in the school we met at. However, on the way walking home from my Hebrew School, we crossed Main Street and Jewel Avenue when I saw a Boy Scout with a flashlight, directing traffic. He could not have been much older than me, (I was 11, almost 12) but there he was in the middle of the intersection directing cars. What a hero, I wanted to be like him.

A few years later, the summer of **1969** would again have historical events, and again I would be able to relate them to Scouting. I was a provisional SPL at Kunatah when we all gathered in the dining hall around a small black & white TV with terrible reception to watch Neal Armstrong step onto the moon. Then a few short weeks later we could hear some of the rippling music coming thru the hills from the Woodstock Festival just a few short miles away from camp.

Again, on staff at TMR on **August 9, 1974**, we listened on a radio while President Nixon resigned in the heat of the Watergate investigations.

Through all this, we, as a country and the Scout movement as well, learned and grew and became better prepared for the next event. Let's hope that we can put this Covid-19 experience behind us soon and reflect upon it as a learning and growing experience. Please stay safe and stay healthy.

