



# The Beagle Barks

## JACK KOHLER-SUANHACKY CAMPERSHIP ASSOCIATION FALL 2020

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### FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR 2021

#### TMR 'VIRTUAL' RE-UNION A SUCCESS



On Saturday September 12, 2020, yet another first for many of us, due to the Corona Virus. The TMR Alumni Day was held on line, and was a lot of fun for all who attended it. Old friends remembered adventures from yesteryear and new friendships were created. A shout-

out needs to go to our Association member **Johannes Knoops** and his team for the excellent job they did. The day started off with a TMR promo film, then an introduction of the day by Camping Director **Wayne Holmes**. We next had a tour of some of the TMR landmarks with tour guides (and Association members) **Frank Rickenbaugh** and **Johannes Knoops**. Interspersed with the video tours were cameo appearances from many TMR alumni recounting memories of camp and campers.

This first hour video portion ended around 1:PM and then broke into a number of live chat rooms. There was one for the Crystal Lake camps, another for Schiff Camps one for the Delaware



Camps, still another about patch collecting. It was in these live chat rooms that the program really came alive, with many people getting involved, recounting tales of their experiences, many of which were shared by if not all, many. We learned about current camp and Scouting as well.



Going into the re-union, the big question was how this would all work out and it looks as if the vote is unanimous; all who partook, really enjoyed the entire event, giving it a Class "A" Clap.

We are optimistic about summer 2021 and with that in mind, the Board of Directors has made its allocations for camperships. We have increased our TMR-Scout allocation by 11% bringing the amount to \$5,000 in Camperships for Scouts to attend TMR. Cub Camperships

will again be \$1,000 for a total commitment of \$6,000. With the current strain on families, we are also going to increase the amount of what a family annual income is to be considered for a campership from us. This should allow for more Scouts for us to assist.



#### OUR NEXT LUNCHEON....



Though we feel it's never too early to start planning, we were looking forward to another Awards & Fellowship Luncheon for November 2021. It would celebrate our Associations 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as well as allow us to again recognize hard working Scouters from our Queens leaders.

Our last luncheon (November 2019) was a huge success. However, due to the current Covid situation and how it affects restaurants, catering facilities and having large gatherings, we have decided to put any plans on hold for now till we have a better idea of what is going on in this crazy world we find ourselves. No one is happy about this, but we're trying to be as realistic as we can be. By the spring of 2021, we will again look at the situation and make a decision to push it off till 2020 or go forward with Fall 2021. Be assured, we'll keep you all posted.

## **NOW A WORD FROM OUR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT**

Dear Members,

This year 2020, will go down in history, as one that will long be remember. We have all experienced many changes in our daily lives. Scouting and Scout Camping have also changed and hopefully will soon return back to normal. Once we do get back to normal in our Scouting and Camping Programs, we of the Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association will have our work cut out for us with the promotion of Scouting, Scout Camping and Fellowship.

Many things are and have changed but the principals of Scouting and the Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association remain the same; Strong Values and Strong Leaders and helping to make Every Scout A Camper. I sincerely hope that we will all do our best to help strengthen our Queens Scouting and Camping Programs.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped to offset the cost of the face masks that were sent out to our members in an effort to help keep them safe.

My sincerest thanks go to those who contributed:

**John Brett**  
**Johannes Knoops**  
**Paul Lumpkin**  
**Walter Anderocci**  
**Francesca Wardlaw**  
**Dr. Andrew Eisele**  
**Brother Hugh Dymski**  
**Pat Streffacio**  
**Lance DePlante**  
**Henry Zalak**  
**Henry Schaaff**  
**Elizabeth Figueroa**  
**Gunner Hecht**  
**John Totaro**  
**Joe Varon**  
**Dick Cordes**  
**Carol Gershowitz**  
**Mitch Morgenstern**

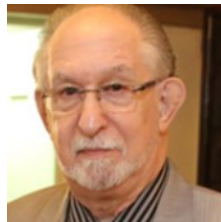
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**Richard Konig**  
**Pete Hermann**  
**Ed Pino**  
**The Figueroa Family**  
**Jim McKay**  
**Daniel Nizich**  
**Denis Sackett**  
**Mark Rabson**  
**Bill Kiernan**  
**Anthony Zalak**  
**Kevin Dolce**  
**Michael Smith**  
**John Engler**  
**George Cuhaj**  
**Charlene Loiseau**

To all our members and friends please stay safe. Looking to forward to seeing all of you, face to face, very soon.

Yours in Scout Camping,

**Mitch Morgenstern**

President; Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association



## **Good & Welfare**

- Get well quick, member **Joe Varon**. You've been laid up enough already!
- Our condolences to member **Lance DePlante** on the passing of his wife.
- Member **Rev. Paul Lumpkin** is on the mend after a number of recent procedures. His friend Jack Daniels is very concerned.
- A very happy and healthy 91<sup>st</sup> birthday to member **Margie Nonni**, our own version of the 'Energizer' Bunny.
- Horse Feathers; Member **Johannes Knoops** has made it official; He has been recognized as a Full Professor at the Fashion Institute of Technology: State Univ. of New York.
- Hope you're up and running soon member **Bob Natt**, having knee surgery.
- Happy Oct 3 Birthday to member **Lance DePlante**.
- Happy Birthday **Laurie Petrillo** out in Arizona.

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

## **SCOUTING SAVIOR SHINES**

**"An 8-year-old boy with coronavirus antibodies went into cardiac arrest. His brother's CPR saved his life (Thu May 14, 2020)"**

You must have seen this news story on TV back in May when it happened. What you may not have known is that the Hero Scout, 15-year-old, Tyron Hardowar, of Troop 117, had been a Scout who the summer before had been a recipient of one of our Kohler-Suanhacky Camperships.

Tyron is also a member of the OA, as well as being in member **Jim Shaughnessy's** Troop.

Jim is one our Outstanding Scouter of Excellence recipients.

Tyron acknowledged that if not for his Scout training, he would not have been able to save is younger brother's life. We should all be proud of the type of young people our camperships have served.





## OUR OWN FATHER BARRY HONORED ON TMR WALL OF FAME

We were very happy to see that **Father Barry Frazzitta** was honored with induction with a plaque on the TMR Wall of Fame at the TMR Museum. Father Barry, a charter member of our association and also a member of our Board will have his plaque hanging with other great legends of camp. The induction was part of the TMR 'Virtual' Re-Union. May God bless his memory.

### Father Barry Plaque on the Wall of Fame: TMR



**FATHER BARRY FRAZZITTA**  
Nov. 10, 1934 - JULY 30, 2006

FR. BARRY WAS ORDAINED IN 1955. A CONSUMMATE, LIFELONG, SCOUTER, WHO LIVED THE SCOUT OATH AND LAW AND WAS TRUE TO THE TENETS OF HIS FAITH EVERY DAY OF HIS LIFE. HE WAS RESERVATION CHAPLAIN AT TMR FROM 1979-1995 AND THE LAST R.C. PRIEST TO SERVE IN THAT CAPACITY. TO THOSE WHO KNEW HIM, HE WAS A SPIRITUAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALER, CHAPLAIN, FRIEND, CONFIDANT, AN INDIVIDUAL OF PERPETUAL GRACE, A SPIRITUAL ADVISOR AND A GOOD NATURED HUMAN BEING WHO WAS ALWAYS WILLING TO LISTEN WITHOUT JUDGEMENT. HE HELD NUMEROUS SCOUTING POSITIONS THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER. HE LEFT US TOO SOON, BUT I GUESS GOD HAD NEED OF A GOOD MAN, PRIEST, SCOUT LEADER AND FRIEND, ELSEWHERE.

Award icons: QUEENS ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN, DISTRICT CHAIRMAN, PIONEER DISTRICT, SILVER BEAVER, DISTRICT COUNCIL, PIONEER DISTRICT, ST. GEORGE AWARD, BRONZE PELICAN AWARD, CHAPLAIN, SUANHACKY ASSOCIATE LODGE ADVISER, FOUNDER'S AWARD, VIGIL HONOR MEMBER, OUTSTANDING SCOUTER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE, TMR CHAPLAIN.

## AMAZON-SMILE

We have been grateful to have received monies donated to us by way of the Amazon 'Smile' program. Anytime you make a purchase on Amazon please consider using **Amazon Smile**. All you need to do is on any and all purchases you make on Amazon, go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to generate donations for the Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association.

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## A HARDY HERTENSTEIN THANK YOU

We are especially grateful to Member **Carl Hertenstein**, for coordinating with his nephew **Brian** to donate a good deal of Carl's late brother **Eric Hertenstein's** Scouting memorabilia. Brian had packed up a lot of his dad's items and sent it to us to sell as part of our fundraising for the campership funding.



**Eric & Carl Hertenstein**  
at Suanhacky 60<sup>th</sup> Dinner  
Dec1990

Many of us knew Eric, who was a Suanhacky Vigil and a longtime TMR Staff man. Eric was living out in Tucson Arizona, enjoying the great outdoors, riding his motorcycle and all life had to offer.

Eric's donated items, which number in the hundreds, include many OA flaps, CSP's, Philmont and Jamboree items and more. Though we were saddened by the situation under which we received these memorabilia, we know that the sales will generate assistance to help Scouts for years to come. Again, our thanks to the entire Hertenstein family and may Eric rest in peace.

## BOB MADSEN: PACKS HIS TRUNK, EVACUATES HIS BUNK



**Bob Madsen**  
receives our  
Award 1997

Friend and member of the association, **Bob Madsen**, after 35 years with GNYC has retired. He had been the Director of Support Services and CFO for the past 9 years. Bob has held many important positions at GNYC during his tenure, but for us, his job as Director of Camping, Camp Director of some of our Camps and as Director of TMR were perhaps the most important and of course, more directly related to our goals.

Bob was a recipient of our Outstanding Scouter Award of Excellence in 1997. He was always available to help us, offering ideas and assistance when needed. He was one of the forces behind getting the Jack Kohler Cabin named at Alpine.

We wish Bob and his family well as they pack up their motor home and drive down to their place of retirement in Florida. Fare thee well Bob.



## PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

We are very excited with our new website is up and running. After not having updated our site for a long time (years), we finally got the job done. The Corona virus lockdown,



allowed us time to learn what needed to be done and how to create a website.

Please, if you have photos or something you'd like to add to the site, send it in to help make it even more attractive.



The site has page or click thru's with our story, the history of Suanhacky Lodge, the Heritage Society and more. It also has a page with our complete inventory of memorabilia for sale. What a great Christmas / Hannukah gift these may make. There are pages describing our various programs and also all the people we have recognized over the years.

If you haven't yet, visit our site now.

Please visit it at [www.Kohler-Suanhacky.com](http://www.Kohler-Suanhacky.com).

## **A LITTLE LAUGHTER FROM MEMBER: MARK RABSON**

**What rock group has 4 people and none of them sing?**

**Answer: Mount Rushmore**

**MEMBERSHIP**  
★★★★★  
*is the Best Value*

## **MEMBERSHIP**

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

Membership application is on our website. Dues are \$10 for 1 year, \$25 for 3 years or \$150 for Lifetime Membership. If your dues are up, look for you reminder in the mail as well as here, below.

Current Members whose dues are due:

**Jeffrey Goldsmith / Carl Hertenstein / Barry Magid / Ira Nagel /  
John Powers / Mark Rabson / Dr. Gregory Scotten / Pat  
Streffacio / Kelvin Willis**

## **GREETINGS FROM OUR MEMBERS**



Dear Kohler-Suanhacky,

Thank you for the latest issue of "The Beagle Barks"! I hope all our members are proud of what you do to keep Suanhacky and Jack Kohler's memory vital and relevant.

A word about the Lodge House, featured on the front page: I was Suanhacky lodge chief 1949-50, and we felt the need for a headquarters for the brothers. Little did I dream that 70 years later it would still grace the top of Stag Hill, and still important enough to warrant an upkeep by the ranger staff.

Somehow, back then, we raised \$1,000 and I asked GNYC to draw up a construction plan, which they did. I'm not sure who actually built it, but Jack Kohler and Walter Engel, the following year, assured me that they saw it being built and that the foundation "will last for a century" due to the empty beer cans holding it up as part of the foundation. Thank God for that!

The last time I saw it, about 11 years ago, it had a Coke machine in front, which seemed to me to be highly inappropriate. I remember asking some to have it removed, which probably happened.

My best to you,

**Gunner** (92 and reasonably well).

**Guenther "Gunner" Hecht Suanhacky Chief 1949-50**



Dear Kohler-Suanhacky,

Well done. It was very appropriate for the Jack Kohler Campership Association to take the time to remember all those who served. It was particularly fitting since Jack Kohler was a WWII GI. I remember the occasional stories told about the war in Europe, to the adults late at night after lights out for the scouts. Jack never discussed combat. His stories were about people and places, never about death and destruction. I admired Jack before I heard his WWII stories. I thought having been a scout at the International Jamboree in the 1930's was impressive enough.

I don't know what Jack thought about scouting preparing for life's challenges, but I think it did. A great deal of his life involved Scouting. As for me I think being a scout and learning to be a leader formed me too.

**KEEP ON SCOUTING!**

**Peter Hermann Col USAF (Ret)**



## **KOHLER CABIN UPDATE**

We stay in touch with Scott Bosworth, our Ranger at Alpine to review maintenance and the needs of our 'namesake' cabin. Time and weather had taken a toll on the facility. There is also planning for future use.

The immediate need is for all new windows at the cabin, which will also allow for better insulation and save



on the cost of heat. New bunks are also needed, along with plans to extend the structure along with building a screened in back room to allow for more activities there.

We were given a cost estimate of \$25,000-\$30,000 for these items. AT the October Board of Directors meeting, there was a lengthy discussion on what if anything we should offer.

Our Board decided in a unanimous vote that we would pledge \$10,000 towards the completion of the project. We also will suggest that Council approach other individuals or groups to come up with funds as well, being this will be an asset for all Scouts to use moving forward.

This is the single largest commitment we have ever made, but feel it is well worth the investment in the future for Scouts and we'll all get a great return on it.

## **SUANHACKY LODGE HOUSE**

Last year, our Association gave funds for maintenance of the Suanhacky Lodge House. **Wayne Holmes**, Director of Camping for GNYC reported the following to our President Mitch Morgenstern. The interior walls and ceiling of the Suanhacky Lodge House have been painted. A thorough clean up also to ensure it is looking fresh for our weekend campers. This is how the funds that we donated were spent in an effort to upkeep of the Suanhacky Lodge House.



Like with the Kohler Cabin, plans are being made to upgrade the Lodge House as well because of its use as a weekend camping destination for many units. These plans may include extending the building, digging a well and building a full bathroom facility for year-round camping opportunities.



**WE WISH ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HANNUKAH AND HEALTHY, SAFE NEW YEAR**

## **JACK KOHLER-SUANHACKY CAMPSHIP ASSOCIATION HERITAGE SOCIETY**

Anyone can join or have someone installed in 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 someone 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.



If you are already on the Heritage Society Honor Roll, why not think of one of your Scouting associates and put them on, or get together a few other buddies to do so. It is a gift that last forever and will be cherished.

## **THANK YOU, COLLECTORS,**

Over the past few months, we have raised a lot of funds, thanks to the patch collectors out there who have taken advantage of what we offer. Our TMR stuff attracted some people, Suanhacky items still more, Jamboree and NOAC items were also bought. Don't fret, we have plenty more to offer. If you



want something to help stir a memory, or just like the colors on a patch, check out our TRADING POST page. We're always getting in new items.

**We'll beat any price sold on eBay!,**  
To quote Crazy Eddie, "We're Insane!"



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

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