



The Beagle Barks

SUANHACKY CAMPERSHIP ASSOCIATION

SPRING 2022

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**WE'RE BACK!
WE'LL BE HAVING AN AWARDS AND
FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON THIS YEAR!**

Yes, after plans last year had to be shelved for our Association Award & Fellowship Luncheon due to Covid, we are all ahead full, for all of us to come together in fun, fellowship, laughs and recognizing some very worthy Scouting folks.

Sunday November 6, 2022 2-6 pm

Location: Monahan & Fitzgerald
214-17 41st Ave, Bayside 11361 (Just off Bell Blvd)
Cost \$50 per person

Firm Deadline Mon. 10/31/22 (then Late Fee: \$65).

Please mark your calendars and send in your reservations for:

**SUANHACKY CAMPERSHIP ASSOCIATION'S,
'OUTSTANDING SCOUTER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE'
AWARD PRESENTATION & LUNCHEON.**

Outstanding Scouter Award of Excellence:
Italia Augienello

Chris Flood
James Maxham
Fred Pagan
Paul Romain

Lifetime Achievement Recognition:
Bruce Cobern

As always we'll have gifts for all, raffles, a bit of Queens Scouting history and lots of fun.

WE WILL HAVE FULL DETAILS OUT TO YOU SOON. Tell all your Scouting friends to come join the festivities, because all are welcomed!

2022 CAMPERSHIPS "THAT'S OUR THING"



Giving campership assistance to Queens Scouts who need financial help is our main purpose. For this coming summer camp season, we will be awarding \$6,000 to Scouts from Queens to attend Ten Mile River this summer.

As of now, we have awarded 100% of our 2022 campership funding. Scouts are encouraged to request campership assistance from GNYC, if they did not receive funding from our association. We received many requests for assistance and tried to spread out our funds fairly to the districts and units.

For the first time since we began giving out campership assistance, we had our own Campership Applications to be completed by those requesting our assistance. This was to streamline the entire process for us to give out the funds. It was done this way, having our own application, rather than going with the Councils' own, because of difficulties GNYC has been having in sharing the required information with us. They were unwilling to give out the campership information and verify who received them as had been done for 35 summer seasons previously. Our applications have been on our web site and were also distributed to units by their district.

The fee for camping has gone up again for 2022 and with the economy still being on the Covid rollercoaster, we know that our camperships will once again make a big difference in many Scouts being able to go to camp.



A word from our President: LOOKING BACK

As we slowly approach our 36th year of providing campership assistance to the Scouts of Queens Council I wanted to recap on some of our accomplishments over the past 35 years.



Since our beginning we have now provided more than 1,465 camperships in the amount of more than \$106,400.00. This could not have been possible without your support and wanting to help make **"Every Scout a Camper"**.

In the past 35 years we have also helped to improve both Camp Alpine and Ten Mile River Scout Camps.

At Camp Alpine we adopted the old B Shelter and it is now known as the Suanhacky Campership Association Cabin. Over the years we have donated in excess of \$6,000.00 to assist with the maintenance of the cabin along with the upgrading the lighting, remodeling the kitchen, replacing the front and back doors and the painting of the cabin.

We have also contributed to the Greater New York Councils Camping Committee funds to help with camp promotions materials.

All of this has been made possible by the generosity of our membership and has continued under sometimes very difficult times.

This year we are providing \$6,000.00 in campership assistance for our Queens Scouts so that a scout might attend a minimum of one week of summer camp and enjoy and experience and joys of the great outdoors. Camping is a main reason why a boy joins scouting and all of us are doing our best to give every scout the opportunity of being a camper.

As President of the Suanhacky Campership Association I want to thank all of you for your help and your continued support of the Suanhacky Campership Association.



Yours in Scout Camping,

Mitch Morgenstern
President
Suanhacky Campership
Association

TEN MILE RIVER, 95 YEARS OF CAMPING EXCELLENCE



This summer will mark the 95th anniversary of the first summer of scouts camping at Ten Mile River. It was the same year, 1927, of the NY Yankees Murderers Row, The Jazz Singer, first talking movie, Lindbergh's flight and the Harlem Globetrotters being formed.

An extravaganza is being planned for Saturday August 13, along with varied events that entire weekend. As we are made aware of any plans, we'll share them with you.

With all the legal issues facing the Boy Scouts of America and Greater New York, who knows if this will be the last opportunity to visit some of our favorite campsites, amphitheaters, trail spots and those special; memorable camp locations.

TMR BEFORE & AFTER PROPOSED SALES



The darker areas will still be TMR

Large swaths of Ten Mile River Scout Camps will be sold off to help pay the GNYC share of nationwide law suits. The entire Delaware Section (Kunatah, Chappagat, Ippetonga, Davis Lake, Hayden, Mahls Pond, Canoe Base, Indian Cliffs, Picture Window, Father Myers Swimming Hole), All of Schiff Section, (except for Aquehonga, Ranachqua & Family Camp) and more will be sold off and gone from GNYC ownership.



So, plan on coming to the reunion to see your favorite old spots at TMR along with some old pals.

GOOD & WELFARE

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

- We were saddened to learn of the passing of member **Rein Olvet**. Condolences go out to Rein's family as well as his Troop 106.
- Past Suanhacky Lodge Chief and Lodge Advisor **Larry Edwards** passed away recently.
- We heard about the passing of Past (and first) Tatanka Chapter Advisor & Vigil Brother **Walter Leather**.
- Welcome new member **Kris Kingpaymon**.
- Congratulations to member **Robert Timm**, whose son **Erich** has followed in his footsteps and has earned his Eagle rank.
- Best of luck to member **Manuel 'Manny' Esteban** who won election and is now serving as a Suffolk County Legislature. His old Scoutmaster **John Pritchard** would be very proud.
- Feel well soon Member **Sara Sackett**.
- Member **Eddy Petersen** had a very nice donation made in his honor to the Association from **Mr. Michael Knittel**



GREATER NEW YORK COUNCILS ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR OF TMR



Recently the council has announced the hiring of a new director of Outdoor Program, which includes being Ten Mile River Director.

We welcome **Mr. Zachary Swierat** to his new position. Zach, new to GNYC has been assigned Council Director of Outdoor Program including Director of TMR Scout Camps.

As volunteers, we know how important this position is to the success of both summer camp and unit monthly camping experiences. We sincerely wish Zach much success and happy camping.

MEET THE NEW BOSS



"ONE MAN'S TRASH IS ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE"..." ...AND BUSINESS HAS BEEN GOOD

While Covid and the lockdowns has had a very negative affect on so many businesses and families, it actually has been positive for our Association by way of internet sales.



When covid first hit and there were cancelations of all events, such as camporees, trade-o-rees, luncheons, flea markets and such, we lost one of our most important streams of campership income.

As circumstance would have it, one of our members had recently retired and learned how to sell on Ebay, at the same time some member families donated large amounts of Scouting memorabilia.

We started listing items on Ebay and sales took off. Some stuff we'd been schlepping around from trade-o-ree to trade-o-ree for decades, all of a sudden started selling byway of the internet sales. It's amazing how true the saying, 'one man's trash is another man's treasure' can really be.

If you have Scout memorabilia sitting in your drawer, basement, attic, car trunk, get it to us and we'll turn it into campership funds. **Patches, pins, buttons, sashes, knives, plaques, hats, flags...**you'd be surprised what can help earn money for our camperships. Only Scouting books don't seem to be wanted by the buying public. We will also supply you with a receipt for tax purposes if you would like as well.



Arrangements can be made to pick up your items if shipping is not an option.



OUR YEAR END DONATION DRIVE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS... THANK YOU!

All of our members received a nice desk calendar as a gift from the Association as an end of the year token. The calendar had many special dates illustrated and room to write some reminders.

Along with the calendar was a letter asking our members if they'd be able to send a long a donation to help our campership fund.

Well 34 of our member families replied in a positive way to make it quite a successful fund drive. It is the generosity of our members that allow us to continue in our quest to **"Help Make Every Scout A Camper"**. We know that in these past few years, with covid, raising inflation, it has not been easy, so we are that much more grateful to our members.

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE OUR GENEROUS MEMBERS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO OUR YEAR-END CAMPAIGN:

STEVE BENINI
JOHN BRETT
BRUCE COBERN
RICHIE COCHRAN
REIDAN CRUZ
BROTHER HUGH DEMSKI
LANCE DePLANTE
KEVIN DOLCE
ANDREW EISLIE
JOHN ENGLER
MARIE HEDBAVNEY
KENNETH HEISLER, M.D.
PETE HERMAN
BILL KIERNAN
JOHANNES KNOOPS
RICHARD KONG
MIKE LECTORA

PAUL LUMPKIN
DONAL McCARTHY
JIM McKAY
MITCH MORGENSTERN
GARY NEWMAN
ED PINO
PAUL ROMAIN
DENIS SACKETT
HENRY SCCHAFF
LARRY SCHIFFER
MICHAEL SMITH
DENNIS ST.JEAN
PAT STREFFACIO
SCOTT THORNER
ANTHONY TOTARO
ANTHONY ZALAK
HENRY ZALAK

With over 75% of our members having paid a **ONE TIME LIFETIME DUES**, the year, along with our memorabilia sales is a very key tool for us to raise the needed. Funding. If the next yearend campaign can find more of our Lifetime members sending in a small donation, we will be even more successful.



SUANHACKY CAMPERSHIP ASSOCIATION'S HERITAGE SOCIETY

Our Heritage Society has more than 150 members on its honor roll (see our web page for all the honorees). Since the demise of Suanhacky Lodge and its Memorial Day Honors weekend, we have held the Heritage Society inductions at our luncheons. This November 6, our next luncheon, we will have an induction ceremony.

Those being enshrined onto the Heritage Society are:

**CARL HERTENSTEIN
Charlene Loiseau
ERIC HERTENSTEIN
TATANKA CHAPTER
HON. MICHAEL A. SORIANO**

It is not too late if you too would like to be added to the Heritage Society Honor Roll, or add someone you would like to. If you look at our web page, you'll find moms, dads, brothers, sisters, Scoutmasters, Den Mothers, uncles, Staffmen, Troops, Chapters.... We all have some one or group that has mentored us in our growth, came through for us in time of need, or we just really liked. Some of us want to say thank you to Queens Scouting, by showing support of our Association.

Whatever the reason, we all can surely think of someone or group to honor.

Enshrinement onto the Heritage Society is quite easy. A donation (not limited to a minimum) \$150, The Name and a few simple words of description. We'll do the rest.

If you get us this by October 31, 2022, we can include the Name you submit at our luncheon induction ceremony. Check our web site or email us.

The Heritage Society Plaque that had been

SUANHACKY CAMPERSHIP ASSOCIATION HERITAGE SOCIETY

*Dedicated to those men, women and organizations who have provided devoted and distinguished service to the Boy Scouts of America, Greater New York Councils, their local units or to their friends, families and communities. We remember, honor and pay tribute to those who have supported their neighbors through deeds and inspiration. It also shows continued support to the Suanhacky Campership Association and its goal:
"Helping Make Every Scout A Camper".*



displayed in the Camp Alpine office was temporarily taken down by Council. We hope to have it back up as soon as possible.

I remember when...

We've invited our members to share some of their camping and Scouting memories with us.

Here are some of the memories we received. All are invited to email us some of their own favorites.

From Member Bob Natt:

(Background) For the 1964-1965

NY Worlds' Fair, held in Queens

(Flushing Meadow-Corona Park)

Queens was the host Council for Scouts from around the World.

There was a BSA Exhibit and many Queens units were host there. One such unit was his very own Post

107 Rockaway Queens. They were selected to be the Honor Guard for President Lyndon B. Johnson who was visiting the Fair. Below is an old newspaper article about these proud Queens Explorers.



BAYSWATER J.C. SCOUTS HONORED AT WORLD'S FAIR

Photo by Barry Halpern



Explorer Post 107, sponsored by Bayswater Jewish Center, under the leadership of Robert Oppenheim, received the high honor of being selected by the Queens Council, Boy Scouts of America, to provide a Guard of Honor for President Lyndon B. Johnson, and other chiefs of governments on April 22, 1964 at the World's Fair. They will participate in the Scout Service Corps, flag ceremonies and civic observances at the World's Fair special events. This performance will show the aims and program of scouting to all Fair visitors.

In picture standing, left to right: Robert Zeitlin, Morrell Berkowitz, Mark Lapidus, Alan Binder, George Ganak and Keith Krasnove.

Sitting, left to right: Fred Savoy, Michael Cohen, Peter Lustig, Sidney Fuchs, David Saunders and Robert Natt.

By Abe Berkowitz

Here are some more memories from yet another Rockaway Scout:

GIANT ANTS, AND OTHER FUN STUFF

By Larry Schifferⁱ

The call for articles from us "old timers," prompted me to think about my Boy Scout experiences back in the 1960s and 1970s

(wasn't that just yesterday?). 1967 was my first time at TMR (or at any sleep away camp). I had my giant black camp trunk with me, which I kept at the foot of my bed. Stocked with snacks and my clothes. One day, I woke up in the morning and opened the trunk to take out some clothes. Much to my surprise, hundreds (or was it thousands) of giant black ants came pouring out of my trunk.

At some point after I scraped myself down from the roof, I had to take everything out of the trunk, clean all my clothes, and fumigate the trunk to avoid more ants. Not a lot of fun. Who knew the ants could get through the lock on the trunk?

Other fun memories include hikes to the

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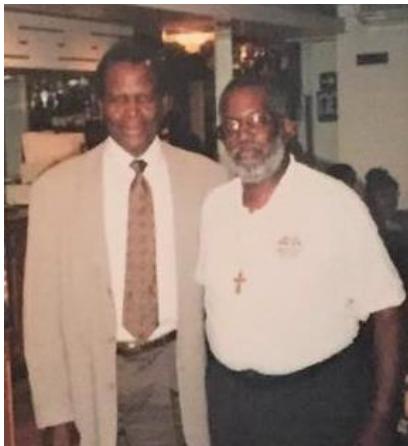
including Vigil Honor

slides on a Seahorse (for the Rockaway Chapter) with the OA Vigil Honor symbol.

A less fun, but somewhat hilarious memory is about the gravy in the dining hall at Camp Kunatah. Every week they served roast beef or something like that. It always came with a brown gravy. One day after a dinner in the dining hall when beef had been served with the wondrous brown gravy that all the campers lapped up, I was awakened very early the next morning by the sounds of moaning and groaning. The sounds were coming from the woods, and it was unclear whether it was human or beast. As I listened and started to get up, more and more moaning and groaning permeated the air.

Periodically, however, after moaning and groaning, there was a great sigh of relief. What was that I wondered? Turns out that the brown gravy caused an outbreak of dysentery throughout Camp. Why didn't it affect me you ask? Cause I was on antibiotics! Lucky me!

Larry Schiffer is a Vigil Honor member of Suanhacky Lodge and a Life Member of the Suanhacky Campership Association. He has donated substantial memorabilia to the Association from his and his brother's collections. He currently has his own independent legal and consulting practice, Schiffer Law & Consulting PLLC, based in Plainview, New York, after 38 years as an attorney at global and boutique law firm in New York City.



Sidney & Paul

Administrator, Sunday School Teacher, Chaplain, Jack Daniels Taste Tester....and the list goes on. In all these positions, Paul would always earn and demand respect. He knew that the prisoners, and even students understood strength and weaknesses. In his travels he has come across numerous people, but on one occasion, he met one of his true heroes, **Sidney Portier**. When meeting Paul, Sidney said "hey Paulie, how goes it?" To which Paul replied, "they call me Mr. Lumpkin!"

Well, Portier liked how that sounded and he ended up using that phraseology in his next movie, which became one of his most famous lines, "They Call me Mr. Chips!"



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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**

GONE HOME: EILEEN CUHAJ



We recently lost a longstanding member of our organization and a woman who helped shape the lives of many people in Queens and everywhere she ever lived, both within and outside of Scouting.

Eileen Cuhaj, was a

Scouting hero. Eileen, was a longtime trainer and Den Mother, as well as mom to Member **George Cuhaj**. Most recently, she was living with her son in Isola, Wisconsin. Unfortunately, Eileen was ill for the past many months and George took care with much love, concern and care.

Eileen died peacefully the morning of April 28, 2022. She was 89-1/2 years old.

Eileen was active as a coach for a number of youth bowling leagues in Astoria, Queens and a leader with Cub Scout Pack 90, where she was recognized for 50 years of service in 2017. She took Wood Badge training in both the Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs and was presented the Silver Beaver Award by the Queens Council. Her participation on the Catholic Committee on Scouting of the Diocese of Brooklyn was recognized with the St. George Award.

Gifts in Eileen's memory may be made to the Suanhacky Campership Association, 64-34 99 St. Apt 2A, Rego Park, NY 11374, a group helping make every scout a camper.

Our sincerest condolences to George and the hundreds of young people Eileen has helped along the trail.

MR. WARMTH, DON RICKLES WAS A QUEENS SCOUT!

It was brought to our attention by **Johannes Knoops**, that one of America's funniest and beloved comics, the late **Don Rickles**, who grew up in Jackson Heights was a Boy Scout. He was a member of the Troop at his Synagogue. He told **Jimmy Kimmel**, that he very much enjoyed Scouting and that it was a



great organization for him. He then calls Kimmel a hockey puck.

Though he was a Scout, we found no evidence of his being in Suanhacky, though there is a picture of him in Native American regalia.



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Since 1986

Bi-Annual Fellowship & Awards Luncheon

Sunday, November 6, 2022, 2 – 6 PM

Monahan & Fitzgerald, 214-17 41st Avenue, Bayside, NY 11361

Fellowship, Gifts, Raffles and other Presentations

Please join us and fill out the form below and mail it today (Deadline October 30, 2022) or make your reservation electronically using PAYPAL. jackkohlcamperpassocition@msn.com or click on the link below
<https://paypal.me/jackkohlersuanhacky>.

Please join us for our Fellowship and Award Luncheon

All are welcome, members and non-members alike join the celebration on Sunday, November 6, 2022 2–6 PM

Honoring our “Outstanding Scouter Award of Excellence Recipients:

Italia Augienello (Founders District)

Chris Flood (Tomahawk District)

James Maxham (Pathfinder District)

Fred Pagan (Pathfinder District)

Paul Romain (Founders District)

Lifetime Achievement Award Bruce Cobern (Founders District)

For additional information contact us at our Email Address Suanhaccycampershipassociation@gmail.com or SuanhackyCampership@aol.com call Luncheon Chaman Anthony Zalak 646-354-0743.

FELLOWSHIP AWARDS LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve _____ seat(s) for me at the Luncheon at \$50.00 each, _____ Total \$ _____
If you are so inclined to further help the Association, please add a \$10.00 donation to make an even \$60.00
Make your payment payable to:

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NAME _____ PHONE _____

DISTRICT _____ EMAIL _____

I would prefer to be seated with _____

I cannot attend the Luncheon, but would like to contribute to the honorees gift \$ _____

Please fill out the form and mail it today or on line with PayPal (**Deadline Oct. 30, 2022**) to avoid the late fee.

Please note \$15.00 for those paying at the door without a prior firm reservation.

TEN MILE RIVER MEMORIES

We all have memories of our times at TMR. With the vast areas of the camp being sold off, many of the areas that hold special meanings to so many of us, will no longer be part of the Scout reservation itself. That made me think of the **Ten Mile River Song** from the early 1960's, lyrics written by Association member **Norm Russakoff (RIP)** to the tune of **Puff the Magic Dragon** written by Peter Yarrow (Peter, Paul & Mary). Some of the spots sung about in the song, will be part of history. Enjoy the song...

TEN MILE RIVER SONG

Lyrics: Norman Russakoff

Music: Puff the Magic Dragon, Peter Yarrow

**(Chorus) Ten Mile River that's the place for me,
From the Delaware Cliffs to the Crystal shores
It's a land that's fine and free
High above the river stands the Indian Cliffs
Memories of years gone by
Are out on days like this
Swimming, hiking and camping occupy our time
Learning the love of Nature's ways
In a setting of oak and pine**

Chorus:

**All around the campfire Scouts sing their songs
Woodmen's skills and fellowship
Will make America strong
The sparkling Ten Mile River goes on its way
Through forests dark, dense and green
Inviting all to stay**

Chorus:

**Scouts raise their voices and it echoes
through the trees
On My Honor, I'll Do My Best
For God and My Country
If you camped at Ten Mile for a week,
a month or a day
The joys and dreams of Scouting fun
Are in your heart to stay**

Chorus:



HOLD ONTO YOUR TREASURED MEMORIES, DON'T LET ANYONE TAKE THEM FROM YOU

By Denis Sackett

I have been in Scouting for many years. This Memorial Day Weekend is the 50 years since I was selected to take my Vigil Honor. Talk about a long strange trip.

I spent many of my teenage and early twenties, summers camping and working at Camp Kunatah, and Kernochan. As a TMR Scoutmaster Program Director I led numerous 50-mile hikes, enjoying Canoe base, canoeing to the Rock Lake Dam to hike over to Father Meyers, Bob Landers, the Donut Farm, and artesian wells.

I loved the Blue dot trail around Crystal Lake, Eagle Rock for fishing, along with Trout Pond.

I remember one night our troop was camping off of the far end of Turnpike Lake in a lean-to site, when in the middle of the night, one of our boys woke up screaming. A monster was coming into his lean-to. As the brave leader, I sent Larry Offsey & Frank Janoscak who were the other leaders with me, to check it out. Sure enough, the kid wasn't lying, only it wasn't a monster, it was about half a dozen horses who had gotten out of the corral at the Ponderosa and stroll into our site. I must say it was a little scary, as well as hysterical.

These are just a small sample of my memories of TMR and the OA, along with lifelong friendships I made. It makes me sad that for all intense and purposes, the OA no longer exist in NYC as we knew it, within a few years most of TMR that we hiked and camped in, may still be there, but no longer completely Scout property.

So, hold onto to your memories my friends, perhaps share them with younger Scouts.

I feel sorry for today's Scouts who won't be able to build the memories of the OA & TMR that many of us have been able to. Then again, I may not be seeing the big picture, oh yeah, Picture Window may also be gone.



