



The Beagle Speaks

The Jack Kohler Campership Association

FALL - WINTER 2005

"HELPING MAKE EVERY SCOUT A CAMPER" Since 1986

**KOHLER ASSOCIATION
TO CELEBRATE IT'S
20TH ANNIVERSARY**



In the Spring of 1986, Mitch Morgenstern had an inspiration to honor the memory of longtime friend, mentor and O.A. brother, Jack Kohler. Jack had passed away a few years earlier. A longtime 'institution' at Ten Mile River and in Suanhacky Lodge, how to honor Jack's memory would of course have to somehow includes these aspects of his life.

Jack had been a camper at TMR, a Camp Scoutmaster, Staffman, and Camp Director in addition to being a two tenured Lodge Advisor of Suanhacky Lodge and the first Area Advisor for the New York City 5 Lodges.

It was decided that a very nice way to honor Jack, was to help keep his camp, TMR and his Lodge, Suanhacky strong and growing.

A way to do that was to be sure all Scouts got an opportunity camp at TMR. Campership assistance, money to offset the ever-growing camp fees, so that Scouts who may otherwise not get a chance to go to camp, could afford to, seemed to be a solution that filled the bill. Scouts going to camp, would then be eligible to be selected for induction to Suanhacky, promoting camp and thus, servicing camp.

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KOHLER-KON 2005

Congratulations to **Tom Evans**, who brainchild, chaired and ran our Kohler-Kon 2005. Tom came to us with a fund raising idea of having a collectibles show. Not a Boy Scout memorabilia show, but Science Fiction, Movies, Music, TV, Christmas Ornaments...

Tom attends many of these during the course of the year. He checked with some vendors and consumers. Tom then secured a location for us and the wheels were in motion. On a rainy Saturday October 8, with fingers crossed, we held our event. Thousands upon thousands of emails and fliers had been sent out. Every table was sold, with some vendors having to be turned away for lack of selling space.

That day, you may remember, it rained and rained and rained.

Well, it turned out to be a huge financial success for the Association. We raised a very large percentage of the funding needed for this years camperships. On the other hand it was a bit disappointing in so far as there was a very poor turn out from our members and from Suanhacky Lodge.

Again thanks to **Tom, Monica Evans, John Pritchard, Paul 'Spuds' Romain, Hector, Elizabeth, Joe & Theresa Figuroa** and the

entire crew that helped make this such a successful event.



20th ANNIVERSARY (con't)

So, in the Fall of 1986, we launched our organization, the **JACK KOHLER CAMPERSHIP ASSOCIATION**. Mitch, along with other founding members, Bill Scheib, Father Barry, Jerry Reimer, Ralph Calman, Lenny Rasmussen, Murray Juvelier, Denis Sackett, Roy Kramer, Jack's brother Vincent and others, started a program of trying to raise funds. Soon between membership dues, memorabilia sales and donations, we had enough funding to begin awarding the Camperships. That first summer, we awarded 24 camperships. Since then more than 550 Scouts have been awarded Kohler Camperships.

This coming year, 2006 will mark our 20th Anniversary of 'Helping Make Every Scout a Camper'. We plan to have an anniversary luncheon on Sunday October 29, 2006, so mark your calendars. (We have not finalized a location yet however). We will be awarding our "Outstanding Scouter Award of Excellence" as well as going down memory lane.

Please plan on joining us to celebrate.



GOOD AND WELFARE

- On the road to recovery, **Lester Sackett**
- Happy November Birthday to our Board member, **Art Brace**.
- The Association sends its sympathy to our member, **Tom McGlinchey**, on the loss of his wife Marilyn.

Please let us know your Birthday, Anniversary and other important events, so we can share with our members as well.



2006 CAMPERSHIPS

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors, it was decided to increase our campership awards by 25% to **\$125** per boy to help offset the increases in the TMR fees the boys need to pay.

Once again, we want to thank each and every member of our Association for helping us in our goal to '**help make every Scout a camper**'.

WELCOME NEW KOHLER

ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce two new additional members to our Board of Directors. They are **Rob Petrillo** and **Mike Lectora**. Rob, a Scoutmaster, also works for GNYC and is a past Chief of Suanhacky Lodge. Mike, following in the footsteps of Jack Kohler, himself, is current Lodge Advisor to Suanhacky and also a past Chief. We wish them both lots of luck as they take on Board Member responsibilities.



SPECIAL OCCASSION DONATIONS

We gratefully appreciate the following donations made to our Association:

- From **Eddy Peterson**, in honor of his family.



UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTIONS

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For any additional information, please feel free to contact us at our email: JKohlerASN@aol.com, or visit our website:

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