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**WHAT A TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!
AT OUR
FELLOWSHIP & AWARDS LUNCHEON**

What an event, what a wonderful, fun time, and the food was fantastic! If you were not at our Fellowship & Awards luncheon, you missed the event of the season. It was our first event since Covid struck New York. The luncheon on Sunday, November 6, at Fitzgerald & Monihan in Bayside was fully booked, but the room was considerably smaller than our past locations. What was missing in space, was more than made up with the quality of the food and their service. All attendees received a canvas supermarket bag and a weekly medicine holder.

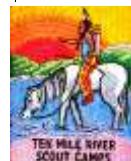
The affair started off as traditionally is done, with the Pledge, Oath, Law, Grace, a salute to Veterans and to First Responders. There were a number of Past Suanhacky Chiefs in attendance that were introduced (**Steve Benini, Rob Koubek, Johannes Knoops, Mike Lectora, Mike Orlando, Ed Pino & Denis Sackett**). Our own Shecky Green, we mean **Denis Sackett**, MC'd the luncheon. His jokes are really bad, but he tries really hard.

The President and Founder of the Association, **Mitch Morgenstern** presented the state of the Association, now in its 36th year. Over 1350 Scouts have received our Camperships, for in excess of \$110,000. Next season we are increasing our dollars by 33%, we have sent annual monies to Alpine for maintenance of the Suanhacky Association Cabin, to date over \$9000 to this effort. It was pointed out that not one person from Greater New York Council attended our affair. Shame on them.

As is always done at our luncheons, we paid respect to members who have passed since our last affair; **Frank Boccabella III, Mabel Brace, Eileen Cuhaj, Karl Hertenstein, Frank Imossi, Marge Noon, Rein Olvet, Mitch Schwadron and John Zseller.**

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**CAMPERSHIPS FOR THE COMING
2023 SEASON AND 2022 RECAP**



At the Fall '22 Board of Directors meeting, it was brought up that GNYC camp fees were again going up, by as much as 15% for the 2023 season.

It was discussed, that with the way the economy is and our feeling of Camp, TMR so strong, it was agreed upon that for the summer of 2023 we would provide to Queens Scouts attending Ten Mile River Scout Camps a total to **\$8,000.00** in campership assistance. That is a **33%** increase from year to year in our commitment to Scout Camping.

It was also agreed upon that we would increase our individual campership amount by an additional **15%**.

This past Camp season, 2022, was the first time in our history that we did not rely on Greater New York Council to provide us with a list of Queens Scouts that were requesting campership assistance. The Council for some unknown reason was being very uncooperative with our organization. Instead, we used our own campership application.

We allocated \$6,000 in Camperships for Queens Scouts to go to TMR 2022. We notified all the Scouts/Parents, Scoutmasters and GNYC of our Camperships. Not once were we ever contacted by Greater New York Council, not even a thank you, for what we were providing. This was not a surprise since we have not received a thank you from Council in more than seven years.



Our mission is to 'Help Make Every Scout a Camper', and we hope that by way of our Camperships, we're doing what we can to achieve that goal.



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FELLOWSHIP & AWARDS LUNCHEON

We had each table recognize the person there with the most Scouting tenure and the least. It was quite a stretch of years from 1 up to 68 years in Scouting. The person at each table with the least tenure received a gift bag of patches, valued at over \$40.

A highlight of the luncheons is the induction of the Suanhacky Campership Association's **HERITAGE SOCIETY**. This year, we inducted

- **Charlene Loiseau: Active Scouting Volunteer**
- **Eric Hertenstein: Suanhacky Vigil Honor Brother, TMR Staffman**
- **Hon. Michael A. Sorlano: Mayor Parsippany, Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor Member, TMR Staffman**
- **Tatanka Chapter: Suanhacky Lodge WWW #49 1969-1995**
- **Karl Hertenstein: A Friend & Mentor To All, A True Lifetime Scout, In Loving Memory**



With that, lunch was served. The delicious food served was Sliced Steak, Chicken Francese, Penne Vodka, Pasta Primavera, Salad, unlimited soda, Coffee/Tea and fantastic cake.

As we finished eating, our guest speaker, Manuel Esteban, a county legislature from Suffolk County gave a very inspiring and at times, emotional talk on how Scouting helped form the man he is today. Manny grew up in Queens in a single parent household. At age 11 he joined Troop 70 Queens. He made lifelong friends and had many mentors there, such as **Rob Petrillo** and the late **John Pritchard**. Scouting helped him live a fruitful, positive life, while others Manny was very close to, turned to drugs and died way before their times.

Manny, as a father of 7 children knows how important Scout Camping can be in the development of a young person; learning leadership, comradery, how to cook, set up a campsite, work with others and serve fellow man. Everyone felt good by the words Manny spoke.



Manuel Esteban

Then we got to the main event, the **Outstanding Scouter Award of Excellence** presentations.

Our Honorees were:

- ♦ **Italia Auglenello** ♦ **Chris Flood** ♦ **James Maxham** ♦
- ♦ **Fred Pagan** ♦ **Paul Romain**

Unfortunately, **Italia Auglenello** was unable to attend, but **John Restrepo** accepted for her. The other recipients; **Chris Flood**, **James Maxham**, **Fred Pagan** and **Paul Romain** all had their impressive resumes read. Honorees all received a handsome framed certificate, Award of Excellence Medal and a backpack as a gift from those in attendance.



Paul Romain, Fred Pagan, Chris Flood, James Maxham

Our 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to **Bruce Cobern**. Bruce has a very long tenure as an OA Chapter Advisor for 17 years and a District Advancement Chairman for even longer. Almost every Queens Eagle for the past 30 years have had Bruce help guide them on the trail to Eagle. Due to health concerns, Bruce could not be with us, but he sent his warm regards and appreciation to the Association.



Bruce Cobern

With that the final program in the luncheon was the raffle drawings. We had some very nice prizes, Gift Cards (American Express, Visa, Best Buy, Dunkin Donuts), Sports memorabilia from the NY Islanders, NY Jets, Tickets from the Red Bulls, Men's & Women Watches and the grand prizes of 2-night stays at the Resorts World in Catskills and in Queens.

The generosity of the folks there, who bought many raffle tickets, allowed the Association to have a very successful day, even with the low attendance, due to the space we had. We want to thank the following folks for helping make our luncheon such a success: **Anthony Zalak, Mike Lectora, Paul Romain, Carmen Lectora, Kevin Dolce, Andrea Smith-Dacres, Paul Lumpkin and Ed Pino**.



GOOD & WELFARE

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

- Best of luck and good health to Member **Bruce Covern**, who is recovering from illness and relocating to Connecticut.
- Great to see Member **Mike Lectora** up and getting around!
- Our condolences to member **Richie Cochran** on the loss of his mother.
- Three cheers for member **Tommy Carola** on the birth of his granddaughter.
- Speedy recovery from back surgery for member **Ed Plino** recovering at home in Arizona.
- Our thoughts and prayers, to get well to **Frank Gaynor**, son of Members **Dennis & Trudy Gaynor**.



SUANHACKY CABIN

Since 2002, 20 years now, we have been providing donations to the maintenance of the old B Shelter in Camp Alpine. Greater New York Councils, at the time to show appreciation for what we had been doing, by allowing us to rename the cabin after our Association.

Since 2002, we have provided close to \$10,000 for the maintenance of the now Suanhacky Cabin. New doors, new kitchen, new lighting, painting the outside and more have all been thru our organization's generosity. Once again, this year we have donated funds for needed /desired upgrades for the Suanhacky cabin.



WHAT YOU DID AT TMR... FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME? (second in a series)



In our last issue, we asked folks to tell us something that they did at TMR, for the very first time, something that made TMR a special place in their memories. We have some more now, and again ask if you would like to add your memories, to do so. For many of those polled, it was something they loved and after first being introduced to it in TMR & Scouting, did numerous times afterwards.

- Held a snake.
- Learned how to row a boat
- My troop went on a 50 -mile hike with a leech. We had another leech driving each day to supply us with provisions while his car avoided tree bites.
- Saw a live deer up close!
- We were on a hike and slept out at a campsite on Turnpike Lake (near headquarters). In the middle of the night, we were awakened by screams of one of the scouts in another Lean-to. Turns out a few horses from the Ponderosa wandered over to our site and were checking out who was in their neighborhood. Scouts will be Scouts and a horse is a horse of course, of course.
- Did the Mile Swim....twice!
- Cooked 3 meals a day, for 2 weeks straight.



Welcome to our New Members

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS:
ALLEN YURCIC
DR. NEAL & LOUISE VICHINSKY
THOMAS MAHAR
MIKE LECTORA
GEORGE BUNGER
HELEN P. CURETON

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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

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Dear Members,

First let me wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and a healthy and joyful holiday season.



We have been experiencing many changes in not only the scouting program here in New York City but throughout the country. Many scout camps have been sold to accommodate the payment councils have to pay from the law suit against the Boy Scouts of America.

The Greater New York Councils has increased its short-term camping fees and now once again the camping fee for Ten Mile River Scout Camp has been also increased to \$575.00 for just one week at what is now left of Ten Mile River Scout Camps. With this latest increase in the camping fees the Association has stepped up and for 2023 we will be providing \$8,000.00 in campership assistance to the financially needy scouts of Queens Councils to help them attend a minimum of one week at Ten Mile River Scout Camp. This represents a 33% increase in campership assistance over our 2022 campership pledge.

The Association has been able to increase our pledge in campership assistance since we have had a successful year thanks to many of you who have donated various scouting memorabilia that we have been able to sell on eBay, at various Trade-O-Ree's and from donations to the Association. To all those who have contributed I and the entire Association is extremely grateful. You have made it possible for us to help many more scouts attend summer camp through your generosity.

Once again thank you for your support and participation in our Association and the camping program, "Helping to Make Every Queens Scout a Camper."

Mitch Morgenstern

President
Suanhacky
Campership Association



Mitch & Waldo

**WHAT'S YOUR
E-MAIL ADDRESS?**

MAKE SURE WE HAVE IT
If you don't get emails from
us, we don't have it. So, send us yours.

ONCE YOU "DO A GOOD DEED DAILY", IT'S HARD TO STOP!

In 1937, Guenther 'Gunner' Hecht, his brother Werner and their parents, escaped with their lives from Nazi Germany. They were just a few of the German Jews able to get out to save themselves in time to avoid being murdered in the holocaust. The Hecht family eventually settled in Queens, New York. As time moved on, the family assimilated to being proud active Americans.



**'GUNNER' 1952
Ordeal Ceremony
at TMR**

What better way for young men, like Guenther & Werner to become 'true' American boys, than to join Scouting. Scouting taught, 'Do a good deed daily'. They would go camping and learned to love the Scouting way. Not only did they join Scouting, they became Eagle Scouts, Ten Mile River Campers, and TMR Staff men. Guenther got an Americanized nickname, 'Gunner' and it stuck. The two boys became very active in Suanhacky Lodge. Both were recognized with the Vigil Honor.

Not only that, but in 1949-1950, the 20th Anniversary of Suanhacky Lodge, Gunner was elected Lodge Chief. 1950 was a very important year in Suanhacky history. The Lodge House was planned and built on the shores of Crystal Lake, with Gunner guiding the entire project. The Lodge House still stands as testament to the Brothers of Suanhacky Lodge and their service to TMR.

After getting married and having a family, "Gunner" relocated to Georgia. In Atlanta he worked for many years in retail (Macy's) and became active in his synagogue. It was here, still doing his daily good turn, he started "Second Helping" a charity to help feed the hungry.

Second Helpings has been rescuing food since 1992. Guenther and Louise Hecht, noticed how much food was being thrown away by grocery stores and restaurants and decided to take action.



**Guenther 'Gunner' &
Louise Hecht**

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ONCE YOU "DO A GOOD DEED DAILY", IT'S HARD TO STOP!

The Hecht's and a group of dedicated volunteers, using their own cars, started collecting the food and bringing it to several local food pantries. They bought their first refrigerated truck six months later.

Thanks to their donors and volunteers, Second Helpings have grown steadily over the past 30 years, serving new agencies and areas. Second Helpings now has eight refrigerated trucks that collect food seven days a week, 52 weeks a year and deliver it the same day to agency partners throughout Georgia & in much South Carolina. Through 2021, they have delivered nearly 40 million pounds of food to their neighbors in need. And the need is still great in the community.

This is just another illustration of how a young person being exposed to Scout camping, can make a tremendous difference in the lives of people in their community. At this time of year, Thanksgiving, it's a blessing to know people such as Gunner & Louise give back 365 days a year.



One of the 8 refrigerated trucks Second Helping has out every day to help feed the hungry.

AMAZON-SMILE

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HOW GOOD IS YOUR MEMORY ABOUT TMR STAFF & CIT NECKERCHIEFS?

The Ten Mile River Museum's world-renowned patch collector has asked if any of our Association members can help the museum gather information about Staff and C.I.T. neckerchiefs issued in the 1960's, most specifically 1967. If you have any information that can help out, please email the Association and we'll forward to the museum for you.

C.I.T N/C

STAFF N/C



These are the type of neckerchiefs in question

Here Is the request from the museum:

In the TMR Museum's 2nd edition Memorabilia Guide the blue n/c with torch is incorrectly labeled as 1967 CIT. We are working on an addendum where we have found a number of omissions and a couple of errors as well. What we are hoping is one of you out there might have been a TMR CIT, in any camp, in 1967 and you would know what your CIT neckerchief looked like. Or a Paid Staff Man who might just happen to know what the CIT n/c looked like so we can get it in the addendum correctly.

So, if any of you can help fill in the blank (a pun as CIT neckerchiefs were blank up to them) the TMR Scout Museum thanks you.

Commented [DS1]:

Commented [DS2R1]:



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MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HANUKKAH, A JOYFUL, HEALTHY NEW YEARS TO ALL

Dear Suanhacky Campership Association Member,

As another year draws to a close, our 36th we want to wish you all a very happy (whatever holiday you celebrate) and New Year. We also thank you for your continued support of our organization and its goals. To staying healthy now and moving forward as well.

Your support has allowed us to continue, even during the Covid epidemic, to continue on with our mission to help young Scouts experience Ten Mile River Scout Camps. In addition: Over 1375 Scouts having been awarded Camperships from our Association, to attend TMR (or Cub World at Alpine),

- We've given funds to help out the Queens based Cub Day Camp,
- Have given grants for upgrades and maintenance of the Suanhacky Cabin in Alpine,
- Our assistance in maintenance and upkeep of various Ten Mile River venues.
- Support of Scout Spirit in camping and traditions.

With many getting back into a normalized lifestyle, you may travel, so we thought a nice gift would be a luggage tag, that we are sending to you. It is a token of our appreciation for your support, please accept this gift and may your travels be safe and fun. It will even work on your backpack! If you feel so inclined as to make an end of the year donation to the Association, in order to help us continue in our goal '**To Help Make Every Scout A Camper**', it would be greatly appreciated. (All donations are tax deductible).

Wishing you a wonderful holiday & excellent 2023.

Suanhacky Campership Association

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