



The Beagle Speaks

Jack Kohler Campership Association

FALL-WINTER 2011—

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Celebrating our 25th year of: "HELPING MAKE EVERY SCOUT A CAMPER" Since 1986



OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON A HUGE SUCCESS!

by Yonkel Dovid

If you have ever helped plan a party or event, no matter how much preparation you do, chances are that you'll be nervous about it all working out right and enjoyed by the guest and attendees. That was the case of our 25th Anniversary Luncheon. We prepared had everything set, and hoped for the best.

The results could not have been better. By all indication everyone in attendance had a fun time. The room at Mirabella was perfect and the staff could not have been more accommodating. The food was good, from salad, penne appetizer, to the unlimited wine and soda, choice of main course and tasty desert of cake and coffee.

Sunday November 13, 2011 was perfect, weather wise. When guest arrived they received a 25th anniversary pocket flashlight key chain compliments of the Kohler Association, along with an Association button. Upon entering the ball room, they found balloons decorating the table and plenty of friendly smiles.



Master of Ceremonies, and Vegas wanna-be **Denis Sackett** welcomed everyone to the extravaganza. Eagle Scout **Joseph Figueroa** led the Pledge, Scout Oath and Law. **Deacon Paul Lumpkin** was then called upon to give an opening benediction and lead the

Ten Mile River lunchtime grace. Denis reminding us it was Veteran Day weekend, then recognized all the veterans in attendance. This was followed by a moment of silence for our members who had passed away since our last luncheon.

As has become a custom, we were then presented with the Top 10 Reasons To Be Happy to Attend the Kohler 25th Anniversary Luncheon. (The Lettermen writers have nothing to worry about). Denis proceeded to try and deliver jokes (did we say jokes?)

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2012 CAMPERSHIPS SET... 26TH YEAR OF OFFERING CAMPERSHIPS

The Jack Kohler Campership Association Board of Directors met in October and approved the Campership amounts for the 2012 Summer season. Once again we pledged \$3000 in campership[funds for Queens Boy Scouts to attend a week at TMR plus \$500 to assist Cubs to go to Cub World at Alpine. Our Chairman Mitch Morgenstern, will be our representative on the Queens Campership Committee to help select what young men get assistance and how much. This will be our 26TH year and creepinmg close to 850 scouts that we have given the opportunity to go to camp to. We should all be proud of such a worthy accomplishment.



KOHLER CABIN— NEW DOORS AND MORE

The Jack Kohler Cabin at Camp Alpine Scout Camp has Troops using it for their weekend camp outs almost every weekend of the Scouting season. We are proud to help continue with the upkeep and maintenance of the cabin.



When informed by Wally, the camp ranger that the cabin was in need of new doors for the front and rear entrances, for safety and aesthetic reasons we quickly took the responsibility and underwrote the purchase of the two new doors. When you're next in Alpine, stop by

and take a look at these beautiful and very functional new doors on our namesake cabin.



OUR 25TH

ANNIVERSARY

LUNCHEON

Chairman and Founder of the Campership Association, **Mitch Morgenstern** then gave us the State of the Association. He briefly went over our 25 years, told us where we are today and hope to be in the future. Overall our organization is in good shape.

The luncheon took a somber tone as we had a tribute for three friends, hard workers and members of

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Bill Scheib, Art Brace and Jim Tranchina. Each one's biography was read with an accompanying photo presentation. There were very few dry eyes, and many throats with lumps in them during this very touching portion of the program.

Lunch was then served and was accompanied by a walk down memory lane slide presentation the **Rob Petrillo** put together with assistance from **Kevin Dolce**.

All while this was going on, **Tom Evans & Elizabeth Figueroa** were selling raffle tickets. We had great prizes; Broadway Show tickets, passes to Top of the Rock at Rockefeller Center, Basket of Cheer, Home Carbon monoxide / Fire Detectors with fire extinguishers, NY Giant & NY Jet Dart sets, Coffee Maker and more.

Then we got into the meat of the luncheon, recognizing our Outstanding Scouters of Excellence; **Wally Cary, Hedy DeBonet, James McKay, Amy Shapiro and Henry Zalak**. Each one had their resume read, were awarded the OSofE medal, certificate and a gift from the Association of an overnight duffle style bag, embroidered with the Association logo.

We were then honored to have join us for a few moments, Councilman (And Kohler Association member), **Honorable Daniel Halloran**. Mr. Halloran presented the Association with a 25th Anniversary proclamation and each of the Award recipients with a



personalized NYC Citation recognizing their achievement.

The final recognitions were for Lifetime Achievement. **Ralph DeFalco**, with 70 years give or take in Queens Scouting and for 56+ years the temporary Scoutmaster of Troop 17 was given his medal and recognition. He actually earned this and was to be presented at our last luncheon in 2009, but Ralph had an accident the day before and was unable to attend. Then the founder of the Kohler Association, the person who's spirit, dreams, love and devotion to Scout Camping and his friends, created this organization that has done much for so many, **Mitch Morgenstern** received his Lifetime Achievement award.



Many folks worked hard to make the luncheon the success it was. **Greg Hofer** with his email blast, was absolutely a big reason we had such a good turnout. As well as all the promotion by word of mouth at roundtables and other venues by **Dennis Gaynor, Gordon Bennett** and **John Pritchard**. In fact, all our Board members did their part to insure things went smoothly. Check-in by **Mike Lectora & Paul 'Spud' Romain**, the photos taken by **Kevin Dolce**, the visual presentations by **Rob Petrillo** and of course our Raffle sales team of **Elizabeth Figueroa** and **Tom Evans** should get special mention. **Bruce Cobern** with coordinating and fine tuning the biographical write ups, our readers and presentors all allowed for a smooth program.

The day wound down with Denis attempting to entertain some more, the final raffle drawings and fond goodbyes to everyone. We are confident that everyone at the luncheon had a good time and went home full of good cheer and grateful that they attended. (to view photos from the luncheon, compliments of Kevin Dolce, please visit:

http://scout201.smugmug.com/BoyScouts/Kohler-25th/20113350_kCwkSp/



WELCOME NEW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Joey Derrico - Lifetime Member

Fred M Gervat - Lifetime Member

Mark Kleinberg - Lifetime Member

Marlene Marshall - Lifetime Member

Norman Russakoff - Lifetime Member

John Sammon

Lynn Sammon

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WELFARE

- Our deepest sympathy to Charlene Louiseau on the passing of her husband, our friend and Member of the Board, **James Tranchina**.
- Get well soon, **Deacon Paul Lumpkin**
- Congratulations and a big salute to **Anthony Zalak** who has been named Director of Camp Aquehonga for the upcoming season.
- Happy Birthday **Dr. Russell Schilder**.
- Congratulations to **Ed Kruzik** on receiving the John Jerome Lifetime Achievement Award from the Queens Federation of Churches.
- Happy 50th Anniversary to **Troop 70**, Queens.



If you have some news you want to share with our members, just send us an email

TEN MILE RIVER 85TH ANNIVERSARY **ALUMNI DAY- July 21, 2012**



The Annual TMR Alumni Day is being planned for Saturday July 21, 2012. You can arrive at camp after 10am and the opening starts around 11am at TMR Museum /

Headquarters area with a program at the Museum and then tours of the various camps and outpost around the reservation. There is opportunity, if you want to come Friday and stay thru Sunday and camp out on the TMR reservation. For further details, we recommend contacting Council at 212-242-1100.



NOAC IS COMING...ARE YOU GOING?



Plans are being made for this summer's National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) to be held July 30-August 4, 2012 at Michigan State University. Suanhacky Lodge hopes to send a large contingent.

The Jack Kohler Campership

Association, as we have done for the past 9 Conferences, will once again award a \$100 scholarship to a Suanhacky Arrowman, to attend NOAC. The scholarship is in memory of Patrolman John Williamson, a member of our Association who died in the line of duty. Any OA youth member from Suanhacky who would like to go to NOAC can apply for this \$100 scholarship, that is selected by our special committee.



COUNCIL PROMOTIONS

Recently, GNYC announced some changes that affect our friends, TMR and all of GNYC. Our good friend and Association member, **Bob Madsen** will be leaving his position of many years as Director of Camping to take on the responsibilities of GNYC Director of Support



Services. Bob has been a tremendous friend of the Kohler Association in his position as Director of Camping and we know his support will continue. The new Director of Camping will be **Sean Quinn**. Sean is no stranger to our organization and as TMR Director, has done much for our Scouts. This promotion is well deserved.

We wish both gentlemen all the best in their new positions. We look forward to our continued good working relationship and hope that together we will help *Make Every Scout a Camper!*



Council Office to move from 4th to 78th Floor of the Empire State Building

Sometime in January 2012, the GNYC office will be moving from their current location on the 4th floor in the Empire State Building, up to the 78th floor. Sounds pretty exciting. Imagine the views. Hopefully they will face towards Queens...(and not New Jersey).

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP DUES CHANGE\$

We want to remind all our members and potential members that the dues fee for Kohler Campership Association **Lifetime** membership is changing effective with 2012. The Lifetime fee will be going to \$150 up from \$100. If you have been considering Lifetime Membership, now would be the time to make the move and save on the deal. Dues for annual and three year memberships will remain as they have for the past 25 years, \$10 & \$25 respectively.

Please remember that membership is open to everyone, male, female, youth, adult, scouting background or none at all. We only ask that you live by the principals of the Scout oath and Law, but BSA membership is not and never has been a requirement.



Note: If you do not currently get emails from us every so often with timely announcements please email us at Jkohlerasn@aol.com. We will use your email to update our records and include you on future email notifications.



MC- Denis Sackett

New Kohler Cabin Door

Mitch Morgenstern

Art Brace, Charlene Louiseau, Denis Sackett, Jim Tranchina,
Paul Lumpkin, Bill Scheib, Mitch Morgenstern, Jason Scheib

Outstanding Scouter Awards of Excellence

Morgenstern, Halloran & Sackett

Dennis Gaynor, Bill Williamson, Ralph DeFalco

Officer John Williamson



