



THE BEAGLE BARKS

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Suanhacky Campership Association

"Helping Make Every Scout a Camper" since 1986

A LUNCHEON OF COMRADERIE & FUN

On the beautiful autumn afternoon of October 27, the Association held its bi-annual Fellowship and Awards Luncheon. The event was at the Bantry Bay Publik House in Long Island City. The location served us very well. We had a very comfortable room and plenty of space for folks to move around and renew old friendships and make new ones.



Our Luncheon MC
Anthony Zalak

For the first time in our proud history, we had a new Master of Ceremonies, **Anthony Zalak**, taking over the job from **Denis Sackett** who had done those duties for our past 17 affairs dating back to 1988. Denis's reasoning was something about there no longer being any really bad jokes to tell. Ooh what a relief!

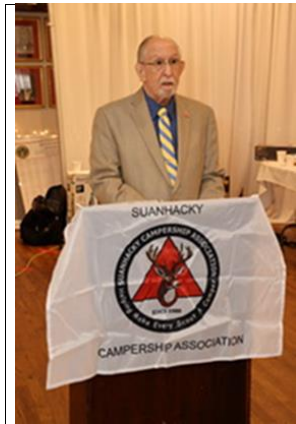
The luncheon commenced with the Oath and Law. Grace was then conducted by **Father Keith**, of Saint Alans the Martyr Church. Following we all said a short prayer for our friend **Paul Romain** who had been seriously injured in a hit and run accident and has since, been doing better. Our Armed Service veterans in attendance were then shown our appreciation.

As has become our custom, we remembered our members who had passed away since our last luncheon; (L-R) **George Bunger, Frank Gaynor,**

Guenther 'Gunner' Hecht, Frank Kule, Barry Magid, Donal McCarthy and John Zseller. May their memories be a blessing.



Suanhacky Campership Association President, **Mitch Morgenstern** gave the State of the Association address. This included remarks about the \$140,000 plus in camperships we have awarded over the years, our continuing financial support of the Suanhacky Cabin in Alpine and more such contributions to Scouting. Some of the things that Mitch touched on is also in his 'Word From The President' article in this newsletter.



Association President Mitch Morgenstern giving the State of the Association Address



Our 2024 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT award recipient John Harling (c) presented by Mike Schulte and Anthony Zalak

Our Association's Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to **John Harling** for his years of service to Scouting and his entire community.

In addition to all of John's Scouting work and achievements, he also has served the

community in many other areas; Queens Federation of Churches, Chapel of Four Chaplains the Legion of Honor and Free Masons He also received the Lamb Award from his church. John also supports scouting by being a James E. West Fellow and Queens Heritage Society.



A special part of our luncheons is the induction of new **'HERITAGE SOCIETY'** members.

The Heritage Society is a wonderful way for you to say Thank You to a person, group, event. It is a way, as well, for you to also have yourself included on this Honor Roll as a way of showing appreciation for Scouting, TMR and our Associations efforts to help get kids to camp. The actual plaque itself is on display in the Camp Alpine office. It consists of 4 walnut plaques with engraved brass



nameplates with the name, inscription and year of induction. You can visit our website for more details if you would like to submit yourself or someone, group for induction.

We had 3 new Heritage Society inductees at the luncheon. They are; **Robert Koubek, Johannes Knoops** and **The Queens Owls Training Team**.

Robert Koubek

Scoutmaster
Troop 544
2018-2023
2023



Reidan Cruz with Heritage Inductee Robert Koubek and his son, Eagle Scout Andrew Koubek

Johannes Knoops

TMR Alumni
Association
Chairman
2024



Steve Benini presenting Heritage Inductee Johannes Knoops with assistance from Anthony Zalak

Queens Council Owls Training Team

1950-Present
2024



Chris Curren accepting the Heritage Society recognition on behalf of the Queens Owls

Suanhacky campership Association HERITAGE SOCIETY PLAQUE (FROM FLOOR TO CEILING) IN ALPINE OFFICE





Bob Maurer receiving his 60th Year in Scouting Recognition, presented to him by Denis Sackett

Two special, presentations on behalf of Council, were next on the agenda. Receiving his 60th Year Veterans recognition from a longtime, proud family of Scouting, was **Robert Maurer**. Bob even wore his dad's old campaign hat for the occasion, pins, buttons, dust and all.

Then

we were

honored to present on behalf of the Council, the William D. Boyce, New Unit Organizer Award to **Chris Curren**.

Chris organized a new Scouting unit in Queens and received this for his work in making that happen and allowing more youth to get involved with Scouting.



The William D. Boyce Award presented to Chris Curren

We were then set for our lunch itself, which consisted of Steak, 2 different Chicken dishes, Salad, Vegetables, unlimited soda, coffee, tea and Cake. Everyone seemed to clean their plates the food was that good.

Following lunch was a very special guest speaker. This a different type than a usual guest speaker, because Luncheon Chairman, **Reidan Cruz** conducted it as a question and answer format. Our guest was former Queens Scout, Suanhacky Lodge Chief, **Michael Orlando**. Michael is one of those Scouts who developed into the type of citizen we can all be proud of. After college, Michael enlisted in the US Army. In the Army



The Q&A with Guest Speaker, (R) Michael Orlando, conducted by (L) Reidan Cruz

he went through the rigorous Ranger Training and was then deployed. He served in Army intelligence. After leaving the service, Mike joined up with the CIA and worked mainly in counter-intelligence. He would have told us more, but would have had to kill us all. From the CIA he then moved to the FBI which was his lifelong dream. After retiring from the FBI he went to do some work for the National Security Agency and then onto consulting in security for private industry. Mike told us of how through his varied career, his Scouting background and affiliation would come into play. We can't wait for his book to come out (should he ever decide to write one).



Then onto the main event of the luncheon, our Outstanding Scouter Awards of Excellence. Our 5 recipients all had their scouting resumes read, illustrating just a small sample of the work they have given to the youth of Queens. All made mention how they got involved because it would ***just be 1 hour a week!?***

Our awardees, **Bill Knight, Donna Manetta, Bridgett Smith, Andrea Smith-Dacres, and Patrick Tomlinson** were all presented with their framed certificates, Medals and an Association gift of a warm blanket to keep them warm on those chilly camping trips. All the award recipients spoke about their appreciation of Scouting and the honor received.

All of the recipients have served not only Scouting, but their religious institutions, youth groups, business associations and other aspects of our community, to make things better for others. We owe them a debt of gratitude for what they do.



Our Suanhacky Campership Association's Award Recipients (L-R)
Outstanding Scouter Award of Excellence Honorees: Bill Knight, Andrea Smith-Dacres, Pat Tomlinson, Bridgett Smith, Donna Manetta and Lifetime Achievement: John Harling.



The Certificates & Medals our recipients were awarded.



Each Awardee also received a gift of an Association Blanket with our Logo embroidered on it.

Closing the festivities were our raffles, which made many people quite happy with the wonderful gifts they won (Camping gear, Jets Tickets, Lighting items, Barbecue utensils, Cookware and much more).

Some happy Raffle Winners



After all the food, laughs, awards, memories and gratitude, **Anthony Zalak** closed the affair wishing all a safe trip home, wonderful holiday season and a big thank you for coming and supporting the Association.

And Now, A Word From Our President...



Dear Members and Friends,

First, I would like to wish you and your families a most Happy Hanukkah a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

At a recent Board of Directors meeting the Board of Directors approved for the 2025 camping season at Ten Mile Scout Camps **\$10,000.00** in campership assistance for our Queens Council Scouts to help them defray the cost of summer camp at Ten Mile River Scout Camps. To apply for campership assistance a scout's family only needs to apply for campership assistance using the Greater New York Councils Campership Application that should be out soon.

To Board Member Paul Romain who is recovering from a serious car accident we wish you a speedy recovery and should you need anything just ask and we will take care of anything you might need. Speedy Recovery.

The Association has had a busy couple of months by purchasing new windows for the Suanhacky Cabin in Camp Alpine and then providing the installation of the windows. You can now actually see out the windows and this gives the cabin an entirely different appearance.

Most recently the Association held its biannual luncheon with over 75 people in attendance. The food was excellent and the fellowship was fantastic. Our Outstanding Scouter Award of Excellence was presented to Bridgette Smith, Andrea Smith-Dacres and Patrick Tomlinson of Founders District, Bill Knight and Donna Manetta of Pathfinder District. We also presented our Life Time Achievement Award to John Harling of Founders District.

Anthony Zalak was our Master of Ceremonies and Reidan Cruz served as our Luncheon Chairman both doing an excellent job and making the luncheon a great success.

As President of the Suanhacky Campership Association I want to once again say how disappointing it was to all the members of the Suanhacky Campership Association, all the people in attendance at the luncheon and especially our

honorees for the non-attendance from any of the Scouting Professionals of Greater New York Councils.

I as President of the Suanhacky Campership Association took this to heart, for all we have done and continue to do and have expressed this to the Scout Executive of the Greater New York Councils. I have spoken with her and she apologized that no one from Council attended. It would be looked into.

OUR 2025 CAMPERSHIPS READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

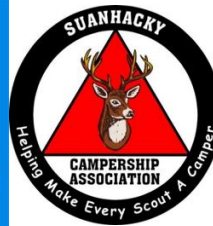


The primary purpose of our organization is to provide financial aid to Queens Scouts so that they can attend at least 1 week at TMR Summer Camp. This summer will be the 39th season we have given assistance to our Scouts.

For the 2025 season we have allotted \$10,000 for camperships. Once GNYC sends out the campership applications and give us ones to review, the camperships will be assigned to deserving Scouts

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the gift of membership




Do you need to find a gift for that hard to get person? Do you know of a new Eagle Scout, Quartermaster or Summit Award Recipient? Do you know someone who kept their Vigil or received the Founders Award, Scouters Key, Silver Beaver? Do you know someone getting married or celebrating a milestone?

What better gift to get them than a membership in the Suanhacky Campership Association!

Let them know that their achievement is forever linked to helping future Scouts to attend and enjoy the grandness of camping at Ten Mile River. For only \$25, (1 year membership) a scout gets assistance, your recipient learns about our mission (while appreciating your gesture), and you get a tax right-off. It's a Win-Win-Win-Win situation all around!

Please use the membership form at the end of this newsletter for instructions.

GOOD & WELFARE

-  Mazel Tov to member **Richie Cochran** who let us know he had gotten married.

- Tennessee, Tennessee, There Ain't No Place I'd Rather Be; sings member **Pat Straffacio** who pulled up stakes in NY and has moved to the volunteer State.



- Welcome New Association Life Time Members:
 - **Bob Madsen**
 - **Mike Orlando**


- New Heritage Society Member:
 - **John Harling**



- Wishes & prayers for a speedy recovery to **Paul Romain** from his accident. Paul is now able to receive visitors at his rehab and would love to see you.

- A Long Strange Trip for **Robert Mauerer** on his 60th Year in Scouting recognition.



- **Chris Curren**  for receiving the William D. Boyce Award.

WHEN NEXT AT THE TMR MUSEUM, BE SURE TO SEE WHAT THEY HAVE ON DISPLAY FOR OUR ASSOCIATION:



Displayed in the TMR Museum is a replica poster of our Heritage Society as well as an Association Jacket from our early years (that once belonged to TMR Scoutmaster Legend **Jerry Reimer**)

Suanhacky Campership Association is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit charitable organization { federal Tax ID#: 46- 3352118 }. We were 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.

We are a BSA Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award Recognized Organization..

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