

WINTER 2010 Beaver Tales



Newsletter of the Massawepie Staff Alumni Association

Celebrating 10 Years of *Spirit, Service and Support!*



Scout Show 2010: Volunteers Needed

By Stephanie

As part of the Boy Scouts of America Centennial Celebration, Seneca Waterways Council is hosting *Scout Show 2010*. The show will be filled with displays, skits, ceremonies, songs and celebration. It will take place Saturday, February 6th from 10am to 7pm and Sunday, February 7th from 10am to 6pm at Eastview Mall in Victor, New York. The Massawepie Staff Alumni Association will be there sharing stories, staff photos and Massawepie memorabilia as part of our ongoing mission to support the programs of the council through "Spirit, Service and Support."

MSAA is seeking volunteers to help staff the booth and share information about the association, including our new brochure. Over 3,000 Cub Scouts, Boys Scouts and Explorers are expected to be on hand, as well as up to 20,000 visitors. If you are interested in participating and can volunteer some time, please contact Stephanie VonBacho or any of the Executive Committee members. Come be part of the celebration!

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100 YEARS OF SCOUTING



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CONTINUING THE JOURNEY



This is the new Seneca Waterways Council Shoulder Patch (CSP). It is available at Scout Shops in Geneva and Rochester, replacing the retired Finger Lakes and Otetiana CSPs on all youth and adult uniforms.

It should be a hot item at the Jamboree this summer and on E-Bay, but not as hot as the two retired CSPs. How many do you have?



As we start the new year, I always think about that song you hear every New Year's Eve, the one about not forgetting old acquaintances, days gone by or old times. As we ring in 2010, we begin a yearlong celebration marking 100 years of Boy Scouting in America. This Centennial Celebration coincides with the 10th anniversary of the creation of the Massawepie Staff Alumni Association. Look for a new MSAA brochure and website upgrades to increase membership, enhance communication and encourage greater participation. The Executive Committee is also exploring different social networking sites to attract younger members and provide another venue to catch up with Massawepie alumni and friends both past and present. As we celebrate our history and mark significant milestones, we look to the future while connecting with the past. "*Auld Lang Syne!*"

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Work Weekends & Annual Meeting *by George*

Experiencing the Adirondacks, giving back to Massawepie with some sweat equity, and sharing great times with old & new friends makes life great! There are two opportunities to continue the tradition this year. Skills Weekend is May 14th-16th. Beaver Weekend is June 4th-6th. We have made a difference in the past and can again by attending one or both. We are all excited about the 100th Anniversary of BSA *and* the 10th Anniversary of MSAA! How great would it be to reach membership of 100 and have ALL of them at Beaver Weekend?! We will staff the kitchen all day Friday through Sunday morning. Our feature project will be the Campfire Circle where some bench logs need resetting and some need replacing. New ones are being cut for installation. New chips need spreading, being sure they don't touch benches. Partly burned logs need to be cleared/burned and the fire altars cleaned up. The Circle was our original project. After 10 years of use, extra work is needed for 2010. You can help at the waterfront, the TP is getting a new roof, and cabins need work. Campsites need to be set up. The Properties Committee is planning other projects, something for all.

Our annual meeting will be after dinner Saturday, and will include elections and a photo shoot, plus you can join/pay dues. There *could* be some brand new MSAA Anniversary items for you to purchase! Last year we had about 40 members in attendance, with a few new faces. It would nice to see better attendance, especially with elections for officers, and decisions being made about the Alumni Association. After the meeting, *if you work both weekends*, you can receive the BarkEater token appropriate for your year! If you already have your 5th-year token, sorry – we got nothing more for you. Later, celebrating might occur at a location to be announced.

Executive Committee Mtg. Notes *by Rob [edited]*

1 December 2009, Present: Peter Collinge, Rob Cunningham, Don DeClerck, Gary Hicks, Mike Knittel, Dave Lippitt, George Varga and Stephanie VonBacho

- 1) Stephanie proposed Rob Cunningham for the vacant MSAA Secretary position. Proposal approved.
- 2) Membership Report: Peter indicated that there were 89 paid members as of September 2009.
- 3) Treasurer's Report: balance 9/30/09 of \$3,449.13, from which disbursements will be made (see below).
- 4) Alumni Project/Donation:
 - a) 2009 Sailboats - more sailboats would be used at camp. Don discussed used sailboats from a Maryland camp for \$500 each, but they need parts and are not the Sunfish style we currently use. Mike and Stephanie have purchased used Sunfish sailboats in good condition for relatively low prices on Craigslist, etc. Concern was expressed over used parts compatibility and keeping with the Sunfish style. It was decided that Mike will watch Craigslist, and that \$1,630.00 from the Camp Project Donations line in the budget can be used to buy more used, good condition Sunfish sailboats.
 - b) 2010 Designation - Peter suggested \$1,000.00 be given to the endowment, approved; he will notify Suzanne. Don asked if we can do something to help improve life for the staff. George spoke of the need for several new or replacement washers and dryers. The cost and quality of w/d was discussed. It was decided to make laundry equipment the 2010 donor option.
- 5) Marketing:
 - a) Brochure Development - Stephanie showed a brochure from the Camp Boyhaven Alumni Association. We need a good quality brochure available for the mall show (see b below).
 - b) Centennial Mall Show, Eastview Mall, February 6-7, 2010 - it was decided that MSAA will have a table at the show. A planning meeting will be held January 13. Photo and other types of displays need to be made. Mike will look into having a sign made. Others will bring photos and misc. items for possible inclusion in the display to the meeting.
 - c) Concern was expressed over the abundance of "grey hair" in the association and in recruiting new members. The Massawepie Facebook page has been popular among younger staff/staff alumni. Don and Dave will talk with Ben Geiger (new camp ranger).
 - d) Interest was expressed in recruiting efforts among previous Finger Lakes Council members. Dave will follow-up and obtain the roster of registered adults.
- 6) Website Status: Stephanie gave an update on Matt's progress. He notified her that he needed more time due to other projects. The new site will have e-commerce functions for memberships and memorabilia sales. Matt will show Peter or someone how to update the site later. [Matt has since made good progress.]
- 7) Newsletter: George is planning the next edition and needs articles by January 6 so that it can be sent out prior to and available at the mall show.
- 8) BSA 100th Anniversary - MSAA will participate in the mall show. Don suggested a catered MSAA breakfast at the May camporee, utilizing the campership dinner tent.
- 9) MSAA 10th Anniversary: George showed 2 logos he designed. There was a discussion about using one logo for patches or hats and the other logo for bumper stickers or magnets.

Sailboat Update *by Mike*

As part of the MSAA camp donor option we worked last year to repair the rudders, tillers and daggerboards for the camp fleet of Sunfish sailboats. Troop 19 volunteers repaired fiberglass hulls of the boats. The camp had 12 useable boats on the waterfront, the most in years. Camp rangers, volunteers and staff also rebuilt an old archery range shed for storing the extra boat parts. What we didn't do was spend all of the donations received because a lot of the work and parts were donated/bought at reduced rates. The Executive Committee has decided to find and purchase a number of good used Sunfish sailboats with the rest of the money. So far I have one, along with a trailer. We can use the trailer to pick up other boats. I often look for more and have one to check out now. If you know someone selling a Sunfish for a very reasonable price or needs a tax write-off, please contact me at 585-889-4484 or Don DeClerck (see front page).

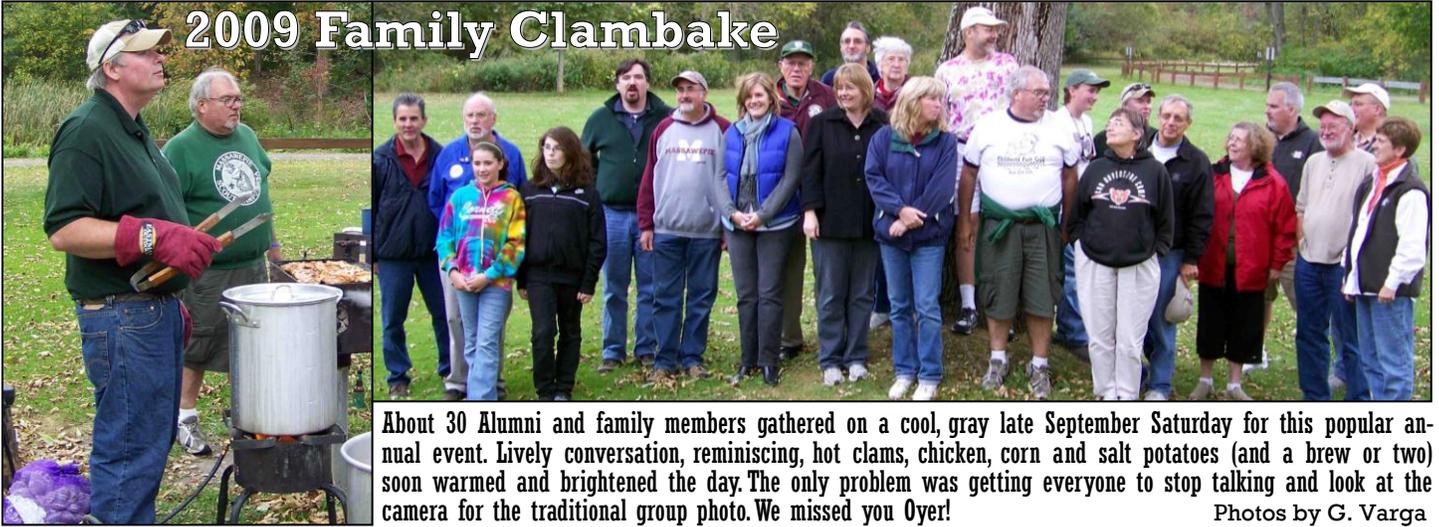
2010 Donor Option *by Mike*

Continuing our tradition of supporting Massawepie, we have decided to direct donations toward something that will benefit the Staff (as well as campers) this year. It's not flashy but the camp needs washers & dryers, especially dryers in the Staff Laundry, and both at the Staff Shower House.

If you donate \$50.00 or more at dues renewal time this year your dues are waived. And you'll help us purchase new machines for the Staff Laundry area and all shower houses, replacing some worn out and dead ones. We'll also cover repairs on those worth repairing.



2009 Family Clambake



About 30 Alumni and family members gathered on a cool, gray late September Saturday for this popular annual event. Lively conversation, reminiscing, hot clams, chicken, corn and salt potatoes (and a brew or two) soon warmed and brightened the day. The only problem was getting everyone to stop talking and look at the camera for the traditional group photo. We missed you Oyer!
Photos by G. Varga

Membership Notes *by Peter*

As of 12/31/09, there were 92 paid members in the Alumni Association, as shown below.

Are you on this list? If not, check your mailing label for the date. If it says "EXPIRED MAY 2009" you have not renewed. Please do so as soon as possible.

Are you in touch with other Massawepie alumni who are not on this list? If so, please help recruit them as Alumni Association members, or send us their addresses and we'll send them a membership invitation. Membership forms are available at www.MassStaffAlumni.org under "About Us."

And thanks to all of you who are members – without you there wouldn't be an Alumni Association!

Arlauckas, Matt
Arlauckas, Michael
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Berggren, J. Steve
Betz, Richard G.
Bishopp, Richard
Boyle, Bill
Bundsuh, Peter
Burruto, Erin
Burruto, Ian
Collinge, Peter
Connor, John
Cooley, Ralph
Crist, Ethan
Cunningham, Rob
DeClerck, Don
DeMarco, John
DePalma, Dick
Duff, Brian
Eggiman, Tom
Elliott, Brett
Elliott, Kathy
Fitzgibbon, Kevin
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Forsythe (Pfeil), James
Gleason, Patrick

Glenney, Sean
Haag, George
Hansen, Christian
Hicks, Gary
Hinman, James
Hoselton, David
Kier, Chris
Knittel, Mike
Kulp, Jeremy
Kunkel, James
Kurtz, Mark
Lang, James Rev.
LeBlanc, Wilfred "Whitey"
LeBrun, John (Jack)
Levengood, Chuck
Lewis, Arnold G.
Lewis, James A.
Lewis, Tim
Lippitt, Amy
Lippitt, Dave
Lombart, Kenneth
Loncle, Pierre
Maurice, Mark
Maurice, Robert
Mee, Timothy
Meyering, Addy
Meyering, Ray
Oyer, Mike
Pape, Paul R.
Perryman, Douglas
Poray, John

Pulvino, Anthony
Roberts, Gael
Roberts, Phil
Salmon, Debra
Scheetz, Michael
Scribner, Peter
Smith, Brian F.
Smith, Todd B.
Snyder, Robert
Swarts, Jason
Tahou, Alex
Thaine, Berl
Turner, Doris
Turner, Doug
Turner, Gerald
Van Auken, Brad
Van Griethuysen, Tom
Varga, George
Varga, Joe
Varga, Paul
Varga, Rosemary
Varga, Shawn
Verbeck, Guido
VonBacho, Stephanie
Wagner, Suzanne
Weisenreder, Stephen
Whitmore, Jeremy
Wight, Jeff
Wright, Richard

Camp 2010 Update *by George*

Steve Weisenreder returns for his 9th year as Camp Director, again breaking his own record!

Pioneer will host six weeks of campers in 2010 (down from the normal seven) due to the National Jamboree. Camp attendance always drops in jambo years.

Reservations are down a bit from last year at this time, but not so much as to cause concern. Dining Hall space is filled in three of the weeks; Patrol Cooking is near capacity in two of the weeks.

There will be some staff turn-over this year. Several senior staffers and area directors are not returning. Steve is close to signing an experienced, mature staffer as his new Asst. Camp Director. A few area directors will return, some in different areas. Applications for other positions are coming in and interviews are being scheduled.

The highly successful Eagle Flight program returns for a second year and will be larger. Planned growth forces a timing shift. There will be too many participants and staff to eat in Gannett and the only week with dining hall space for them is Staff Week, June 27 to July 3. This also removes any jamboree conflicts.

Eagle Flight applications are being processed. Mandatory pre-camp sessions begin soon. Merit Badge Counselors and other adult staff are still being recruited. If you are interested, call Program Administrator Bob Cooper at 585-385-1474.

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Visit us at massstaffalumni.org

TO:

Larry Pritchard Receives Promotion

By Peter

In early January, Seneca Waterways Council President Andy Meloni announced that Scout Executive Larry Pritchard would be leaving the council on January 23. Del Newquist will serve as interim Scout Executive until a replacement is hired.

Larry has been appointed as BSA Director of National Jamborees, responsible for running the 2010 "100 Years of Scouting" National Jamboree, the last at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. He will also plan the 2013 jamboree, to be held at a 10,000 acre site recently acquired by the BSA in West Virginia. That site will be known as "The Summit: Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve," in tribute to the Bechtel family for donating \$50 million to develop the former strip-mine. The new property is seen as the future "Philmont of the East," since it will host high adventure treks, as well as all future jamborees.

Larry served as Scout Executive for Otetiana Council, and recently Seneca Waterways Council, since 2000. He kept the council afloat financially despite arriving just when the council's traditional funding sources were declining (United Way, endowment earnings) or flat (Friends of Scouting) due to the economy. Two key initiatives Larry implemented

were the new "Skills for Living" sustainable fundraising program and the successful merger with Finger Lakes Council to form Seneca Waterways Council in 2009. Unanimous votes by each council in favor of the merger were unheard of in BSA circles, where mergers often result in acrimony, and were a testimony to the PR skills of Larry and others. Best wishes to Larry Pritchard as he begins his challenging new assignment!

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2010

6 & 7Seneca Waterways Centennial Scout Show – details on front page!

MAY 2010

14-16 ...Spring Skills Weekend at Massawepie - All Alumni welcome – skill or no skill!

21-23 ...Seneca Waterways Centennial Camporee at Genesee Valley Park – details to come (*may include a MSAA breakfast!*)

JUNE 2010

4-6Beaver Weekend at Massawepie - ALL Alumni encouraged to attend!

5MSAA Annual Meeting following Beaver Weekend dinner, in the Loren Hakes Campfire Circle