



Fall 2022

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of Camp Read,

Since my last President's message, a lot has happened with the Camp Read Association and with the Read Reservation. There were some great accomplishments, some challenges, and some sadness during that time.

First the good news, there are several very exciting projects supported by the Association that have either been completed or are under way. Completed last Spring was the restoration of the stone wall flanking both sides of the camp road before the Ranger's house. Thanks to Peter Oberdorf who generously provided funding for this project. This is an example of a project that exemplifies our mission to help preserve historical structures and beautify the camp in the process. Another example of a project that is in line with our goals is the new Camp entrance sign that is in the design process and should be completed soon. Thanks to the "Two Guys Poker Tournament", who have provided major funding towards that project.

A major undertaking for the Association is the purchase and installation of two fishing docks, one for Waubeeka Lake and one for Rogers Lake in Buckskin, hopefully to be completed for 2023 summer camp opening. The Association has been working closely with the Council Fishing Committee to come up with a design and location for the docks. The McCabe family has already committed to provide the necessary funds for the Buckskin dock and significant money has already been raised towards the Waubeeka dock. There is an urgent need for donations for towards the Waubeeka dock and the supporting infrastructure around both docks to meet our goal, please consider giving what you can.

Now to the challenges. A major issue for the Reservation management was the ability to hire Staff. Despite their best efforts, only 65% of the positions were able to be filled and subsequently some programs had to be altered and others had been eliminated totally. Unfortunately, giving the current environment, camp fees in 2023 needed to significantly raised to cover the overall increased operating costs and raise staff salaries to make them more competitive.

To combat a major bear problem over the summer, Camp Waubeeka had to move their patrol cooking operations from troop sites to common areas. Electric fences had to be erected around cooking and garbage areas throughout the Reservation. To that end, the Council under the guidance of the NYS DEC has taken on a multi-phase capital project to establish "bear proof" cooking areas in Waubeeka.

Sadly, two long-time CRA members passed away recently, Kenneth D'Apice and David Terrible. Ken was a founding CRA Board Member, Professional Scouter and beloved brother of our Executive VP, Edward. We held an informal memorial service during the hike weekend, where several of our members spoke about Ken and how he positively affected their lives, the Camp and Scouting. Ed gave a heartfelt talk about their personal relationship. David was an active member of the Association and beloved father of long-time Board Member, Matt. Dave's love of the Scouting was demonstrated in his generosity to the Camp and the Association. They will both be sorely missed by all who knew them. Tributes to Ken and Dave can be found on pages 4&5 of this *Newsletter*.

Thanks to all those who took their valuable time to attend the work weekends, your efforts are much appreciated and are necessary for the Camp to continue to thrive. The "Eager Beaver" weekend held on June 10-12 was very successful for the limited amount of participants. We hope that Eager Beaver 2023 will have a larger turn out for this most important event, so mark you calendars for June 9-11, 2023 and join us to help get "our" camp ready for next summer!

The annual fall hike weekend at Camp Read was held on September 30th through October 2nd with 21 of our fellow members attending. Good times, good friends, good food and good weather highlighted the event. A brief recap for both events can be found on page 7 of this *Newsletter*. Check out the

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Upcoming Event: Staff Appreciation Dinner- January 6, 2023
Save the date!

Friends of Read 2022

One of the primary missions of the Camp Read Association, as stated in our Charter, is to assist with camp promotion, staff development, program and financial support, and facility maintenance/development. In order to live up to this commitment your financial support is greatly needed.

Because of the generosity of many of our members, the Association was able to make contributions towards a variety of projects and ongoing programs that have and continue to benefit the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation in the areas of infrastructure, program, and staff support.

The following are examples of how the Association provided this much needed support over the years: replacement of the roof on the Pearlman Building, major renovations of Boland Lodge (thanks to Peter Oberdorf for his most generous contribution), construction of the three leantos (in memory of Ken Haddermann, Bob Johnson and Chris Fearon), construction/renovation of the many camp signs throughout the Reservation, much needed program equipment, the annual Staff appreciation dinner,

and Staff recognition awards.

We continue to support the Camp and your contributions help us to do that. In these financially difficult times for Scouting, our support is needed now more than ever as the Association is able to fill needs that otherwise wouldn't be met. For example, in 2020 we provided the funding for a much needed leaf blower that wasn't in the Camp's budget.

If you haven't joined this elite group of dedicated Scouters please give some thought to making a contribution. If you have donated in the past, our sincerest thanks and please consider renewing your support for 2023. Contributions to the Camp Read Association can be considered as a tax deduction. Another way to support camp is to send in a one-time donation either as a tribute to, or in memory of, an individual you would like to recognize.

Forms for donating to the Memorials & Tributes Fund or for The Friends of Read donations can be found in this Newsletter and on our website at ***CampRead.org***.

The Camp Read Association wishes to extend a sincere thanks to the following members who have made a contribution to the Association for 2022. Your financial support is greatly appreciated by all the scouts and leaders who attend Camp Read and benefit from your generosity.

Lou Algano
Russ Borner
Matt Brauner
Colm Byrne
Ralph Colotti
Kent Cooper
Thomas Dietz
John J. Doyle
Dr. William Flank
Doug Gamble
Timothy Haag
John Hradsky

William Langham
Tom Liberati
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Albert Massimi
Raymond Naldini
Greg Pitonza
Mark Sikora
Peter Oberdorf
Richard Okrasinski
Andy Poestigiacomo

Ronald Phillips
James Smith
William Tracey
Matt Terrible
Dick Trier
Charlie Uchetel
Joshua Uchetel
Michael Venuti
Donal Walsh
David White

Special Thanks to the "Two Guys XVIII Poker Tournament" for their very generous donation!

Shown in **bold** above are those who have given most generously

THANK YOU!

All donations to the Camp Read Association are tax-deductible

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ...Continued

Events section of the website for the full write-up and more photos. Special thanks to Bill Brucker and Tom Dietz for organizing the events.

Our next event is going to be the annual Staff Appreciation Dinner, held on Friday January 6, 2023, at Durland Scout Reservation. The event is funded and hosted by the Association as a way of showing our thanks to the current Staff members. One highlight of the evening will be the formal presentation of the Staff awards for 2022, recognizing them for their outstanding service to the Camp.

Thanks to everyone who has generously supported the Association in 2022! I know in these uncertain times it may be difficult for some to donate, but please consider donating what you can. The Camp and the Council could use our support now more than ever. Please note that any checks written to the Camp Read Association must now include Greater Hudson Valley Council as the payee and please include Camp Read Association in the memo line.

Best wishes for joyous holiday season and health and happiness in 2023.

Yours in Scouting,
Bill Daley, CRA President

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FISHING DOCKS

"The Camp Read Association is dedicated to supporting the high quality, vitality and enduring values of the Reservation. As noted by our President in the last newsletter we have begun to focus on specific projects to benefit the Read Reservation. Completed this Fall was a rebuild of the historic walls and pillars at the entrance to the camp. Next up, working closely with GHVC, is the procurement and installation of fishing docks for the 2023 season at both Waubeeka and Buckskin. A more detailed description may be found on our website, campread.org

This is the Association's first step in taking an active role in ongoing support of our camps Fishing Merit Badge and recreational fishing programs. To date we have identified a vendor and have raised more than half of the required funding. We need to raise the balance in the next 90 days so we can get both docks in the water for the 2023 summer camp season. Please consider making your contribution now to make this very worthwhile project a reality for Camp Read. Contributions can be sent to Greater Hudson Valley Council, PO Box 974, Mohegan Lake, NY 10547. Just put on the memo line: "Read Association Dock Project". Your donation in any amount will help, and we promise, every dollar will go directly to the dock project.

Contact our treasurer at michael.j.mccabe@alum.rpi.edu if you have any questions or would like to further discuss your participation.



BITS AND PIECES

This issue was sent to anyone who gave to the Friends of Read. In an effort to go paperless, the 2023 Spring/Summer Edition will be the last paper copies distributed. All future editions will only be available for viewing and /or downloading from the website.

➤ UPCOMING EVENTS

- Staff Appreciation Dinner: Friday January 6, 2023 Jones Cabin, Durland Scout Reservation
- Spring Dinner: Date TBD
- Eager Beaver Weekend: Friday June 9 through Sunday June 11, 2023
- Anyone wishing to contribute Newsletter articles, anecdotes, pictures, event postings, or general Camp or Scouting info should please send any correspondence to: Tom Hunter - hunteto@gmail.com

➤ The Association web site is campread.org. Please visit our site for the latest information..

Remembering Kenneth C. D'Apice

February 15, 1951 – July 25, 2022

By Ron Green

Ken D'Apice, one of the iconic figures in the history of Camp Read was remembered for his many Scouting and other achievements at a Celebration of Life service held on July 29th in Orlando, Florida and again at Camp Read on October 1st.

Ken, an Eagle Scout from Yonkers, New York served on the Camp Read staff at Camp Tomahawk (present day Summit) from 1966 -1973. He became Camp Director of Tomahawk in 1974 and served as Buckskin Camp Director in 1975. Ken was the Read Reservation Director from 1977-1979. It was in this role and later as Camping Director of the Westchester-Putnam Council that Ken established Camp Read as one of the premier camps in the Adirondack Mountains, and enabled it to survive, grow and flourish at a time when many other Scout camps were having difficulties.

Ken created and developed Camp Read's first High Adventure Camp, Summit Base Camp with ropes courses, rappelling, whitewater rafting and out of camp backpacking and canoe trips. He started the Trail to Eagle and other specialty camp weeks as well as the winter Ski Camps. He also co-founded the Camp Read Association and co-wrote its mission statement and by-laws.

Ken was also a Professional Scouter beginning his career as a District Executive in the Westchester-Putnam Council in 1976. He also served the council as Camping Director before becoming Development Director in the Greater New York Council. Following a stint as Director of Field Service in the Fairfield County Council, Ken was Scout Executive in Puerto Rico and then Suffolk County Council in New York. During his career Ken was recognized as one of the best leaders in the Northeast Region of the Boy Scouts of America.

Ken met his wife Monica while serving as Scout Executive in Puerto Rico. They were married for 28 years. Together their pride and joy was their daughter Isabella. Ken was a doting father who reveled in watching Isabella learn and grow.

The memorial service in Orlando, Florida was held before a packed chapel of family, friends, co-workers of his wife Monica, classmates of his daughter Isabella and church members. Ron Green and Denis Pisanello of the Camp Read Association and close personal friends of Ken's also attended. Denis brought an album of Camp Read staff photos covering four decades and Ron provided camp and Scouting photos for the video which ran throughout the service.

Pastor Drew Fletcher observed that Ken had two distinct and remarkable phases of his life, the early years and Scouting, and his later years as a lawyer, and devoted father and husband. He then read a very touching letter from Isabella that paid tribute to her father and what he meant to her.



Ken (second from right) with the 1979 Reservation Staff

Ron Green who also spoke at the service and served on camp staff with Ken and later on the staff of the Westchester-Putnam and the Greater New York Councils, remembered Ken as a boyhood hero, role model, mentor and friend for over 50 years.

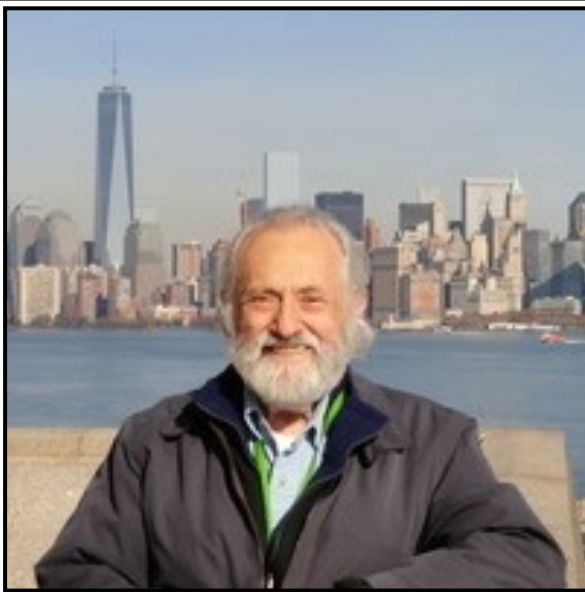
Monica D'Apice followed with her own heartfelt comments and remembrances. She was especially emotional when she saw Denis Pisanello at the service.

At Camp Read, several of those attending the Fall Hike Weekend spoke about their friendship with Ken, serving on camp staff with him and what he meant to Camp Read. The highlight though was comments by his brother Ed, also an Eagle Scout, long tenured Camp Read staff member, and Executive Vice President of the Camp Read Association. Ed talked about Ken as a brother and the close relationship they had.

Ken was the son of Mario and Rita D'Apice. We will remember him as a Camp Read legend.

David Terribile

June 6 , 1930 – October 21, 2022



David exemplified what it meant to be a Scouter. The Association is fortunate to have multi-generational members like Dave and his son, Matt. It shows how this organization is truly a family affair and those bonds nurtured through Scouting last a lifetime.

Here is an excerpt from his obituary as it demonstrates his love of Camp Read and his dedication to Scouting:

“David was a Boy Scout leader, first an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 332 in Queens Village, and then a Scoutmaster for over 10 years with Troop 5 of Pleasantville. He enjoyed outdoor adventures including cave exploring, canoeing, backpacking, white water rafting, and sailplaning. He camped many summers at Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation, where a canoe trailer he built with his iron working skills is still in use. Between 1985 and 2006 he backpacked at Philmont Scout Ranch, paddled the Boundary Waters at Northern Tier High Adventure Base and sailed at Florida Sea Base. David received both the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver for his service to Scouting.

David was a good cook and baker both at home and while camping. When his Boy Scout troop had bake sale fundraisers, he would bake a table full of pies and breads. His signature holiday meal was lasagna with meatballs and tomato sauce cooked all day. On camping trips he once cooked a chicken coated in mud on a bed of hot coals. Additionally, David took after his father, enjoying the garden. He planted fruit trees, ornamental shrubs, grape vines, and vegetables.”

The full obituary can be found by following the link below:

<https://www.clavinfuneralhome.com/obituary/david-terribile>

Prior to his passing, David donated a significant amount of money to the Association for the purpose of improving the facilities and/or programs at Camp Waubeeka. The Association Board is working with the Terribile family and the Greater Hudson Valley Council to identify an appropriate use of the money that is worthy of bearing his name and continuing his legacy.

Memorials And Tributes

In Memory of Ken D'Apice

In Honor of His Outstanding Service to
Scouting as a Camp Read Staff Member,
Reservation Director, Professional Scouter
and Association Board Member

Tom Dietz

Tom Hunter

In Memory of David Terrible

In Honor of His Dedicated Service to
Scouting ,Camp Read and the Association

Tom Dietz

In Memory of Catherine Dietz

Long Time Association Member, Scouting Wife,
Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother

Richard & Linda Okrasinski

If you would like to make a donation to the Camp Read Association or to the Camp Read Improvement Fund for a memorial or tribute to an individual please fill out the form below. The tribute or honor can be for recognition of birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, awards, or in memory of a departed relative or friend. Acknowledgement letters will be sent to you and to the person being recognized or to the family (if the donation is in memoriam).

Your name: _____ [☐] I would like to remain anonymous.

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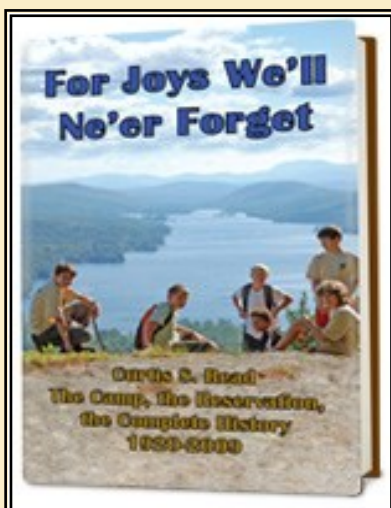
Name of individual or group being remembered or recognizes: _____

Reason: _____ Donation amount \$ _____

Name and Address acknowledgement should be sent to: _____

Please make your check payable to Greater Hudson Valley Council, B.S.A. (Camp Read Association in memo line)

Mail it to Bill Daley, 3220 Mohegan Ave., Mohegan Lake, NY 10547.



“For Joys We’ll Ne’er Forget”, relates the story of the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation from its opening day in 1920 to the present. For the most part, “For Joys....” was written by staff who were in camp. Chapters features two legendary Camp Rangers, the launching of Camp Waubeeka, the impact of Read on professional Scouting, profiles of outstanding camp leaders, the story of the Ode of the Arrow in camp, history of the Camp Read Association, and much more.

Travel through time as this nearly one hundred year old camp grew from its beginnings on 33 acres and 20 campers on Long Pond, in Mahopac, New York to a 1000 acre scout reservation in the Adirondack Mountains. Today the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation is made up of three camps, one traditional scout camp, one patrol cooking camp, and a High Adventure Base.

“For Joys We’ll Ne’er Forget” was commissioned by the Camp Read Association to preserve the history of this very special place. If you were ever a camper or staff member at a Scout camp, you’ll find yourself right at home in the pages of this book. It is a story worth telling and one worth reading!

www.xlibris.com/Bookstore

Copies are also available for sale at Association events.

All proceeds from “For Joys We’ll Ne’er Forget” will go to the betterment of the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation, Greater Hudson Valley Council, BSA

Recap: Eager Beaver Weekend 2022

The 2022 Eager Beaver Work Weekend was a great success. A small but hearty crew of old and new hands accomplished much. This year we were joined by scouts and leaders new to Camp Read from Troop # 38, Warrick, NY. They were instrumental in setting up tents in Camp Waubeeka under the direction of Bailey Pitonza, Crew Chief. Welcome to Camp Read Troop 38 and thanks for your help!

There were a number of tasks that Ranger Kris O'Conner outlined for the CRA to undertake. These tasks included painting at STEM Ranch, repairs to vehicles, cleaning windows, staining, polying, tree work, Installing tech equipment shelving in the commissary, and of course kitchen help with food prep and clean-up for the weekend meals.



Keith Wiggers (Durland Ranger)
directing tree work crew

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Recap: Fall Hike Weekend 2022



Tim Haag on Hurricane
Mountain Hike

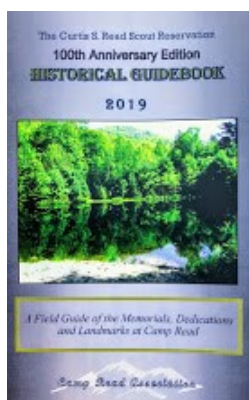
The Fall Hike Weekend has grown in number of participants and in the activities that are undertaken. This year's event was attended by 21 Association members, at one time or another.

In addition to hiking, activities included fishing on Rogers (Buckskin) Lake, walks around the reservation, exploring sites where staff alumni used to work, and what was thought to be a hike up Paradox Mountain turned out to be a tour of a well-known local brewery. You'll be surprised at what was learned on that "hike".

The weather was perfect for hiking and all outdoor activities. Pleasant, cool and crisp Adirondack air with a gentle breeze and frost warnings for each day. It was 32 degrees at 6 AM on Friday morning and one night had heavy winds but we were safe in our lodgings.

So lace up your boots and enjoy another Camp Read adventure!

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Historical Guidebook 2019 100th Anniversary Edition

The Curtis S. Read Reservation Field Guide contains eighty-eight pages of Memorials, Dedications and Landmarks found at Camp Read. The 2019 edition of the Guidebook celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation. Now in its seventh printing the Guidebook includes all the latest updates. This unique Field Guide, published by the Camp Read Association, can be purchased for \$29.00 which includes postage and handling. All proceeds from the sale of the Guidebook will go to benefit Camp Read.

To purchase a copy please contact:

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Dues Policy:

Annual dues are requested by the end of March each year (We will however gladly accept dues anytime throughout the year). **For those who supported the Association in past years, our most sincere thanks. Members who enjoy this publication, and wish to continue to hear from us, your financial support is needed.** The Board of Directors feels strongly that membership in the Association NOT be tied to dues payment. There are certain benefits however tied to annual dues such as discounts at our events. The only qualification for membership is your dedicated interest in Camp Read. As such, dues may be considered a tax-deductible contribution.

Friends of Read 2023 / Change of Address Form

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