

Fall 2011

Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck

A Camp For Children with Special Needs

Abe Siegel Honored at 42nd Annual Fuoco Memorial Golf Feastival

Over \$65,000 Raised for Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck



Pictured (left to right): Steve Fuoco, Bernice and Abe Siegel and Jan Taraskas.

The Rotary Club of Patchogue and the Fuoco family held its 42nd Annual Fuoco Memorial Golf Feastival, which was held September 22 at Bellport Country Club. At this year's tournament, the Fuoco family honored Abe Siegel, Owner of Blum's, Inc., for his contributions to the Patchogue community.

Mr. Siegel was born and raised in Patchogue. He and his brother Sam worked for their father, who operated a bakery that made Italian bread. While working nights at the bakery, he attended New York University. In 1950, he left college early to help his brother with his business in Port Washington. That same year, he married Bernice and in 1952, he returned to college. Upon graduation, he was offered a job at Blum's by his father-in-law, Arthur Blum. Under Mr. Siegel's leadership, Blum's has established itself as the largest swimwear, cruisewear and intimate apparel store on Long Island.

In addition, Mr. Siegel has been involved in the community over the years. He is a mem-

ber of the Patchogue Lions Club and served as its President. He is also a member of the Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce and a founding member of the Patchogue Business Improvement District.

This year, with approximately 150 golfers participating, the Fuoco Memorial Golf Feastival raised over \$65,000 for Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck, which serves special-needs children. Throughout the history of this golf outing, over \$1 million has been donated to support the camp.

The camp has special meaning to the Fuoco family. Steve's sister, Beth Ann, attended the camp between the ages of 3 and 21. While she attended the camp, their father regularly donated money to Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck. In 1969, the Fuoco family established its inaugural Fuoco Memorial Golf Feastival.

What makes this golf outing so unique are the "Food Feastivals" that are offered throughout the course, including an Italian ice stand; pasta bar and wine tasting; Italian figs, grapes and fruits; the Don LaVergne Seafood Stand; the famous "Italian Gourmet Deli"; a homemade zeppoli and cannoli stand, a BrickHouse Brewery micro-beer tasting tent; and a DelFiore pizza stand.

Each hole had a contest for "Longest Drive" or "Closest to the Pin," plus a "Hit-The-Green Challenge" on every par 3. In addition, there was a prize for a hole-in-one, courtesy of Brown's Jeep Chrysler Dodge Ram Fiat. Following the round of golf was a cocktail hour, a buffet dinner, raffles and an auction.

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Development Report

On the Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck website, you can now find on the Camp Videos section a piece called "Everyday Heroes." The video highlights the work of the Moriches Rotary Club at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck. It is a touching and wonderful nine-minute video that we are hoping you will take a few minutes to view; you will enjoy what you see!

On Saturday, February 4, 2012, the New York Islanders will present Rotary Club Night to benefit Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck. The game starts at 7:00 p.m. and there is more information on the Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck website on how to purchase tickets. The New York Islanders are working with the Patchogue Rotary Club to provide their members, friends and families a special night, as well as raise funds for Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck. Please join us!!!

Best regards,

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UPCOMING EVENTS:



A Celebration in Lights Back for 2011

Every weekend this December, cars will be able to drive around the campgrounds and view holiday light displays. The 2011 dates are: December 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 27, 28, 29, 30.

Patchogue Rotary Club and NY Islanders Team Up to Benefit Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck

The New York Islanders present Rotary Club Night, a fundraising event to benefit Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck, on February 4, 2012. Game time is 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.camppaquatuck.com.

2011 Weekend Respite Program

The camp holds a weekend respite program throughout the year, providing special-needs children up to the age of 21 the chance to enjoy themselves and their parents a chance to relax, knowing their children are being well taken care of.

The following weekends are currently available:

November 18-20

December 16-18

Check-in for campers is by 8 p.m. on Friday and check-out is by 3 p.m. on Sunday. Up to 14 campers are admitted for each weekend. During those weekends, the camp will be staffed by five counselors and the camp nurse.

The cost of each weekend (Friday to Sunday) is \$350. The camp requires a \$50 deposit per session which is non-refundable unless registration is cancelled 30 days prior to the session.

We ask that the campers bring their linens since ours are packed away for the winter. They will need sheets, blankets, pillows, towels and toiletries.

For more information or to register your child, contact Johneen or Bridget at 631-878-1070 or e-mail us at camppaquatuck@optonline.net.

Tanger Timberland Factory Store Employees Help Make Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck More Beautiful



Pictured (left to right): Danyelle Salpietro, Leland Sargent, Assistant Manager Kellianne Messina, Tara Crawford, and Rob Siriani.

On May 21, employees from the Timberland Factory Store at Tanger Mall in Riverhead volunteered their time and talents in beautifying the grounds of Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck. Duties they performed included weeding, raking leaves and planting bulbs and flowers in the flower beds.

Assistant Manager Kellianne Messina first learned of the camp from the employees at the Timberland Factory Store in Deer Park when the Deer Park store came out last year to paint one of the cabins. Two weeks before returning to the camp, the Riverhead employees finished painting the cabin.

Kellianne was so enthusiastic about the camp and the kids here that she volunteered with the campers during the summer. Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck thanked Timberland for their time and their support. Camp Director Bridget Costello said the flower beds looked beautiful.

Rotary Club of Port Jefferson Joins Interact Members in Cleaning Up Camp



Bridget Costello (front row, right), is joined by members of the Rotary Club of Port Jefferson and the Port Jefferson High School Interact Club during a cleanup of the camp on May 22.

On May 22, members of the Rotary Club of Port Jefferson and the local Interact service club at Port Jefferson High School participated in a cleanup at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck. Everyone took part in raking leaves, molding and shaping the flower beds, putting down mulch and general cleanup duties. They worked hard, but they also managed to have fun.

Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 14 to 18, sponsored by individual Rotary clubs which provide encouragement and guidance, but are self-governing and self-supporting. The Interact chapter at Port Jefferson High School is one of three Interact service clubs sponsored by the Port Jefferson Rotary Club. In addition to successfully executing its own fundraising and community service projects, Interact has often joined the Port Jefferson Rotary Club in cleaning up the campgrounds at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck.

Winners Announced at 43rd Annual Duck BBQ & Duck Race

The Rotary Club of the Moriches held its 8th Annual Kaler's Pond Big Duck Race and 15th annual Small Duck Race at the 43rd annual Duck Race & BBQ at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck on September 11. Half of the proceeds from both Duck Races went to benefit the camp.

This year, the Rubio brothers of Westhampton Beach — Gage, Reid and Chase — were the winners of the Big Duck Race. The brothers chipped in to buy the Big Duck; as a result, they won approximately \$7,500.

This year's event served BBQ duck and chicken dinners, hamburgers, hot dogs and Indian food. Children got to play in the bouncy houses, and those in attendance were treated to live music. There were also raffles and a Chinese auction, with proceeds also going to the camp.



Winners of the Small Duck Race were as follows:

- **1st Place** — Fay Zoller of Center Moriches
- **2nd Place** — Justin Knight of Mastic
- **3rd Place** — The Middle Island Rotary Club

*Back row: Stacey Rubio, Quackers the Duck, Janice Graf and Robert Rubio.
Middle row: Reid and Chase Rubio.
Front row (holding duck): Gage Rubio.*

Cadette Girl Scouts Rock Out Fuoco Dormitory



Pictured (left to right): Bridget Costello, Jade Killean, Sarah Jurgielewicz, Dakota Killean, Janet Jurgielewicz and Judi Killean.

In celebration of the completion of its Silver Award Project, the Girl Scouts from Cadette Troop #2655 in Center Moriches held an open house at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck's Fuoco dormitory on June 24 to show the renovations that were made to the dorm using a "rock-and-roll" theme.

The Girl Scouts gave a tour to visitors to show what had been done. They explained that they spent their spring vacation cleaning the inside of the dorm, powerwashing the exterior, cleaning the floors, painting the walls and fixing up the shower areas and restrooms.

The walls on the sleeping area were decorated with musical notes and cutouts of guitars. An electric guitar and a zither were also hung on the walls. The counselors' sleeping area was decorated with vinyl records adorning the walls.

The idea to renovate the dorm came to them when they were at the camp during a flag retirement ceremony earlier this year. They met Camp Director Bridget Costello and offered to renovate the Fuoco dorm. Ms. Costello was moved by the gesture and accepted the offer. The Girl Scouts raised \$1,000 to fund the project and used materials that were donated by local merchants.

Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck:

Offering Fun for Special-Needs Children for Over 60 Years

For more than 60 years, Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck has offered physically and mentally challenged children in Nassau and Suffolk Counties a chance to experience a variety of educational and recreational activities during the summer.

Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck was created by members of the Rotary Club of the Moriches in 1946. The camp currently sits on a 37-acre site located on the shores of Kaler's Pond in Center Moriches. Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck has been funded solely on donations — no government funds have ever been accepted or requested — and operated by volunteers from the local Rotary Clubs, community organizations and the Paquatuck Squaws.

Campers are immersed in a supportive environment and encouraged to reach beyond the limits of their disabilities and join with their fellow campers in activities designed to enhance their lives. They enjoy such activities as boating, arts and crafts, music, sports, swimming, campfires and more.

During the months of July and August, Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck offers nine one-week sessions for physically and developmentally challenged children 6-21 years of age. From September to June, the camp also offers a weekend respite program in which children can participate in various activities, including baking, arts and crafts, games and watching movies.



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Williston Park Rotary Club Plants Vegetable Garden

The Williston Park Rotary Club recently came out to Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck, where they planted a vegetable garden and put a fence around it. They were a wonderful, dedicated group that made this lovely donation.

Thank you, Williston Park Rotary Club!

Pictured: Vegetable garden planted by the Williston Park Rotary Club.

Looking for Us on the Web?

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