

Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck

A Camp For Children with Special Needs

Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck Breaks Ground on Dining Hall Expansion



With shovels in hand are (left to right) Arnold Quaranta, Jr., Tom Chieffo, and William LeMaire, who are joined by (l-r) Rich Santonocito, Suffolk County Legislator Ed Romaine; Muriel Corcoran, NYS Assemblyman Fred Thiele; Barbara Caldwell, Irving Tolliver, Thomas Traynor, Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico; Suffolk County Legislator Kate Browning; Gay Conklin, Bridget Costello, Marcella Weiss, Mike Costello, and Johneen Feehan.

On April 1, 2011, representatives of Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck joined local Rotarians, the Moriches Paquatuck Squaws and elected officials in the groundbreaking of the camp's dining hall expansion.

Upon completion of the project, the improved dining hall will be able to accommodate more of the campers during mealtime, especially campers with walkers and wheelchairs, and give campers and staff the opportunity to eat together. The existing dining hall does not give the staff and campers enough room, which means they have to eat in shifts.

Plans for the new dining hall include construction of a basement, which will give the camp additional storage space, and

updated bath and shower areas.

Once it is fully functional, the dining hall will be used to host fundraisers to benefit Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck and can be rented out for private parties and wedding receptions.

On August 5, 2009, Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck kicked off a campaign to raise funds for the expansion project. To aid in the funding, Thomas Traynor, a Moriches resident whose father Hugh was a longtime Rotarian, presented the camp with a check for \$5,000 during the groundbreaking.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Rotary Uncorked:

Wednesday, May 25, 2011
6PM

Riverhead Rotary event at Martha Clara Vineyards benefiting Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck

Card Parties:

Friday, June 17, 2011
7 PM at the camp
Call 631-909-2685 for more information

Straw Auction at the Duck BBQ:

Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 2 PM

Spooky Walk:

Friday & Saturday, October 21-22, 2011 and
Friday & Saturday, October 28-29, 2011
7 PM at the camp
spookywalk.com

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 almost exclusively on donations and operated by volunteers from the local Rotary Clubs, community organizations and the Pa-quatuck 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.

"We are very proud of the programs and services we offer here at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck," said Camp Director Bridget Costello. "We have a wonderful, dedicated staff that takes care of the children. The Rotary Club and the Squaws are also an invaluable resource, volunteering their time and talents at the events they host at our camp."

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, there is a weekend respite program in which children can participate in various activities, including baking, arts and crafts, games and watching movies.

"We are excited to have this wonderful respite program," Ms. Costello said. "This gives children the opportunity to be themselves, and the parents a chance to relax while their children are being taken care of. It also makes Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck a special year-round destination for these children."



Counselors Learn About Paddleboat and Kayak Safety



Members of the Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck staff listen to Coast Guard Auxiliary Member Richard Patwell talk about paddleboat and kayak safety.

Richard Patwell, a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary in Babylon, came to Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck on June 26, 2010 to talk to counselors about paddleboat and kayak safety. Mr. Patwell discussed the safety precautions that counselors must take when bringing special-needs campers onto the boats. Among the topics discussed were bringing the campers on and off the boats; identifying the needs of the crew and which tasks each should perform; and ensuring that each person on board is wearing sunscreen and life preservers.

Open House Draws More Than 30 Families



Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck staff members pose with Beth and José Sola of Centereach and their son Hunter (foreground), who took a tour of the camp at its open house on April 2. Pictured (left to right): Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck Office Manager Johnneen Feehan, Nurse Judy Kamer (sitting), Director Bridget Costello and Respite Worker Sloan Schiller.

More than 30 families turned out for Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck's open house on April 2, 2011. At the beginning of the open house, Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck's staff members — including Director Bridget Costello, Nurse Judy Kamer and Office Manager Johnneen Feehan — took questions from parents of the prospective campers. The parents asked the staff members about the camp and the activities that they offer.

Ms. Costello and the staff members offered a walking tour of the campgrounds, where both parents and children were able to see the lake, the picnic area, the farm and the rooms where the children would stay.

Former Dorm Director Goes The Distance for Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck



Dan Miller (left), a former Dorm Director at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck, and Assistant Director Tim Harrison (right)

Dan Miller, a former Dorm Director at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck, returned to his native England to raise money for the camp when he participated in the Great North Run in Newcastle, England. The 13-mile run took place on September 19, 2010.

Mr. Miller, of Lincolnshire, England, spent the past two years at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck as a dorm director. While at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck, he also volunteered his time at the camp's annual Spooky Walk. In his hometown, he works at a hair salon, where he also donated one British pound (approximately \$1.60) from each sale to the camp. Thanks to his efforts, Mr. Miller raised \$1,075.

"I think this is a really good cause and I hope to raise enough money for the camp," Mr. Miller said. "It would be a shame if this place ever had to close down. This is an amazing place."

The staff at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck expressed appreciation at Mr. Miller's gesture and wished him the best of luck in the race before he returned to England.

Looking for Us on the Web? www.camppaquatuck.com

You can become a fan of the camp on Facebook or find us on Twitter to keep informed and read about camper's experiences here!



Facebook.com/pages/
Camp-Pa-Qua-Tuck/
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Twitter.com/CampPaQuaTuck



A Note From Our Camp Director



Bridget Costello

Springtime at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck! It is finally here and the snowy winter is finally behind us! The camp is very busy with lots of unique individual projects. The ground has been broken and the construction of the "T" building is upon us! We hope things progress smoothly and expeditiously.

We were the recipients of a very hardworking volunteer group of alumni from Providence College's Long Island chapter, who cleaned out our recreational center in an effort to help us prepare for the coming season. We are so grateful! But... where did you go? I wanted to feed you all lunch!

On one part of the campus, we have a very dedicated group of Girl Scouts — Sarah, Dakota, and Jade — who adopted the Fuoco dorm to spruce up for the coming camp season. They are under the leadership of Janet Jurgielewicz and Judy Killean, and they have some real surprises for this cabin! Something tells me that there is music in the air there! Stay tuned for their grand finale!

We saw the third part of a three-part educational field trip to the camp from the students at Eastport Elementary on April 15, 2011. Under the supervision of their teacher, Jenna Holborow, and accompanied by Kelli Wilson, Peggy Neidhart, and Jenn Chernis, this group of 65-plus students enjoyed the camp for the day and aided in our beautification process by planting over 80 bulbs! Thank you, Eastport students! Come and see the camp once it begins to bloom!

And on yet another part of camp, we have a young Girl Scout, Pamela Taylor, working on her Silver Award! She is updating the outside bathrooms and sprucing them up in an "Americana" theme! We love the idea and they are coming along nicely!

Finally, we have had a group of associates from Timberland shops at Tanger Mall come to help us with painting and have nearly completed the exterior of the camp office! Thanks to Kelliann Messina for setting this up for us!

It is a real privilege to coordinate these efforts on behalf of the camp. I feel so inspired by the people who approach the camp with an idea or just pure energy to complete a project that we had in mind! On behalf of the camp, I thank you collectively and marvel at your enthusiasm for its continued success!

- Bridget Costello

2011 Season Kicks Off June 25

Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck announced it will open its summer camp season on June 25, 2011, marking its sixty-fourth year of serving children with special needs and making it a place where summer is for everyone. Every camp season has nine different sessions, each focused on working through the campers' challenges with two separate age groups. The 2011 sessions are:

SESSION	DATE	GROUPINGS
I	Sat. June 25 - Thurs. June 30	Physical & Developmental, including autism, 6-14 years old
II	Sat. July 2 - Thurs. July 7	Physical & Developmental, including autism, 15-21 years old
III	Sun. July 10 - Fri. July 15	Physical & Developmental, including autism, 6-14 years old
IV	Sun. July 17 - Fri. July 22	Physical & Developmental, including autism, 18-29 years old*
V	Mon. July 25 - Sat. July 30	Physical & Developmental, including autism, 6-14 years old
VI	Mon. Aug. 1 - Sat. Aug. 6	Physical & Developmental, including autism, 15-21 years old
VII	Tues. Aug. 9 - Sun. Aug. 14	Physical & Developmental, including autism, 6-14 years old
VIII	Tues. Aug. 16 - Sun. Aug. 21	Physical & Developmental, including autism, 15-21 years old
IX	Wed. Aug. 24 - Mon. Aug. 29	Physical & Developmental, including autism, 6-14 years old

*** Only campers between these ages will be able to register for this session.**

Each session is designed to help the campers achieve equality, dignity, and maximum independence through a safe and quality program of camping, recreation, and education in a summertime environment. The camp aims to help each child reach beyond the limits of their physical and mental challenges, encouraging them to join fellow campers in activities.

Tuition is \$735 per session. Check-in time is between 9 a.m. and noon. Checkout is by 11 a.m. A late fee of \$25 will be imposed if a camper is not picked up by checkout time.

Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck is also looking for contributors interested in sponsoring a child's session. For more information or to sponsor a child, call Bridget or Johneen at (631) 878-1070, email camppaquatuck@optonline.net or visit www.camppaquatuck.com.



A Note From the Development Director



Karen Signoracci Suero

We just returned from the Multi District Conference in Washington, D.C. and it was a wonderful four days! It was a pleasure to speak to the Rotarians about Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck, our work, mission and upcoming summer.

Thank you to DG Arnie and DG Robbie for a terrific conference.

With the camp sessions starting on June 25th, 2011, we have opened the calendar for BBQ lunches and dinners. Please call the camp office directly to select a date that works best for your club. Also, we mentioned at the conference we would like to invite District 7250 to Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck for lunch and a tour. We will announce a date for this event soon. If your club is interested in a detailed update on Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck, please let me know and I'd be happy to visit your club.

Finally, recently on WLN Channel 55/10, a program called "Everyday Heroes" was televised. The purpose of the half-hour program was to cover what Rotary does in our communities. "Everyday Heroes" showcased the Moriches Rotary Club and their work with Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck. We are working on putting this piece on our website so it can be viewed by all. It is truly a special piece. Look for it soon!

- Karen Signoracci Suero

Camp Auditions for "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition"



Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck Director Bridget Costello (left) is joined by campers and camp staff after shooting an end sequence of the audition tape for ABC-TV's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck recently submitted a video to the producers of WABC-TV's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," requesting that they be picked for an upcoming episode in order to have some renovations done to the camp.

"We have a list that is quite extensive, including those things that are remedial in nature or in need of repair, and then we have those things that we have dreamed about for the campers," said Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck Director Bridget Costello. "Those items include visual and sensory things that are expensive in nature."

Among the items Ms. Costello is requesting for the campers are hammock swings and another swing set for more of the younger campers to enjoy; new shower and bath chairs; a paddleboat for wheelchair-bound campers; and some innovative floatation devices for the pool.

Moriches Paquatuck Squaws Raise \$133,000 for Camp



Pictured (left to right): Krista Colombo, Debra Donahue, Marie McAlary, Donna Horstman, Joan Witkowski, Rich Santonocito, Marcella Weiss, Michele Tyrell, Steve Kronman, Gay Conklin, Tom Chieffo, Newt Homan, Barbara Caldwell, Muriel Corcoran, and Peter U. Traina.

On January 21, 2011, the Rotary Club of The Moriches honored the members of the Moriches Paquatuck Squaws at its annual dinner at Ladakins Restaurant in Moriches for their hard work in the raising of funds for Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck. The Squaws raised \$133,000 for the camp over the past 12 months.

The Paquatuck Squaws are a group of more than 30 women who meet once a month to discuss, plan, and execute fundraisers for Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck.

Moriches Paquatuck Squaws Scare Up Fun for a Good Cause at 22nd Annual Spooky Walk



Muriel Corcoran (fourth from left), Dorothy Niemann (fourth from right) and Anna Buffa (second from right), pose with some of the ghouls in front of the haunted pirate ship at the 22nd Annual Spooky Walk at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck.

The Moriches Paquatuck Squaws held its 22nd Annual Spooky Walk on the grounds of Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck on the weekends of October 22-23, 2010 and October 29-30, 2010. Nine thousand visitors took the 45-minute walk through some of the most frightening exhibits such as the haunted pirate ship, the "Psycho Circus" and "The Die-Ner." Proceeds from the Spooky Walk went to benefit Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck.

42nd Annual Duck BBQ and Duck Race



Ralph Amitrano (second from right) holds the check for \$10,000 for winning the Big Duck Race at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck's 42nd Annual Duck Race and Duck BBQ. Pictured (left to right): Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck's "The Big Duck"; Kathi Amitrano, Mark Recinos (blue hat), Michael Amitrano (holding duck) Ralph Amitrano, Jr., and Bill LeMaire.

On September 12, 2010, Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck held its 7th annual Kaler's Pond Duck Race for the big ducks. Ralph Amitrano of Center Moriches won the grand prize of \$10,000.

In the 14th annual Small Duck Race, the winners were Tonya McCarthy, Zachary Schultz and Lori Ciarone. Ms. McCarthy, of East Moriches, won \$2,500.

The duck races were part of the 42nd Annual Family Style Duck Bar-B-Que and Duck Race, sponsored by the Rotary Club of The Moriches. Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck staff members and local Rotarians served up barbeque duck, barbeque chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers and Indian



The Middle Island Rotary Club presents a check in the amount of \$1,000 to Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck during the Duck Race and Duck BBQ. Pictured (left to right): Peggy McHugh, Louise Timms, Newton Homan, and Muriel Corcoran.

food. Those in attendance were also treated to great food, live music and raffles. Children were entertained with bouncy houses, hayrides, face painting and a magic show.

There were vendors' tables selling books, arts and crafts with proceeds benefiting Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck. In addition to the monies raised, The Middle Island Rotary Club also presented a check to Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck in the amount of \$1,000.

This year's Duck Bar-B-Que and Duck Race will take place on Sunday, September 11, 2011.

Fuoco Memorial Golf Festival Raises \$65,000 for Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck



Rotarian and Tournament Chairperson Steve Fuoco (left, holding check) presents a \$65,000 check to Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck President Tom Chieffo (standing behind check). They are joined by many of the committee members from both the Patchogue Rotary Club and the Fuoco family.

At the monthly Patchogue Rotary Club meeting on December 22, 2010, Patchogue Rotary Club Member Steve Fuoco presented Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck Board President Tom Chieffo with a check in the amount of \$65,000. The money was raised from the 41st annual Fuoco Memorial Golf Festival, which was held September 16, 2010 at Bellport Country Club. Since its inception, the golf tournament — which is presented by The Rotary Club of Patchogue and the Fuoco family — has raised over \$950,000 for the camp.

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

At this year's tournament, the Fuoco family honored the memory of Bruce Quatrale, who passed away from cancer in 2009. For more than 10 years, Mr. Quatrale managed, supervised and staffed the on-course "Feas-



Members of the Quatrale family gather at a ceremony honoring the memory of Bruce Quatrale during the Fuoco Memorial Golf Festival.

tival" stands. He also golfed and participated in this event as an active committee member. During the ceremony honoring Mr. Quatrale, members of the Quatrale and Fuoco families and their friends remembered Bruce for his dedication to the golf tournament, his positive attitude and his courageous battle with cancer.

What made this outing so unique from other golf tournaments were the "Food Festivals" offered throughout the course. There were various "Festival Stands" featuring an Italian ice stand; pasta bar and wine tasting; Italian figs, grapes and fruits; clams on the half shell; the famous "Italian Gourmet Deli"; a homemade zeppoli and cannoli stand; and a Brick House Brewery micro-beer tasting tent.

In addition, there was a contest for "Longest Drive" or "Closest to the Pin," a "Hit-The-Green Challenge" on every par 3 and a prize for a hole-in-one, courtesy of Brown's Jeep Chrysler Dodge. After playing, golfers were treated to a cocktail hour, a buffet dinner, a grand raffle and silent auction.



Golfers take part in the Fuoco Memorial Golf Festival.

Pancake Breakfast Raises \$4,000 for Ronnie Reisig Memorial Scholarship Fund



Pictured (left to right): Victor Agnetti, Ken Reisig; Peter and Jane Agnetti, Casey Reisig; Devine Flynn, Caitlin Stillwell, Stacey Warm, Sarah Brewer, Annie and Jean Warm, Samuel and Hillard Warm, Brian Brewer, Sandy Rementer, Arlene and Jodie Rementer. Kneeling (l-r): Scott and Michael Rementer.

Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck hosted its pancake breakfast on March 6, 2011 to benefit the Ronnie Reisig Memorial Scholarship Fund. Members of the Reisig family hosted the breakfast. The event raised \$4,000, with proceeds going to the scholarship fund. Families were treated to pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea and juice. A raffle was also held, with ticket sales going to benefit the scholarship fund. The family provided the T-shirts and donated the gift baskets for the raffle.

The Ronnie Reisig Memorial Scholarship goes to a special-needs child to attend the camp. The scholarship is named after Ms. Reisig, who worked with autistic children at BOCES in Westhampton Beach. She passed away on June 22, 2010 after a long battle with cancer. Before her death, she requested that at least one of her students would have the opportunity to attend Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck.



Pictured (standing, left to right): Bridget Costello, Peter Agnetti, Jean Warm, Jodie and Michael Rementer, and Sarah Brewer. Sitting (l-r): Ann Marie Marra of Center Moriches, who worked with Ms. Reisig at Westhampton Beach BOCES; Hope Steuerwald of Manorville and her mother, Dawn Steuerwald.

Bridget Costello Congratulates Christian Trapani on Achieving Rank of Eagle Scout



Back row (left to right): John McAlary, Brandon McAlary, Anthony Ricci, and Gary Powell. Front row (left to right): Marie McAlary, Bridget Costello, Christian Trapani, AnnMarie Trapani and David Trapani.

Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck Director Bridget Costello was on hand to congratulate Christian Trapani, an 18-year-old Boy Scout with Troop 29 of East Moriches, on being made an Eagle Scout. Christian was honored at a Court of Honor ceremony that was held August 17, 2010 at the East Moriches Firehouse.

Christian, of East Moriches, was joined by Ms. Costello as well as his parents, David and AnnMarie Trapani, fellow Eagle Scouts and Marie McAlary, a Trustee with Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck's Board of Directors. Local elected officials were on hand to issue proclamations and certificates of achievement in Christian's honor.

For his Eagle Scout project, Christian, with the help of his fellow Boy Scouts, constructed a shed at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck for the purpose of storing tools. Since then, because of the size of the shed, it has been used to store additional items used by the camp's staff members. In addition to serving with the Boy Scouts, Christian spent the past three summers as a member of Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck's maintenance staff.

In 1998, Christian joined the Cub Scouts. He later joined the Boy Scouts in 2003 and quickly made his way up the ranks. That same year, he became a Tenderfoot. In 2004, he became a Star Scout and, in the following year, he achieved the rank of Life Scout. As a Scout, he earned 22 merit badges.

Having recently graduated from high school, he is currently attending the State University of New York at Oneonta to study nuclear physics.

The Eagle Scout is the highest honor that a Boy Scout can achieve. According to the Boy Scouts of America, less than 4 percent of Boy Scouts have ever reached that milestone.

"I am very proud to witness this wonderful event," Ms. Costello said. "I want to thank Christian for his involvement with the camp and the construction of the shed, which was much needed at the camp. He has represented himself, his family and his community very well."

In his acceptance speech, Christian thanked his family and his fellow Boy Scouts for their support. "I would like to welcome you to my Eagle Scout Court of Honor and thank you for your support throughout my life and specifically through the Boy Scout program," he said. "I am able to say that I am here today on the foundation of trust, respect, brotherhood and love."

THANK YOU FOR

Smithtown Sunrise Rotary Club Raises \$3,500 for Camp



Pictured (left to right): John Zollo, Karen Signoracci Suero, Carol Walsh and Gabrielle Yullis.

On April 28, 2011, members of the Rotary Club of Smithtown-Sunrise presented Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck Development Director Karen Signoracci Suero with a check for \$3,500. The money was raised from the Rotary Club's sixth annual Snow Ball, which was held January 29. The event also honored Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck for all of its accomplishments.

Pro Golfer Donates \$20,000 to Camp



Holding the check are Muriel Corcoran (left), and Bridget Costello (right). Also pictured (left to right): Marcella Weiss, Karen Signoracci Suero, Paul Gerrard, Peter U. Traina, Tom Chieffo, Newt Homan, Barbara Caldwell, Steve Fuoco and Marie McAlary.

Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck held a special presentation at its February 15, 2011 board meeting to announce it has received a \$20,000 donation from J.B. Holmes with the help of his father Maurice Holmes. The money came from J.B. Holmes' donor fund, which is held by Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Global Impact Funding Trust, Inc.

Camp director Bridget Costello met J.B. Holmes, a professional golfer, at the 2009 U.S. Open at Bethpage State Park through her brother, who is Mr. Holmes' agent. Mr. Holmes wanted to learn more about Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck and was directed to the website by Ms. Costello's brother.

After researching the organization, Maurice thought Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck would be the ideal recipient of the fund. Through his donor fund, J.B. — and his father — presented the donation to Ms. Costello, who, along with the camp's board of directors, thanked J.B. for his generous contribution.

Suffolk OTB Donates \$8,000 to Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck



Pictured in front of the Saratoga Room at Suffolk OTB's Racing Forum on Motor Parkway in Hauppauge, are (left to right): Dominick P. Feeney, Herbert G. Hemendinger, Bridget Costello, Jeffrey A. Casale, Anthony Pancella and Eddie S. Wynn.

As a result of this year's Employee Charity Golf Outing, Suffolk Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation (SROTb) donated \$8,000 to Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck.

Each year, Suffolk OTB employees sponsor a charity golf outing that benefits local charities. Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck was the beneficiary of the proceeds raised at the 2010 outing.

MetLife Veterans Association's Long Island Chapter Donates \$500 to Camp



Pictured: Sebastian Mazzotta (right) of MetLife Veterans Association presents a \$500 check to the camp's Development Director, Karen Signoracci Suero (left).

Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck received a donation in the amount of \$500 from the MetLife Veterans Association. The donation was the result of proceeds from ticket and raffle sales during their annual MetLife Veterans Association luncheon that was held on October 1, 2010 at the Delano Mansion at the Woodlands in Woodbury. It was decided by the association that Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck would be the beneficiary of their event.

The MetLife Veterans Association is an organization comprised of active and retired MetLife employees who have completed 20 years of service with MetLife in the Long Island metropolitan area.

YOUR SUPPORT

Stony Brook Rotary Club Raises \$1,000 for Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck



Pictured (left to right): Karen Signoracci Suero, Jack Bowman, Diane Tanner, and James Deana

On December 1, 2010, officers from The Stony Brook Rotary Club presented Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck Development Director Karen Signoracci Suero with a check in the amount of \$1,000. The money came from the Rotary Club's 50/50 raffle called "A Chance to Care." The raffles were sold during the summer months leading up to the Moriches Rotary Club's Oktoberfest at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck. The drawing was held on September 26, 2010, during the Oktoberfest. The raffle benefited both the camp and Three Village Charities.

Moriches Rotary Club's Oktoberfest Benefits Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck



Pictured (left to right): Peter Traina, Bob Dovale, Tom Chieffo, "Kaptain Kevin," Meagan Moir, Erik Boe, and Kelly Platt. Front row: Kaptain Kevin's children, Kevin and Jaime.

The Moriches Rotary Club held its annual Oktoberfest near the grounds of Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck during the weekend of September 24-26, 2010. Representatives of WRCN-FM were also on hand to give visitors a chance to win tickets to a Broadway show, T-shirts and other prizes.

This year's Oktoberfest included German food, beer gardens, carnival rides and games, vendors, live German entertainment and more. Ticket sale proceeds went to benefit Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck.

Patchogue Rotary Club Serves Dinner for Campers



Camp Director Bridget Costello (center, back row) is joined by members of the Patchogue Rotary Club and their families and "Sparky," the New York Islanders mascot, at a dinner provided by the Rotary Club.

On August 27, 2010, members of the Patchogue Rotary Club donated their time and talents at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck as they cooked up hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings for the campers. During dinnertime, children received a surprise visit from "Sparky," the New York Islanders mascot.

It was a fun-filled day for the campers as representatives from the New York Islanders provided bouncy houses, and gave the campers a chance to spin the wheel to win free prizes and try their hand shooting the puck into the "goal."

Geisler & Gabriele Supports Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck



Pictured (left to right): Kathy Passarette, Kelly Lukasz, Madlyn Heiberger, Jody Shelmidine, Bridget Costello, and Kimberly McCrosson.

On July 22, 2010, The Law Offices of Geisler & Gabriele, LLP presented a \$150 donation to Camp Director Bridget Costello at its Port Jefferson office as part of the law firm's "Jeans Day" campaign.

On the last Friday of the month, Geisler & Gabriele employees are invited to wear jeans to work, in exchange for making a donation to a designated charity. In addition to the money raised, the firm donated another \$100 to the camp.

Girl Scout Melaina Badalian Earns Gold Award for Renovation of Trading Post



Girl Scout Melaina Badalian (second from right) earned a Gold Award for her renovation of the Trading Post. She is joined by (left to right) her father Robert Badalian, her brother Kaden Badalian, her mother Nani Badalian and Camp-Pa-Qua-Tuck Director Bridget Costello.

Melaina Badalian, a 17-year-old Girl Scout, has earned her Gold Award for her renovation of the inside of Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck's Trading Post. The Gold Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout can earn.

With the help of her family, Melaina transformed the Trading Post into a cheerful, inviting place for campers to choose their prizes. Renovations included taking down the wallpaper, painting the walls, replacing the existing curtains with ones Melaina made herself, new countertops, stools and paintings and a newly built shelf and bulletin board. The project, which took eight months, was completed in February 2011.

The Trading Post is used by campers to pick out special prizes they earned. Melaina also purchased the prizes for the campers to choose. Before buying the prizes, Melaina researched each toy to make sure they were safe and age-appropriate for the campers.

Melaina also raised \$1,220 for the project by speaking to local Rotary Clubs and asking them for donations, including the Rocky Point Rotary Club, whose father Robert is a member. While her father's Rotary Club was hosting a barbecue at the camp in the summer of 2010, Melaina spoke to Camp Director Bridget Costello about renovating the Trading Post. Ms. Costello thanked Melaina and her family for performing the renovations.

A Shoreham resident, Melaina is a senior at Shoreham-Wading River High School. She is an honor student who intends to pursue a career in music education and music performance. She plays the French horn, trumpet and saxophone.

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