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The purpose and mission of the Horseshoe Scout Reservation Alumni Association

"To preserve and promote the spirit and heritage of Horseshoe Scout Reservation and its camps (Camp Horseshoe and Camp John H. Ware, III), to be a benefactor to the Reservation and to promote the brotherhood of Scouting among the alumni of the Reservation."



The Camp Horseshoe Gateway greets campers!

HSRAA ALUMNI OF EVERY DECADE AT 2ND ANNUAL REUNION.

On July 21, 2001, the second annual Reunion of the Horseshoe Scout Reservation Alumni Association (HSRAA) saw over 70 Camp Horseshoe and Camp John H. Ware III alumni/ae at Camp Horseshoe. There was laughter, stories and great fellowship as alums from every decade convened in the Goodman Pavilion from all over the United States.

Pioneer campers were there. Link Rice*, who claimed considering his father-in-law Albert Smith, that he was one of five generations of Horseshoe campers from his family! Link had come to Camp Horseshoe as a camper, the first year it had opened in 1928. He was there with other generations of his family to enjoy the fellowship and festivities. His great grandson Josh Hughes was serving on the Horseshoe staff. -

From the 1930's decade was Merce Sloan '30

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and J. Edgar "Gumps" McComsey '32 followed by those of the 1940's that included: Fred Gates '44, John Rettew '44, Ernie Heegard '46 and Bill "Curley" Trowill '46. Each of the subsequent decades was well

represented. Bill Jackson '53, Herb Warner '57, Gerald Kevis, Jim Dukovic '54 and E. Gary Marshall '55 represented the 1950's. Matt Christenson '67 came one of the longest distances – Boise, Idaho. Other members of the 60's did not trek as far – Frank Rodgers '67, Steve Brun '63, Frank DiMarzio '68 and Eric Lorgus. The 1970's had 14 back; the 1980's 18; the 1990's and the 2000's were well represented with 17. Along with Dr. Dave Mellinger, were many Horseshoe Staffers of 2001 and Ray Hayden, new Camp Ranger and his wife, Donna. Also, Roy Cole, the third in a line of four generations of the Cole Family to serve as Camp Ranger, was on hand with his wife Matleen enjoying the activities.

The day's events included tours of both Camp Horseshoe and Camp John H. Ware III conducted by Alumni committee members. Specially designed HSRAA "T" shirts had been presented to the Horseshoe and Ware staff members and were available for the Reunion attendees. Interesting Scouting memorabilia of early camp days was enjoyed as were the old photos, videos of camp and the July '01 Reunion Issue of "The Octoraro Loop" Association newsletter. Decade photos were taken. The evening Retreat Ceremony including an Order of the Arrow "call-out" of candidates was memorable, as our alumni/ae stood "tall" at Retreat. Following the fine barbecue supper arranged for by Biff Davis, Clarke Greene served as Master of Ceremonies and Ernie Heegard then stepped into his familiar role as song leader. Popular camp songs were sung leading up to the rousing "Green Grow The Rushes, Ho!" Then, former Horseshoe Camp Director Clarke Green spoke of Horseshoe and Camp Ware and recounted some of the returning alumni/ae statistics – Rev. Gary Marshall had come from Roanoke, VA and would be giving the Sermon at the Horseshoe Chapel on Sunday; Jeff Balmat came from Louisiana, Matt Christenson from Idaho, Joe Eagan from Massachusetts. Link Rice was the earliest camper.

Bob Matje, Chairman of the HSRAA, greeted alumni/ae, family, friends and current staff members and convened the business meeting. He expressed his thanks and appreciation to Bill "Biff" Davis, Reunion Chairman and organizer of the event, for his successful efforts. Bob spoke of the success of the HSRAA that now boasts over 300 members – a credit to the strong values of the Horseshoe Reservation ties and programs. Council Executive Doug Dillow then spoke of his appreciation for the rich and vital heritage that the HSRAA and the Reunion represented to Chester County Council and future generations of Scout campers.

Special projects undertaken by the HSRAA were discussed. The first funded by the Association was the "Harris Poll" for the Council – a study of Scouting vitality in our Council in cooperation with the National BSA. Dick Bensing, Projects Leader of the HSRAA, spoke of the near

completion of the Camp Horseshoe gate project and plans for special gateway for Camp John H. Ware III.

Elections were held for the new HSRAA Executive Committee to serve from September 1, 2001 until August 31, 2002. Elected were: Dick Bensing, Hab Butler, Neil Chippendale, Bill Davis, Joe Eagan, Ron Fish, J.B. Fischer, Rich Foot, Eric Lorgus, Bob Matje, Jim Matthews, III, Lee McIlvaine, John 'JB' Rettew, Bruce Robertson and Andy Smith.

The meeting was concluded with the reminder: **the Third Annual Reunion will be Saturday, July 13, 2002.**



**- Ribbon cutting ceremony by HSRAA
Bob Matje '78, Council Board Bill Taylor
'87 and Scout Executive Doug Dillow '97.**

Following the meeting, the group adjourned to the Horseshoe Camp Road where the new gateway, funded by the HSRAA, had been constructed. The imposing structure was erected prior to the opening of summer camp. The stone work in which the uprights had been placed was impressive as well as the beam to support the camp sign. A ribbon marked the gateway entrance. While the throng of HSRAA members gathered about, Council Executive Doug Dillow, Board Member Bill Taylor and HSRAA Chairman Bob Matje presented appropriate remarks followed by the ribbon cutting ceremony.



**Regretfully, shortly before this story was printed, Richard "Link" Rice passed away at the age of 88. He was the "link" we had to the past Camp Horseshoe and he shall be missed. We mourn his passing and our sympathies are with his family.*



1920's Link Rice '28 and 1930's Edgar "Gumps" McComsey '32. Missing – Merce Sloan '30.



1950's (b) Bill Jackson '53, Herb Warner '57, Gerald Kevis '54; Jim Dukovic '54 and Gary Marshall '55. Missing – Dick Bensing '50's.



1970's (b) - Andy Young '73, Karl "Moose" Winsch '74, Steve Maccall-Carter '76, (m) – Roy Cole '76, Matleen Cole '76, David Mellinger '73; and, (f) Tom Williams '75, Craig Hoover '78, Bob Matje '78 and Fred Stelwagon '78. Missing – Ron Fish '70's, Rob Lenker '71, John McGovern '78 and Lee McIlvaine '70's.



1990's/2000's (b) Jason Harris '93, Tom Murphy, Mike Arles '91, Dale Mast '92; and, (m) Rob Bollinger '98, Richard Bowley '91, Dana Foot '97, Doug Dillow '97; and (f) Jackie Palmer '97, Jessica DiMarzio '97, Chris Palmer '98 and Kyle Hughes '99. Missing – Chris Helmcamp '93, Josh Hughes '96, Ray and Donna Hayden '00 and Pete LeBrun '95.



1940's Ernie Heegard '46, Bob Thomas '42, John "JB" Rettew '44, Bill "Curley" Trowill '46 and Fred Gates '44.



1960's (b) Joe Eagan '67, Steve Brun '63, Matt Christenson '67, Frank Rodgers '67; Frank DiMarzio '68 and Eric Lorgus '65. Missing – Al Forssmark '60's.



1980's (b) Andy Smith '87, Andy Coe '89, Bruce Goodman, Ray Coe '89, Harry Hiddleston '87, and Clarke Green '84; (m) A.J. Zadrozny '87, Wes Vincent '80, Paul Munscher '84, Cindy Smith '89, Neil Chippendale '84, Bill Davis '81 and Bill Taylor '87; and, (f) Rich foot '82, Bruce Balmat '89, Jeff Balmat '89 and Chip Childers '89. Missing – Wayne Riddle '87.



Merce Sloan '30 flanked by Roy Cole '76 and John "JB" Rettew '44



Rev. Gary Marshall '55 and Paul Munscher '84



Former Ware 1994 Camp Director Steve Maccall-Carter '76.



Ryan Sedar, Moose Wunsch '74 and Jesse Domback celebrate.



Three generations – Josh Hughes '96, "Link" Rice '28 and Andy Young '73



Rich Foot '82, Bill Jackson '53 and Wayne Riddle '87 look over memorabilia



Adam Miller and Dad, Jeff Miller, enjoy "The Loop"



Reunion Chairman Bill Davis '81 joined by Wes Vincent '80, Bob Matje '78 and John McGovern '78.



Bill Trowill '46, Ernie Heegard '46 and Eric Lorgus '65 compare notes.

CHAIRMAN BOB MATJE '78 WRITES -

Hello Fellow Alumni:

What a wonderful 2nd reunion. Again, it was great seeing all the Alumni/ae from years past where it all began for us.

Thanks to Bill Davis for his commitment to seeing that all had a good time and a good meal!

Plans are already underway for next year's event - July 13, 2002! It was also great to see the camps in such good shape. Hats off to our Camp Directors, Mike Berkeihiser and Marjie Prosock as well as their respective staffs! It was great seeing the staff in the blue HSRAA Tee shirts!

Much has been accomplished in nearly two years. We have a website; we've been involved with a number of projects to support the Council, the Order of the Arrow and the Horseshoe Scout Reservation.

The Horseshoe Reservation Gateway at Camp Horseshoe, designed by Dick Bensing '57 and his projects committee, is impressive to all who enter camp. When the Camp Ware Gateway is completed in the near future, both will be architectural hallmarks for the Reservation that will proudly announce to visitors that they are now on the property of one of the greatest camps in the country! Dick is to be applauded for his hard work and dedication through the design development, approval and construction phases. We thank all who have supported these efforts.

We look forward to a bright future. I encourage your comments and your involvement. Please feel free to contact me at: <rem1130pfm@aol.com>.

Yours in the Spirit, Bob Matje,



HSRAA Chairman Bob Matje '78 sports new HSRAA T-shirt.



Al Forssmark '60's and Lee McIlvaine '70's are there.



HSRAA Projects Chairman Dick Bensing '50's happy with new Gateway.



Gateway celebrated by Joe Eagan '67, Matt Christenson '67, Bill Taylor '87, Doug Dillow '97 and Ron Fish '70's.

HSRAA FUNDED GATEWAY PROJECT UNDERWAY FOR CAMP WARE

Dick Bensing, Committee Chairman for Special Projects, has accomplished a great deal this past year in that we will have significant gateways for both Camp Horseshoe and Camp John H. Ware III.

Preliminary plans have been approved for the location of the gateway at Camp John H. Ware III just inside the Reservation property line. This is the second HSRAA funded gateway to be built on the Reservation. The Ware Gateway project will begin in the near future as soon as the power lines and pole are relocated.

In the meantime, lists of other projects are being developed. Anyone having a suggestion for special projects for the HSRAA is invited to submit rough plans along with a justification of need. Dick Bensing and his committee will take suggestions under consideration and will respond.



Early 1930's Hiawatha Pageant at Horseshoe.

WHERE ARE THEY TODAY?

"Our Paddles Clean and Bright Flashing Like Silver, Swift As the Wild Goose Flight!"

As this article is being written, we find Brendan Battenfelder '90 paddling down the Mississippi River past St. Louis, Missouri on his way to New Orleans, Louisiana in a canoe!

After camp, 23 - year-old Eagle Scout Brendan Battenfelder, a Penn State graduate and our past Horseshoe COPE Course Director, began canoeing the mighty Mississippi! More than likely, by the time this issue reaches our readers, Brendan will have completed his fantastic voyage of discovery!

Brendan has been preparing for this trip for several years. They state that a "number of his friends have hiked the Appalachian Trail, but he always had the interest in canoeing down the Mississippi. This idea came from the book *Mississippi Solo* by Eddy Harris.

Armed with detailed maps, supplies, and a canoe, Brendan set out on September 1st. A close friend (fellow staffer), Matt Knoepfle, drove Brendan from Pennsylvania to Lake Itasca (the uppermost source of the River) and spent the first four days with him. Aside from a few friends joining him briefly along the way, Brendan planned to make the trip alone. He won't be completely cut off from the world however - he's set up an e-mail address that he can check from the road, as well as mail stops along the way."

Periodically he has e-mailed messages relating his experiences with locating suitable campsites; meeting great people in towns along the way who fed and be-friended him; friends who journeyed with him for short stints; and, his battling winds that nearly drove him back up stream and then forced him off the River for a short time.

His e-mail of November 6th. "879 miles to go! Two days ago I paddled 51 miles in a day and congratulated myself ... in New Madrid. I am still meeting some wonderful people. Some offer food, some rides places, and others just offer an encouraging word.

"I met a fella by the name of Jerry Lebo when I reached Cairo IL on Saturday. He took my picture and told me some wonderful stories of living along the two rivers. He reminded me of my father. Always joking with people. It was not hard to smile for the pictures he took of me.

Well I am now sailing down the even mightier Mississippi. The river is much wider now, and is moving a bit faster. There are many more barges and they are huge. I saw one that was 7 by 6 that's 42 barges and a tow. It's easy to stay clear of them since the channel is so wide.

I am still seeing the occasional Eagle and I get to watch Hawks and Blue Herons all day. The color in the trees is amazing. Just being out here is a wonderful treat. The banks are mostly wooded and they are lined with stones placed there by the Army Corps of Engineers to limit erosion.

I should be in Memphis, Tennessee on the 9th or 10th and at my next stop, Greenville MS, on the 14th or 15th hopefully. I do have one question. Do alligators live along the banks of the Mississippi, and how does one go about not being eaten by one. This is going to soon become a concern!"

Keep up the paddling Brendan - you'll have some wonderful tales to tell when you return home!



Early year's Canoe challenges on the Octoraro.

'ERNIE SAYS' ... Ernie Heegard, Camp Director Emeritus of the Horseshoe Scout Reservation, is the Honorary Chairman of the HSRAA. His column is regularly in "The Octoraro Loop."



"Link" Rice and Ernie Heegard in 1968.

Richard Lincoln Rice

My first contact with Richard L. Rice was the night I joined the local scout troop, Troop 78, then meeting at the Green Tree Elementary School in Malvern. The meetings were held in a special scout room located in the basement of the school. Link, as he liked to be called, and his two assistant scoutmasters, Albert Smith, Link's father-in-law, and Bud Bailey provided the leadership of the troop.

From the outset it was apparent that Link demanded a great deal from his boy leadership corps and was insistent that the program be boy-run. This is an important legacy that remains with the troop today. The basement scout room was only the basis of operations because most of the activities were held outside: fire-building, lashing, compass work, etc. The troop has always had a strong emphasis on camping and outdoor skills.

An example of Link's strong silent leadership happened during the game period at one of my early troop meetings. My patrol leader, Lloyd Conner, a high-spirited, short tempered young man felt he had received a bad call from the senior patrol leader while playing a game. Lloyd responded with a string of blue words. He then turned, headed straight for the exit door, paused, saluted the scoutmaster, and exclaimed, "I know, I know, I'll see you in two weeks!" He then slammed the door behind him. Nothing more needed to be said. **THEMS WERE THE RULES!**

Our scoutmaster, Link, doubled in stature one night a few months later. The fire sirens summoned a crowd which included a few of us scouts who lived in the neighborhood, there to watch the school and our scout headquarters burn to the ground. To

our amazement, Link and Bud Bailey could be seen through the red glow of sparks, and water vapor running into and out of the burning school. After numerous trips through the basement door they had succeeded in rescuing all of the troop's camping equipment and troop records. Some of these items bare the stains of the fire today.

Link Rice never looked for the limelight and always enabled others to shine. This was most evident at the last two Horseshoe Scout Reservation Alumni Association reunions at Camp Horseshoe. Link reluctantly accepted attention for his long tenure as a Horseshoe camper. Link was one of the first campers to attend the camp's opening in 1927. During the next 75 years, Link contributed much to scouting in Chester County through his outstanding leadership in many areas: Scoutmaster of Troop 78, district training events, projects for improvement of camp buildings, and instrumental in the construction of the Octoraro Memorial Lodge Building. Link was selected to be scoutmaster of one of the Chester County Council's troops to attend the 1950 Valley Forge Scout Jamboree. He was assisted by Jim Gawthrop, deputy lay advisor of Octoraro Lodge, and Andy Wilson, who later became a scoutmaster of Troop 78. Link served many years as an advisor to the executive committee of Lodge 22 and has served on the Council's Camping Committee for an extensive period. Link holds many awards: Scoutmaster's Key, District Order of Merit, Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow, and the coveted Silver Beaver Award.

Link was married to Marion Smith for 62 years. She died a few years ago. He is survived by a son, Richard, a former of Troop 78 and Eagle Scout, and three daughters: Peggy, Connie, and Jean. He has 7 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. 2 of them, Kyle and Josh Hughes are currently working on their ranks toward Eagle & are in Troop 78.

Standing graveside with several other Chester County Scouters, a reflection came to mind. It was of a simple tracking game Link taught us as young scouts. A couple of scouts were sent out to lay a trail by marking arrows or turns using sticks or piles of stones, or scratching symbols in the dirt. Later the remaining scout would attempt to follow the trail. A patrol was successful when hours later you found the last trail sign, a plain circle with a dot in the center. This is a very simple symbol but it has a wonderful depth of meaning. It can be found on the marker of the world's first scoutmaster, Baden-Powell, and it is also appropriate for my first scoutmaster, Richard (Link) Rice

●END OF TRAIL - GONE HOME"

75 YEARS AGO - "HORSESHOE FARM"

1927 was an exciting time in Chester County.- a pivotal year for our camping program! Our Camp Rothrock, located 12 miles from Carlisle, Pennsylvania, was in its final summer of use by our Scouts. Impacted by encroaching land development and difficult to reach, we needed a new summer camp location. And, that location was virtually in our back yard – the plans were laid 75 years ago to acquire the "Horseshoe Farm."

Many stories are told of the day that our Council Executive Charles "Chief" Heistand first set sight on the property. It is told that as Chief walked along the old camp road along the Octoraro Creek, some questionable characters met him, sporting guns, who were obviously guards or lookouts. Chief convinced them that the Scout campaign hat he was wearing was not that of a government Revenue Agent but rather that of a Scouter. He convinced them, too, of his intent to look at the property for use as a Scout camp; and so, he was permitted to enter. The story goes that the property was then being used for stills to make illegal liquor. These men were undoubtedly lookouts for that operation.

The rest of the story is history. The property was ideal for our camping needs. The deal was consummated. And, in 1928, the making of our Scout Camp Horseshoe for "Real Boys" commenced.

Be sure to check into the next issue of "The Octoraro Loop" for more of the exciting events of 75 years ago.



Camp Horseshoe Director Mike Berkeihiser, Mike Arles and Tim Dillow ready for Retreat.

HORSESHOE RESERVATION TODAY

Mike "Berk" Berkeihiser, Camp Director at Camp Horseshoe reported: "...year 2001 was one of the best ever. The first week of camp saw almost 500 scouts,

leaders and staff enjoy the events of the week that culminated in the Paul Bunyon Day competitions. Throughout the summer, we had great attendance and spirit. Accolades were given by all who attended the camps this summer. Our camp staff is second to none. The COPE Program benefited by a new building to house gear and mountain bikes this summer. A great Staff Banquet, replete with the traditional Staff Will capped off the summer. The "JB Rettew" award for the top Staff member was presented to Alex Musto, Aquatics Instructor, at the closing Staff banquet.

Camp John H. Ware III's staff provided a variety of Scouting programs throughout the summer. Summer camp began with the Handicapped Scouts Weekend and moved on to traditional Boy Scout programs and ended with the Webelos and Cub Scout Camping programs. "Parent and Pal" Cubbing programs were also conducted with all the Cub Scout programs having a "Pirate" theme.

The fine new Health Lodge at Ware, built in the spring, was getting much attention this summer. Leadership by Camp Director Marjie Prosock and Program Director J.B. Fischer provided an excellent experience to all the campers.



Ware Camp Director Marjie Prosock flanked by Bill Hess and Ware Program Director JB Fischer

SPECIAL KUDOS

Joe Eagan commented upon the Horseshoe experience this past summer in a letter to Council Leadership as follows -

"This summer, Camp Horseshoe hosted over 2500 Scouts and Scouters from 98 troops. 40 of these troops were from outside Chester County Council. The percentage of out-of-council troops attending Camp Horseshoe has risen from approximately 33% to 41% in the last six years, while the number of in-council troops has held steady. The occupancy rate is 99%. Few BSA camps in the country have accomplished this.

Camp Horseshoe has always been a special camp. But in the last six years its progress has been so dramatic that it has moved into the top tier of BSA camps nationwide. It is doubtful that many other BSA camps have a better staff or a more brilliantly executed program. What makes this possible?

A camp director with very strong leadership skills, the ability to build and retain a superb staff, and a limitless commitment to the camp's success.

A handpicked staff that returns year after year, who work ... as an integrated team and whose dedication to the camp is legendary.

A dynamic, fast-paced, superbly orchestrated camp program that has stood the test of time and ... improved every year.

A ... commitment to customer service.

Special thanks and recognition to:

Doug Dillow for mobilizing the resources of Chester County Council, BSA in support of Horseshoe Scout Reservation. Bill Taylor and his Camping Committee for providing the high level of volunteer leadership necessary to make the Camp Horseshoe phenomenon possible. Bill Hess for providing the support, coordination and leadership that enables the Camp Horseshoe staff to perform so brilliantly. **Mike Berkeihiser**, unquestionably one of the premier BSA camp directors in the country, for his service to this great camp. **The Camp Horseshoe staff** – one of the most experienced, talented, hard-working and dedicated BSA camp staffs anywhere. The many **volunteers** who spend their free time to support this ... effort."



2001 Reunion Attendees Chris Helmcamp '93, Dale Mast '92 and Mike Arles '91 get together.

CLICK THIS! NEW COUNCIL WEBSITE IS NOW "ON LINE"

"Click" on www.cccbsa.org and view the newly redesigned and livelier Chester County Council, BSA website! The site features include:

- Scouting programs, information about the Council and how to join;
- The Council's annual Planning and Program Calendar;
- Our Council Camps;
- Special event articles including a photo album of the event;
- Scouting forms and applications that may be downloaded;
- "Trading Post" site that is under development that will have information on items at the Council Service Center Store for advancement, unit events, patches, etc.;
- Links to the **HSRAA – Horseshoe Scout Reservation Alumni Association**, the Order of the Arrow Lodge 22, and the National Jamboree sites;
- Links to Scouting Unit websites; Links to District events and reports;
- Links to National and Regional Scouting operations;
- Program tools for unit leaders in "Mac Scouter";
- The Council's history – "The Spirit of the Horseshoe" coming soon replete with pictures;
- How to support your Council's programs through United Way, Friends of Scouting and other troop and pack related fund raising programs;
- The Council's Trading Post (coming soon)

HSRAA members may "link" to the alumni website through the Chester County Council's newly redesigned website at: www.cccbsa.org .

HSRAA wants to reconnect with former staff members and campers at Horseshoe and Ware. If you know any former camper or staff member who wants to join the HSRAA, have them contact us through the HSRAA website <www.hsraa.org> for information and registering for membership. Or, have them contact the Chester County Council, BSA John H. Ware II Service Center directly at 610-696-2900 to do so.

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SCOUTING IS A GAME WITH A PURPOSE –
Lord Baden-Powell



Clee Brun, OA Lodge 22 Chief Dale Mast '92 and Pete LeBrun '95 celebrate HSRAA Reunion.



Past Jubilee/Ware Camp Directors Dave Mellinger (1983-1988) and Matt Christenson (1981-1982) enjoy old stories.



Ernie Heegard's former Troop 78 members Bruce and Jeff Balmat '89 share memories.



Matt Christenson '67 arrives from Idaho to reunite with Bob Matje '78 (l) and Eric Lorgus '65 (r).

OCTORARO 22 HOLDS ACTIVE 75th SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND!

Octoraro Lodge 22, Order of the Arrow, under the leadership of its Chief Dale Mast, conducted a September service/anniversary weekend to close out summer camp and continue various tasks and weighty responsibilities in support of the Horseshoe Reservation.

The September OA service weekend saw 500 Scouts and leaders enter through the recently completed gateway to devote hours of service to the camps and fellowship. Ordeal candidates, along with those taking their Brotherhood, met to complete their commitments to cheerful service in special ceremonies at the Lodge Circle. A great Saturday evening Patch Auction found heavy bidding for a lot of valuable and old and new patches and memorabilia.

EDITOR'S NOTES NOVEMBER 2001

In our July issue of "The Loop", in a moment of nostalgia, we talked about the five original stockade campsites built at Horseshoe. Each had its unique name and song. Picture this:

It's a 1940's typical steamy July day. The meal had just been finished and dessert was on its way. There was a stirring among a group of campers in the Allen Memorial Dining Hall and suddenly a lively song loudly broke forth from the Sherwood Forest campers - -

"KI Yi, Ki Yi Kus! Everybody likes us,
We are the Merry Men from Sherwood
Forest!

Always a-winnin'
Always a-grinnin'
Always a-feelin' fine!
(Yell) Ki - Yi - Kus!"

This was immediately followed by the boys from Boonesboro...then, Kit Carson...then, Davey Crockett...and, finally, Bayard Taylor's -

"It's a long hike to Bayard Taylor,
But we'll get there, don't fear;
It's a long hike to Bayard Taylor,
The best camp, far or near.
Our Scouts are rough and ready,
Thin, fat, short and tall:
It's a long, long hike to Bayard Taylor,
But it's the best camp of all."

Spirit at camp was as high then as it is today - that's why so many old/new-timers still enjoy returning to the hills and woods of the Horseshoe Scout Reservation! In future issues we'll give you the verses for the other camps.

NEW MEMBERS AS OF JULY 2001

Abraham, Neel M. '96
Arthur, Kevin '99
Bartholemew, William B. '95
Bartholemew II, Andrew M. '93
Book, Sam '95
Borysowski, Andrew '98
Boyd, Walter '96
Bradley, Joseph '89
Bruton, Ben '86
Capporelli, Michael M. '01
Cattell, Harry J. '56
Chase, Robert R. '83
Claughs, Andrew '97
Coecone, Anthony J. '96
Consolo, Brian '98
Cotter, Theodore '85
DeVirgillio, Jon R. '89
Eagles Jr., Allen E. ?
Farrow, Brian M. '85
Farrow, Kevin C. '94
Franks, Ricky '96
Frederick, Jeff '91
Good, James L. '43
Graham, Timothy '97
Hady, Brian '95
Harvey, John '80
Hemcher, George '68
Hendrickson, Christopher '96
Hughes, Josh '96
Jefferes, Gordon '97
Jefferes, Todd '99
Kelly, Matthew '00
Kevis, Gerald '54
Lenker, Robert '71
Lloyd, Matthew M. '82
J. Joseph Mahan '68
McGovern, John O. '78
McLaughlin, Matt '92
McCauley, Paul '58
McConnell, Sean '93
Moore, David '01
Moore, Stuart Michael '78
Nemetz, Scott '85
Noon, Jim '83
Osgood, Peter L. '92
Pai, Roshun D. '97
Parry, Ed '81
Pilko, Chris '82
Proffitt, Brian '87
Proffitt, David E. '89
Ragan, Robert '56
Rahn, Mark '94
Rice, Andrew '86
Sikorski, Joseph '01
Sikorski, Paul '01
Simal, Robert J. '58
Sleichter, Michael S. '88
Sloane, Leonard A. '90
Stetanosky, Chuck '61
Talbot, Matt '94
Waterhouse, William Evan '99
Welton, Bruce E. '01
Williams, Brian '88
Wilson, Blane M. '60
Williams, Melanie '98

NECROLOGY

Lest We Forget - all those who perished on September 11, 2001 in the New York World Trade Center, The Pentagon in Virginia and in Western Pennsylvania and their families.

And, we remember, too, our fellow campers:
Gwyn C. Patrick '65 - Scoutmaster-Emeritus Oxford Troop 44. OA Vigil Honor. Past Octoraro District Chairman; Philmont and 1977 and 1981 National Jamboree Leader. Silver Beaver.

William G. "Gordy" Proudman, Jr. '57 - Age 54. Eagle Scout Coatesville Troop 74. Commisary Staff at Horseshoe and Jubilee, OA Brotherhood Member, 1964 National Jamboree, Brandywine District Commissioner.

Richard L. "Link" Rice '28 - Age 88. Horseshoe Staff, 1950 National Jamboree Leader, Silver Beaver, OA Vigil Honor, Scoutmaster-Emeritus Willistown Troop 78, devoted Scouter and friend. (See "Ernie Says" column this issue.)

OFFICERS ELECTED TO NEW TERM

Officers elected for term ending July, 2002:
Chairman.....**Robert E. Matje**
Vice Chairman.....**TO BE ANNOUNCED**
Secretary.....**Joseph M. Eagan**
Treasurer.....**Eric R. Lorgus**



Betsy Heegard '84 and son, Fred Stelwagon '78, at Reunion. Betsy and Ernie were married in Horseshoe's Chapel in 1984.



"Be Prepared" admonition leaving camp.

**REGISTRATION FORM: Horseshoe Scout Reservation Alumni Association - send to:
Att: HSRAA % Chester County Council, BSA, 504 S. Concord Rd., West Chester, PA 19382**

Name: _____ Email Add: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP code: _____ Telephone (Home) _____

Occupation: _____ Telephone (Bus.) _____

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