

# *The Old Guard GAZETTE*

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### ***Winter (December 2008) EDITION***

**Annual Meeting and Brunch:** Please mark your calendars to save Sunday morning, January 4, 2009, at 12:15 PM, for our annual gathering up in camp. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet Old Guard members, old and new, and to enjoy a fun brunch while we also accomplish some business such as our Annual election of Officers and one Trustee. (Howard Tober, OG '40, is retiring after several very helpful stints as a Trustee).

You will be receiving more information about this event shortly and we ask that you **PLEASE** respond to Charles F. Vanyo, Jr., at [cubcampr@aol.com](mailto:cubcampr@aol.com) or 973-227-2879, so we have a good idea of how many to plan for brunch!!

### **Old Guard Barbecue Dinner and Calling of New Honored Members:**

Thanks to the efforts of Charlie Vanyo. OG '94, on September 28<sup>th</sup>, after the Beaver Day work was done, Old Guard members enjoyed a lovely dinner, followed by the Calling of our ten newest Honored Members. They were: Melissa Corrado, David A. Crowell, Domenic DiStefano, Ira Garelick, Jeff Gaskin, Lynda Indek, Douglas McGilvray, Robert Orrok, Arthur Pinkus and D. Bruce Williams.

A gain, CONGRATULATIONS to all our new Honored Members!!!

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**Homecoming and Hall of Fame Induction:** Another beautiful fall day was enjoyed by all who attended FOGG's sixth annual major recognition and fundraising event on Sunday, October 19, 2008! Thanks to the culinary efforts and expertise of Drew Baumgardt, Nancy McNamara, Greg Spinelli, OG '05, Carol Pinkus, OG '95 and Arthur Pinkus, OG '08, some 142 meals were served to enthusiastic supporters of Camp Glen Gray!

We are delighted and most proud to report that three Honored Members were publicly recognized for their extraordinary volunteer efforts, past and present, to ensure that Camp Glen Gray continues to operate successfully for the enjoyment and learning of all campers!!

Lee White, OG '91, made a beautiful and very personal Hall of Fame Induction presentation to Edie Krannich, widow of Frank, OG '66, as he had worked so closely with Frank for so many years training other Scouters. Many, many Scouts have great memories of all the training they received under Frank's tutelage.

Rev. Donald K. Hummel, OG '65, did the same for Randall D. Holden, OG '76, as they have known each other for years. Randall D. Holden, OG '76, has been helping the camp in many different ways. HE coordinates our Beaver Days; he serves as a Campmaster; he helps with Family Camp and Merit Badge Fairs, and he is constantly helping with maintenance tasks all around the camp. In his "spare time", he has been rehabilitating the old Troop 4, Montclair Cabin!

The closing presentation was made by William C. Nunamacher, OG '69, to Charles F. Vanyo, Jr., OG '94, as they have both been active Scouters for many years. Charles F. Vanyo, Jr., OG '94, has been instrumental in bringing Cub Scout BALOO training sessions to our camp twice a year. He also serves as our Historian and is caring for all our memorabilia and archives. He has installed very interesting historical mementos in the new Frederick H. Blake Museum set up in the newly rehabilitated Library. Charlie and his good wife, Lorraine, are also on our Campmaster volunteer list.

Special invitees were 12 Eagle Scouts and their guests as the Scouts were honored for the very helpful projects completed in 2008. They all work closely with Drew Baumgardt to ensure the projects meets all requirements and will serve the camp well. Drew was joined by our former Camp Ranger, Carl Moritz, OG '80, for the presentations.

*CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FOR THIS WELL DESERVED  
RECOGNITION!!!!*

### **John C. Whitehead Library and Frederick H. Blake Museum Dedications:**

Thanks to the efforts of many good friends of Glen Gray, we are delighted to report that the rebuilt Library, and the newly installed Frederick H. Blake Museum, were dedicated on October 19, 2008.

It was particularly pleasing to have John C. Whitehead, OG '37, participate as the Library has been named in his honor. He has shared many fond memories of time spent in the old Library as a camper and it was good to see his enthusiasm in touring the new facility which houses the Frederick H. Blake Museum.

Norman W. Leard, III, OG '96, welcomed everyone present at the foot of the stairs leading up to the Library and introduced Charles F. Vanyo, Jr., OG '94, and Old Guard Historian, who, together with Howard Tober, OG '40, set up the initial exhibits from the Old Guard archives. Howard built some display cabinets and ordered some others. There are some terrific old photos, letters, maps, and Scout materials and it is planned that exhibits will change from time to time. It was noted that many of the old books for the old library were now back on the shelves and that Nancy Arny Pi-Sunyer, OG '04, had donated numerous new books and reference materials and had cataloged the collection. We also received a generous donation from the family of the late Paul B. Wiggin, OG '71, for us to purchase books related to waterfront activities.

The Library has Uncle's original wood stove on exhibit but we will use baseboard electric heating, as the building will serve as a small meeting and conference center for special events. Reservations will have to be made as it will only be open for campers or visitors who have made previous arrangements.

Howard Tober, OG '40, spoke about some camp history and provided some background information about both Frederick H. Blake and John C. Whitehead. He also described the first exposure to radio that some Scouts had in "Uncle's Cabin" and to TV at the 1939 World's Fair in New York City. Also on display is the restored short wave receiver which belonged to J.B. (Burt) Greenman, the Eagle Rock Council Commissioner and ham radio operator who taught us Morse Code. He also designed and laid out the Old Guard Trail.

**THE GLEN TO HOST BALOO:** by Nancy Garelick, OG '06 and Charles F. Vanyo, Jr. OG '94

Saturday, March 28, 2009, is the date to mark on your calendar. On that day, The Old Guard of Camp Glen Gray will be hosting the BALOO course for Cub Scout parents and leaders. What is BALOO? Well, glad you asked. It is Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation. What do we orient these folks to? Glad you asked that question, also. We teach the parents and leaders, program planning, resources, campfire planning and then do an actual campfire with everyone participating, outdoor cooking for small and large groups, first aid and safety, sanitation, and equipment that is necessary for overnight camping.

Yes, we also sing silly but memorable Cub Scout songs, we have prizes for those that participate and we provide a delicious lunch. The day begins early with a gathering activity and Danish, muffins, coffee, tea and juice. As the day goes on we have two-deep leadership as presenters for the topics mentioned above and conclude with a round-robin of four subjects. Before dismissal, we have an award and recognition ceremony and hand out to the participants their BALOO trained patch and card. Now, they are qualified to take their pack on an overnight camping trip.

We hope to expand our instructor base by sending out this food for thought to all Old Guard members to volunteer to team-teach this March. We will place the rookie with an experienced instructor and a pitch will be made along with a sign-up sheet at the annual January meeting at the Glen. We'll be looking for you!

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**Member News:**

We are very sorry to report the deaths of several Old Guard members that may or may not have been previously reported:

- A. Bruce Brown, Jr., OG '36
- Adam Forbes, OG '59
- Wilson O. Golden, OG '35
- Sebastian J. Grasso, OG '78
- Robert R. Martin, GM '03
- Alan R. Mitchell, OG '45
- Ray A. Elliott, Jr., M.D. OG '42
- Dr. Wilbur Taylor, OG '42

**Note on Wilson O. Golden from Howard K. Tober, OG '40:**

Wilson O. Golden, OG '35, died at the age of 91. He was one of my best friends and left us after 18 long years in a wheel chair. We did everything together in Scouting starting about 1949, with many work sessions at Camp Glen Gray and at Camp Wyanokie. He later followed me as Scoutmaster of Troop 3, Caldwell, sponsored by the American Legion-James Caldwell Post 185, which also built the Benedict Lodge at camp around 1940.

I was Scoutmaster of Troop 3, Caldwell, from 1950 to 1955, after having been Assistant Scoutmaster for two years to Mac Steer, of Troop 4, Montclair.

**THE LIBRARY:**    *By Charles F. Vanyo Jr., OG '94*

Have you visited the renovated library and museum at camp yet?

As you all know, the old Camp Glen Gray Library (and Nature Lodge) – the cabin overlooking Lake Vreeland where Uncle Frank Gray spent his last years – has been renovated and given new life as the camp's library and museum. The dedication took place on Sunday, October 19, prior to the annual Glen Gray Homecoming and Hall of Fame Induction Gala.

The library has been named for John C. Whitehead, OG '37, one of Camp Glen Gray's most generous benefactors. Shelves are stocked with books, old and new, and plans are underway to have the library host an ongoing series of weekend programs for campers and visitors of all ages. Mr. Whitehead was one our honored guests at the dedication.

The library is also home to the Frederick H. Blake Museum. The late Mr. Blake, OG '28, had long championed the establishment of a museum where the Glen Gray archives could be displayed for generations to come.

As you enter the library, you'll first notice two display cases to your left. The first contains many items associated with Frank Gray, such as his Bibles and piccolo, as well as a small, leather-bound series of poems and stories written by Uncle titled "The Nest." The second case displays many articles from Camp Glen Gray's past, such as a waterfront sign from the 1930's, old trail markers and neckerchief slides, and a Scout shirt belonging to Fred Blake. Stroll past the window and the table supporting an old ham radio, past the cabin's original stove, and you'll come to a table-top display of old photographs and other paper archives. As you leaf through this display, you can chart the history of Camp Glen Gray from its founding in 1917 to its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 1992.

These displays will be changed periodically to allow us to display many of the other items, such as uniforms, letters, and camping gear, currently in our collection.

Next time you visit Camp Glen Gray, stop in at the library and museum, and see our history come alive!

Don't throw anything away! Wondering what to do with those old Gazettes and Tulip Leaves? What about those ancient patches, slides, or mugs?

We're always looking for new material for the Camp Glen Gray Archives, especially old publications. So before you throw it away, call me, Charlie Vanyo, at 973-227-2879, or email me at [CUBCAMPR@AOL.COM](mailto:CUBCAMPR@AOL.COM). I will make arrangements to collect what you've got. Who knows? Someday you may see it in the museum!!

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**Loving the Library:**    *by Nancy Pi-Sunyer, OG '04*

Did you know there is a real library at the Glen? It's not just a building name. The John C. Whitehead Library actually contains books, some of which you and your group, Pack or Troop might find of use or interest.

The library and the Frederick H. Blake Museum share the recently refurbished “Uncle’s Cabin” on the north side of Lake Vreeland. Use of the library requires advanced permission, as the building is specially keyed. But if you are expecting a rainy afternoon, or are working on a project requiring reference materials, you should check with Luis or Drew or the Campmasters for rules of access.

Here is what you can find!

Uncle’s Collection, in the West cases includes about 100 of the best of the old collection. Here old campers may find stories they read on rainy days at summer camp and youngsters will find classic and period story books. Categories include: Westerns, mysteries, adventures, sports, biographies and stories of courage and valor.

The other portion of the collection consists of non-fiction books on a wide variety of topics, tending toward the natural sciences, but including camp craft, waterfront instruction and safety, first aid, orienteering, plant and wildlife identification, ecology, geology, weather and more.

If your group (up to about 20 people) or your leaders want to spend an hour or two in the library researching tree identification, wildlife management or conservation project options, nature and craft ideas, or just reading good stories, make arrangements through Drew or Luis or the Campmasters to have the building unlocked. Books may not leave camp, and until a sign-out system is in place, should stay in the library building.

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**THREE ANNIVERSARIES:** *by Charles F. Vanyo, Jr., OG '94*

As the old year of 2008 draws to a close, we inch that much closer to a series of anniversaries that have special significance to the Old Guard.

In 2013 we commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of the founder of Camp Glen Gray, Uncle Frank Gray. It has only been in my capacity as Historian of the Old Guard, while digging through the camp archives, that I’ve gotten to know Frank Gray. I admitted as much in an earlier article I wrote for The Gazette. It was in November 2006 that I finally paid my respects to Frank Gray as he slept in Montclair’s Mount Hebron Cemetery. There have been past Memorial Day tributes at his gravesite, and then, of course, the dedication of his own memorial in Montclair during the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Camp Glen Gray in 1967. Everyone knows that Frank Gray founded a Boy Scout Camp in 1917. But his life is too rich, and too influential, to be defined merely by one shining moment.

For the next four years, in our upcoming Gazettes, we would like to remind our members of who Frank Gray was and how his life touched the lives of so many young men. By doing so, we can arrive at his celebration in 2013 with a renewed and perhaps greater appreciation of this selfless gentleman.

The Old Guard of Camp Glen Gray celebrates its own anniversary the following year, 2014. The organization that Frank Gray founded one hundred years earlier has served through the decades as the “caretaker” of the physical camp as well as the guardian of its history and tradition. Through years fat and lean, with membership at times active and engaged and at times in need of prodding to get work done, the Old Guard has weathered its ups and downs and remains, as it always has, a fundamental part of Camp Glen Gray. As our camp hosts more

events, like Family Camp, BALOO Training, and some special programs slated for 2009, the Old Guard will be asked to support and, more importantly, help staff these events, so that, when we celebrate our anniversary in 2014, we can say, with heads held high, that we've done and we continue to do our part for Camp Glen Gray.

Our biggest celebration of course, takes place in 2017, when we proudly observe the centennial of Camp Glen Gray itself. How many of us thought that we would actually see this day, given the sale rumors that surrounded the camp at the time of the council merger? But we are going to see this day! Which means that Frank Gray's dream of a "Promised Land" for Scouting in Northern New Jersey continues as strong and as bright as ever.

Getting ready for three anniversaries – There is no better way to start the New Year!

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### **2008 A Year in Review:** *by Randy Holden, OG '76*

With the help of our dedicated volunteers, much was accomplished in the 'glen' this year. For those who have not been able to get up to camp to see all the new improvements, please check out our website: [www.glengray.org](http://www.glengray.org). Camp really looks great!

With the two Beaver Days, 12 Eagle Scout projects, and some untiring dedication by 'The Crew' and others, camp from one end to the other saw improvements. At the 'Homecoming', FOGG dedicated the rebuilt John C. Whitehead Library (housing the Frederick H. Blake Museum) and the John J. McMullen Field, which is the former Archery Range that now has a refurbished Lean-to camp site.

Improvements to the McMullen Field site, Explorer Cabin's new porch, Canoe rack in the Boat House, Waterfront benches/lean-to railings, Roof on the back deck of Dining Hall, the Orienteering Courses, many new Water Fountains around camp, a brand new Phone Booth, a handicap ramp and new stairs at Benedict, new screen doors at the Dining Hall, a new storage shed in the maintenance yard, and the bridge repairs on Mary Post Road were the results of the Eagle Scout projects.

Capital improvements saw new roofs at the caretaker's residence, Old Guard, Verona 2 Cabin, Tindall Lodge, Benedict Lodge, and completion of repairs to the Glen Cabin roof

The Beaver Day projects were most impressive:

- Glen and Gray Cabins get new four burner countertop propane cooking units and new counters/cabinets to go with the hot and cold running water (in season). Also a new picnic table in each and 8 new bunks in Gray
- We now have a new dock rack to facilitate removal and storage of the waterfront docks
- cleanup around the library and the trail to the library
- erosion/rain bar repair on the road going up the hill by Benedict Lodge
- realign the dam walkway
- repair the council campfire ring seating
- plumbing/gas lamp projects at several locations
- painting projects at the library and the dining hall doors
- electrical lights/heaters and repairs at the library and dining hall
- a new gate in the parking lot.

Dedicated volunteers worked year round; 'The Crew' spent quite a bit of time getting the library finished, rebuilt the latrine at Gilwell, and recently installed a new ceiling in Benedict Lodge. The volunteers put new carpets on the docks at the waterfront and pitched in wherever a hand was needed.

Cabin sponsors also chipped in with improvements to their facilities...Donald Cabin looks better every visit, Verona 2 provided three skylights when their roof was done, Troop 12 rebuilt their latrine, Troop 31 has kept up the looks and grounds at Price Cabin, Troop 23 has done their work at Gilwell, staining the new shed and latrine. Troop 132, Old Tappan, built a new 20' X 10' deck on to the Explorer Cabin, as an Eagle Scout project.

All of these improvements were the result of a small dedicated group. Won't you come join us in 2009 to continue these improvements for our campers/guests.

**Spring date: Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> / Waterfront set up: June 13<sup>th</sup> / Fall date: September 26<sup>th</sup>**

As Old Guard members, we are charged with keeping Uncle's dream going. As we prepare for Glen Gray's 92<sup>nd</sup> year, we still have a lot of work to keep the camp in top shape.

One final note, FOGG inducted me into their Hall of Fame recently. This accolade wouldn't have happened without the support I have from those that come out and physically support our efforts. To them, I wish to say **THANK YOU**. Have a great holiday season and see you all in 2009.

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### Dates to Remember:

<u>Sunday, January 4, 2009:</u>	Annual Meeting, Brunch, & Election
<u>Saturday, March 28, 2009:</u>	BALOO Training Session
<u>Saturday, April 25, 2009:</u>	Beaver Day
<u>Sunday, May 17, 2009:</u>	Merit Badge Fair
<u>Saturday, June 13, 2009:</u>	Waterfront Set-up
<u>Saturday, September 26:</u>	Beaver Day

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**Dues Appeal:** Annual Dues is \$10.00. It would be highly appreciated if you could send us \$10 for every year that dues have not been paid. Please make all checks payable to: **The Old Guard of Camp Glen Gray** and mail them to: **PO BOX 43654, Upper Montclair NJ 07043-4654**

**Dues pay for our GAZETTE mailings and for our contributions to the maintenance costs in camp. Please be as generous as you can during these difficult times!!**

**E-Mail Addresses.** PLEASE send all additions and/or corrections to our Treasurer, **Arthur M. Franklin**, at: < Arthur@SFranklin.com >. He maintains our contact list and dues records, for which we thank him very much! We do not share our contact lists with anyone not involved with Camp Glen Gray.

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