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President's Report

By Will Soter

On March 16th, I was honored by my NYSOGA friends and family, when they elected to have me serve as the President of our association. Several years back, when I took the leap from volunteer outings leader to licensed professional guide, it was the people in this organization that helped me gain my footing in this industry.

NYSOGA helped me grow my knowledge through training, seminars, and mentorship. This allowed me to grow more confident as an outdoor professional. I soon became more and more involved with NYSOGA with roles ranging from director at large, to regional director, to vice president, I truly learned the importance of what we do as an organization. With our passion and desire to provide the

best guidance and safest experience in our fields, we as an organization have worked to establish the tools, training, and guidance to help our members achieve this goal.

As our organization continues to grow and looks to meet the current demands of modern guiding, we look to you for your support. Your participation is what will keep us at the top of our field. This year, we are taking a hard look at how we will adjust to digital presence to create a user friendly experience that better serves our consumers and members. Your insights and participation are vital to this effort and all of our efforts statewide. Simply put, if we don't know the needs in your field or your region, we won't know how to help you with them. So I encourage all of you to get involved. This can be as simple as providing feedback to one of our committees (these are listed on our website) in the members section. Any of our members are welcome to attend a board meeting. This is a great way to learn about NYSOGA and the issues affecting guides in New York. You could also do something a little more involved such as, serving on a committee or on our Board of

Directors. Whatever contributions you are able to make, we are grateful as they all make a difference.

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Will Soter from Kingston is NYSOGA's new president. Here he is with Mrs. Soter (Jess) and daughters Indie and Cameron.

Our Master Guide Program Is Undergoing Changes

By John Wainwright

Two years ago, NYSOGA initiated a Master Guide Program with the goal of recognizing members who, through their years of guiding experience and other criteria, have reached a level of expertise to be identified as master guides. At that time, seven criteria were identified. Two were mandatory and applicants needed to meet at least 3 of the remaining 5. One of the mandatory requirements was being active in supporting NYSOGA by helping at shows, being on the BOD, taught NYSOGA courses,

been active on committees or has promoted NYSOGA through media or other venues.

Since that time, the committee and BOD members have decided to remove this as a mandatory criteria, feeling that many

of our members may not have the time or interest to meet this requirement but still have the credentials to be considered as a

See **MASTER GUIDE** on page 5

NYSOGA Annual Rendezvous A Success at White Eagle

By Norm Landis

NYSOGA's 38th Winter Rendezvous was held March 14-17 at the White Eagle Conference Center, Hamilton.

Course numbers were good with 30 in CPR, eight in CPR refresher, 45 in first aid and 43 in water safety. Also, a hefty number took the guides exam administered by the state Department of Environmental Conservation. A handful of them took advantage of the prorated membership, which will take effect after they get notification that they passed the test.

The store at Rendezvous had an expanded product line and brought in more than \$2,000 with more to come. Some new shirts only had

samples displayed (to not tie up our money in a lot of inventory). Orders for those items were taken and will bring in more money when they arrive and are delivered.

Besides training guides and prospective guides, the group held its annual meeting Saturday and the newly-elected board of directors held its first meeting Sunday. A highlight of the event was Saturday night's banquet when awards were presented (see list elsewhere in this issue), including a special award of a one-year membership for Lynn Malerba's protégé.

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MEMBERSHIP

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year begins January 1 and
concludes December 31 of each
year. It is important you keep
your membership current to
receive all NYSOGA benefits.
From your Membership Committee
Contact us at info@nysoga.org*

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Membership Report

By Capt. Lee Godin

Hello Fellow Outdoors Persons:

The following are our member numbers as of 4/9/2019: 17 Life, 112 Active, 12 Associate and 10 Honorary.

Please welcome the following new members:

Walkabout Tours is run by Al Palmieri from Brooklyn, NY. He can be reached at 347-432-3179 or via email albericopalmieri@gmail.com.

Brian Sheppard from New York, NY is a new guide from Region 2. His website is gofishnyc.com He can be reached at 260-582-6035 or via email brian.cityfly@gmail.com.

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Please take advantage of your online renewal/payment system to submit your dues payment and any web changes you may have. The online renewal form can be found at <http://nysoga.org/membershiprenewal.html>.

As always please contact me if you need anything - 518-542-2709 or go_lee3@yahoo.com.

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Have a safe and successful season.

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Our Kids to Camp Program Needs Members' Support

By Craig Tryon

The NYSOGA Kids to Camp program has been successfully sending campers to a DEC Environmental Education Summer Camp for many years. Notices are posted in Guidelines, mentioned at Board of Directors meetings, sent out in an E-News blast to all members and fliers are posted in several NYSOGA regions by our Regional Directors. Nomination form submission deadlines are established by the committee based on the timing that DEC begins taking camp reservations.

You should know that for

the 2019 DEC Environmental Education Summer Camp program, the NYSOGA Kids to Camp Committee did not receive any nomination forms from NYSOGA members to sponsor a Kid to Camp. No Kids were sponsored by NYSOGA to a DEC camp in 2019.

All NYSOGA members need to become involved if our Kids to Camp program is to continue to send Kids to an Environmental Education Summer Camp. Look at the www.NYSOGA.org home page. There is detailed information on our Kids to Camp program and a link to the DEC Environmental

Education Summer Camp program for your information. Become knowledgeable with our program and the details of the DEC camp program. Think about youth in your home area who may be interested in this program. Contact them and make them aware of both programs and the possibility that NYSOGA could sponsor them to camp during the summer of 2020. We are now too late for the 2019 camp season.

There been discussion at recent Board of Director meetings to broaden our camp options to include camps other

than a DEC camp. To get other camp options, I ask that each of you look in your surrounding home area to see if there may be other environmental education camps that NYSOGA could possibly send campers to. Just make sure that the camp has a strong base curriculum in environmental education. Send camp information to me for committee review and follow-up.

[Craig Tryon, 42807 Seaway Ave., Alexandria Bay, NY 13607 or email at adkwldep@yahoo.com]

Thank You in advance for your help with this very important NYSOGA matter.

Committee Reports

By Sonny Young

2015-'18 NYS Senate Environmental Conservation committee chair and Rendezvous guest speaker, Thomas O'Mara, said he was unaware of Senator Betty Little's bill S-390, proposing to amend guide licensing and oversight legislation. This bill has been on the Senate agenda

since January, 2017. If you haven't seen it, visit the NYS Senate website to read it online or contact me at adkfoothills@gmail.com for an e-copy. If you have any comments to make about this legislative proposal, contact your Senator.

NYS legislators are considering a bill to ban hunting competitions. According to

"Outdoor News," March, 2019, Assemblywoman Deborah Glick (D-Greenwich Village) has sponsored A-722, making it illegal 'to organize, sponsor, conduct, promote or participate in any contest, competition, tournament or derby where the objectives of such contest or competition is to take wildlife.' State Senator Monica Martinez (D-Suffolk County) has introduced a Senate companion bill - S-4253. That bill has been

referred to the environmental conservation committee. If you have any concerns about these bills, contact your representative or senator.

Standards and Education Update

First aid/CPR certification agencies have gone from 3-year to 2-year certifications for first aid and, starting immediately,

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NYSOGA Show Booth At Show in Kingston

NYSOGA was represented and had a table at the second annual Catskills Great Outdoor Expo in Kingston, NY on March 30 2019. A tag team of Ed Moran, Roy Earley, and Sonny Somelofski took turns manning the table and speaking with outdoor enthusiasts in attendance about the benefits of hiring a NYSOGA Guide. Alan Woodruff also came by to help with packing up our show booth. Although still a modest sized expo, attendance was significantly higher

than last year and it looks like they will need a larger facility next year. The expo theme encompassed all things Catskill outdoors including hiking, camping, fishing, locally sourced foods, guides, clubs, non-profit

organizations, youth groups, and more. Ed Moran gave a presentation to attendees about "Bushwhacking the Catskills." It was a one-day show and the day went by very quickly with the constant stream of visitors.

President

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I look forward to serving our members, and encourage you all to contact myself or your regional director if you are interested in supporting NYSOGA as it works to promote the highest standard of guiding in the Empire state.

Will





AROUND THE REGIONS



Ed Moran

REGION 1

By Ed Moran

A wet fall, followed by a wet mild winter with below normal snowfall resulted in trail conditions that alternated between icy and muddy in the southernmost part of the state. As of early April,

trail conditions have dried out nicely despite continued sub-freezing temperatures at night.

An organization called the "The Trust For Public Land" is proposing a 175 mile extension to the governor's proposed 750 mile Empire State Trail (EST). The extension would cover the length of Long Island from NYC to Montauk. Region 1 was the only region excluded from the 2017 EST proposal. Although a "mixed use"

plan, the extension appears to be envisioned with bicycles in mind. The 175 miles are proposed as approximately 50% on-road and 50% off-road paths. The longest continuous stretch of off road (approximately 50 miles) would be in western Suffolk County. The TPL literature contains some factual inaccuracies but the concept seems good. I haven't seen any indication of where funding would come from or if the state plans to add the Region 1 segment to the EST plan.

Deer herds continue to increase in Suffolk County (Region 1C). A limited cull was conducted over the winter at several state parks in an attempt to reduce the damage being done and begin to restore the health of native vegetation. Wildlife Service professionals from the USDA conducted the operations where herd sizes are several times the number considered sustainable. I can

attest to the damage browsing deer are doing on my own property, which had never been a problem until the past couple of years. There have been a number of court challenges to this management by animal welfare groups.

With dozens of square miles of publicly owned huntable lands and a bowhunting season that extends from October 31 to January 31, Suffolk County may be overlooked by some as a good place to hunt. In the recent past, the DEC has been generous with granting DMPs as well as bonus DMPs for antlerless deer in Region 1C. Preliminary DEC numbers show 3407 deer harvested in Suffolk County for the 2018-'19 season. The beef some hunters have with Long Island is the percentage of trophy bucks. Don't tell that to Mike Polinice who took a 16-pointer that scored 205 7/8 inches in Suffolk County on opening day this past October 1.



Bruce Fuller

REGION 4

By Bruce Fuller

It was great to see many of you at Winter Rendezvous. I wish more of our members would make it a point to attend, as it sure is a good time.

Not a great deal to report at present. Mostly nasty weather has dominated much of our state but, at least, we had some snowmobiling. Sorry to see so many deaths reported this year and hope

none of our members or their loved ones were among them.

I have not seen an official report yet but I believe our region had a good deer season. Turkey numbers, with few exceptions, seem to be on the upswing and I am looking forward to May. Too early to tell much about how the weather will impact the trout season. I also note that our local NYC reservoirs do not allow boats on the water until ice is off them and, although it's off in some areas, it's anyone's guess when they will be open. For those of you who may use these reservoirs, please take notice that both sailboats and trolling motor experiments

have been discontinued and these items are no longer allowed on them.

Before closing, I would like to request Region 4 members to send me any information they feel should be part of this report. I will give anyone supplying the information credit in the report.

Although personal issues delayed some of the things I intended to initiate in 2018, I also plan on preparing a Region 4 Newsletter (similar to Sheila's in Region 5) to keep everyone abreast of local happenings.

WISHING EVERYONE A GREAT SPRING.



Sheila Young

REGION 5

By Sheila Young

I feel it is important to include all NYSOGA members in conversations of interest. The board has now directed that ANY member of NYSOGA can request inclusion in conversations with ANY Regional Director. I have already been mailing newsletters to three of our out-of-state

members who have strong ties to Region 5. I will be very happy to add your email info to my mailing list. Send a request to adkfoothillsgs@gmail.com.

Of note in my neck of the woods: The Lake Placid Boat Launch is closed from April 1 to Memorial Day for bulkhead repair work. The Garden Trailhead in Keen Valley will be closed for the entire summer for necessary bridge repair work. Hikers intending to start out in the wee hours will be disappointed ... cars will be towed if trespassing across a private land detour to get to the parking lot. An

alternate trail into the Johns Brook Valley near JBL is the Klondike Notch Trail from South Meadow Road off Adirondack Loj Road, Lake Placid.

That trail has more than 1,100 feet of ascent and adds more than 5 1/2 miles round trip.

The Keene Valley bus shuttle will transport people from the hamlet to the trailhead between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., pending bus driver availability, for \$10 round trip. AND, expect Cascade Mountain Trailhead parking restrictions along Route 73 again this year.



REGION 6

By John Wainwright

Well, I guess all of us are looking for spring to show up. Although the weather doesn't seem spring like, I've started seeing nature's signs that it has indeed arrived.

John Wainwright On April 1, I woke up

to 4 inches of wet snow on my deck but by afternoon, the sun came out and warmed enough to melt it. So, I sat outside around 3 p.m. and decided to do a bird count at my feeders and surrounding woods. Well, in just over an hour, I identified 18 species – 4 of them first sightings since last fall. I saw two fox sparrows, a chipping sparrow and several song sparrows, along with a flock of cedar waxwings.

A few weeks ago, I saw several black

vultures circling overhead with a group of turkey vultures. It is quite unusual to see this southern species this far north. Also, my friendly chipmunks showed up from their long sleep last week. So, you see, spring is here.

I attended our annual NYSOGA Rendezvous at the White Eagle Conference Center. It was a fun weekend with old and new friends. Region 6 is well represented on our BOD with six people being elected.

Now to go tie some flies.



REGION 7

By Sandra "Squeak" Rose

Greetings from Region 7! It would seem that spring has sprung here albeit reluctantly. The plink plink of sap dripping into buckets

Sandra Rose

rings out across the land, and the gold finches are beginning to trade their olive drab for brilliant lemon yellow. I was in attendance for the "State Of The Lake" meeting on March 19th and the informative meeting continues to focus on the balance of fish stocking vs catch rate assessments; the Alewife population; as well as Sea Lamprey monitoring (*an adult Sea Lamprey kills 40 lbs. of fish per

year). Strengthening the relationship and communications between the lake and river sport fishing businesses will be a main focus also (which I fully agree with). There will be a "Salmon River Fishery" Meeting on April 11th. There has been a marked increase in northern cardinals in our region as well as the first sightings in 17 years of the Evening Grosbeaks, for which I am extremely thankful.



REGION 8

By Capt. Jim Morgan

It was good to see everyone at the Rendezvous. White Eagle is a great facility and, hopefully, stays open in the future.

Spring has sprung finally. Warmer nights, plants are pushing up, grass is turning green and my charter boat is out of the barn! Now, we're guaranteed to get 6 inches of snow!

Jim Morgan

I've been seeing nice size flocks of turkeys. The deer are enjoying the spring weather and I'm seeing good numbers.

My first charter trip is April 13, my 29th season. Next season may be my last. The fish will be glad to hear that!! Then I will have to come up with Plan B.

The Finger Lakes are all beautiful glacier lakes with much history. Today, they are under tremendous pressure from pollution as well as invasive plants and animals. Recently, carcinogenic chemicals were found in the ground water and wells in and around the former Seneca Army Depot in Romulus. The chemical is from fire retardant and

1,327 times above EPA advisory limits. Streams also carry this pollutant and others into Seneca Lake.

Then, there is the Greenwood Generation Power Plant in Dresden, NY on Seneca Lake. It has been converted from coal to gas but lacks proper screening to prevent the mangling and killing of fish when it intakes 139 million gallons of water daily for cooling. The discharge water is much warmer, which is a concern because there is an increase in major algal blooms. Plus, there are the salt mines and major brine spills. The "good ole days" were so bad after all!

Have a safe season.

Master Guide

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master guide. Now, applicants must meet one mandatory criteria related to years of guiding experience and meet at least 4 of the remaining 6 criteria.

The new requirements will be posted

on the NYSOGA website soon. If you have any questions regarding the Master Guide Program please contact John Wainwright, committee chair, at 315-894-5834 or by email at jwainwright@aol.com.

Wilderness First Aid

Get your Wilderness First Aid certification at a NYSOGA-sponsored class at the Catskill Center in Arkville on Saturday, July 13. This is a two year certification and you do not have to be a NYSOGA member to attend. It is a one day course designed for assessing illness and injury and providing first aid in remote areas within 1-3 days of advanced care. Register online at www.nysoga.org or contact Sonny Young at (518) 359-8194 or adkfoothill@gmail.com.

Old Photos Wanted!

NYSOGA has conserved our historical documents but we lack images! If you have photos of our members or our gatherings that you would like to see preserved in the NYSOGA Historical Library, send them (or clear snapshots of them) with info such as names, dates and locations to Sheila Young, 214 Old Wawbeek Road, Tupper Lake, NY 12986 or email to adkfoothillsgs@gmail.com.



Rendezvous

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There were also two seminars Saturday morning. In the first, Alan Woodruff showed four prototypes of new personal flotation devices (PFDs, life jackets) of the 8 or 10 designs being developed by the Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety, (www.necenter.org) affiliated with the Bassett Healthcare Network in Cooperstown. This is partly in response to lobstermen drowning because they don't wear PFDs. Commercial fishing has one of the highest fatality rates of any occupation with drowning being the leading cause of those deaths. Then Woodruff reviewed what's currently taught in NYSOGA's state DEC approved Water Safety for Guides class.

The second seminar was used as

a workshop, with members offering suggestions of what they would like to seek to make the www.NYSOGA.org website more user friendly. Comments included that the opening page is "way too busy" and guides want to be able to edit their own descriptions. Laptop viewing was rated "not bad" but the site was called too complicated for those viewing it on phones. Members were told that 67 percent of the users were aspiring guides or guides and 80 percent of our users leave the site after 10 seconds, so "hire a guide" was suggested as being the primary focus to attract potential customers.

State Sen. Thomas O'Mara from Big Flats spoke at Saturday's luncheon. He's in his ninth year in the Senate representing Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben Counties and part of Tompkins County after six years in the Assembly. He expressed concern about gun controls, noting new legislation

introduced to ban gun raffles. He said full funding of the Environmental Protection Fund was good news as well as money for clean water infrastructure.

O'Mara said a proposed "Green New Deal" has "pretty unrealistic goals" although it would be good to move in that direction but the proposal is "not feasible." He continues on the Environmental Committee and said "a half hour ago" he got word that DEC will have a new class of Forest Rangers and Environmental Conservation Officers about May. He said he is well aware of the economic impact of outdoor activities. He doesn't feel the state has paid enough attention to staff for DEC and other agencies. He said there has been work to lower the hunting age to 12 but "can't get that through."

He said there are problems with the growing deer population. He noted that the state has added more free fishing days.

Committees

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NYSOGA will be providing only combined FA/CPR 2-year certifications rather than separate cards. Due to the agency change, folks will not have the option of attending FA or CPR; they will have to attend both and receive one combined certificate.

NYSOGA is planning a Wilderness First

Aid class at the Catskill Center in Arkville on Saturday, July 13. This is a two-year certification. Advance your ability to respond to your clients' needs. This course satisfies an optional criterion for NYSOGA Master Guide status.

Conservation and Trails

NYSOGA begins its 11th year of trail stewardship for a 4 mile stretch of the Northville-Lake Placid Trail (NPT) near

Indian Lake. There has been a narrow window of opportunity for the spring trail maintenance – waiting until Cedar River Road opens for the season while remaining in the calendar window for chainsaw use. NYSOGA has purchased a 4-foot, 2 person crosscut saw that will eliminate the necessity of carrying a chainsaw and all the associated heavy gear. It will free us to schedule the spring event at our convenience. We will be announcing the spring stewardship date soon.

2019 Trip Planning Request

Compiled by Roy Earley

January • February • March

DATE	ORIGIN	GROUP SIZE	REGION	CATEGORY
01-19-19	New York	1-2	9	Multiple
01-18-19	Virginia	1-2	1-9	Ice Fishing
01-21-19	New York	6-10	3	Multiple
01-24-19	New York	1-2	8	Ice Fishing
01-27-19	New York	3-5	3-4	Rock Climbing
02-07-19	New York	1-2	?	Hiking
02-08-19	New York	6-10	5	Birding
02-10-19	New York	?	8	Multiple
02-17-19	New York	1-2	3	Ice Fishing
02-18-19	W. Virginia	1-2	5-6	Ice Fishing
02-20-19	New York	1-2	6-8	Hunting
02-23-19	New York	3-5	1-9	Multiple
03-07-19	New York	11+	3-4	Multiple
03-27-19	Colorado	?+	?	Multiple
03-31-19	New York	1-2	5-6	Kayak

The NYSOGA STORE

* indicates logo item for sale to NYSOGA-member licensed guides



NYSOGA SALES BY SHIPPING April 2019 Total includes 0.8% tax and shipping

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST	TOTAL
Logo Patches**	Embroidered, 3" round	\$6.00	\$7.48
Master Guide rocker patch ***	Rocker style to fit 3" round	\$5.00	\$6.40
Lapel pin, die cast**	1" round metal	\$5.00	\$7.40
Bill Leege original art note cards	Cards w/ envelopes, 2 sets/6 images	\$10.00	\$14.80
Window Decal, transparent***	Interior 3"x7"	\$2.00	\$3.16
Window Decal, yellow**	Exterior 5"x8", NY outline	\$6.00	\$8.18
Hat, Cotton Twill**	Beige, embroidered logo	\$20.00	\$26.60
Hat, Waxed Canvas**	Dark Brown, embroidered logo	\$20.00	\$26.60
Hat, Adidas golf cap, 100% poly **	Vista Grey	\$22.00	\$28.76
Hat, Dri-Duck cotton/poly**	Moss	\$20.00	\$26.60
Cap, knit watch-style**	Dark Blue	\$20.00	\$26.60
Vest, Columbia fleece**	Charcoal Heather	\$42.00	\$52.36
Tee, performance 100% poly**	Forest Green – 3" logo or badge	\$27.00	\$34.16
Shirt, Dri-Duck angler shirt**	Fog	\$52.00	\$61.16
Russell Hoodie**	Camouflage	\$65.00	\$77.20
Camp mugs, metal, w/logo	White	\$11.00	\$15.88
Coasters, cork/hardboard, logo	Images vary	\$5.00 ea	\$7.40
Unisub note holders w/Post Its	Images vary	\$7.00	\$11.56
20 oz water bottles, metal, w/ logo	White	\$14.00	\$20.12
2020 Commemorative tee		\$20.00	\$26.60
ITEM	YEAR, LOCATION, COLOR		
Any tee from a previous year, \$10.00 (not all sizes available)	'19, Hamilton, Indigo	\$10.00 (50% off)	\$15.80
	'18, Hamilton, Chestnut		
	'17, Claryville, Mint green		
	'16, Hamilton, Navy long sleeve		
	'14, Lyons Falls, Grey		
	'13, Malta, Black		
	'12, Hamilton, Tan long sleeve		
	'07, Saranac Lake, Ivory		
	'03, Johnstown, Brown**		
	'01, Saranac Lake, Ivory		
	'99, Saratoga Springs, Ivory		
	'98, Boonville, Brown**		

** Must be a NYSOGA member to purchase.

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2. Payment and/or refund of mail order items via PayPal is preferred.
3. Personal checks must be received at least two weeks prior to mail order item shipment.
4. Refund for mail order items returned within 30 days of receipt, in original condition, includes the price of the item plus tax, but minus shipping.
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6. In the event that a product is unavailable, the consumer may apply for refund or credit.

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Life Member and Charter Member



Note cards & envelopes
3 each of 2 cards
Wolf/tent Fox/canoe

~ Relative Peace ~

By Sandra Rose

Rain greeted our group as we gathered on the shores of Lake Moraine. Dark clouds hovered to the south as fog swirled across the water covered ice. As the wind became westerly; the distinct clank, clank, clank of the snaps hitting the flag pole acted as a revelry, calling us to order.

With the fog still rising – reaching gray fingers up into the limbs of lichen covered trees; the ravens voiced their arrival as the geese searched for open water. Our hearts were still yearning for those we have lost as well as for those who simply could not be there ... Our hearts sensed change coming but our eyes looked to the sunny gaps arriving above the hills on the far shore and the trees sighed along with us in the relief of camaraderie.

A gentle breeze lifted the Norway and Tamaracks as we gathered in night time song, followed by a morning of rain, sleet and snow; clank, clank, clank the flag pole reaches our ears and with our shoulders braced for the year ahead, just as the determined lone shanty out on the ice ... we forge ahead in “Relative Peace” ...



NYSOGA treasurer, past president and life member Jeff Whittemore lit our official lantern to start last year's Rendezvous.



(Left) Russ Diederich from Pine City, NY is a new NYSOGA Director-at-Large.



(Right) Michael Newell, a NYSOGA past president, has returned as a Director-at-Large



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Knowing the names that humans have given to other creatures or things is far from the most important lesson you will teach.

– Rachel Carson