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Journey to the Past

I recently received an email with a link to a Picasa album of camp pictures from the summer of 1979. The album was created by Eric Samuelson who was the Assistant Dining Hall Director that summer. Reviewing the color and black and white photos brought back grand memories, amazing adventures and great friends. 1979 was the end of an era at camp. I was the Business Manager and Dennis Conneally was the Program Director. Bruce Faunz was in his first year as Camp Director. The following year Dennis and I did not return and there was a change in camp leadership that led to some unsettled times.

It is hard to tell if the young faces in these pictures knew that change was coming. I don't remember thinking too much about the future that summer; I was having too much fun to worry about that. We certainly had our challenges, but we felt confident that we could provide a good program for the Scouts and still have time to enjoy ourselves.

The pictures are marvelous. A very young Rich Wise, a very tan Dave Fulton, and a very mod Steve Martin are found in this collection. Tom Peck is opening his jacket and exposing himself, thankfully he was wearing his swim trunks under his jacket. A young Mike Craig, who is probably the same age as his son is now, is depicted near the porch of the original Konakai cabin on North Hill. Tommy Hatfield is shown hugging Sheila.

A spirited game of volleyball is pictured with players including Dennis Conneally, Rich Wise, Alvah DeWeese, Mickey Wolk, Dave Fulton, Bruce Morimoto and others. There is a picture of Mike Mullin, the Water front Director, wearing a life preserver (See **Pictures, page 3**)



Scouts participating in Lifesaving Merit Badge at Camp Emerald Bay.

Every Available Youth

Over the last several years, Camp Emerald Bay has funded nearly 400 at-risk and low income youth to fully participate in programming at a cost of over \$100,000. This was accomplished through a variety of scholarship vehicles with particular leadership from the Emerald Bay Alumni who in 2009 funded approximately 60 young adults. Thank you. While there are many Scouts who were affected by our ability to offer financial aid to campers, some of the ones we're particularly proud of being able to help are detailed below.

Nine youth attended from Troop 2911. This Troop is run for the benefit of the youth who live at Hope Gardens, a battered women shelter in Sylmar, and is dedicated to using Scouting to help break the cycle of violence and abuse in poor families. Due to the unique situation of this unit, the adult leaders (social workers) were covered under the scholarship as well. The Scouts had a great time at camp and were thankful for the opportunity to come experience Emerald Bay. Of particular note were snorkeling and the war canoe trip; all finding them to be great new experiences that challenged and took them out of their comfort zone.

The impact made on the lives of these young men and women is truly priceless. We are extremely lucky to have the ability to help them get past their financial hurdles and on to more exciting challenges thanks to donations to the Emerald Bay Scholarship Fund.

Today, the EBA is committed to supporting Emerald Bay's goal of serving every available youth in our Council regardless of their economic background. Your continued support is needed and most graciously appreciated.

Boats and Bottles for a Good Cause

Want to taste fine wine and help support the Emerald Bay Campership Program? Plan on attending an evening of wine tasting at the Del Rey Yacht Club in Marina del Rey on Saturday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. The evening is free, but donations will be accepted to help send kids to camp. Join us for this special event in a beautiful setting. You must be 21 or older to attend this event. If you are planning on attending, contact Clif Stewart at admin@emeraldbayalumni.org or at (818) 620-7722.



In Memoriam

I recently received some sad news from Ken Wise. For those of you that don't know Ken, he is a terrific guy, and at age 96, he is believed to be the oldest living Emerald Bay staffman. Ken wrote to inform us of the passing of Dave Sinclair, a fellow staffman from the late 20's/early 30s... and an original member of Ship 16, "Islander":

One of my life long good friends and an original crew member of SSS 16, Islander, Dave Sinclair passed away at his home in Ashland, Oregon, on 12/9/09. He was 94 and is survived by his wife Mary, and children. Dave served on Staff for several years, including as Handicraft Director. Scouts remembered him for his kind and helpful manner. Dave also served his country well as a career officer in the US Coast Guard. During WWII he served on a search and rescue ship, helping save many sailors' lives after their ship had been sunk by a German sub in the North Atlantic Ocean. Dave later became a Coast Guard pilot and served at many rescue stations in the US. Dave thereafter served as the commanding officer of the USCG station in Japan and retired with the high rank of captain. After settling down in San Diego, Dave and his wife bought a small sailboat that they regularly sailed to EB. Scouting was important to Dave. He attained the highest rank in both Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts, and followed the scout oath his entire life. - Ken (Pee Wee) Wise.

Condolences can be sent to the Sinclair family by contacting the EBA at rich@emeraldbayalumni.org. Our prayers go out to the Sinclair family and for the continued health of Ken, Ed and all the old timers whose contributions add to the rich history of Camp Emerald Bay ... the "Gem of Catalina."
- Contributing editor, Rich Wise

EBA Endowment Update

In September 2009 the EBA created a formal Endowment. We have already raised over \$30,000 from more than 70 donors! Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far!

In staying true to the critical role we expect the Endowment to play in the EBA's future, we took great care in putting together a set of simple, but formal, policies and processes to ensure its integrity. Our investment policy is designed to assume no risk to principal as we currently accumulate sufficient assets to justify exposing any portion of the funds to risk. The account is held at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and is being administered fee-free. We also rely on volunteer efforts and low-cost securities to avoid erosion of our assets. As the Endowment Manager, I report to and serve at the pleasure of the EBA board who maintains comprehensive oversight, including the ability to verify the activity within the endowment assets independently. I advise the Board with respect to our policies, report on the endowment as necessary, and manage the affairs of the endowment within the specific parameters of our formal policies.

While we of course accept cash donations (cash, check, credit card), we also accept donations in-kind. This is a great option to consider if you are contemplating selling an appreciated stock or mutual fund (or similar) position anyway. The full market value of the stock is typically tax deductible to you, while the EBA, as a qualified non-profit, is not subject to taxation on its sale. This is a win-win created by the government to encourage charitable giving and non-profit organizations. I'd be happy to assist you with the (usually) simple paperwork for facilitating a transfer.

We are excited about the future prospects that having an endowment might afford the EBA and are happy to have gotten this initiative up and running. Your donations and support are important! If you have any ideas about fundraising and helping us along towards our goal of securing donations from 500 separate individuals by the end of 2010, we're all ears. Andrew is doing a phenomenal job running and growing the EBA, and he has an incredibly full plate of responsibilities. I am honored to be serving the EBA as the Endowment Manager, and hope that you will not hesitate to direct your endowment related inquiries in my direction if you feel comfortable doing so. I can be reached at scott.nussbaum@gmail.com and (646) 326-5746.

- Scott Nussbaum, EBA Endowment Manager

Get Connected

Hey everyone! Be sure to be hip for 2010 and get connected with Emerald Bay's Facebook additions. The Emerald Bay Alumni has a Facebook fan page and a group with over 700 members! Get connected with staffers you haven't seen or heard from for years. Become more involved by keeping up with the updates and spontaneous shenanigans. Look at photos from the 2nd Annual EBA Fall BBQ, the microcyclone that hit camp, or National EB Sock Day. Be sure to find us and get connected at www.facebook.com/emeraldbayalumni.



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Images from Summer 2009



A time honored tradition; a wet birthday celebration



The Emerald Bay Alumni Campfire Circle



The new rifle range that the Alumni helped fund



Camp Emerald Bay parade ground, July 2009

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