



# The Emerald Bay Chronicle

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## Message from the Chair

Over the years, I have repeatedly heard people say that they may not see another camp person for years or decades and when they do meet up they are able to talk as if they saw each other only yesterday. It is true that the bonds that many of us formed at camp either as campers or as staff are very strong and our shared experiences were all powerful ones.

We often get emails from members telling us how powerful the experiences they had at camp were and how strong their bond is with the other people that are involved with camp. Many times these people have not been to the camp or seen someone that they knew from camp for two or three decades or more. I find that level of personal connection amazing!

In recent years, we have been able to provide additional opportunities for our members to connect and reconnect. We now have four annual events including the fall BBQ, Dodger game, spring wine tasting, and our biggest event, the summer reunion. The camp management has asked us to come out and be volunteer commissioners during the summer, a great way to connect with the current staff and campers. We are able to access social networking such as Facebook to connect with each other. Each of us can log into donor tools ([eba.donortools.com](http://eba.donortools.com)) to make sure that the EBA has our most current contact information so we can get the invites to all the great events. On top of all this, we have access to many other modern communication channels – text messages, picture messages, email, twitter, blogs, etc. The opportunities and tools available to us are mind-boggling. Even with all of those communication channels available to me, I did something revolutionary lately (See **Chairman**, page 3)



Sponsors of the Fellowship and Comrades Lasting Wine Tasting at the Del Rey Yacht Club.

## Terrific Tasting

The second annual Fellowship and Comrades Lasting Wine Tasting event on May 14 was a success by all measures. Approximately 80 alumni and guests filled the Del Rey Yacht Club room for an evening of wine, cheese and comradery that celebrated the Emerald Bay campership program. Sponsorships for all of the event expenses ensured that the event was free for alumni and all donations collected before the event went to the campership program.

The evening was ably hosted by event chair Clif Stewart. Toby Sharp, who selected the wines for the event, introduced each wine. Various gourmet cheeses, fruit and crackers accompanied the wines. Lee Harrison, Chief Operating Officer for the Western Los Angeles County Council, provided the keynote address. He showed pictures of the various projects made possible with funding from the Association such as the rifle range, floating docks, dining hall remodel and the campfire circle. He discussed his vision for an inclusive camp that is available for all kids regardless of their ability to pay. He said that the donations from the Association for the campership program would help make that vision a reality. The Association has raised almost \$19,000 for camperships, which is enough to send 76 kids to camp.

All of the attendees had a good time, caught up with old friends and tasted some good wine. They celebrated the generous support of camp by the Association. Definitely a success by any measure.

## 22nd Annual EBA Reunion

The 22nd Annual Emerald Bay Alumni Reunion at Emerald Bay is scheduled for August 13-14 at Emerald Bay. Join us for fun, sun and catching up with old friends. Harbor Breeze Cruises in Long Beach, with six dollar a night parking, is providing the charter to the island. See the enclosed flyer for more information.



## Dining Out

When I eat meals at the dining hall in Emerald Bay, I like to sit on the porch and look at the bay while I eat. When I visited camp during my spring break, I ate all of my meals outside. It is more difficult to do that in the summer when the Scouts are in camp and occupy those outside benches, so when I am in camp in the off season, when there are fewer people, I try to take advantage and sit outside.

I believe the dining hall is a focal point in camp, not as glamorous as other areas perhaps, but part of every camper's and visitor's experience at least three times a day. It is often the meeting place that adventures begin or are debriefed. In between meal times, the hall is used for meetings and classes. Before it was removed for the porch extension, the large, neon-lit clock on the front of the dining hall was the official time in camp. Relocating the coffee service to the dining hall porch made the porch a gathering place for staff, scoutmasters and others looking for a place to sit and chat and enjoy the view.

Traditionally, the dining hall has been a repository for camp history. The walls have been lined with staff pictures from the last sixty years or so. Banners the camp received for good inspections and neckerchiefs given by troops that visited the camp hung from the rafters. Plaques that commemorate and honor famous camp folks, such as camp directors or resident rangers or not so famous Scouters, young and old, were in various places around the hall. At present, due to the recent remodel, this history sits in boxes, waiting for a decision on where to display it.

The recent remodeling of the inside and outside of the dining hall is magnificent. The changes are both aesthetically pleasing and practical. Viewing the changes inside the hall during my spring visit, I appreciated the wood veneer on the ceiling joists and the (See **Dining Hall**, page 3)



Scouts sailing off of Emerald Bay in Capri 14 sailboats purchased by the EB Association.

## Endowment Keeps on Growing

The Emerald Bay Alumni Association Endowment is a growing out of its infancy and into toddlerhood. 2010 was our first full calendar year of operation, and we're starting to find our footing, but we still need support from the alumni community. The endowment grew its capital base by nearly 40% through donations last year while eking out a slightly positive gain. The Endowment's investment performance was inline with our strategy of not exposing our donors' capital to risk, thus with the historically low interest rates, we didn't expect to earn much. At some point in the not too distant future, we hope to reach a size that will allow us to begin exposing a few small slices of the funds to deliberately chosen risks.

The endowment received donations of cash and securities from nearly 50 alumni during 2010, ranging from \$20 to over \$2,000. During 2010, we received our second donation of an equity security from an alumnus. Donating securities can be a particularly tax efficient way to support the endowment. Donors typically may deduct the market value of the security at the time of donation while the EBA Endowment, as a 501c3 organization, can sell the same security without any tax liability. Following the 80%+ market rally from March 2009 through February 2010, now might be a great time to consider this option if you're thinking about locking in some gains in a position!

We want to increase Alumni participation in building the endowment. Our goal is for 500 alumni to donate to the endowment. All donations, large and small, will help us to reach our goal. Please keep us in mind; please tell your family and friends who might be looking for a good cause!

Please contact me with any questions or for assistance in donating a security. The best way to reach me is at [scott.nussbaum@gmail.com](mailto:scott.nussbaum@gmail.com). I am honored to be entrusted with growing these funds.

- Scott Nussbaum, Endowment Manager

## Annual Report Available

The 2010 Emerald Bay Association Annual Report is now available on line at [www.emeraldbayalumni.org](http://www.emeraldbayalumni.org). The annual report is a summary of everything that the Association has accomplished, a breakdown of the income and expenses for the year and the recognition roster of donors for 2010.



## Dining Hall (from page 2)

rock re-facing of the fireplace. There is a new floor and more lighting to further enhance the room.

I wonder what will eventually be put on the now bare dining hall walls. Perhaps

they will be left bare, without historical references, to better appeal to a year-round and more diverse clientele. I hope, at least, that the clock is restored to the front of the dining hall. I find its neon glow reassuring and it helps me to keep track of time. I think it would be appealing to a diverse clientele.

- Bob Fenton, Editor

## Where on Catalina Island?



This place was reported to have been sacred to the Native Americans who lived in Emerald Bay. It has importance to generations of Camp staff and Scouts as well. It has been used by the Order of the Arrow, by camp staff that needed to “get away” from camp, and as a place to spend the night when all of the cabins were full. This is a view of the Kiva which is in Doctor’s cove and accessed by a small trail near the gate on the trail to the chapel.

## Chairman (from page 1)

and I picked up the phone to call a couple of people. They were not long or in-depth phone calls and I didn’t have an agenda that I was pushing, nor was I asking for something. I just called a friend that I had not talked to in a couple years. It was a fun, rewarding, worthwhile, and didn’t take a lot of time or typing.

I encourage you all to attend one of our events, come out and be a volunteer commissioner, or simply call someone up! The people and our relationships are the reason we are all here, why we put in the effort to keep the programs going and work to improve the programs. I look forward to talking with you soon!



## Calendar of Events

Jun 12	First Camping Session
Aug 13-14	Emerald Bay Alumni Reunion
Aug 27	End of Last Camping Session

Yes, I want to help raise funds to support Camp Emerald Bay.

I am enclosing:  \$50     \$100     \$250     \$500     \$1000     \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your donation to the Emerald Bay Association, P.O. Box 959. Venice, CA, 90294

To learn more and donate online, please go to [www.EmeraldBayAlumni.org/donate](http://www.EmeraldBayAlumni.org/donate).



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## Spring at Emerald Bay



A view of Emerald Bay, Spring 2011



The remodeled interior of the dining hall



The prototype for the future motorboat fleet, donated by the EBA



A view of the back country from above the rifle range looking south-east

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