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Troop 7

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Dear Friends of Troop 7,

It is my pleasure to greet all present and past supporters of Boy Scout Troop 7. This year is a major milestone in the history of the Boy Scout program in Port Washington. Thanks to the long term commitment of the United Methodist Church of Port Washington and the many leaders and scouts before us, we can proudly say that we are in our 90th year of continuous operation.

"If you are going to do anything for the average man you have got to begin before he is a man. The chance of success lies in working with the boy not the man." Theodore Roosevelt said this almost 100 years ago. In fact, his belief was so strong, that in 1914 he convinced the National Boy Scout Council to start a Boy Scout Troop in Port Washington. This was the beginning of the current Troop 7. Thanks and a big Bully to Teddy Roosevelt!

Reverend Henry Du Bois, the Pastor of the United Methodist Church of Port Washington at the time, became the first scoutmaster of the Troop. We were initially assigned the number Troop 1 of Port Washington. But in 1917, the Nassau County Council was formed and the troops in existence at the time were renumbered. We then became Troop 7.

The Boy Scout organization's main function is to help boys grow into young men that live their lives according to good values that stress service and respect for others, as well as, self-respect. Each boy commits to this by pledging the scout oath and law.

I have had the pleasure to work with the United Methodist Church, Cub Scout Pack 77 and Troop 7 for about 15 years. During that time I have had the opportunity to meet many boys and their families and experience the joy of seeing the boys develop and mature into young men. The same boys, who at ages 6 or 7 got frustrated trying to tie a knot or bowl a bowling ball, have grown into young men able to meet challenges, manage others through eagle projects, and help others to learn and develop.

On March 29th, the troop members were given the pleasure of meeting with a number of alumni to informally share stories about the troop's history and their experiences as scouts and scouters. The adventures and emotions that they shared, really confirmed the impact that scouting had on their lives.

In closing, on behalf of all of the boys whose lives you have touched, and from the bottom of my heart, for giving me the opportunity to share in the program, I thank all those who have come before me along the scouting trail at Troop 7.

Rocco Gibaldi, Scoutmaster

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Troop 7

2003-2004 Roster



Junior Assistant Scoutmasters

David Gibaldi
Scott Peckelis

Senior Patrol Leader

Christopher Costa

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Brandon Chan

Beaver Patrol

Matthew Selbach
(Patrol Leader)
Evan Owen
(Assistant Patrol Leader)
Christopher Cottitta
Sam Iazzo
Michael Velasquez

Bucks Patrol

Matthew Gray
(Patrol Leader)
Andrew Martinolich
(Assistant Patrol Leader)
Edgar 'Almazan
Winston Anyarin
Daniel Cottitta
William O'Neill

Wolverines

Joseph Reichmann
(Patrol Leader)
Steven Lee
(Assistant Patrol Leader)
Justin Almazan
Bailey Chan
Stephan Ferguson
Sam Kazer

New Scouts

Richard Branciforte
Jai Sajani

Troop 7 Scoutmasters

<u>Name</u>	<u>Approximate Dates</u>
Rev. Henry DuBois	1915-1915
Rev. Hubert Jones	1915-1920
Homer Bartlett	1921-1926
Herbert U. Irwin	1927-1932
Howard B. Reid	1932-1933
Donald Ross	1933-1938
Harry Boggess	1939-1941
Dan J. Hegeman	1941-1945
Harold Wick	1945-1946
Olav Andreasen	1946-1948
Welford McBrian	1948-1949
Robert W. Walter	1949-1952
Walter Speck	1952-1953
David Hughes	1953-1955
Robert Stanley	1955-1958
Frank Quinn	1958-1960
Phineas Verity	1960-1980
Arthur Mittelstaedt	1980-1980
Dennis Riordan	1980-1984
Leslie Schonbrun	1984-1984
Anthony Petito	1985-1985
Steven Klinkowize	1985-1997
Lenord Wersan	1997-1999
Rocco Gibaldi	1999-Present

N. B. The names of the scoutmasters and their dates of service are approximate. They were based on a compilation of information from various sources both from within and without the Troop. There may be inaccuracies and omissions.

*Serving the youth of Port Washington for 90 years
1914-2004*

Memories of Troop 7

By Dolly Larsen

Preface

First, I wish to convey my best wishes and congratulations to Troop 7 on this very special anniversary celebration. When I was asked to help out with some of the history of this wonderful Troop, I had no idea how to begin. But through some strange intervention, information kept coming to me from many people whom I had known many years back and, unfortunately, I had forgotten all about them. I must say I was troubled at first for fear that I would not be able to do justice to this project. Once I got into it I did begin to enjoy it (even though I grumbled a bit), and I sincerely want to thank the Committee, Rocco Gibaldi, Toni Reichmann, Jim Interdonati and Joe and Alice Peckelis for entrusting this project to me; I do hope I have completed it to their satisfaction.

My only regret is that I never knew anything about this organization's activities with our youth when my son was a young boy. I should have, because my late husband, Henry (Wolf), had been a Boy Scout. I vaguely remember him mentioning Troop 7. I can only assume he may have been in the Troop with Tony DeFeo who he grew up with in Port Washington. Unfortunately, Tony cannot remember any of the boys who were in the Troop with him. The only tangible memory I had was a small Boy Scout first aid kit that was in my basement for 50 years. Foolishly, it was put out with some garage sale items and is now gone forever.

Finding out all of the wonderful things they accomplished without my knowing it, astonished me. Well, to make up for it, as soon as my grandson is old enough, I will certainly make an effort to influence my daughter to start him out as a Cub Scout. During this time of world turmoil and not knowing what the next day might bring, I realize now that Boy Scout training should be mandatory for all of our boys. The teaching of basic survival skills, group leadership, respect and camaraderie certainly would not be a disadvantage to them.

Louie Epaminonde

Louie is retired and lives in Westbury with his wife. His sister Josephine Gnecco visited him and received the following information about his memories of the time he spent as a Boy Scout in Troop 7. In 1932 Louie joined Troop 7 at the age of 12. His scoutmaster was a Mr. Phillips who was a graduate of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. Their meetings were held at the Methodist Church.

Under the direction of Scoutmaster Phillips, Troop 7 initiated the Sea Scouts. Louie's most memorable occasions were the group outings on Manhasset Bay. The boys would board a 16' boat and learn boating and survival skills. Occasionally, the group would spend the night on the boat. During his years with Troop 7, Louie was the recipient of several merit badges (He later went on to become an Assistant Scoutmaster). He was a devout scout member, never failing to attend the meetings and Port Washington's Memorial Day parades.

In 1943, he was forced to leave the Troop when he was drafted into the United States Army. His military service included a tour of duty in the Pacific Theater. His saddest memory was when he learned of the death of his best friend and fellow troop member Joseph Atwood who was killed in action during World War II. At least six alumni of Troop 7 were killed during the war. Their names are included in a plaque at the Port Washington Town Dock of other World War II casualties. "I lived on Preston Street in Wysong's Hollow," said Epaminonde, "and my best friend, Joseph 'Buddy' Atwood used to walk with me to the meetings at the Methodist Church. We were such good friends and shared so many fun times together in Troop 7. The saddest day in my life was when I received the news that my Buddy was Killed in Action during World War II. I will always remember the fond memories of the times we shared."

Louie was discharged from the Army in 1946 and attended a television repair school on the G. I. Bill of Rights. For a time he worked for Alper's Hardware. Later he was employed at Grumman Corporation where he worked on the Lunar Module projects. He retired in 1985 at the age of 65. His recreation activities included roller skating at the Mineola Roller Skating Rink where he was a member of the Port Rollers, entering many skating competitions.

Louie is married to the former Marguerite Fletcher, who is also a Port Washington native. They have three daughters, Jo Anne, Diane, and Jane, a son, Peter, and three grandchildren, Theresa, Megan, and Joseph.

Troop 7 Eagle Scouts

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Amodeo, Michael	7/23/1999
Borgman, Ronald	4/28/1952
Boza, Richard	10/27/1983
Broedel, Jr., Sheldon	8/17/1973
Caruthers, Bruce	7/27/1988
Cheron, Daniel	3/16/1998
Cooney, Jr., Winston	6/19/1957
Costa, Vincent	7/15/2002
Di Toro, Mark	12/01/1990
Frankel, Richard	4/07/1982
Gibaldi, Christopher	6/19/1998
Gibaldi, David	6/19/2003
Goetz, Gerard	1/12/1999
Hare, Jason	5/11/1995
Hodson, Michael	7/23/1999
Idaspe, Joseph	6/24/1975
Idaspe, Patrick	12/26/1973
Jennings, Patrick	4/10/1970
Jones, Arthur	1/24/1956
Jurkowski, David	10/29/1993
Klinkowize, David	10/28/1991
Klinkowize, Sean	1/29/1988
Makofsky, Robert	8/28/1992
Messina, Gregory	6/18/1999
Mittelstaedt, Kurt	10/27/1983
Mockler, John	3/12/1973
Mueller, Glen	1/31/1968
Muller, Richard	6/24/1975
Olsen, Gregory	10/01/1986
Owen, Daniel	2/05/2002
Oxenber, Bertram	8/27/1954
Pahk, Brian	6/18/1999
Peele, Paul	4/22/1963
Petito, Anthony	6/24/1983
Plotkin, Alban	4/12/1993
Quinones, Frank	9/10/1956
Reichmann, Nicholas	10/24/2001
Saraydarian, Gregory	7/16/1984
Sarfas, Gerald	6/19/1957
Schartzman, Robert	7/07/1977
Schnier, Gregory	7/17/1981
Schwartz, Victor	1/19/1972
Solomita, David	1/29/1968
Stanley, Gordon	9/03/1954
Stodard, Jonathan	1/24/1956
Zarub, Ross	10/06/1975

