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The View From the Top—

Jim Fellet, President, Tahosa Alumni Association

Greetings Alumni!

As I look outside I'm amused by the weather, one day we're in 60 and 70 degree temperatures and then we get hit with a large hint that winter has not finished with us and it's telling us it's only February and a pleasant 18 degrees out, and summer is not just around the corner. The welcome news is this could be gone and forgotten in such a short time, as we all know so well.

We had a fantastic banquet in November, again enjoying much fellowship, great food and plans are in the works to surpass 2014 in 2015.

Many things are also planned for work days in 2015: re-facing the front of the water front wall, painting of buildings and general maintenance as needed. We can always use extra hands, so please make it a high priority on your summer calendar to come to camp and help out.

A lot of things are in progress these days. One of extreme importance is the grand opening of, at long last, our museum, or as it is now known, the "Scout Heritage Room", sponsored by the Tahosa Alumni Association. As noted in earlier articles, a lasting dream of many members has finally come to be. So many members of the association have worked so very long and hard to make this day happen. We invite all members, families and friends of scouting to come over to the Denver Area Council office building and see what many members have given in their personal memorabilia for all to enjoy. While you're at the Heritage room, be sure and see the new addition of the "Adventure Point Center" which was just completed. The Heritage Room and the Colorado Adventure Point Center sets our council apart from others! Plans will be announced as to the hours and days the Heritage Room will be open on weekends and evenings. In addition to all the donated memorabilia, we have a vast amount of historic information about scouting. We are also building quite a library of scouting periodicals. Please contact John Meeker or myself with any historic items you would like to donate.

Our next event will be the annual Scout Show, April 25th. Be sure to plan on attending.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I welcome your input.

Looking forward to a Great Tahosa Year Ahead.

Jim

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Scout Heritage Room Grand Opening

John Meeker, Director History/Museum

The Grand Opening of the Scout Heritage Room at the Denver Area Council headquarters was a great success and came very fast.

Thanks to the efforts of many Tahosa Alumni Association members, donors Bob and Aileen Munger, Robert Harris, Martin Zinn, plus many, many others, and the DAC staff. We are excited to welcome you to the Scout Heritage Room!

Beginning in October of 2013 many members of the TAA have lavished their time, efforts, and creative juices on what is shaping up to be a grand display of scouting history in the Denver area. The artifacts on display will tell the many stories of scouting in the Denver area and its city, plains, and high mountain camps through the years. Presentations of scouting memorabilia, plus numerous homemade articles and Scout created folk art pieces, add color and personal interest to the days gone by.

A preview of the room was held on February 24th for the Denver Area Council Board of Trustees and Directors after their Board meeting and Dedication of the Colorado Adventure Point Center. It was received very well and comments like "a smaller version of the National Museum" were heard! This is a wonderful addition to the DAC headquarters building.

The Grand Opening of the Scout Heritage Room for the scouting community at large was held Saturday, February 28th from 9am to 4:30pm.

**The Alumni
Needs You... see
how you can
help**

As the activity level for the Scout Heritage Room increases as we anticipate it will, we now have a real need for our membership to help us to sustain this history project. This is a great opportunity for those TAA members who cannot easily get to Camp Tahosa for projecting or who have day time hours available to help guide visitors at the Scout Heritage Room. Training and procedures for our TAA volunteers (all docents must be TAA members), who would like to become a part of this exciting adventure, will be trained and coached by Dorothea Lindsey and Dana Seymour, long standing members of the TAA. If this opportunity to become a docent, or guide, at the DAC headquarters near Kipling and West 6th Avenue in Lakewood, gets your blood pumping, please contact John Meeker at museumcoordinator@tahosa.org or johngmeeker@comcast.net.

The DAC will be having a Grand Opening for the Colorado Adventure Point center in April. The Adventure Point wing of the building contains a climbing wall, rifle range, archery range, cooking area, and many more brand new features for newly unfolding programs in the Denver Area Council, beginning soon.

Scout Heritage Room Docents Needed

Dorothea Lindsey, Director of Docents



We are looking for people who are interested in helping us welcome visitors to the Scout Heritage Room. If history, memorabilia, talking to people about scouting is something that interests you, then we need you! Please contact Dorothea Lindsey about volunteering to assist us as a tour guide for our new Scout Heritage Room located at the Denver Area Council office.

--We Need You!!

Treasurer's Report

Keith Kennedy, Treasurer

Last year was a big year for Tahosa Alumni Association. Lots of work was done at Tahosa, including reworking the drainage behind the dining hall, dressing up the retaining wall by the lake, delivery of 45 tons of road base material (crushed rock) to repair roads rutted by heavy rainfall and spring runoff, and many hours of painting work. And, the long-awaited and much anticipated museum project was finally initiated. All work, of course, is done on a volunteer basis, and the expenses are just for the necessary materials.

None of this work could be done without the faithful support of the membership through dues, donations and labor. Remember, your dues and donations are tax-deductible. Here is a financial summary of 2014, so you can see where your money went.

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Alumni
Association!**

General Operations

Museum Operations

Income	
Membership dues	2,162
Donations for Tahosa projects	5,620
Interest income	44
Net income from Picnic & Banquet	761
Merchandise sales	<u>658</u>
Total income	9,245
Expenses	
Tahosa project materials	7,851
Donations to Council in memory of deceased members	150
Website expenses	1,152
Merchandise purchases	370
Postage & printing	627
Office supplies & permits	<u>51</u>
Total expenses	10,201
Net income (loss)	(956)

Income	
Donations designated for museum	3,601
Sales of excess museum items	<u>514</u>
Total income	4,115
Expenses	
Fixtures & equipment	4,419
Storage rental & supplies	<u>906</u>
Total expenses	5,325
Net income (loss)	(1,210)



The “loss” from General Operations was funded by excess funds remaining from prior years, and the “loss” from Museum Operations was funded by money received several years ago and designated for a future museum project, which has finally come to pass.

Amazon Smile

Do you shop on Amazon? If you are like a lot of us, you do. Well, while you are doing your shopping, check out “Amazon Smile.” You can select the charity of your choice and a donation from your applicable purchases will be donated to your selected charity. Now for the GREAT NEWS—the Tahosa Alumni Association is listed on Amazon Smile as a charity to choose from—you can even search for us and you will find us. We receive a check quarterly from them. It did not cost anything to sign up, we are just the happy beneficiaries of their generosity and your shopping. So next time you are online shopping, remember the Alumni Association. Our link is <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-2229011>.



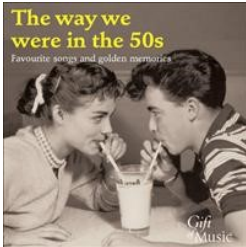
A Bit of Fun from the Heritage Room

Nancy Nibling, Librarian

Teen-Age Slang Quiz Second Session Explorer Leader Basic Training 1958

The following was found while cataloging information at the Scout Heritage room. It is a Boy Scouts of America Pamphlet (No. 6621). She found it in an article by James Foley in "The Milwaukee Sentinel" from 1958:

"Are you with it? Do you get that strange jargon spoken by our teen-agers, or are you strictly an eight ball? See if you are hep to these expressions by checking what you think are the correct definitions to the following questions.



Take this Quiz
from 1958
Training. See
if you would
have been hip!

1. **OUT TO LUNCH** (a) Having a sandwich (b) Not in the groove (c) Dining with a friend
2. **FROZEN FELINE** (a) A cool cat (b) A sherbet dessert (c) A polar bear
3. **A FLY** (a) An insect (b) A dead Head (c) A lively person
4. **LIKE WOW** (a) Wonderful (b) Way out west (c) A cheerleader's yell
5. **GOING STEADILY** (a) Dating one person all the time (b) Dating one person regularly, and other occasionally (c) Always on the go
6. **A BLAST** (a) A gala party (b) An explosion (c) A reprimand from teacher
7. **FUNGUS AMONG US** (a) Foliage in the park (b) An adult at a teen-age party (c) A musty character in our midst
8. **CATTY** (a) A sarcastic person (b) Neat or cool (c) Nickname for a kitten
9. **FRUIT BOATS** (a) Ships carrying fruit (b) Bowls full of fruit (c) Colored sued shoes
10. **GUNG HO** (a) A cheer at a football game (b) All in favor (c) A Chinese cook
11. **MYSTERY MEAT** (a) A stew or meat concoction (b) An unidentified (c) A subject in home economics
12. **SCHNOK** (a) An unlikeable person (b) A pet name (c) A poor cook
13. **COFFEE POT** (a) A speedy track star (b) The life of the party (c) A weird hat
14. **A LOOSE GOOSE** (a) An agile runner (b) A lost animal (c) An eccentric person
15. **A RATTLER** (a) A snake (b) A big talker (c) One who is scared
16. **A JELLY BOWL** (a) A fat person (b) Bowl of jelly (c) A fruit-topped hat
17. **A BOOKIE** (a) One who takes bets (b) A studious student (c) A librarian
18. **A SPACE TRAVELER** (a) One who is up in the air (b) A meteor (c) An aviator
19. **A MUTNIK** (a) A dull date (b) A breed of dog (c) A hot dog
20. **A SMOOCHNIK** (a) A kissing date (b) A boring evening (c) A picnic

Score yourself 5 points for each correct answer. A score of 90-100 means you're hep to teen-age jargon; 80-90 you're pretty much in the groove; 70-80 you're not with it. Below 70? Consider yourself a fly, and strictly out to lunch. The American Weekly was a Sunday newspaper supplement published by the Hearts Corporation from November 1, 1896 until 1966.

Answers: 1. B-Not in the groove; 2. A-A cool cat; 3. B-A dead head; 4. A-Wonderful; 5. B-Dating one person regularly, and other occasionally; 6. A-A gala party; 7. C-A musty character in our midst; 8. B-Neat or cool; 9. C-Colored sued shoes; 10. B-All in favor; 11. A-A stew or meat concoction; 12. A-An unlikeable person; 13. B-The life of the party; 14. C-An eccentric person; 15. B-A rattler; 16. A-A fat person; 17. A-A studious student; 18. A-One who is up in the air; 19. A-A hot dog; 20. A-A kissing date.

Hooked on Tahosa

Update & Supplemental Stocking of Tumblesom Lake

Fred Nibling, Hooked on Tahosa Advisor

Many of you are aware of the Hooked on Tahosa Fly Fishing Merit Badge program that we Alumni sponsor annually for novice fly fishers. Catching a trout on a fly can be a daunting, yet very rewarding, experience for a young Scout. He must first locate the fish, determine what it is feeding on, select the proper fly imitation, and present the fly in a convincing manner to stimulate the fish into biting the fly. Along the way, he learns a number of life's virtues, i.e., good sportsmanship, problem solving, conservation, respect and appreciation for nature, and something particularly challenging for many young teens, patience. The course offers completion of all of the requirements of the merit badge with the possible exception of catching a fish on a fly. To this end, the merit badge is unique among most merit badges in that the ultimate, non-human merit badge counselor, "Mr. Trout", decides whether the Scout is worthy of completion of that requirement! It often boils down to one tenet: "the smarter one of the two wins the contest!"

This year's program will take place during the first two weeks in May. On one weekend, the program will be a camping/fishing experience for the entire weekend, and on the other, it will be a day-only event.

In other news, plans are being made to conduct supplemental stocking of the lake again this year. The 2010 winter drawdown for the dam repair adversely affected the fishery and the ecology of the lake. This led to a cancellation of the Hooked on Tahosa fly-fishing program in 2011. A stocking of 8-inch rainbow trout was made in 2012. Fishing reports over the last few years indicate that the lake continues to recover steadily as might be expected in such a mountain lake with a short growing season. While catch and release has been encouraged, trout in lake Tumblesom are receiving heavy natural predation from otters, cormorants, and osprey; and additional fish are needed to replace them. Frank Lindsey has received commitments from a few donors towards the purchase of more fish. Additional contributions would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Frank if you wish to donate to the restocking project.

Additional fish are needed. We may need to restock the lake again.



Ranger's Roost

Marc Lyman, Ranger, Camp Tahosa

It's been a bit busy, so here is a quick update: Okpick hosted 240 participants out of a possible 260 spots. We hosted 3 Klondikes and a really large Cub Scout Winter Day program for Valley District. As of March 15th, we had nearly 2200 individuals at camp. Last year's total visits were 6305, so we are off to a good start. Both Wood Badge courses will be at Tahosa this year. May will bring Wood Badge, Gateway's Webelos Weekend and then the Alumni Picnic the first weekend of June. Summer Camp is about half full so far, but we are hoping for much better than that.

Calendar of Events

Mark your calendar with these important Alumni events:



Board Meeting	4/22/2015	Board Meeting	8/23/2015
Scout Show	4/25/2015	Council Camporee	9/18-20/2015
Board Meeting	5/27/2015	Board Meeting	9/23/2015
Reunion	6/6/2015	Work Day	10/20/2015
Board Meeting	7/22/2015	Board Meeting	10/28/2015
Work Day	8/15/2015	Banquet	11/7/2015



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BOARD MEETINGS

are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 1455 Newland Street (just off Colfax, east of Wadsworth). All TAA members in good standing are welcome to attend. See the website for more details on dates. No Board meetings in June, November or December.

