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Chapter Chair's Message

by Ed O'Donnell

Dear Members,

It's a new year and time for a new Board, and it has been a great four years serving as your Chair. The current Board has been wonderful to work with and a lot was accomplished:

- Developing a camp sustainability fund
- Receipt of an \$18,000 bequest
- Tent platforms
- New kayaks
- Plywood sheets in the sleeping cabins to reduce drafts and make them warmer in the cold months
- New sailboat
- Tree removal and crowning trimming that stood the test of Hurricane Irene and Super Storm Sandy
- New swim float/raft
- Termite proofing of all buildings
- Going green – moving to an electronic Trail Marker
- Switching from a landline to a cell, because of the frequent downed telephone lines

It was all a TEAM EFFORT!

The new Board has some old faces mixed with some new blood. That's a good combination. Long-time member, Ray Kozma, is our new Chair, and I am sure he will do a great job. Here are a few things they will be faced with:

- Deficit - Our operating fees don't cover our operating expenses. This is no small matter. How can we increase revenue in the face of rising expenses (liability insurance, ...)?
- Roof leaks - The Park has accepted responsibility for replacing the roof, but doesn't feel its current condition warrants action.
- Re-planking the swim dock – The elements have done it in. Again, the Park has responsibility for replacing the decking, and the State health inspectors have cited us.
- Beavers – They are a chronic issue for EVERY lake in Harriman. They live under our swim dock, gnawing away the wood.

It was a lot hard work, but a lot of fun also.

Happy trails.

Ed O'Donnell

Outgoing Chair

ADKNY November 2012 Election Results:

Chapter Chair: Ray Kozma

Vice Chapter Chair: Steve Barre

Treasurer: Bruce Rosenbloom

2-year term:

Directors:

Maryann Poris

Mark Fedow

William Burns

Ron Engasser

Kim King

1-Year Term: Director (to fill a current vacancy)

Derek Lomer

Note: Secretary's post will expire Dec. 2013; in the 2013 Fall Election there will be a ballot for Secretary and one director post. Each will be for two years.

Welcome, New Applicant!

Jonathan Pincus

Welcome, New Keyholders!

Paul Bartlett

Urania Mylonas

Michael Sergio

Russell Silverman

Camp Improvement and Sustainability Fund

By now you should have received in the mail our annual appeal for donations to the camp. Expanding upon last year's annual fund-raising, the Nawakwa Board has decided to create a newly designated Camp Improvement/ Sustainability Fund. The fund will go to needed camp upgrades like this year's tent platforms, kayaks and paneling of cabins, in addition to sustaining the camp's operations via bridging the gap between camp expenses and income. The mailing provides more details. We hope you will contribute what you can toward seeing the camp thrive for the next generation of Nawakwans.

Lockers available for rent

Many Nawakwa members find it convenient to rent a locker at Camp to store such items as sleeping bag, tent, air mattress, toiletries, towels, spare shoes, change of clothing, hiking gear, camp chair, and other necessities of camp life. The lockers are fairly spacious, and at \$35 a year, they're probably the cheapest real estate you'll ever rent. If you don't have a locker currently but would like to enjoy the benefits of having one, you should notify Jerry Flower at membership@adkny.org or drop a note to ADKNY Membership, 802 W. 190th Street #1F, New York, NY 10040 with a check for \$35.

Hikes: January–March 2013

(visit www.adkny.org for frequent updates)

Hikes Chairperson: Glen Nison

718-625-2182

gnisonbike@juno.com

Please check schedules of various public transportation options as fares and schedules may have changed.

Saturday, January 26 • Highlights of Central Park

An approximately 2 to 3-mile leisurely walk through some relatively little-known areas of Central Park, including Harlem Meer, The North Woods, The Great Hill, The Ravine, Belvedere Castle, and The Ramble -- ending up around 1pm for lunch, either at the Boat Basin Cafe, or some other convenient restaurant, for a nice bowl of hot soup (or whatever). Take the No. 2 or 3 subway, or a northbound Madison Avenue 2, 3, or 4 bus, to 110th St. & Lenox Ave. Meet there at the entrance to the park at 10:30. Email me during the prior week or call me the evening before (anytime), to make sure that the walk is on. **Bob Susser; rsusser@aol.com; 212 666-4371.**

Saturday, January 26 • Nyack Circular

Moderate 7 mile hike from Towt Road, Nyack, including the Long Path and Buttermilk County Park trails. Bus riders take the Coach Red and Tan number 9 bus to Main Street and Broadway, Nyack, boarding at PABT at 8:15 a.m. or at GWBT at 8:40 a.m. and arriving at Nyack at 9:26 a.m. Leader will board the bus either at PABT or GWBT. Drivers wait for the bus riders at the parking lot next to and south of the standing clock located on Main Street, Nyack, a short distance west of Broadway (drivers arriving via 9W look for the Route 59 exit sign and exit east (onto Main Street) and not west onto Route 59, and follow Main Street 1/2 mile to the clock). There will be a 1 mile shuttle to Towt Road. All hikers please call leader. Qualifying.

Leader: John Lipsett

(212-867-8280(b) 212-864-6109(h)).

Saturday, February 2 • Riverside Park

A leisurely stroll of around 3 miles in Riverside Park from 116th St. to 66th St., followed at around 12:30 by some hot soup (or whatever) at Ollie's Noodle Shop, 67th & Broadway. Meet 10:45 inside the Broadway & 116th St. subway station, but outside the turnstiles. Email me during the prior week or call me the evening before (anytime) to make sure that the walk is on. **Bob Susser, 212-666-4371; rsusser@aol.com**

Saturday, February 9 • Bronx Botanical Garden

No flowers, but plenty of snow-clad trees in this winter wonderland. Around 2 miles at a very relaxed pace. Take the 10:23 Harlem Line train from Grand Central, arriving at the "Botanical Garden" Station at 10:42. Fare OW \$3.75 with "City Ticket." Alternatively, take the 4 or D subway to "Bedford Park Blvd." and then the #26 bus east to the Mosholu Gate entrance -- or, the 2 subway to "Allerton Ave." and then the #26 bus west to the entrance. Meet just inside the Mosholu Gate at 10:45. Admission to the Garden is free on Saturdays until 11 (but visiting the conservatory

-- optional -- will set you back \$20/\$18srs. -- unless you're a member). Lunch in the cafeteria. No pets; no smoking. Email me during the prior week or call me the evening before (anytime) to make sure that the walk is on. **Bob Susser 212-666-4371; rsusser@aol.com**

Saturday, February 16 • Skanatati Loop

Walk to "Times Square" Distance depends on weather and average age of hikers.

Leader: Steve Zubarik. szubarik@optonline.net. 845-786-3247

Saturday, February 23 • Rockwood Hall

A moderately-paced walk of around 2-3 miles mostly along the Old Croton Aqueduct from Scarborough over the former site of Rockwood Hall, one of the largest mansions ever built in the U.S.-- of which only the foundations remain. Large interesting trees and fine views over the Hudson. Lunch in the cafeteria of Phelps Hospital (very reasonable). Take the 9:20 MetroNorth Hudson Line train from GCT, arriving in Scarborough at 10:16. This train may also be boarded 9:40 at the Marble Hill station. No pets; no smoking. Email me during the prior week or call me the evening before (anytime) to make sure that the walk is on. **Bob Susser, 212-666-4371; rsusser@aol.com**

Saturday, March 16 • Nawakwa Loop

Check Nawakwa trails for winter blowdowns. White Bar, Triangle, White Cross loop.

Leader: Steve Zubarik. szubarik@optonline.net. 845-786-3247

Sunday, March 17 • Southern Harriman hike

Moderately-paced hike with usual ups and downs on leader's choice of trails. Bring weather-appropriate footgear. Meeting time and place: 9:15 AM, Sloatsburg, Rockland CO., NY. Meet at Municipal Building Parking Lot located north of 2nd stoplight (when heading north). Bus riders take the 8:30 AM Coach Shortline bus to Sloatsburg. Qualifying and joint with AMC.

Leader: Ingrid Strauch, 718-499-8671,

istrauch11@yahoo.com.

For listings of hikes not lead by members of ADKNY, (and not necessarily qualifying) try these links:
<http://www.nynjtc.org/content/scheduled-hikes>
<http://www.hudsonhikers.org/schedules.html>



Ursula Schneider

Hosted Weekends: January–March 2013

(visit www.adkny.org for frequent updates)

To host a weekend or midweek, contact Host Chair:
Janet Sibarium (212) 254 0738
Email: jansib@mindspring.com

Commissary Concerns?
Call or email Maryann Poris (973) 731-7117
maporis@aol.com

Currently there are no scheduled hosted weekends. The time honored Martin Luther King weekend will not occur due to the fact that there is no electricity at camp, owing to Superstorm Sandy.



Ursula Schneider

In Memoriam~Mr. Noam Kornfeld

February 16, 1946 – December 15, 2012



Dear Nawakwans,

It is with great sadness and shock that I inform you that Noam Kornfeld, a long-time member of NY Chapter of ADK, passed away on December 15. Noam was a former board member and a long-time member NYADK. He will be missed by his wife Ruby, who was the love of his life, family and numerous friends. An avid camper and hiker, he will especially be remembered for his sense of humanity and compassion, and a great sense of humor. Whenever I saw Noam, I knew there was a story within him that would leave me laughing.

– Janet

Mr. Noam Kornfeld, born on February 16, 1946 in Tel Aviv, Israel to the late Isaac Kornfeld and the late Ruth Wagner, entered into eternal rest on December 15, 2012 at Elmhurst Hospital, Elmhurst, New York. Mr. Kornfeld was 66 years old. Beloved husband of Ruby. Cherished brother of Alisa and her husband Rabbi Moshe Samber.



Giacomo Servetti

An important reminder from Harriman Park:

If while at camp you have a maintenance issue that requires immediate attention on the weekend or before or after park office hours (7am - 4:30pm), call the Park Police at **845-786-2781**. They will notify appropriate Park Staff who will assist you.

If it is an electrical problem **do not** call Orange and Rockland. Call the Park Police.

If you require an ambulance or there is another type of emergency call the Park Police.

Regarding Black Bears:

- If you see a bear, immediately call the Park Police **845-786-2781** and Camp Office **845-351-4245**, so we can keep track of the sightings.
- Always make sure your garbage is in the dumpster with the lid securely closed.
- Do not feed the bears. This can happen accidentally when food is left lying around. All food should be secured in the mess hall.
- Have air horns available, and use them when necessary.
- Put bleach over the garbage in your dumpsters to eliminate the odor.

Thanks
Bill Ledwitz
Director - Harriman Group Camps

Harriman Trails Report: Hurricane Sandy Statistics by Steve Zubarik

Although Sandy was kind to Camp Nawakwa, she mangled hiking trails in Bergen and Rockland counties. I've been working with volunteer chainsaw crews, seven sawyers and ten swampers, clearing trails in Harriman. Harriman trails have changed. Walks through pine forests (like near Lake Nawahunta) have become walks through or around piles of pine logs.

One of the most damaged trails was the White Bar north of route 106. One day we started at the north end of the WB and worked south. Another group started at the Dunning and cut on the WB going north. When the two groups met, we walked west to the ASB. My group started cutting going north. We quit when there was just enough daylight to get out. The other group went south on the ASB and cut until they ran out of gas and daylight. They found their way to Island Pond road with headlamps and walked out in moonlight. We totaled 95 blowdowns that day.

Some of the blowdowns are under a lot of tension. It's exciting when you cut a 16" dia. log and its root system falls back into its hole and part of the tree stands back up. I've seen thirteen trees stand up since Sandy. We plan the first cut, so if the tree stands up we only have to make one cut. We also cut above blazes, so if the tree stands, the blaze is restored.

We've cut 940 blowdowns in Harriman and are about 2/3 done with trail clearing. Work has slowed down by snow cover, closed roads, and the NFL playoffs. We feel we have job security.

Volunteers Wanted!

We are always seeking volunteers to lead hikes. Familiarity with trails and hiking experience is all that is required. If you are interested, please contact the Hikes Chairperson, Glen Nison, 718-625-2182
gnisonbike@juno.com

Blowdowns all around: The 1777 Trail



L-R: Kim Waldhauer, John Mack and Steve Zubarik (sawyer) contemplate the next cut.



Steve and John

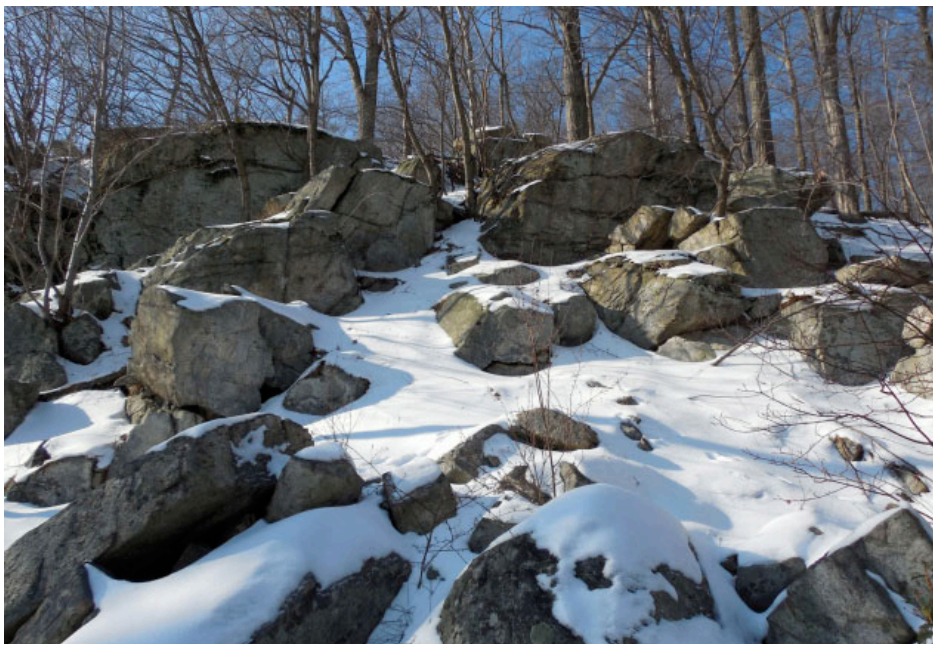


Steve in action



Two, two, two trees in one!

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Kim has inspected the fleet.



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