

### UNCORKED and ON TAP 2016!

Camp Herrlich hosted their annual Uncorked and On Tap event at Putnam County Golf Club in Mahopac on Saturday October 15th. The event saw over 200 people join County Executive MaryEllen Odell, Executive Director of the United Way Alana Sweeney, Honorable Judge John Sweeney, and Honorable Judge James Reitz in the benefit. Guests enjoyed wine tasting courtesy of Grapevine of Carmel, craft beer tasting courtesy of Bull and Barrel Brew Pub, a cigar bar, a silent auction, and a live auction that played more like a stand-up comedy show. Guests had the opportunity to eat, drink, enjoy fun and fellowship, and bid on items such as signed Yankee memorabilia, beautiful jewelry, cosmetics gift baskets, and a Vermont vacation. They could also take home Camp Herrlich branded Seeker wine, Tremper T long-sleeve t-shirts, and other Camp Herrlich items.



*Grasshopper award winners  
with MaryEllen Odell*

Announced at this event was Camp Herrlich's partnership with H.G. Fairfield Center for Arts and the Environment. Founder Kathie Freston (USMC '53-'64) and President Kim Blacklock presented the H.G. Fairfield Arts' Grasshopper Awards for forward thinking and positive change to Kent Recycling Center's co-founders Jim Baker, Howard Carpenter, and co-chair Sue Kotzur. Fellow KRC Board member Bob Schwaiger, and one of the over 600 families of KRC, accepted the Grasshopper Award on behalf of Howard Carpenter (also KVFDF founder). Along with the Grasshopper Award, Kent Recycling Center also received a 15-foot-long banner covered with messages of thanks and congratulations on their achievements in moving over 350 tons of recyclables annually away from landfills and into reusable commodities.

This fun and interactive annual fundraiser of Uncorked and On Tap benefits the Camp Herrlich Scholarship Fund, which provides financial aid to over 70% of the participants in summer camp and before and after school programs.

For more information on these organizations, please visit [www.kentrecycling.com](http://www.kentrecycling.com) or visit [www.hgfairfieldarts.org](http://www.hgfairfieldarts.org).



*Camp Herrlich  
staff Marcus,  
Kevin, and Jake*



*Fun and friends*

**Do you want to be included on the invitation list to our events?  
Just e-mail [info@campherrlich.org](mailto:info@campherrlich.org) and let us know!**

## SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS Put That on a T-Shirt



### Supporting Those Who Serve

Camp Herrlich’s fall community service project was for the United for the Troops’ Defend the Holidays Program. This program sends care packages to our troops who are deployed so they can have a taste of home and get some things they “miss most” that will give them comfort while they are away, especially during the holiday season. From October 11th to November 11th, your generosity helped us collect OVER 20 boxes and bags full of donations! We collected snacks, toiletries, and sundries, including leftover Halloween candy, at our Before and After School sites—Kent Elementary, Matthew Paterson Elementary, Pawling Elementary, and Camp Herrlich. We had a wonderful turnout from all of our programs and partners to help make this happen. Many thanks to all our Before and After School Program participants, Carmel Central School District, Pawling Central School District, and Pawling PTO.



We also had an amazing online participation for Wear Your Camp Shirt Day! Iovino Brothers, our apparel company, sponsored this event to help raise money for the Camp Herrlich Scholarship Fund so we can send more kids to Camp this summer and assist families in need. 298 shirts were counted from the online posts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter! Team USA pulled ahead with 150 shirts and an extra donation from Program Director Tyrell Davis and raised \$400 for their team. Team International put up a great fight, posted 148 pictures, and raised \$296 dollars for their team. All in all, \$698 was raised for the Herrlich Scholarship Fund!



*Overflowing bags and boxes*

Dear Friends,

Thank you all for the kind thoughts, gifts, and best wishes you have given me this past year since the passing of my husband, Russell. I am strengthened and encouraged by the power of the “village” as all good people in our community come together in times of need. We are all part of the greater whole, and your wonderful expressions of support have been truly appreciated.

Blessings to you from my heart,  
Karen O’Leary



## 2016 GOLF INVITATIONAL



*Bob Gentile and Bill Sayegh with event winners Anthony DeBellis and Alex Scavone*

June 6 turned out to be a perfect day for the Mercedes-Benz Golf Invitational to Benefit Camp Herrlich at Trump National Golf Club Hudson Valley. Close to 100 golfers enjoyed a day on the links. What a great way to raise over \$40,000 toward the Herrlich Scholarship Fund.

We would like to congratulate Anthony DeBellis and Alex Scavone, who won the 2016 Mercedes-Benz Dealer Championship, on their fine showing at Pine Hurst. As winners of this year’s Camp Herrlich golf event, Alex and Anthony got to participate in the Mercedes-Benz Western Regionals held at the illustrious Pinehurst Golf Club in North Carolina in October. Alex and Anthony had a very creditable 7th place finish out of 44 teams.

We would also like to thank Mercedes-Benz Financial Services, Mercedes-Benz of Wappingers Falls, Sayegh Law—the Law Firm of William G. Sayegh, P.C., The Timber Lake Foundation, and Brian Freeswick and his team at Trump National Hudson Valley for their support and look forward to seeing everyone back at Trump National, Monday June 5, 2017 for next year’s event.

## LET THERE BE PEACE

On September 21st, Doug Martin Sturomski, Past Rotary Peace Chair, along with members of the Carmel Rotary sponsored and dedicated a Peace Pole on the grounds of Camp Herrlich. In a beautiful ceremony, Doug explained to all in attendance the power that we can have in moving toward a more peaceful world. Ten members of the Camp Herrlich After School Program, all students from George Fischer Middle School, participated in the ceremony by playing “It’s a Small World,” “Jesu Joy,” and “Let There Be Peace on Earth” on the handbells.



*Rotarians*



*Students play “Let There Be Peace on Earth”*

Around the camp were signs with words that are components of peace – courage, simplicity, joy, respect, determination, and others. The dedication was followed by a small reception.

A Peace Pole is a hand-crafted monument that displays the message and prayer “May Peace Prevail on Earth” on each of its four or six sides, usually in different languages. There are tens of thousands of Peace Poles in 180 countries all over the world dedicated as monuments to peace. They serve as constant reminders for us to visualize and pray for world peace.

# SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS



**GAGA!**

## STOP MOTION FILM MAKING!

Summer 2016 was one of the warmer ones on record in New York and one of the busier summers on record at Camp Herrlich. We welcomed counselors and staff from all parts of the globe and campers from all parts of New York and the surrounding tristate area to combine for a truly magical summer experience.

This summer, in addition to our regular swimming, boating, fishing, horseback riding, and playing the campers' favorite: gaga, campers enjoyed a new journalism and design program. They wrote and produced their own (sometimes quite creative) newscasts, interviewed the international staff, designed cartoon characters, and made stop motion films. Music activities included playing instruments and writing a song.

Fantastic weekly themes, including Princess/Jedi, Holiday Celebrations, Camp's Got Talent, Harry Potter, and Pirates had everyone performing, dressing up, and designing new holidays.

Thanks to Scott Riches and Tyrell Davis, our Program Directors, Program Directors Amy Emke and Dylan Aviles, Senior Program Director Jessica Vanacoro, and Camp Director Dean Stichbury. We are also grateful to our wonderful staff, including the winners of our annual Staff Awards:

### **Outstanding Female Counselors**

Liana Frasca and Hayley Perks

### **Outstanding Male Counselors**

Rory Beswick and Jared Charlton-Webb

### **Outstanding Female Specialist**

Ainsley Lafferty

### **Outstanding Male Specialist**

Danny Porton

### **Outstanding Female Junior**

Rachael McDonnell

### **Outstanding Male Junior**

Tristan Zirowsky

### **Outstanding Overall Staff Member**

Dylan Aviles

And now it's on to Summer 2017! Keep an eye on our website and social media pages for updates and exciting news and events throughout the year.



**THE BEACH!**



## Breaking the Cycle

On Tuesday July 12th, Breaking The Cycle came to present to Camp Herrlich's older campers from Day and Sleepaway camp. Breaking the Cycle was formed in the aftermath of the Columbine High School massacre in 1999. It aims to educate young people about solving their conflicts by communicating, making wise choices, and by learning how to forgive. Additionally, Breaking the Cycle seeks to prevent violence by promoting self-respect, respect for others, and by strengthening positive links between teachers, administrators, parents, students and law enforcement.

Speakers included:

Mr. Hashim Garrett, CEO of "Wisdom and Understanding." At 15 years he was paralyzed from the waist down through a gang-related shooting, but turned his life around.

Mr. Charles Williams, former Chief of Cornwall-on-Hudson Police Department, now teaches at the New York Military Academy in Cornwall and has a striking personal story of how the healing power of forgiveness positively changed his life.

Mrs. Ann Marie D'Aliso, who lost her son, Pat, to suicide at 16 years of age is a board member of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Camp Herrlich strives to help our campers grow in an awareness of themselves and of others. We know that violence affects many of us every day, in our neighborhoods, in our schools, and in our own homes. It rarely begins with knives and guns. That's just when it makes headlines. Mostly, it begins with angry feelings and words—with gossip, bullying, peer pressure, stereotyping, and racism. Camp Herrlich invited this widely acclaimed program to speak to our campers because the program stresses honest communication and forgiveness as alternatives to conflicts.

Breaking the Cycle was a hugely impactful program for the campers and staff this summer at Herrlich and sparked discussion throughout the rest of the summer.



*Learning about forgiveness*

## Under the Sea

Local artist Dana Dalton visited Camp Herrlich this summer to work with Sleepaway Camp Counselors in Training to create a beautiful work of art at our waterfront. Dalton, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art from SUNY Oswego, volunteered her time over a weekend in July and worked with Camp Herrlich campers to create an underwater scene. She was adept at involving the campers, even the ones who did not consider themselves "artists," and educating them on how to get the right color or shading on the portion of the mural they were painting.

Camp Herrlich thanks Dana Dalton for donating her time and her creativity to making our waterfront more beautiful and for helping our campers recognize and use their artistic talents.



*CITs hard at work!*



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## **A Message from Our Executive Director**

The momentum we generated in 2015 and 2016 continues to strengthen as we move into 2017, expanding and improving our programs and continuing to network and partner with many organizations, schools, and agencies who share a similar vision.

We will hit a record number of people served in 2016. Many children were enrolled in our summer programs, from a diverse socio-economic population. Camp Herrlich is and always has been a place where children can be themselves; where they are accepted regardless of race, color, religion, or wealth. Last year we were once again able to keep our program tuition at the absolute minimum that our budget can allow in order to give more families the opportunity to send their children to Camp Herrlich. With your support, our scholarship fund and ongoing program grants will continue to meet the needs of our community.

All our programs are positive, effective, and financially stable. Our program staff continues to nurture the children of our community. We continue to cater to the needs of hard-working families who entrust us with their children. Most importantly, our programs are designed and run to encourage trust, compassion, and respect, making character

## **Bob's Corner**

development a priority. If you are a Facebook person, please check out <https://www.facebook.com/CampHerrlich>. The photos posted are amazing. Our staff is amazing.

Folks, this cannot be done without your help. You see, there are many families who simply cannot afford to send their child to camp. We believe that those children also deserve a life-changing experience at Camp Herrlich. Over 80% of the children attending our programs receive some financial assistance. Even with the ever-increasing cost to operate, we have kept the fees to attend our programs as low as we possibly can. The fees and available scholarships at Camp Herrlich are designed not only to help financially at-risk families, but to help the two-person, working, middle-class families who are struggling every day to make ends meet.

You will find many ways to support us in this newsletter and on our website: [www.campherrlich.org](http://www.campherrlich.org). We continue to be grateful that you care enough to support us as we support others.



*Peace,*  
**Bob Gentile, Executive Director**