

FOCC 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW



2019 promised to be an exciting year for Friends of Camp Christopher from its first membership meeting on February 9th. The highlight of business that day was president Jim Sovacool's presentation to Camp Director Tess Flannery of a check for the Campership Fund in the amount of \$14,000.00. This impressive donation could never be given without the ongoing, sustaining generosity of members like you.

In 2018, Jim had introduced the opportunity for FoCC officers and members to donate their time to a good cause to help in the greater Akron community. During the 2019 Winter Camp weekend, members gathered in that welcoming community to assemble lunches for the Akron Snow Angels program to feed the homeless. A number of FoCC members also volunteered in the spring to help with a general Camp Cleanup Day. Volunteer committee chair Phyllis Richardson figures such volunteer efforts, along with those given to attend FoCC meetings and support fundraising efforts, totaled approximately 1,970 hours this year.



A new fundraising venue was introduced by Barb Hertrick in March. Dining for Dollars, partnering with City Bar-B-Que, helped FoCC collect rebates from the generous participation of our friends. The successful venture was repeated by Janet Corey in November by partnering with Chipotle's in Montrose. Together, these events raised \$649 for our treasury.

Through the summer camping season, FoCC enhanced its presence at Christopher's registration Sundays. Membership Chair Michelle Dolensky added a summer signup incentive with a New Member's Raffle that netted 65 signups. FoCC's partnership continued to flourish as Camp administration welcomed us to be present for Camp's 95th Anniversary Reunion, the initial Environmental Film Night and the very popular Harvest Moon Weekend for staff alumni.



The 6th annual Dinner & Reverse Raffle added another notch in committee chair Patti Longville's successful run. With the help of a whole village of volunteers and donors, the evening set a new record for dollars netted: \$8,028.00!

Like any family, FoCC has had to deal with the death of loved ones. A significant loss in November was the death of Tom Gannon. Tom was one of our founding members, a past president, and a very effective Bylaws Committee chair. We are determined that this gentle man's spirit will continue to inspire us on the path ahead.

As we round the corner to a new decade, FoCC members can be confident in our newly-elected leadership team. At the November membership meeting, members voted this lineup into office for 2020 & 2021: Jim Sovacool (President), Jerry Antonucci (Vice-president), Larry Furman (Treasurer), Barb Hertrick (Secretary), Chris Miller & Lizzy Flannery (At-Large Board Members).