Larry “Coach” Cantor at Dennis Shusman’s party advertising his position as Commissioner of New York City Wrestling.

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ORDER OF THE LEAF

LIFETIME “PASSION” ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

SEPTEMBER 10, 2011

CAMP AIRY - THURMONT, MARYLAND
CAMP AIRY ORDER OF THE LEAF
“CELEBRATION OF PASSION”
41ST ANNUAL ALUMNI REUNION

Evening Program

Greetings
Art Drager
President
Order of the Leaf Alumni, Inc.

Review of the Summer of 2011
Rick Frankle
Director
Camp Airy

Campus Chapter - News
Eric Bloom
Executive Secretary
Order of the Leaf Campus Chapter

Reading of the Leaf Charter
Cory Brown
Incoming President
Order of the Leaf Campus Chapter

Presentation: “Order of the Leaf Lifetime Passion Achievement Award”
Introduction By:
Ricky Barnett

Presentation: “Friendship Award”
Larry Polen
Member of Executive Committee
Order of the Leaf Alumni

Acceptance Speech
Larry “Coach” Cantor

Thank You for being at the Leaf’s 41st Annual Reunion!

Keep Coming Back!

At 9:15 p.m., please join us for a “Make Your Own Sundae” snack with entertainment by our own Larry Polen.
CELEBRATING A LIFETIME OF “PASSION”

LARRY “COACH” CANTOR

1967 Counselor and beginning of wrestling program
1967 Was picked to be a lieutenant in both Olympics
1969 Camp bought wrestling mats
1969 Order of The Leaf
1980 Staff gave Bill MacLeod & Larry Cantor a Bar Mitzvah Party
1985 In production of “Damn Yankees”
1990 In production of “Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”
1996 Wrestling room named in Larry’s honor
1998 Whole cabin named in Larry’s honor
2006 40th Year Award

“Helping Kids Grow”

Larry at a past alumni reunion.
LIFETIME “PASSION”

The Order of the Leaf Lifetime “Passion” Achievement Award was established in 2004 as we celebrated Camp Airy’s 80th birthday. This award honors individuals who demonstrate their Airy passion by embracing the guiding principles of the Order of the Leaf—friendship, loyalty and service—during and following their active participation on the Camp Airy staff.

Tonight, on the 41st Alumni Reunion Weekend, we honor Larry “Coach” Cantor as the 2011 recipient of the “Passion” Achievement Award. Larry sought to “give back” so that succeeding generations may realize the joy and opportunities of the Airy Tradition.

CAMP AIRY - ORDER OF THE LEAF LIFETIME “PASSION” ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT FOR 2011:
LARRY “COACH” CANTOR

If you don’t know how many years Larry Cantor has been coming to Camp Airy, just ask him. He’ll tell you as if it’s his greatest accomplishment, but we know he has achieved much, much more!

For 42 years, beginning in 1967, campers and staff at Camp Airy have benefited from Larry’s coaching, guidance and friendship. Back in 1967, Larry, a college student in accounting, decided he wanted to work with children for the summer. He located an advertising directory for summer camps and luckily for us Camp Airy was the first on the alphabetical list. He filled out the application and mailed it to Baltimore. Two weeks later Ms. Ida called and he was hired to be a counselor and was also asked to help in Jewish Religious Services.

Larry would take a train to Baltimore then a bus to Taneytown, where Ms. Ida would send her driver to pick him up. His first co-counselor was the awesome and great Ricky Barnett. By 1969, Larry drove his own car from Manhattan to Thurmont.

“Coach” Cantor received his first college degree from NYC Community College in accounting, but after spending his summers at Airy, helping kids grow, he decided this was his
calling. He went back to college to get a BA Degree in Guidance Counseling from Long Island University and G.W. Post...then in 1995 he received a Professors Diploma in counseling from Long Island University.

While in college Larry wrestled at the 135 lb. class for 3 years and learned the sport inside and out. Coach brought this wrestling expertise to Camp. After 2 startup years using mattresses, in 1969 the Camp bought him a wrestling mat...interest in the wrestling program has grown to be one of the most popular activities during Larry’s four decade tenure. Numerous campers went on to enjoy high school and college success in wrestling.

Larry proudly admits that his favorite honor was when in 1996 the Camp wrestling room was renamed the Larry Cantor Wrestling Emporium in front of the whole camp. “Airy changed my life” stated Cantor. “I wanted to work with kids. I never wanted to try another Camp. It is something mystical, a special way of life here.”

Through the years Coach has established friendships with campers and their families, so much so that he has attended many of their wrestling matches, b’nai mitzvahs and weddings. “I am coaching second generation campers” he says proudly. “This is my calling in life, Helping Kids Grow... each year, every life I can touch and reach; it’s my goal to make the camper feel more self-worth. I try to motivate and mold others.”

Coach Cantor’s full time job as Commissioner for the Public School Athletic League for the New York City Public School System keeps him busy all year-round and has become his lifelong ambition. Thru wrestling and counseling, Larry continues his legacy...HELPING KIDS GROW.

When Larry was told he would be the recipient of this year’s Camp Airy Order of The Leaf Lifetime Passion Achievement Award, he told me that this will be his greatest honor. That includes in 2009 being named Wrestling Referee of the Year for New York State, in front of 8000 people and, also, when in 2010, he was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Larry, we thank you so very much for coming and staying at Camp Airy. We love and appreciate all that you have done and all that you are. May God bless you and continue to bless Camp Airy. 🌿
CELEBRATING A LIFETIME OF “PASSION”

L to R - Dr. William Pargman; Ms. Ida Sharogrodsky; Mrs. Helen Chernak, and Mr. Sid Chernak

Uncle Airy and Aunt Lillie, 1920s.
2004-2010 PASSION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

2004 “First Camper, 1924”
Jerry Cohen

2004 “The Airy Spirit”
Leo Platt

2005 “Dr. Who Gave Back”
Dr. Phil Band

2005 “Swim Staff”
Norman Land

2006 “LeChiam”
Dr. Danny Framm

2007 “Dr. Who Gave Back”
Dr. Arnold Michael

2007 “Airy, My Family”
Sheldon S. Cohen

2008 “My Cherished Roots”
Howard J. Falchick

2009 “Airy Was In Our Blood”
Mollie, Ben & Jerry Goran

2010 “Friendships Grow Here”
Marv and Sandee Rosenstein
ORDER OF THE LEAF CHARTER - 1934

Be it known to all on this 29th day of August in the year 1934, the Brotherhood of the Order of the Leaf has been duly organized by the senior members of the counselor staff of Camp Airy for the purpose of promoting the spirit of friendship among each other and of loyalty to the institution of which they are a part.

Grand Patron: Aaron Straus
Grand Councilor: William Pargman
High Councilor: David Lovett

High Council:
Jerome Cohen, Jerome Feldman, Donald Frankel, Julius Halpern, Morton Kramer, Hy Lichtenstein, Leo Platt, Ben B. Rosenberg

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Joseph Cahn  
Jerome Cohen  
Jerome Feldman  
Donald Frankel  
Herbert Friedberg  
Charles Friedman  
Nathan Goldman  
Richard Hahn  
Julius Halpern  
Morton Kramer  
Hy Lichtenstein  
Aaron Levin  
David Lovett  
William Pargman  
Leo Platt  
Ben B. Rosenberg  
Leonard Sackerman

Herb Schmidt  
Milton Seidman  
Jack Shapiro  
Aaron Straus  
George Weinstein  
Hugo Weisgal  
Samuel Woal

Our heritage will never be forgotten through all who have passed before us; their spirit remains with us at Camp Airy, Forever.

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