



**Ocean Beach Youth Group
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To our OBYG community,

While our hearts are still broken by the passing of our beloved director, Ralph Scordino, the past weeks have been spent sharing photos and stories from the past 22 years he's been our devoted leader. With his signature mustache and staff polo — except for special occasions when he wore a Hawaiian shirt — Ralph graced every photo surrounded by campers and staff with ear-to-ear smiles, or by standing on a stage or bench sharing his messages of fairness, safety, fun and friendship.

There are many things which set OBYG apart from other camps. One of them is our commitment to offering jobs to as many local teens and twenty-somethings as we can. This left Ralph tasked with the responsibility of training teams of young adults every summer. Since his passing, countless staff alumni have reached out to share the lessons he taught and heartfelt gratitude for their first boss, who for many was also a mentor, father-figure and friend. We are confident our next leader will carry his legacy into OBYG's future while honoring his past contributions.

We look forward to celebrating and remembering Ralph this summer when we are all together again in Ocean Beach. In the meantime, if you'd like to make a donation in his memory, his family has suggested they be made to The Argyle Restoration Fund, Care of Babylon Village Hall, 153 West Main Street, Babylon, NY 11702.

We are also committed to creating a safe, 8-week camp for the 2021 season, beginning June 28th and running through August 20th. We will be in touch early next year with details to register and staff applications.

Despite this devastating loss and the challenges of Covid, OBYG is prepared to forge ahead thanks to Ralph's stellar reputation, strong relationships and years of unwavering leadership. We also can't forget his selfless generosity and possibly most importantly, his sense of humor.

Because remember: if you had fun, you won.

We wish you a healthy and happy holiday season.
The OBYG Board of Directors