
KIA KIMA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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DISTRICT CHAIRMAN EDDIE MAYNOR:

We have been looking for sometime for a District Training Chairman and we are very fortunate that someone stepped forward and was willing to take the job. I am please to announce that Lee Newcomb is the new Kia Kima District Training Chairman.

Lee is a native North Carolinian, having grown up in Rocky Mount. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, earning a BSA in Economics. Lee has been married to the former Tina Parrish for over 11 years. The Newcomb family moved to the Fayetteville area in 1998 when Lee was assigned to Sampson County as a criminal agent with the State Bureau of Investigation. In 2000, the Newcomb's moved to Fayetteville proper when Lee was transferred to Computer Crime Investigations with the SBI. Lee has two children, a son, Thomas, who is a Bear with Pack 740, and a daughter, Samantha.

Lee has been in Scouting for almost three years, starting as Thomas' Tiger Cub Leader in Pack 740. He is currently the Assistant Cubmaster and works with the Treasure and Advancement for the Pack. One of Lee's favorite roles in Scouting is "BB Man" having served on the Cub Day Camp BB Range for the last two years, and is looking forward to being there again this year as well.

Lee has been certified by the State Criminal Justice Training and Standards Commission as a Criminal Justice Instructor. He teaches Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) classes for the SBI, Fayetteville Technical Community College, and has taught at the North Carolina Highway Patrol Academy. Lee also serves as an adjunct faculty member in the Criminal Justice Department of FTCC where he teaches classes related to computer crime investigations.

Lee will continue his Scout Leader training on March 11th attending the Trainer Development Conference in Raleigh.

Welcome to the District Committee Lee, I know you will do a great job for us.

I would also like to offer my congratulations to Rebecca "Becky" Sheckels on her receiving the Silver Beaver on February 25th at the Council Recognition Dinner.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER SADIE JACKSON:

Having a District Director is helping the District in the fact that we have the District re-charter packets earlier than we have ever had them. Your commissioner has them for you if they had not already delivered them. Thanks Bill.

The recharter turn in will be at the May Roundtable and on the May 17th and final turn in on May 24th at the District Scout office (next to the Scout Shop on Hope Mills Road). The hours will be from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm. You may turn in it anytime you have it ready and not wait for those specific times. Please remember if you do your recharter online you still need to run a copy for the unit, the district and council and turn it in through either your Unit Commissioner or the District Commissioner, it cannot be turned in at the Scout Shop or mailed to the Council office in Raleigh. If you do not run the copies before you hit the send button you cannot get back in to run them.

The commissioner service is growing by the addition of two new Unit Commissioners this month. We are pleased to welcome Pat Lambert and Rosemarie Gore to the Kia Kima District Commissioner Staff. Pat will be serving as secretary for Commissioner Service and most of you know her from the Scout Shop. Pat has been active with Pack 746 and is a very knowledgeable Scouter. Rosemarie will be Unit Commissioner for Pack 742 and Pack 756. She has been in scouting for almost 20 years and the mother of an Eagle Scout Roger Gore II, who is presently serving as the District Executive for Netop District Narragansett Council in Rhode Island.

We know that both of these talented Scouters will be of great service to Kia Kima District, bringing new ideas and vision to benefit Scouts and Scouters.

Three-year calendars for the District were handed out at the February Roundtable. If you were not at Roundtable your unit commissioner should have one for you. If your unit does not have one please let me know.

Thank you to Pack 771 for the opening at the February Roundtable and assisting with the drinks. A big hand to the commissioners and others that prepared the food for the soup dinner.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR BILL WALTERS:

I am excited and honored to return to the Kia Kima District. We (the District) have a lot of ambitious goals for 2006. (Thanks for such a warm reception at the February Roundtable.) Already Kia Kima District is leading the way in our Friends of Scouting Campaign chaired by Jon Jones. Steve Wheeler our District Finance Chairman is doing a really great job on the Distinguished Citizen Dinner to be held on March 22,2006. We are well on our way to achieving Quality District.

The second Council Coordinated Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 14th at the Wake Tech Student Service Center. There will be a 6:15 pm “Meet and Greet” then go into the General Session. At 7:15 there will be individual committee meetings and conclude by 9:00 pm. District and Council Committees are urged to attend.

Thank you for all you do to bring Scouting to our youth.

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MATTHEW BOWMAN:

The District Dinner is in place and I would like to thank everyone who helped by selling tickets. We could not have done it without you. I would also like to thank Debbie Abbott for doing the programs for us. She did a great job as always. Ken Moore has agreed to be the Master of Ceremony .for us. Dan Bryson Council President will be in attendance with us again this year.

The theme of “American Heroes” leaves a lot of room for the table decorations. Remember there is a \$25.00 prize for the best table decoration as well as the unit with the most registered leaders present.

We can use help Thursday night in setting up the tables and chairs. For many years the leaders at roundtable would go over after roundtable and help set up, if you wish to continue to do that it would be appreciated. Troop 742 has helped set up as well. Last year we were fortunate that one of the basketball teams needed to play a few minutes longer and we let them as only a few at arrived at that time. They were very grateful and before everyone got there they had set up the tables and chairs for us. So we all got to leave early with all the tables covered. This year we will not have that help as they were told they could not practice that night.

If you are decorating a table you may come anytime Friday after 1:00 PM. The dinner begins at 6:30 with members of the host church Pack and Troop 742 doing the opening.

DISTRICT PROGRAM CHAIRMAN ROGER ROSE:

The key to a successful Pack or Troop is an exciting well-planned program. The way to keep that happening is to plan ahead. If you are going to be in a Fourth of July parade, put it on your calendar and start planning it now, if your unit would like a day in the booth at the County Fair now is the time to plan it and get on the schedule. Be sure to get registered for Camporee, Day Camp and Summer Camp, all of your Scouts should have the opportunity to enjoy these activities. If funding is a problem for any member of your unit, talk to the Director of that activity. There is scholarship and Scout reach money available. Funding should never stop a Scout from attending Day Camp or Summer Camp.

District Camping Chairman Sherry Unruh:

It looks like we are still on track with our Spring and Fall Camporee. We have great folks in place and are anticipating a great experience.

The Cub Scout Day Camp is on track to have a wonderful program. We need all of the Leaders and parents to promote this great event so our boys can have a great start to their summer.

I will be contacting all of the Scoutmasters sometime after summer camp is over to get a head count of the boys that attended. We are going to try and keep better records of the camps and attendance.

We are still looking for a Camporee Chief for our Winter Camporee for January 2007. Anyone who is interested please give me a call at 487-2088. This event is for the Boy Scouts only.

District Training Chairman Lee Newcomb:

The District Training Committee is being re-formed and re-motivated. Lee Newcomb is the newly appointed Chairman of the Committee and is eagerly seeking volunteers to assist with all aspects of training, from Outdoor Skills for Cubs, Boys Scouts and Ventures. Anyone interested should contact Lee at lnewcomb@nc.rr.com. He can also be reached at 910-818-6907.

Please note that the BALOO course originally scheduled for 11 March has been moved to 1 April 2006.

Order of the Arrow Advisor Pat McCoy:

The Chapter is in the process of Troop elections and all but 3 are complete at this time. Thank you to all the Scoutmasters for such a speedy signup for your elections.

Remember the Chapter OA meeting on the last Thursday of the month, Westminster Presbyterian Church 7:00 pm. Check the calendar at the end of the newsletter for all upcoming OA functions and events.

BIRTHDAY – ANNIVERSARY --- ILLNESS ---- BEREAVED:

BirthDay:

March 01 – Dwight H. Harro
March 08 – Dorothy C. Funkhouser
March 08 – Deborah King
March 10 – David R. Beckwith

March 06 – Nanette Walsh
March 08 – Vincent C. Maffia
March 10 – David G. Abbott
March 12 – Deborah S. Wiggins

March 17 – Robin Bodnar
March 19 – John E. Voter III
March 21 – Jim Sheckels
March 22 – Dean Lamar Turner
March 24 – Stephen H. Kouba
March 28 – Frederick J. Curly

March 17 – Edward D. Cole
March 20 – Todd Burns
March 21 – Gary M. Yuscat
March 23 – Gwen Poole-Bell
March 26 – Dean E. Nunnally
March 28 – James C. Beal

March 29 – Jerry Dennis

Illness:

Warren is doing well although he cannot put any weight on his foot at this time. He is on crutches and in a wheel chair. We wish him well during his recovery period. He is missed.

O.C. Holloway has been under the weather like a lot of teachers with their students bringing them all kind of sniffles. Hope you are feeling better.

Our best wishes go out to Matt Bowman's father during his recovery. He is out of the hospital now and back in the nursing home.

Bereaved:

Our most heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of a long time Scouter in Tuocs Ann Faircloth on her passing. Ann was with Pack 748 when it was in Kia Kima District and is well know to a lot of our District Scouts and Scouters.

SCOUT CORNER:

Pack 740

On February 18,2006, Pack 740 held it's annual Blue and Gold Luncheon at Peadon's Restaurant in Fayetteville. There were several important guest of the Pack, including Ms. North Carolina Brooke McLaurin. Mr. Bill Martin read a proclamation from the Mayor about Scouting. Entertainment was provided by the ROLLRZ, the Fayetteville Police Department's band who showed the boys that you could be cool and a cop at the same time.

We were honored with a visit from Lt. Josh Howard, who is preparing to deploy to Iraq. Josh is an Eagle Scout from Troop 740. He told the boys about how Scouting was important to him, and we wished him well and safety as he heads into harm's way. Also sharing this time with the Pack was Mr. Rudy Hernandez. Rudy received the Medal of Honor for his actions above and beyond the call of duty while fighting as a Marine in the Korean War.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 740 joined the Pack for a meal of fried chicken, Bar-B-Que, and all the fixin's that go with a fine Southern meal.

During the gathering, 14 Tiger Cubs received their Tiger Badges. One Bear Badge was awarded and two Webelos Badges were presented. We also took a moment a say good-bye to Cody Eicholz, our only Webelos II, who, by the time this is read, will have crossed over to join Troop 740.

It was a great day of fun, fellowship and food.

Pack 742:

Pack 742 gathered on February 18th to honor it's Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Scouts on the 76th Anniversary of the Cub Scout Movement in America. Upon entering the hall the room was lined with wall-to-wall tables and chairs. Each Den had decorated their table with the theme: "American Heroes, Scouting in the Future". Each Scout brought in a parent and son cake they had baked, ranging from a Cub Scout hat to Cub Scout Shirt to a Submarine then to a Space Station with Scouts. First, Second and Third Place Ribbons were presented to the winners with every Scout in the Pack received an "I Did My Best" Ribbon.

The tables were decorated with the theme for the Blue and Gold and there was a great variety of designs. Each Den planned it's own menu and fed itself. No menu was the same. A former Cub Leader Ruby Petty catered the head table and the food was delicious. Thanks Ruby.

We were pleased to have as our Special Guest, Mayor Eddie Dees and District Chairman Eddie Maynor and his wife Debbie Maynor. Jim Sheckels even made it back from Virginia to attend. We were all pleased to see him.

The boys received numerous awards and belt loops during the advancement ceremony. The dens put on quite a show with skits, songs and talking about what they did this past month. I think the most fun they had at least for some of them was as the leaders and parents were cleaning up the hall one leader cut a red velvet cake for the boys and they were sitting in the floor eating it (like they had not just been fed) while laughing and talking with each other.

The entire Pack is looking forward to their Pinewood Derby Race on March 18th. What new designs will be coming out? Well guess we will have to wait and see.

Pack & Troop 797:

Pack and Troop 797 had a joint event at The Fire Antz Hockey game in February. There were 52 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Leaders, parents and siblings. We had a large noisy group, especially when they announced us on the sign! Everyone has a great time and looking forward to attending another game.

Troop 771 Shane Sportsman Troop Historian:

February 3 – 5 Troop Campout – Ski Trip to Winterplace, West Virginia. The Troop has a blast! We got in Friday night and got our gear for skiing Camped in the Mountain House Lodge. Ski lessons Saturday morning provided us with knowledge of "how to" and "safety" to have a fun experience. The importance of a buddy system was made known as one of the Scouts took a hard tumble and was hurt and his buddy helped him to safety. Many of us will receive a skiing merit badge. Hats off to all the adults and leaders that made this trip possible!

February 12 --- Scout Sunday --- Scouts from the Troop and Cubs for the Pack did the service. John Akerman, Council Executive, and Doug Hammer, Council Health and Safety Office, recognized the church and Troop for 50 years of Scouting. We had a great turnout from our Troop. The Scouts received a great lesson on following the good examples in their life.

February 20 --- Troop Meeting OA Elections – We voted this night. Congratulations to the ones who were elected in to the Order of the Arrow.

Cumberland Scout Shop Sherry Unruh Manager:

It has been great seeing all the activity that is generated for the Blue and Gold Banquets. I'm sure that all of the boys are having a wonderful experience. If you have not had your Banquet yet don't forget that we have quite a few supplies to make your decorations a great success.

Scoutmasters, make sure you let the parents of your eagle Scouts know that we have a lot of supplies and gift items to make your Eagle ceremony a very special event.

We are again getting new items in each month. It is very exciting to see all of these new items (and find room for them). These items will not be in your catalog till next year so be the first on your block to own them.

It will soon be time for the bridging of the Cub Scouts. Don't wait till the last minute to pick up your supplies, neckerchiefs, books, etc. Hope to be seeing you soon.

COUNCIL AND DISTRICT EVENT CALENDAR:

March 01 – Ash Wednesday

March 02 – District Roundtable at MacPherson Presbyterian Church 7:15 PM. Please bring a can of food for the church's food closet.

March 03 – Annual District Leader recognition Dinner 6:30 PM, Hope Mills United Methodist Church.
Units may decorate after 1:00 PM on Friday.

March 08 – Lent

March 09 – Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting

March 10 –12 – Catholic Camporee

March 11 – TDC

March 14 – Council Coordinated Committee Meeting 7:00 PM

March 15 – Lent

March 16 – Kia Kima District Committee Meeting

March 17 – 19 – OA Pow Wow

March 18 – Webelos/OA Day Trip

March 20 – District Commissioner Meeting 7:30 PM

March 22 – Lent

March 23 – OA Chapter Meeting 7:00 Westminster Presbyterian Church

March 24 – 26 – Lutheran Scout Camporee Camp Agape

March 25 – Newsletter Article Due

March 29 – Lent

March 30 – Session 1 IOLS

April 01 – BALOO

April 01 – Kia Kima Scouting for Food

April 02 – Daylight Savings Begins

April 5 – Lent

April 06 – District Roundtable MacPherson Presbyterian Church 7:15 PM. Please bring a can of food for the church food closet.

April 07 – 09 – Session 2 Hammerstone

April 8 – District Pinewood Derby

April 09—Palm Sunday

April 13 – Passover

Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting

April 14 – Good Friday

April 16 – Easter

April 17 – District Commissioner Meeting 7:30 PM
April 19 – Council Venture Roundtable
April 20 – Kia Kima District Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
April 21 – National Youth Service Day
April 21 – 23 – OA Conclave
April 27 – Executive Board Meeting
April 27 – OA Chapter Meeting Westminster Presbyterian Church 7:00 PM
April 28 – 30 – District Spring Camporee

May 01 – National Military Appreciation Day
May 01 – Tiger Cub Recruitment Month
May 04 – District roundtable MacPherson Presbyter4erian Church 7:15 PM. Please bring a can of food for the church food closet.
May 04 – District Recharter Turn in (Roundtable)
May 09 – Council Coordinated Committee Meeting
 Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting
 Board of Directors Meeting
May 11 – FOS Victory Celebration
May 13 – Council Program Planning Conference
 Kia Kima Den Chief Training
May 14 – Mother’s Day
May 15 – District Commissioner Meeting 7:30 PM
May 17 – Council Venture Roundtable
May 18 – District Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
 Council Finance Committee Meeting
May 19 –21—OA Spring Inductions
May 25 – OA Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM Westminster Presbyterian Church
 Newsletter Article Due
May 29 – Memorial Day

Troop 787 will be doing the opening and refreshments for the March Roundtable

Thank you to Pack 771 and the Commissioners for the February Roundtable

Remember the Annual District Leader recognition Dinner Friday March 3, 2006

Matthew Bowman and the Dinner Committee would appreciate anyone who could help set up for the District Dinner after Roundtable at Hope Mills United Methodist Church.

