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KIA KIMA DISTRICT JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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**DISTRICT CHAIRMAN STEVE WHEELER**

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As we welcome the New Year of 2008, I want to thank all of you for what you do for Scouting in Kia Kima District. A lot of great things are happening in the Kia Kima District. As of the Occoneechee Annual Business Meeting in November, Kia Kima ranked second out of the thirteen districts in the Council Honor District Ranking. Kia Kima is up 131 Scouts or 8.6% compared to the prior year. We also had an additional 7 units or a 109% retention rate. Kia Kima was also at 106.7% of the Friends of Scouting goal. All of this good news comes from the efforts of the great volunteers that give of themselves for the betterment of Scouting in the Kia Kima District. I thank you again.

On Saturday, January 5, 2008, the Annual District Retreat will be held at the Hope Mills United Methodist Church. I look forward to working with each and every one of you this year and together we can make a difference in the lives of these young people. I hope you all have a blessed and prosperous 2008. Respectfully yours in Scouting.

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**DISTRICT DIRECTOR BILL WALTERS:**

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Congratulations Kia Kima Scouters for helping the District achieve Centennial Quality District Award status. This was truly a team effort and I thank every leader for a job well done! Our District leads the way in the Council starting new units and recruiting.

Well, a new year is upon us and I hope each and every leader sets high goals for 2008. FOS (Friends of Scouting) is going well. The District had 2 units conduct FOS/Capital Campaign presentations during the month of December. Both units (Troop 709 and Troop 40) had increases over last year. Job Well Done!

There are some units that have not scheduled their presentations for 2008 and need to do so ASAP. They are: Pack 171, Troop 701, Crew 712, Pack 740, Troop 740, Pack 746, Troop 746, Crew 746, Pack 747, Troop 747, Pack 751, Pack 763, Troop 763, Pack 764, Pack 771, Troop 771, Pack 797, Troop 797 and Troop 957. Please unit leader pick up the phone and schedule your presentations. Jim Swann our Family FOS Chairman needs the time, date and place. He can be reached at 494-8771.

Thank you for volunteering your time in the best Youth Organization in America!

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**DISTRICT COMMISSIONER KEITH REAGAN**

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I trust that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and I along with the commissioners of Kia Kima wish all of you a prosperous 2008. Congratulations to all the members of Kia Kima for your part in this district achieving Centennial Quality District. As of this writing 26 of the 39 traditional units achieved the goals they set in 2007 and have achieved Centennial Quality Unit status.

There are several items the commissioners will be working on at the beginning of the year. Unit commissioners are meeting with their units to discuss 2008 Centennial Quality Unit goals. All units must have established their goals and completed the 2008 Commitment form with their commissioner by the end of January.

I have also asked the commissioners to take the opportunity of this meeting to obtain the training status of each of the direct unit leaders and review the unit rosters in preparation for the recharter process, which must be completed by May.

As always, please feel free to contact me for any questions you have regarding commissioner service in Kia Kima District.

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Roundtable Commissioner Tony Garcia:

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I would like to thank Pack and Troop 716 for the opening and Christmas feast at the December Roundtable.

The Order of the Arrow has the January opening, refreshments and Boy Scout side of Roundtable.

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**DISTRICT CHAPLAIN BILL BUCHNER**

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Hey there folks, I would like to introduce myself. I am Deacon Bill Buehner your new District Chaplain. I cannot begin to tell you how much of an honor it is to be allowed to serve not only the young men of our District but the adult leaders as well. To the adults, God has granted you one of the most beautiful gifts there is, a servant heart. Week after week you donate your time, energy, money, skills and most importantly your hearts to ensure our young men grow to be Godly, productive members of our society. Our boys truly have some of the best role models I know of and I have no doubt they appreciate all that you as a guide do for them.

Now for the Scouts, gentlemen I implore you to look at the example being set before you as a guide, a blueprint if you will of how adults should behave. These leaders go out of their way to do for others. They sacrifice time and energy for others. They love you all and will do everything they can to help you achieve your goals. As you grown and mature, emulate them. In the Bible it talks about how those wishing to be first in Heaven must be least here on earth. What does that mean you say, it means you must be a servant of others, your friends, your family, strangers, each other, your country and your God. All these items are covered in the Scout Oath and Law and all are things these leaders teach you on a daily basis. I too am here to help you in any way I can.

I look forward to working with you all in the coming new year and hopefully many more to come. Happy New Year and God Bless prosper and protect each and every one of you! You may contact me at 91-494-1353 or [bbuehner@mannachurch.org](mailto:bbuehner@mannachurch.org).

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**DISTRICT FINANCE CHAIRMAN:**

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Please schedule your FOS/Capitol Campaign with Jim Swann at 494-8771. You may if you have someone you want to do the presentation request him or her.

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**DISTRICT RECOGNITION DINNER CHAIR KELLY CHANDLER:**

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The Kia Kima District Award Dinner will be held March 7,2008 at Hope Mills United Methodist Church. It will start at 6:30 pm. The door will be unlocked at 12:00 noon until 6:00 pm for anyone that needs to decorate their tables. The nomination forms need to be turned in to me no later than February 7,2008 at Roundtable.

Tickets will go on sale shortly and more detailed information will be going out to the units.

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DISTRICT PROGRAM CHAIRMAN SADIE JACKSON:

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With everyone looking forward to the New Year I would like to pass on to each of you something that was passed along to me by a friend. Who knows it might help someone to stop and think about their life and what really matters in it.

The most useless thing to do ----- Worry  
The greatest Joy ----- Giving  
The greatest loss ----- Loss of self-respect  
The most satisfying work ----- Helping others  
The ugliest personality trait ----- Selfishness  
The most endangered species ----- Dedicated leaders  
The greatest “shot in the arm” ----- Encouragement  
The great problem to overcome ----- Fear  
The most effective sleeping pill ----- Peace of mind  
The most crippling failure disease ----- Excuses  
The most powerful force in life ----- Love  
The most dangerous pariah ----- A gossip  
The world’s most incredible computer ----- The brain!  
The worst thing to be without ----- Hope  
The deadliest weapon ----- The tongue  
The two most power-filled words ----- “I can”  
The greatest asset ----- Faith  
The most worthless emotion ----- Self-pity  
The most prized possession ----- Integrity  
The most beautiful attire ----- A SMILE!  
The most powerful channel of communication ----- PRAYER  
The most contagious spirit ----- Enthusiasm  
The most important thing in life ----- GOD

Be sure to have your mission statement ready for the District Retreat on Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup>. You will also need any dates you have for events taking place in the district ready and available for the new calendar.

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District Advancement Chairman Kay Stewart:  
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Thank you to those who responded to my letter of inquiry regarding your status as a Merit Badge Counselor. I would like to remind all Merit Badge Counselors that “Merit Badge Counselor Information Forms” should have been turned in by December 31, 2007. If you did not turn yours in and wish to remain a counselor, please fill out a “BSA Adult Enrollment Forms” and a “Merit Badge Counselor Information Form” and forward them to me as soon as possible. I will be glad to pick them up at the Scout office. Unfortunately if you did not respond to the inquiry I sent you a few weeks ago and wish to remain registered as a counselor you will need to fill out both forms again. Please be sure to list every Merit Badge that you wish to be registered as a counselor for. If there is not enough room on the front of the form, please either continue your list on the back of the form or attach a separate sheet. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

“The National Youth Protection Committee recommended additions to Boy Scout rank advancements that were approved and will become effective January 1, 2008. These changes will help us advance the importance of Youth Protection training beyond the initial Boy Scout joining requirements, and will keep youth informed and actively engaged in understanding the key elements of personal safety and protection. **Tenderfoot Rank** Revised Requirement 9: Explain the importance of the buddy system as it relates to your personal safety on outings and in your neighborhood. Describe what a bully is and how you respond to one. **Second Class Rank** New Requirement 8b: Explain the three R’s of personal safety and protection. **First**

**Class Rank** New Requirement 12: Describe the three things you should avoid doing related to the Internet. Describe a cyber bully and how you should respond to one. The changes will be in the 2008 Boy Scout Requirements book and the revised ninth printing of the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the Boy Scout Handbook.”

All units should have received a flyer announcing a “Life To Eagle Workshop” scheduled for Saturday, February 2, 2008 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon at Friendship Baptist Church, 3232 Davis Street, Hope Mills. This workshop is for all Life Rank Scouts, Parents/Guardians, Scoutmasters and Troop Committee Advancement Chairs and/or Eagle Advisors. Adult leaders are encouraged to attend even if your units currently have no Life Rank Scouts; this workshop will enable you to better advise any Scouts who earn their Life Ranks before the next workshop. Reservations are required by January 15,2008. Please contact me for reservations or to answer any questions you may have.

Kia Kima closed out 2007 with successful Eagle Boards of Review for the following young men: Caleb Hankin (T-740), Phillip B. Harris III (T-747), Christopher Mark Knox (T-709) and William Christopher Young (T-745). Congratulations are certainly in order for their noteworthy accomplishments. I understand Kia Kima has some Eagles who are working on Palms. All these young men are to be commended for their dedication to the Scouting program.

I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation to the District Committee for making my transition to District Advancement Chair so much easier. Each one of you has offered words of encouragement and support that have meant so much to me. I look forward to being a small part of building a stronger Kia Kima in 2007.

Have a Blessed New Year!

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Activities and Civic Service Chairman Theresa Lucas:

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Possible service project for units; the spring 2008 Fayetteville Beautiful citywide cleanup will be the third Saturday in April. Contact is [www.FayettevilleBeautiful.com](http://www.FayettevilleBeautiful.com).

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Camporee News Ken Moore Camporee Chief:

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Great News!!! The Kia Kima Cub Scouts **will be** able to participate in the District Spring Camporee. More information will be given out at the January Roundtable and the Camporee committee meeting.

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Order of the Arrow Advisor Patricia McCoy:

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All of the Arrowmen in the Chapter are eager to start a great New Year. January Roundtable will be the kick-off of the year with scheduling of unit elections for the Order of the Arrow.

All Scoutmasters will be asked to attend January Roundtable to get the 2008 and 2009 schedule of events of Occoneechee Lodge 104. They will also be asked to schedule their unit election for 2008.

The O.A. is the Honor Campers Society of Scouting and Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. Members of the Order of the Arrow remain active in their units and live by the Scout Oath and Law while giving service to their Unit, District and Council.

The peers of his unit elect the youth after meeting the requirements of nomination and being approved by his Scoutmaster.

The adult must meet requirements and must be registered as a primary member in the unit. Unit leaders and the unit committee recommend the adult for membership in the Order of the Arrow. The adult candidate will be an asset to the order because of demonstrated abilities that fulfill the purpose of the Order

of the Arrow. They provide a positive role model for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.

Scoutmasters and Arrowmen this is important to our youth and adults: Help us keep everyone informed. O.A. Troop representative forms are available and this is a leadership position. Please inform your youth of this position.

2008 Order of the Arrow dues of \$10.00 a year is now due. Lifetime dues of \$104.00 are not transferable. See Pat McCoy or call 484-0030 to pay dues. She will also come by your unit to collect them if you request.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Order of the Arrow – Please call Pat McCoy (District Chapter Advisor) at 910-484-0030 or email [chewbacca349@hotmail.com](mailto:chewbacca349@hotmail.com).

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**BIRTHDAY; ANNIVERSARY; ILLNESS; GONE HOME:**

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**Birthdays:**

January 01 – Thomas G. Hayes  
January 01 --Lila M. Hyatt  
January 10 – Kenneth L. Moore  
January 12 – Sabre I. Lewis  
January 12 – Robert D. Digaetano  
January 15 – Steven C. Howard Jr  
January 15 – Antonia V. Gantlin  
January 17 – Patricia Ann McCoy  
January 20 – Johnna King  
January 20 – Patrick J. Trotter  
January 22 – Michael D. Griffin  
January 23 – Nathan K. Howie  
January 29 – Nathan Childs Jr  
January 30 – Lisa M. Woodrow

January 01 – Sean McDaniel  
January 05 – Heman Robinson  
January 12 – Susan Y. Knox  
January 12 – Robert E. Lucas  
January 12 – Susan A. Harris  
January 15 – Jamie L. Hargitt  
January 16 -- Brenda M. Fitzgerald  
January 21 – Thomas A. Archer  
January 20 – Virginia R. Gentry  
January 22 – Theresa A. Murphy  
January 22 – Randi L. Nunez  
January 24 – Michael E. Wiggins  
January 30 – Melanie Gay Autry  
January 30 – Melissa M. Renfrow

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**SCOUT CORNER:**

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Troop 957 Shannon Laschkewitsch Committee Chair:  
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Troop 957 had a full and busy year. Our boys seem to have learned so much and grown more in wisdom and character with every campout and meeting this year. We're glad to share about our December events with you.

Our Troop and Pack 957 combined for an informal caroling event and bonfire social (with approximately 40 in attendance). Also some of our Scout families who home school participated in a caroling at Haymount Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, some children even brought gifts to share with the residents. Some families participated in a local Live Nativity scene at Westwood Shopping Center – dressing in costume, caroling, and passing out information to those who stopped by.

To bring our meetings to a close for the year of 2007, we enjoyed a festive evening at a combined Christmas Party Potluck/Court of Honor with Pack 957. Several boys received merit badges that they had worked very hard on. We announced the 9 boys who advanced in rank, ending the evening with a gift exchange. At this point, I was privileged to witness one of our Scouts involved in a selfless act of generosity when he passed on a gift to another Scout who had forgotten to bring one. It is opportunities such as these which remind me of what Scouting is all about – building men of character who can see past themselves to the needs of others. By this act, I was inspired and reminded that it is much better to give than receive – a concept that embodies the true spirit of Christmas.

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Pack 716 John Cue Cubmaster:

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Pack 716 held its December Pack meeting on December 21<sup>st</sup> with the spirit of Christmas abounding. The boys received their awards from their leaders, Cubmaster and families after a meaningful opening by Webelos Golden Eagles Den.

The Tiger Den began the evening entertainment with a joyous Christmas song asking everyone to join in. Wolf Den 2 and Bear Den 3 did a song and skit. The Webelos participated in a Christmas story with action, everyone joined in on the sound effects and I must say all had a good time. They also presented their parent gifts that they made for them.

Popcorn prizes were handed out to the boys who participated in popcorn sales, as well as each Scout receiving a Christmas gift from the Pack. The evening ended with food and refreshments provided by leaders and parents. The Dens will not meet again until January 8<sup>th</sup>.

As a footnote: the Golden Eagles working on their Engineer were honored to be during the Christmas break guest of the Engineering Department of the Hope Mills Dam project. They were able to see the blueprints for the dam and have an understanding of the scope of the project. They also viewed and held in their hands wood that was about 150 years old, iron that had been bent by water pressure and bottles that were made in 1935. They had a great time and really appreciated the engineers taking time to work with them.

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**District and Council Events Calendar:**

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January 03 – District Roundtable MacPherson Presbyterian Church 7:15 pm.  
January 05 – District Annual Retreat Hope Mills United Methodist Church  
January 10 – Council Commissioner Cabinet Meeting  
January 17 – No Committee Meeting  
January 21 – District Commissioner Meeting 7:30 pm St. James Lutheran Church  
January 21 – Martin Luther King Day  
January 24 – OA Chapter Meeting Westminster Presbyterian Church 7:00 pm.

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**NEW 2008 – 2009 CALENDARS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT FEBRUARY ROUNDTABLE**

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