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Boy Scouts of America

December 2006/January 2007

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Don L. Ellis
Scout Executive

Duane H. Zobrist
President

Michael R. Sexton
Commissioner

NEW COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONER

The Council's Annual Business meeting was held on Thursday evening, November 16 at Augusta Medical Center, Fishersville, VA. During this annual business meeting, Chartered Organization Representatives approved the 2007 Executive Board, members-at-large, advisory board, recommendations for District Commissioner and national council representatives for the 2007 Scouting year.

The Stonewall Jackson Area Council would like to say "thank you" and express our appreciation to Mr. Jack Taylor, Council President and Dr. T. C. Dickerson, Council Commissioner for their many years of service in support Scouting in the thirteen counties of central and West Virginia. Jack will be stepping down as Council President after serving for the past 6 years. Jack will continue his Scouting affiliation as the Council Nominating Committee Chairman. T.C. will continue his role as our new Vice President for Relationships. Jack and TC will be recognized at the 2007 Council Annual Recognition Dinner scheduled for February 8.

The Stonewall Jackson Area Council will begin the 2007 Scouting year under the leadership of a new Council President and new Council Commissioner. Duane H



T.C. Dickerson (l) and Jack Taylor (r)

Zobrist was nominated and elected as the Stonewall Jackson Area Council's President and Michael R. Sexton was confirmed at the Council Commissioner. We will feature brief biographies of our new officers in this issue of *Saddlebags*.

2007 FRIENDS OF SCOUTING FAMILY ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN...BECAUSE THE MISSION OF SCOUTING REALLY MATTERS!

For almost 100 years, Scouting has been right here, available for boys, teenagers, families, neighborhoods and each of the 13 counties served by the Stonewall Jackson Area Council.

Our annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign is the major fundraising campaign that keeps Scouting alive and healthy in the council. It is our most important source of income. Friends of Scouting supports the resources to organize, train and service all the Scouting groups that deliver the Scouting promise to each youth who joins.

Volunteers are organizing teams to lead a campaign in each district. Each unit is asked to participate by selecting a unit Friends of Scouting Chairman and attend training to learn "how to" conduct the unit FOS Family Campaign kickoff. Units will be asked to provide an oppor-

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FOS Campaign Results

updated: December 13, 2006

District	Goal	YTD Pledge	%	+/- Goal
Massanutten	\$46,000	\$49,386	107.4%	+\$3,386
Monticello	\$105,000	\$113,580	108.2%	+\$8,580
Southern	\$25,000	\$23,770	95.1%	-\$1,230
Valley	\$35,000	\$38,773	110.8%	+\$3,773
Executive Board	\$42,000	\$43,035	102.5%	+1,035
Leadership Division	\$27,000	\$22,258	82.4%	-\$4,742
Grand Totals	\$280,000	\$290,802	103.9%	+\$10,802

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From the Scout Executive



Dear Scouters,
On behalf of the Executive Board of the Stonewall Jackson Area Council, our professional and office support staff, thank you for providing another year of quality Scouting for more than 4,800 Scouts during 2006.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the following members of our Executive Board that will retire from their current board assignment or accepted a new role effective January 1, 2007:

- Jack Taylor – Council President
- T. C. Dickerson – Council Commissioner
- Bill Albrecht – Vice President for Finance
- Bryan Parsons – Vice President for Marketing/Communications
- Gordon Spencer – Vice President for Membership
- Lowrie Tucker – At Large Executive Committee member
- Jim Craig – over 50 years of service to Scouting
- Scott Hooper – Council Camping Chair
- John Meade, III
- Major General Charles I. McGinnis
- Scott Sayre
- Rob Schuett – Monticello District Chair
- Hans Rothe – Massanutten District Chair

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to Judy Goodbar, District Commissioner for Southern District for her many years of service. Replacing Judy will be Richard Wall, a long time veteran Scouter in the Southern District.

I am pleased to announce our new Executive Board members for 2007:

- Eric Johnson – Vice President for Finance - Bank of America
- Nancy Burton-Prateley – Vice President for Membership
- John R. Taylor, III – Vice President for Marketing/Communications - Video Gaming Technologies, Inc.
- John Baugher – Baugher Chevrolet

- Seth Bokelman – First Bank & Trust Company
- Bruce King – BARC Electric Cooperative
- Steve Hammond – Monticello District Chairman
- Michael P. Ohleger – Southern District Chairman

As many are you are aware, the Council has been in the process of developing a new Strategic Long Range Plan for 2007–2011. Key highlights of the plan will be in the next issue of the *Saddlebags* after approval by the Council Executive Board on January 18, 2007. We have also launched the new BSA Centennial Quality Award program, plans are underway now to ensure our 2007 Summer Camp staff is in place and our districts are gearing up to support the 200 plus Packs, Troops, Teams, Crews and Explorer Post as we enter the 2007 Scouting year.

Again, thank you for the many hours, resources, time and talent you give to help the young people of our community. Happy Holidays!

-Don L. Ellis, Scout Executive



The professional and support staff of the Stonewall Jackson Area Council wish you a safe, joyous, and memorable holiday season.

Council Calendar

December

- 14 Executive Committee Meeting
- 17 OA Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- 25-29 SJAC Service Center Waynesboro Closed

January

- 6 OA Winter Banquet
- 11 Camping Committee Meeting
- 15 Service Center Closed
- 18 Executive Board Meeting
- 21 OA Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- 22 Venturing Committee and Roundtable
- 27 District Scouter Conference
- 31 District Popcorn & Peanut Chair Celebration

February

- 3 OA Council of Chiefs Meeting
- 4 Scouting Sunday
- 5 Council Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 8 Council Annual Recognition Dinner
- 8 Scouting Anniversary Day
- 11 Methodist Scout Sunday
- 12 Membership Committee Meeting
- 15 Executive Committee Meeting
- 18 OA Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- 19 SJAC Service Center Waynesboro Closed
- 21 Training Committee Meeting
- 26 Venturing Committee & Roundtable

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Hours of Operation -

Monday - Friday, 9AM-5PM

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Scout Executive/CEO..... Don L. Ellis
 Assistant Scout Executive..... Howard Davis
 Executive Asst/Office Mgr Betty Morris
 Finance Spec/Bookkeeper Maggie Batton
 Trading Post Mgr/Registrar Libby Johnson
 Part-Time Office Assistant Pat Sipe
 Monticello Scout Shop Mgr Katrina Stedum
 (434)978-3822
 Camp Ranger James Johnson
 (540)886-7513(emergency only)
 District Executives..... see contact information on district pages of *Saddlebags*

Monticello Scout Shop

2116 Berkmar Drive

Charlottesville, VA 22901

(434)978-3822

Monday/Tuesday (6-8pm); Wed/Fri (5-7PM);

Thur/Sat (10AM-1PM). Phone - (434)978-3822.

(Monticello Scout Shop staffed by local volunteers, call SJAC office to volunteer!)

TOUR PERMIT PROCEDURE

When requesting a Tour Permit, the SJAC office staff would appreciate if you would follow the following procedure:

- Please allow 2 weeks for processing application.
- Verify your fax number is correct, including area code.
- Transportation sheet is completed in its entirety.
- All signatures are included.

Following these procedures will assure that your request is processed in a timely manner.



The New Internet Rechartering

Electronic rechartering is here! Internet Rechartering is a Web-based method for units to renew their charters from any online location—at home or at the office. Units will love this new method; it's easy, convenient, and accurate because you enter the information yourself!

Here's how it works: The Stonewall Jackson Area Council has an Internet Rechartering page on our Web site (www.bsa-sjac.org/recharter06.htm) with instructions and a link to the software. The unit receives its charter renewal packet as usual, only now the packet includes information for Internet Rechartering, including an access code especially for the unit. The unit selects an adult to complete the online process. This renewal processor uses the access code to log onto the Internet Rechartering Web site, selecting to start the process with current ScoutNET data or data from unit-management software. At any time, the renewal processor can suspend the electronic rechartering process and return later to the last completed screen.

The system lets you enter new members, renew current members, and update information for any registrant. When completed, the new unit roster is submitted to ScoutNET and a Unit Charter Renewal Report Package is printed. This package includes the unit charter application. Acquire the signatures for the application and send it, the rest of the package, any new youth and adult applications, and all fees to the council.

There's a link to the Internet Rechartering tutorial and help on the Stonewall Jackson Area Council Web site. Check it out—we think you'll like the design. All BSA policies are enforced throughout the system, so what you enter is sure to meet all requirements.

If you have any questions or comments, contact your District Commissioner, unit commissioner or District Scout Executive and they will be glad to help you out.

Come to upcoming Roundtables to attend training and hear more on Internet Rechartering.



COUNCIL WIDE SPRING CAMPOREE

"Footsteps of the Founders
NATURAL BRIDGE, VA.

MAY 4 - 6, 2007



Come join with us in following the "footsteps of the founders" as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the World-Wide Scouting Movement in England.

Program will include:

- Camping for Venture Crews, Scout Troops, and Webelos Dens.
- Brownsea Island Games
- Natural Bridge Scouting Adventure Trail
- Monacan Indians
- Cavern Tour
- Special Day Program for Cub Scouts and their Families

Leaders Program Guide available at your February Roundtable!



For information or to volunteer to help contact:

Council Camporee Chair: Judy Goodbar @ 540-463-4056

1st Annual Venturing/NRA Shootaround
September 30- October 1, 2006
A Great Success with Aiming for a Strong Future!!



Congratulations New Eagle Scouts

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| Christopher Reinmiller , T- 81, Crimora Ruritan | David Stevens , T-72, Grace Covenant Church |
| James Eavey , T-81, Crimora Ruritan Club | Michael Miller , T-28, Massanutten Presbyterian |
| George Martin Clemmer , T-55, Marquis Memorial UMC | Martin Steger , T-2, Clifton Forge Presbyterian |
| Ryan Loomis , T-25, Catholic Diocese of Richmond | Marshall Jarrett , T-29, Robert E. Lee Episcopal |
| Seth Sprouse , T-84, Stuarts Draft Ruritan Club | Colin Kearney , T-29, Robert E. Lee Episcopal |
| Bradley Good , T-32, Shenandoah Valley Kiwanis Club | Geoffrey Duke II , T-5, Lexington Presbyterian |
| Evan Allman , T-32, Shenandoah Valley Kiwanis Club | Benjamin Craft , T-31, McAllister Memorial Presbyterian |
| Steven Whelan , T-30, St. Paul's United Methodist Church | Nicholas Garcia , T-26, Edgemont Presbyterian |
| Peter Griffin , T-30, St. Paul's United Methodist Church | Christopher Post , T-114, St. Paul's Episcopal |
| Brian Boswell , T-11, Fishersville Ruritan Club | Cory Cox , T-142, St. Mark's Lutheran Church |
| Jeremy Hottinger , T-162, Franklin Moose Lodge #769 | Ryan Donaldson , T-111, Grace United Methodist Church |
| Julian Siapno , T-162, Franklin Moose Lodge #769 | James Earnest, II , T-116, Piedmont Episcopal Church |
| Ryan Liskey , T-145, The Church of Jesus Christ LDS | Samuel Ritter , T-116, Piedmont Episcopal Ch |
| Daniel Shaver , T-145, The Church of Jesus Christ LDS | Robert Puryear , T-116, Piedmont Episcopal Ch |
| Timothy Beirle , T-42, Harrisonburg Baptist Ch | Alfred Puryear , T-116, Piedmont Episcopal Ch |
| Forrest Black , T-493, Spring Creek Church of Nazarene | Jonathan Showalter , T-178, Trinity Presbyterian Church |
| Justin Dahmer , T-162, Franklin Moose Lodge #769 | Bradley Nissen , T-111, Grace United Methodist Church |
| | Matthew Topping , T-79, Crozet United Methodist Church |
| | Michael Scholl , T-117, Free Union Baptist Ch |
| | Grayson Lanier , T-227, The Church of Jesus Christ LDS |



In Memory of:
Col. George M. Brooke, Jr.

Donor:
Elizabeth M. Donovan
Mr. Yutaka Sasaki

In Memory of:
Melba Stone Fenlon

Donor:
Lee Paschall
John & Marian Wilson

DISTRICT VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE PLANNED FOR JANUARY 2007

When: Saturday, January 27, 2007, 9:00 AM - 2:30PM

Where: Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church (Fishersville Exit off I-64)

Who: For All District Committee Members and Commissioners! Council Board Members are welcome, too!

You are invited to attend a great day of training, fellowship, and recognition. Registration begins at 8:30am with adjourn at 2:30 pm following our closing session. The registration fee of \$13.00 will include program materials, snacks, lunch, and resource book for your position

Conference highlights will include:

- District Operations Orientation
- New Centennial Quality Council & District Planning
- New Council Long Range Plan
- Special Training Sessions for your District Scouter Position

FULL INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORM CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT OUR COUNCIL WEBSITE: www.bsa-sjac.org OR BY CONTACTING YOUR DISTRICT KEY THREE OR FROM THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER AT 540-943-6675.

"RACE TO CUB SCOUTING" FALL RECRUITMENT UPDATE



As announced in an earlier edition of the "Saddlebags" the *Shenandoah Valley Chevy Dealers and Jim Price Chevrolet* served as our 2006 Fall Roundup Sponsors.

- Elliott Chevrolet – Staunton, VA – William Elliott
- Dick Meyers Chevrolet – Elkton, VA – Dick Meyers
- Baugher Chevrolet – Waynesboro, VA – John Baugher
- Jim Price Chevrolet – Charlottesville, VA – Jim Childress

General Motors Chevrolet Dealers throughout America serves as the BSA's National Corporate Sponsor for the 2006 "Race to Cub Scouting" Fall Roundup. We are proud to partner with local Chevy Dealers within the Stonewall Jackson Area Council.

Below is an update on the status of our 2006 fall recruitment as compared to the 2005 fall roundup:

- *New Cub Scout families joining since August 1: 919 versus 732 - 26% increase*
- *New units organized since August 1 – 17 versus 2 - 88% increase*
- *Total new youth (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Ventures) joining since August 1 – 1038 versus 816 - 27% increase*

As scouting volunteers, you are committed to making a difference in the lives of thousands of Scouts you serve. On behalf of the Executive Board of the Stonewall Jackson Area Council, thank you for giving: "EVERY KID A CHANCE TO JOIN SCOUTING".

2006 POPCORN & PEANUT SALE HIGHLIGHTS!

The 2006 Popcorn & Peanut campaign results are in. Council-wide sales exceeded \$440000, a 5.8% increase over 2005! Congratulations to everyone for this year's great sale!

Sales by district:

Monticello
\$217804, +5.9% over 2005
Southern
\$54743, +7.7% over 2005
Valley
\$81529, +14.3% over 2005
Massanutten
\$86183, -2.2% from 2005

Top selling units:

Monticello
Pack 206 - \$13,619
Pack 141 - \$13,365
Pack 97 - \$12,999
Southern
Pack 115 - \$8853
Pack 180 - \$7768

Pack 26 - \$5470
Valley:
Pack 73 - \$10,332
Pack 333 - \$10,289
Pack 137 - \$6851
Massanutten:
Pack 120 - \$15,202
Troop 40 - \$9,486
Troop 42 - \$7975

Top selling Scouts:

Monticello
Hayden Davis - Pack 141
Mark Noble - Troop 36
Jonathan Corbin - Pack 138
Southern
Dylan Fitzgerald - Troop 5
Garrett Robertson - P 115
Adam Maraj - Pack 180
Valley
Jeff Schmigiel - Troop 8
Phillip Seaton - Pack 137
Dylan Hayes - Troop 13
Massanutten
Ian McDorman - Troop 83
Isaac Rohrer - Troop 42

Julian Guerreo - Pack 120
Should you have thoughts about this year's sale or need additional help or information please contact your District Popcorn & Peanut Chairman:

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Scott Desmond
scotdez@earthlink.net
434-242-1538 (c)
SOUTHERN
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CAMP SHENANDOAH UPDATES

The 2007 Camp Shenandoah Promotional Packets are now available through your District Roundtable or District Camp Promotions Team. You can also find this year's guide at our website: www.campshenandoah.org.

The 2007 Camp Leader's Program Guide will be available in February. A copy will be mailed to all Units registered to attend Camp Shenandoah this summer and will be available on line at our website.

Summer Camp Staff Interviews are now underway. If you have any interested Scouts or leads for potential Camp Staff members please contact us. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions or need additional information concerning Camp Shenandoah 2007 please contact our Camp Director, Kevin Mausehund or your District Camp Promotions Team. Kevin can be reached at 540-943-6675 or <director@campshenandoah.org> .

2007 Camp Signups underway. If not already signed up to attend, be sure to do so soon. The summer camp experience should be the highlight of a Scout's year!



Camp Shenandoah Summer Camp Reservations 2007

Week 1 6/24-6/30	Week 2 7/1-7/7	Week 3 7/8-7/14	Week 4 7/15-7/21	Week 5 7/22-7/28	Week 6 7/29-8/4	Webelos #1 8/5-8/8	Webelos #2 8/8-8/11
233*	102	25	47	111			
93	259*		628*	29			
121	123		11	250*			
114	493						
31	13						
601*	388						
30	1203*						
154							
75							
21							

For a new Scouting experience, try joining the camp staff. Applications are on the Camp Shenandoah website (www.campshenandoah.org), at the Service Center in Waynesboro, and at the Monticello Scout Shop in Charlottesville.

2007 Council President - Duane H. Zobrist

Duane, an attorney at law, practices in the areas of corporate and business law with special emphasis on business and tax planning, banking, finance, securities offerings, domestic and international mergers and acquisitions and international business, finance and trade transactions. He currently practices law in Charlottesville with Zobrist Law Group. He was formerly a Senior Partner with Carlsmith Ball, a Major Pacific Rim law firm, with offices throughout the Pacific Basin, Los Angeles, Washington DC, and Mexico, D.F.

He attended the University of Utah (A.B., 1965) and University of Southern California (J.D., 1968). Duane is a member of the American Bar Association (Business and International Law Sections); State Bar of California and State Bar of Virginia. He is also a mediator certified by the Virginia Supreme Court in the area of complex litigation. He has served on numerous boards and civic organizations. He is a frequent guest speaker regarding trade and finance at universities, trade associations and chambers of commerce in the United States and Mexico.



Duane H. Zobrist

Duane's Scouting background includes 20 years involvement with the San Gabriel Valley Council headquartered in Pasadena, California. During this time, he served as a District Chairman, a member of the Board of Directors and later served as the Vice President of Operations. He is a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award.

Duane was President of the Rotary Club of Charlottesville (2005-2006) and currently serves as a Commissioner on the Albemarle County Planning Commission. Duane is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Duane is married to Sharon Jones Zobrist and they have 5 children and 10 grandchildren. Duane's two sons are Eagle Scouts with his oldest son being a Woodbadge four-beader and Silver Beaver recipient. He loves falconry and being a grandfather, and is fluent in both Spanish and Portuguese.

Please take an opportunity to welcome Duane H. Zobrist and his wife Sharon to the Stonewall Jackson Area Council Scouting family.

2007 Council Commissioner - Michael R. Sexton

Mike is graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia where he received his B. S., M. S., and Ph. D. in Mechanical Engineering. He served as a Commissioned Officer, active duty United States Navy from 1966 - 1971. He has been an instructor in the Mechanical Engineering Department at Virginia Polytechnic and State University, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, Associate Professor Mechanical Engineering Department, VMI and became a Charles S. Luck, Jr., '20 Institute Professor of Engineering 2004 - present.

During Mike's military service and professional career, he received numerous decorations, honors and awards and he is active in many professional associations.

Mike has been a member of the Stonewall Jackson Area Council Executive Board since 1998. He has been a registered adult Scouter for the past 23 years serving as Cubmaster, Pack and Troop Committee member, Assistant Scoutmaster, Explorer Post and Venture Crew Advisor. At the District level, he has served on the Monticello & Southern District Committee and served as the

Monticello and Southern District Order of the Arrow Chapter Advisor.

At the Council level, Mike has served as the Shenandoah Order of the Arrow Lodge Advisor, on the Council Camping Committee, Council Properties Committee and Council Training Committee. He has also served as a Southern Region Camp Visitation Specialist and on the 2001 National Jamboree Staff. Mike has received numerous Scouting Awards and recognitions including the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award in 1996. He served as Course Director for Woodbadge Course SR724.

Other youth activities, fraternal and civic memberships/offices include past coordinator for the St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Lexington "Adopt-a-Student Program", past advisor to the Virginia Military Institute's Eagle Scout Association, Knights of Columbus, member of the St. Patrick's Parish Council and Parish Council President 1991-1992.

Mike's and his wife, Sharyn, have three children, Mike II, Wayne, and Pauline and a granddaughter, Emma. Both Mike II and Wayne are Eagle Scouts from the Stonewall Jackson Area Council.



Mike Sexton

Monticello District News:

Serving Albemarle, Greene, Madison, Orange, Louisa, and Fluvanna counties and the city of Charlottesville

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District Chairman: Rob Schuett <schuett@virginia.edu> (434)973-1217
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 District Director: Richard Bogan <monticello763@hotmail.com> (434)882-0611
 District Executive: Kevin Mausehund <ecomause@hotmail.com> (434)882-1609



Goal: \$105,000
Reported: \$113,580

Campaign Results: 108.2%

December

- 7 Cub Scout Roundtable Meeting, 7PM Aldersgate UMC, Charlottesville
 7 Boy Scout Roundtable Meeting, 7:30PM Aldersgate UMC, Charlottesville
 7 **Training:** Pack, Troop, Crew & Post Recharter Information Meeting, Packet Distribution, 6PM
 13 OA Chapter Meeting: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 6:30PM
 20 District Commissioners and Committee Meeting, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Charlottesville 6:45PM and 7:30PM (Holiday Schedule)

January

- 4 Cub Scout Roundtable Meeting, 7PM Aldersgate UMC, Charlottesville
 4 Boy Scout Roundtable Meeting, 7:30PM Aldersgate UMC, Charlottesville
 10 OA Chapter Meeting: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 6:30PM
 12-14 **Activity:** Klondike Derby
 24 District Commissioners and Committee Meeting, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Charlottesville 6:45PM and 7:30PM
 27 **Training:** District Key Scouter Training

Scouter Spotlight

Ward N. McLaughlin, Jr is our Scouter Spotlight. Neil is best known in Monticello District for founding and continuing the Apple Harvest Camporee and his full involvement in the Annual Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale. The idea for the camporee came in 1976 when Troop 37 was involved in a First Aid Station at a UVA football game. A fan began to talk to Neil about a camporee held in Charlotte, NC and invited Neil to attend. He did. After taking many notes and pictures Neil came back home and put the annual fall event together. The first one was held in Fall 1977 and in 1978, it was named "Apple Harvest" Camporee. The rest is history. The camporee has been held in eight different locations and has been in Fork Union for the past 15 years.

**Neil McLaughlin**

The Christmas Tree sale in Monticello District has also flourished under Neil's leadership. Neil has been the chairman for eight years and has seen the tree sale grow from *One Lot* and *300 trees*

into a major undertaking of the management of *Seven Lots* and *3100 trees*. This sale provides funds for Camp Shenandoah.

Neil was born in Sugar Grove, WV but lived in Charlottesville most of his life. Neil has been married to Darlene for 46 years and they have two grown daughters. It should be known that Darlene is always right behind Neil on many of his scouting endeavors. His hobbies include fishing, woodworking, hunting and being a "handyman". Neil retired a few years ago as a Senior Lab Tech from Sperry Marine.

Neil was a scout in Troops 1 and 3 in Charlottesville. He made it to the rank of Second Class. Neil is an active member of Hinton Avenue United Methodist Church Men's Club. In 1975, Troop 37 was chartered to the Men's Club and Neil was the Institutional Representative (now a CR). He then served as a Scoutmaster for 23 years, retiring from that position just five years ago. Neil is most proud of the 30+ Eagle Scouts that have come from the troop who are featured on an "Eagle Board", which Neil made with his woodworking skills. His highlights include the physical and endurance challenge of Philmont Scout Reservation and the annual October program at the meeting of the Men's Club where Troop 37 scouts report on Scouting.

Monticello District is truly blessed to have the long-standing commitment of Neil McLaughlin.

Winters Wild- 2007 Klondike Derby

The Monticello District Klondike Derby is here! This winter extravaganza will take place January 12-14 in Fluvanna County at Pleasant Grove. All troops are encouraged to participate in this event and to host a den of Webelos for the day, if asked. A day program is available for Webelos and leaders. Venture Crews are also encouraged to come out. Troop, Crews and Packs all have the option of making this a day-event only. As the weather can be unpredictable and cold, please be sure that each Scout and Scouter are well prepared for cold weather camping. A full packet of information and sign-up materials will be available at the December Roundtable or the district website. Contact Jeff Gieser, Klondike Chair-

man for more information at 540-748-3028 or e-mail him at <ForestSpecial@aol.com>.

Scouting for Food

As of the time of the article the following information has been recorded and counted. At the Charlottesville Food Bank received 12,550 pounds of food. The pantry in Louisa, Fluvanna, Orange, and Madison Counties has not been recorded but we are expecting about 3,000 pounds of food. There were 34 units participating in this year's food drive, 23 Cub Scout packs and 11 Boy Scout troops. Thank you Jay Byrnes the chairman for Scouting for food in Monticello and every one who helped out. The families and the organizations that will benefit from our donations will have a better holiday season.

Two More New Cub Scout Packs for Monticello District!

Another HUGE welcome to Monticello District's two newest units. **Pack 37** is chartered to **Hinton Avenue United Methodist Church** in Charlottesville and draws from Clark Elementary School. Darin Clements is the Cubmaster, Kimberly Daves is the Committee Chair and Neil McLaughlin is the Charter Rep. A big 'thanks' to Jay Fox, New Unit Organizer for his role in the formation this pack. **Pack 174** is back after a two-year hiatus. New leadership is in place and was organized and is being led by Tom Zakielarz as Cubmaster and Pam Nelms is the Committee Chair. **Greene County Ruritan** is the charter and thanks to Sanford "Shorty" Estes for his role as Charter Representative.

Holiday Wishes

Many thanks and Happy Holidays to all Scouters who make this entire movement possible! The impact and effect of your leadership is truly molding our future leaders. We are pleased to serve you as your professional staff. We are truly blessed and proud to be working with such a fine group of people in the Monticello District and sincerely wish each of you a Happy Holiday season and look forward to serving you in the New Year to come.

Kevin Mausehund, District Executive and Richard Bogan, District Director

Southern District News:

Serving Alleghany, Bath, and Rockbridge Counties

website: <http://organizations.rockbridge.net/bsa>

District Chairman: Michael Ohlenger <movlas2@earthlink.net> (540)261-1614
 District Commissioner: Richard Wall <RKWall@usana.com> (540)264-0094
 District Executive: Scott Lancey <scott@bsa-sjac.org> (434)464-1100



Goal: \$25,000
 Reported \$23,770

Campaign Results: 95.1%

DECEMBER

- 5 All popcorn and peanut orders cleared.
- 7 District Christmas Party and Potluck Meal, 7PM, Sharon Senior Center.
- 7 Recharter Information Meeting/Packet distribution, Sharon Senior Center. One leader from each unit should attend!
- 7 OA Chapter meeting at RT.
- 12 District Committee Meeting, 7PM, Longdale UMC. (Note Different Date)

JANUARY

- 4 Cub Scout & Boy Scout Roundtable, 7PM, Sharon Senior Center.
- 4 OA Chapter meeting at RT.
- 6 OA Winter Banquet.
- 19-21 Klondike Derby/Iditarod Challenge, Camp Shenandoah.
- 23 District Committee Meeting, 7PM, Longdale UMC.
- 27 District Key Scouter Training

FEBRUARY

- 1 Cub Scout & Boy Scout Roundtable, 7PM, Sharon Senior Center.
- 1 OA chapter meeting at RT.
- 3 Recharter Review Turn In. Sharon Senior Center. 9AM-1PM.
- 3 TRAINING: New Leader Essentials/Leader Specific.
- 27 TRAINING: New Leader Essentials/Leader Specific.
- 27 District Committee Meeting, 7PM, Longdale UMC

Appointments to District Committee

Congratulations and welcome to our new District Committee appointments. Mike Ohlenger is the Southern District Chairman and Richard Wall will be District Commissioner.

Mike has an extensive Scouting background; including district service in the National Capital Area Council. He also has extensive unit leadership and has attended Philmont. Richard has been a familiar leader in the district for several years and has both completed Wood Badge and been a leader.

Jennifer Jordan (T-2/C-2) joins the District Committee as Venturing Chair.

Popcorn/Peanut Sales Really POPPED!

Congratulations to Southern District scouts, Scouters and parents for great results in this year's popcorn and peanut sale. While official totals are not final, it looks like Southern District will be up at least **15%** over last year! This is vital because our Packs, Troops and Crews all earn extra money for their programs! Despite some mislabeled peanut boxes, the

new pick-up location at the Virginia Horse Center received good reviews. Huge props go to Sheila Parker, our District Chair, who drove additional orders all over the district. Most of our district Packs, Troops and Crews can look forward to having more money in their accounts as we begin 2007; that's great for helping to deliver a quality program to every youth!

BUNDLE UP! Klondike Derby

January 19-21 is the annual Valley/Southern district Klondike Derby. All Troops are invited to bundle up and join the fun. More info is available at upcoming Roundtables, so be sure to have your Troop leaders attend as the supply lists and schedule will be distributed. Along with great Klondike favorites, the Iditarod Challenge also returns! This event is designed to challenge older Boy Scouts and Venture Crews with fire and shelter building, orienteering, rifle shooting and more. Get more information on the Iditarod at the SJAC website: <http://www.bsa-sjac.org>. Cubmasters: remember your Webelos 2 Scouts are welcome to visit the Klondike on Saturday for a taste of cold camping, Boy Scout style.

Recharter Meeting is a Must

Every unit in Southern District will recharter next February, however the process begins in December. Your Unit Commissioner or unit leader needs to pick up the Recharter Packet on Thursday night, December 7 at the Sharon Senior Center or other arrangements need to be made. Signed charters, registration and insurance fees must be submitted on Southern District Turn-In Day: Saturday, February 3 at the Sharon Senior Center between 9:00AM and 1:00PM. To make the process easier, consider rechartering online for free! You don't need any special software but must first have your Unit Login information, available from the District Commissioner or District Executive. Internet rechartering is an easy process; however all units are required to bring all paperwork to our Turn-In Day event. Learn more about Internet Rechartering at Roundtable, or at the SJAC web site: <http://www.bsa-sjac.org>.

FOS Family Presentations

All units should be scheduling a date for their FOS presentation in early 2007. Packs should schedule their FOS event as part of the Blue & Gold Banquet while a Troop CoH makes a great opportunity for Friends of Scouting. A complete FOS event takes less than fifteen minutes and can be wrapped into your meeting. Every piece of available research demonstrates receptive parents will give when they understand how the money benefits local scouting...that is the goal of the 2007 Friends of Scouting campaign. United Way funding continues to dwindle while our campership and scholarship requests again increased last year. These are just two reasons why we all should support Friends of Scouting presentations early in 2007. Every scout expects and deserves an exciting, fun program; Friends of Scouting truly helps to deliver the promise!

Spirit of Scouting (for Food)

Scouting is about "helping other people at all times". Over 70% of our units did just that during October's Scouting for Food drive. Both our district and the entire Council collected more food in 2006 than in 2005 because so many of you helped this important effort. Thank you for helping so many people who otherwise would go without.

Madison Walters, Wolf Scout in Pack 94 shows the Spirit of Scouting while collecting food bags during the Scouting for Food drive.



Happy Holidays!

A big thank to all our volunteer leaders. Special thanks our District Committee, Unit Commissioners and especially to Hans Rothe and Judy Goodbar, who have been of constant service to me, every leader and every Scout in Southern District. 2006 has been a busy and successful year in our district...thanks to you! As volunteer leaders, your efforts do make a difference in the lives of so many young Scouts. I am most grateful to serve with you. I hope only the best for each of you this Holiday Season and look forward to an exciting 2007.

Scott Lancey, District Executive

Valley District News:

Serving Augusta, Highland, and northern Nelson Counties

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District Chairman: David W. Driver <ddriver7@peoplepc.com> (540)886-7918
 District Commissioner: Fred Miller <fjmiller@ntelos.net> (540)943-4821
 District Executive: Dee Schartiger <tigerz@adelphia.net> (540)569-6034



Goal: \$35,000
 Reported: \$38,773

Campaign Results: 110.8%**December**

- 5 Cub Scout & Boy Scout Roundtable, OA Chapter, and Unit Commissioner Meetings – 7:00 pm Fishersville UMC
- 5 Popcorn & Peanut Accounts Cleared
- 12 District Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm Council Office - Waynesboro
- 25-26 Council Service Center Closed

January

- 1 Council Service Center Closed
- 2 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable Meeting – 7:00 pm
OA Chapter Meeting – 7:00 pm Fishersville United Methodist Church
Commissioner Meeting – 6:30 pm Fishersville United Methodist Church
- 13 Recharter Turn-In – 9:00 am Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church
- 15 Council Service Center Closed
- 16 District Committee Meeting – 7:00p pm Council Service Center
- 19-21 Klondike/Iditarod Challenge – Camp Shenandoah

February

- 4 Scout Sunday
- 6 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable - 7:00 PM, Fishersville United Methodist Church
- 6 OA Chapter Meeting, FUMC
- 6 District Commissioner Meeting, FUMC
- 8 Council Recognition Dinner
- 11 Methodist Scout Sunday
- 19 Council Service Center Closed
- 20 District Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM Council Service Center
- 24 Valley District Pinewood Derby, Colonial Mall, Staunton

Welcome Valley District Newest Units

Cub Scout Pack 44, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church, Waynesboro, Virginia. Floyd Montoya is serving as the Cubmaster of this unit and they will be recruiting from Berkeley Glenn Elementary School in Waynesboro, Virginia.

Cub Scout Pack 332, sponsored by Linden Heights Presbyterian Church, Staunton, Virginia. Beth Reynolds is serving as the Cubmaster for the unit which recruits from Bessie Weller Elementary School in Staunton, Virginia.

Cub Scout Pack 375, sponsored by Rodes United Methodist Church, Afton Virginia. Kim Candler is serving as the Cubmaster for the unit and they recruit from Rockfish Valley Elementary School in

the Nelson County area. Welcome to the Valley District to the leadership, youth and parents of these units. We trust your experience in scouting will be a positive one.

It's Time to Recharter....

It is time once again for all units in the Valley District to begin the annual recharter process. Each unit needs to work through the recharter paperwork, obtain all the necessary signatures and bring the completed paperwork to the Recharter Turn-In meeting scheduled for Saturday, January 13, 2007 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, Fishersville, VA. If you need assistance in completing this process, please contact your Unit Commissioner.

It's Time for Klondike Derby/Iditarod Challenge...

The annual Klondike Derby and Iditarod Challenge for Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews are scheduled for January 19-21, 2007 and are being held at Camp Shenandoah. This year's event is being co-chaired by Jene Phillips of Valley District and Bill Schwenke of Southern District and is a great opportunity for your scouts to showcase their abilities in a fun challenging format. Registration information will be distributed at Roundtable meetings and will also be placed on the Valley District, Southern District and Council websites. Don't wait; register today to participate in this challenging opportunity.

It's Time to Race....

One of the most memorable highlights of any Cub Scout's scouting experience is the annual Pinewood Derby race where he and his family get to make his very own car out of a block of wood, wheels, axels and dreams. Make plans to hold your unit's pinewood derby race and then be sure and invite the scouts in your pack to

participate in the Valley District Pinewood Derby Race which will be held at the Colonial Mall in Staunton, Virginia on February 24, 2007. This exciting event is open to all scouts regardless of where they placed in their pack race. There is no pre-registration, just sign up the day of the event. Registration information and rules will be distributed at the monthly Roundtable and will also be available on the District website.

District Thank You....

Thank you to David Kramer for his leadership in our annual Popcorn & Peanut Sales in Valley District. Sales were up for the 2nd year in a row in Valley District.

Thank you to Jene Phillips and his warehouse team for their assistance in distributing the popcorn and peanut products to all the units.

Thank you to Paul Shearman for his assistance and guidance with the annual Scouting Food drive and to all the units that participated in this very important activity. Your efforts resulted in a very successful collection effort for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank as well as several local church food pantries.

Thank you to Phyllis Cox, Harold Plumb, Fred Miller, Pat Sipe, Kelly Moser and Leon Harouff for their assistance in the organization of our newest scouting units.

Seasons Greetings:

Thank you to everyone in the Valley District for their support throughout the year on behalf of the youth of our District. Sometimes you spend more than "Just an Hour a Week, but know that you are investing in the future and will reap rewards beyond measure! I would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and I look forward to working with each of you in serving our youth in 2007!

Dee Schartiger, District Executive

Massanutten District News:

Serving Harrisonburg, VA & Rockingham County, VA and Pendleton County, WV
 website: <http://www.bsa-massdist.org>

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 District Commissioner: Kemper Dadisman <kempshome@aol.com> (540)434-1269
 District Executive: Donnie T.A.M. Kern <dokern@bsaemail.org> (540)433-3330



Goal: \$46,000
 Reported: \$49,386

Campaign Results: 107.4%

December

- 4 Popcorn & Peanuts Account cleared
- 5 District Commissioner's Meeting- 6:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church on Court Square in Harrisonburg
- 5 District Committee Meeting- 7:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg
- 6 District Popcorn & Peanut Chair Meeting
- 12 Cub and Boy Scout Leader Roundtable Meeting- 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian in Harrisonburg
- 20 Eagle Board of Reviews - please contact Kemper Dadisman for appointment (540)434-1629
- 25-29 Council Service Center Closed

January

- 1 Council Service Center Closed
- 6 OA Winter Banquet
- 9 Cub and Boy Scout Leader Roundtable - 7:00 PM, First Presbyterian Church, Harrisonburg
- 12-14 Klondike Derby (see article)
- 15 Council Service Center Closed.
- 16 Communications Meeting
- 16 District Commissioner's Meeting - 6:30 PM, First Presbyterian Church, Court Square, Harrisonburg
- 17 Eagle Boards of Review - contact Kemper Dadisman for an appointment (540)434-1629

Popcorn and Peanuts

A Big Thanks to Jeff Obenschain for his outstanding coordination with this years Popcorn and Peanut Sales. I also want to thank everyone that took the time to go out and sell. Your efforts not only helped your own unit but the whole council as well. Thank You!

Jeff Obenschain has decided to be the 2007 Popcorn and Peanut Chairman and if you would like to make any suggestions or comments please contact Jeff Obenschain (5 4 0 - 4 3 3 - 7 6 5 2) , e m a i l <exmedic11@aol.com>.

Training

If you have any questions, concerns or comments about training please contact Dan Dreelin (289-6192 after 7:00 pm; Email <ddreelin@dreelinenterprise.net>).

Scouting for Food

Scouting for Food had a great year and a large improvement over last year. A Big thanks to Sandy Mackenzie who helped organize this effort. The district committee

will miss you when you are gone. Enjoy the sun in Florida!

Klondike Derby

Klondike Derby Challenge 2007

Camp Shenandoah

Jan. 12-14, 2007

Come Prepared

contact: Mickey Moore 540-434-0613

Kemper Dadisman 540-434-1269

Cost is \$7.00 for Scouts, Scouters, and Overnight Webelos, \$5.00 for Cubs, and Cub Leaders on Saturday only. Come and have a chilly good time!

Fall Camporee

The Massanutten District held their fall Camporee at Brandywine Recreation Area in near Sugar Grove WV, this past Oct 6-8. The theme was pioneering and the challenge was to see which unit could build the best Cat-a-pult out of any materials chosen, but without the use of metal.

Then throw the cat the most distance and with the best accuracy. The cubs were also involved with a special Cub Olympics and a mini-cat-a-pult competition. The weekend was exceptional with heavy rain that dampened activities for the 190 hearty Scouts and Scouters that attended.

Cat-a-pults of every shape and size appeared and were fired in an orderly manner. The best distance went to Troop 162, Last Minute Patrol from Franklin WV, with a toss of over 62 feet, second place went to Troop 2, Wolf patrol, from Clifton Forge, 3rd place to Troop 83 Moose Patrol, from Mt. Clinton VA

1st place for accuracy went to Troop 2, 2nd to Troop 83, Wolf patrol, and 3rd to Troop 40. Troop 124, Tenth Legion VA, scared the cat the worse and won a special prize for their toss of minus 30 feet. The spirit award, for the unit that showed the most interest and displayed all the right stuff went to Troop 2 from Clifton Forge VA.

Highlight of the day was a special dem-

onstration of a working model of a trebuchet, provided by Troop 83. A special thanks to those guys for bringing it over. Also special thanks to the Elks and Mickey Moore for having the Drug Awareness Trailer at the event.

The Massanutten District Committee would like to thank all that attended and all that supported this event.

I would like to give a COLOSSAL THANKS to Kemper Dadisman, Charles King and Terry Tucker and the many individuals that came out on the wet, rainy, freezing and potentially dangerous muddy October 20th Fall Camporee the Cat-a-pult Again, Brandywine WV. Special Thanks to Troop 2 (Clifton Forge) for making it fun and always bringing "home" back to me -

Donnie T.A.M. Kern, District Executive

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tunity in early 2007 for their families to support Scouting financially. Those funds will help the Stonewall Jackson Area Council conduct membership drives, support units, provide accident and liability insurance for all leaders and youth, maintain Camp Shenandoah, and provide many other services.

Each pack, troop, crew or post should recruit their Unit Chairman and set a unit presentation date during December 2006 and early January 2007. The presentation should occur in January, February or March. Please refer to your District section of the Saddlebags for more details or contact your District Scout Executive.

Be there for Scouting...Because the mission of Scouting really matters!

2007 FOS GOALS

District	FOS Goal
Massanutten	\$55,000
Monticello	\$117,500
Southern	\$29,500
Valley	\$38,000
Executive /Advisory Board Phase	\$50,000
Leadership Phase	\$20,000
Grand Total	\$310,000

OA WINTER BANQUET PLANNED ON JANUARY 6, 2007

Shenandoah Lodge will have its annual Winter Banquet again this year. All Arrowmen and their families are encouraged and invited to attend. Nagatamen Chapter (Valley Distrist) proudly presents the greatest show on earth on January 6, 2007.

Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren Church will play host to this year's Banquet. The banquet will begin with registration at 5:30 PM and dinner will begin at 6:30 PM.

The speaker will be Duane "Dewey" Feuerhelm, board member and President of the Staunton Augusta Waynesboro Habitat for Humanity foundation. He also served in the Navy as a captain, and is currently retired. He should present the Lodge with an excellent speech for all to enjoy.

The cost of the event is \$18. You may



sign up for the Winter Banquet event with the registration form mailed in *Smoke Signals* or you may also find a form available for download on the Lodge's website at www.shenandoahlodge.org.

Lodge Chief Sandon Knicely will deliver the State of the Lodge address, the Founder's Award will be presented, and James E West Fellowship Award will be presented at this year's banquet. We encourage everyone to come out to take part in recognizing the Lodge's successes of the past year.

Also presented at the Winter Banquet is the Leadership in Service Award, so for any Arrowmen who have earned this award, you will receive your award at this banquet.

The food should be very delicious this year, as always. Shenandoah Lodge hopes to see you there!

2006 Wild Game Dinner & Auction - A Success!

James L. Grove, Senior Vice President Commercial Lending – Augusta Heritage Bank and Chairman of the 2006 Wild Game Dinner & Auction is proud to report the following results of this year's event:

- Net proceeds to support Scouting: \$20,410 vs \$17,433 in 2005/17% increase.

- Total Attendance: 167 vs 123 in 2005/36% increase.

On behalf of the Stonewall Jackson Area Council, "thank you" to our sponsors, guests, silent & verbal auction donors, Dinner/Auction Committee members, volunteers and BSA Staff for an outstanding event for Scouting! Planning is already underway for 2007.

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STONEWALL JACKSON AREA COUNCIL

ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER

TINKLING SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FISHERSVILLE, VA.

6:30 P.M. RECEPTION

7:00 P.M. DINNER

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2007

All Stonewall Jackson Area Council leaders and their guests are invited and encouraged to attend the council annual recognition dinner. We will be making special presentations to the Eagle Scouts from the class of 2006. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the highest award a council can bestow, The Silver Beaver Award. The Silver Beaver is presented to volunteers who have given noteworthy service to the youth of the Council. This is an opportunity to recognize and thank deserving Scout leaders.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: February 2, 2007

COST BEFORE DEADLINE: \$15.00

COST AFTER DEADLINE AND AT DOOR: \$20.00

Please make checks to Boy Scouts of America

Please send registration and checks to:

Stonewall Jackson Area Council

P. O. Box 813

Waynesboro, Va. 22980

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